

Community Connection Oct. 2017

CFCI Awards Over \$155,000 in Fall Grants Cycle

What a wonderful time of the year! The trees have turned a beautiful fall hue, the weather is mostly pleasant, and everyone is preparing for the quickly approaching holiday season. It's also a great time of year at the Community Foundation of Central Illinois because of the Fall Grants Cycle! This year our wonderful volunteer grant review committees have committed countless hours to evaluating numerous applications - all to make the very important and difficult decision of awarding funds for the Community Needs Grant. They were also able to evaluate two NEW grant opportunities created through the support of John and Sharon Amdall - The Local Jobs Fund and The Arts Mean Business Fund.

More than \$155,000 was awarded to deserving non-profit organizations that are providing vital programs and services to the central Illinois community, and the Community Foundation is proud to be the conduit through which our donors can make a legacy impact for today and the future. [Click here to view a complete list of our 2017 grant recipients.](#)

More information on upcoming Community Foundation grant opportunities can be found on our website at www.communityfoundationci.org.



Women's Fund 2017 Success Grant Recipients to be Recognized at "Pop! Fizz! Clink!"

This year, 10 deserving nonprofits were selected to receive a total of \$24,515 in support from the 2017 Women's Fund Success Grant. Started in 1993 with a mission to build a million dollar endowment that would allow the Women's Fund to make a positive impact on the lives of women and girls in the community, the Women's Fund has made great strides in reaching that goal having recently reached the \$500,000 milestone in their endowment building efforts. Increasing the endowment will allow the Women's Fund to increase their grantmaking efforts and have a larger impact on the community.

[Click here to view a list of the 2017 Women's Fund Success Grant recipients.](#)

On **Saturday, November 4th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Par-A-Dice Hotel**, the Success Grant recipients will be recognized at the annual "Pop! Fizz! Clink!", an elegant champagne brunch honoring women who have made a lasting impact in our lives and in the community.

Tickets are \$15 per person or two for \$25. RSVP to rsvp@communityfoundationci.org by Friday, October 27th. [Click here to purchase your tickets online.](#)

To learn more about the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, please call (309) 674-8730 or visit www.communityfoundationci.org.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Pop! Fizz! Clink!

AN ANNUAL BRUNCH HONORING THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES THAT HAVE SUPPORTED AND INSPIRED US TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Hosted by the Women's Fund
OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Saturday • November 4, 2017 • 10:30 am - noon

Par-A-Dice Hotel - Plaza Room
21 Blackjack Blvd., East Peoria, IL 61611

COST:
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Now is the Time to Join the Emerging Philanthropists Fund!



Did you know that the CFCI Emerging Philanthropists Fund is a unique group of professionals who have joined together to collectively address community needs through grantmaking? Since 2013, The Emerging Philanthropists Fund has granted over \$25,000 to nonprofit organizations providing innovative, collaborative, evidence based programming throughout the community.

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative designed by the Community Foundation to invigorate emerging community leaders to join together as philanthropists. Members contribute annually to grow their endowment. These funds are permanently invested with a percentage of the Fund made available for annual grant distribution.

The support the mission of the Emerging Philanthropists Fund, please visit www.communityfoundationci.org/epic or contact Kim James at kim@communityfoundationci.org.



Congratulations to the Women's Fund - 2017 Recipients of AFP "Special Recognition" Award!

On November 8th, the Association of Fundraising Professionals will host their 34th Annual National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon. This year, the Women's Fund of the

Community Foundation of Central Illinois is honored to be recognized in the "Special Recognition" category for the lasting impact they have made, through the annual Success Grants initiative, on the lives of women and girls in the central Illinois community.

For more information on the Women's Fund, please visit www.communityfoundationci.org and for more information on the Association for Fundraising Professionals, please visit www.afpcentralillinois.org.



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