

## Community Connection April 2018



### Over \$47,000 Awarded in CFCI Spring Grants Cycle



On Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> the Community Foundation of Central Illinois hosted a Spring Grants Reception celebrating the recipients of the Community Arts Grants, The Arts Mean Business Fund Grant, and the Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Grant. Through the support of our generous donors, CFCI awarded \$47,250 to 16 nonprofit organizations providing arts and animal welfare related programs and services in Peoria and surrounding communities.

The 2018 recipients of the Community Arts, The Arts Mean Business Fund and the Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Grants are:

#### **Community Arts Grants:**

- The Penguin Project Foundation, Inc. \$5,000
- Peoria Art Guild \$4,500
- Peoria Ballet Company \$4,000
- Peoria PlayHouse Children's Museum \$3,900
- Galva Arts Council \$2,000
- Neighborhood House \$2,000
- Why Not Now? Inc. d/b/a Camp Big Sky \$1,750
- Princeton Theater Group \$1,200
- Youth Music Illinois / Central Illinois Youth Symphony \$1,100

- ArtsPartners of Central Illinois \$1,000
- Wildlife Prairie Park (WPP) \$1,000

**The Arts Mean Business Fund Grant:**

- The Peoria Riverfront Museum \$2,500

**Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Grants:**

- Paws Giving Independence, NFP \$5,000
- Neighborhood House \$2,300
- Tazewell Animal Protective Society \$5,000
- Stray Animal Midway Shelter (SAMS) \$5,000

A full listing of the recipients and the programs that were supported is available online. For more information on remaining grant opportunities for 2018, [please click here to view the CFCI Grant Guidelines.](#)

Contact Kim James for more information or visit [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org).



## Become an Emerging Philanthropists Today!

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund grant season has begun! The deadline for applications is June 13<sup>th</sup> at midnight. The Fund is comprised of individual memberships and other donations which are permanently invested with a percentage of the fund available to be distributed each year through grantmaking.

On Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, join us for the Emerging Philanthropists Fund Happy Hour Social from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Murray Place Terrace. Come enjoy drinks, games, and appetizers and learn how you make a difference by becoming a member of the Emerging Philanthropists Fund! RSVP today at [rsvp@communityfoundationci.org](mailto:rsvp@communityfoundationci.org) or call (309) 674-8730. Visit [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org) to learn more about the Emerging Philanthropists Fund.

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**4.26.18**

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Women's Fund to be Honored at  
30th CFCI Annual Meeting



On Tuesday, May 8th, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois will host its 30th Annual Meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Life Together Center. Established in 2003, CFCI annually selects an individual, corporation or organization to be recognized with the "Founders Award" for their contribution to the long-term success of the Foundation. Past winners include Caterpillar, Gordon and Jean Peters, Gene and Harriett Swager, Donna Haerr, Jerry Horn, Ed Siebert, John Sahn and Pat Barton.

This year, **the Women's Fund has been chosen by the CFCI Board of Directors and staff as the 2018 Founders Award winner** for their continued commitment to increasing the size and impact of the Women's Fund and its ability to significantly improve the lives of women and girls in the Peoria and surrounding communities. The Women's Fund will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in addition to a few other special announcements that you don't want to miss!

[Click here to register](#) online by May 1st or call (309) 674-8730.

There will be a brief program at 5:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!



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# Leader Luncheon Awards

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 • Par-A-Dice Hotel

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