

Community Connection June 2018



Meet Our New Board Members!



Meenakshy Aiyer, MD, FACP is a Professor of Clinical Medicine, the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and the Head of the Department of Health Sciences Education at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria. She is the Director of the Caterpillar Faculty Scholars Fellowship program at UICOMP and was selected to participate in Executive Leadership for Academic Medicine (ELAM) program, the nation's only in-depth leadership program for women in academic medicine. Dr. Aiyer attended medical school at Madurai Kamaraj University and completed her internship at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria.



Courtney Dean is Caterpillar Inc.'s Enterprise Competition Counsel in Peoria. She joined Caterpillar in 2011 and has supported various business units in the areas of distribution and commercial transactions. Prior to joining Caterpillar, Courtney's law practice focused on mergers and acquisitions and finance transactions at law firms in both Chicago, Illinois and Kansas City, Missouri. Courtney is an active volunteer with Prairie State Legal Service and also previously served as the Advisory Board Chair for the CFCI Women's Fund. She graduated with high honors from The University of Tulsa College of Law and Kansas State University.



Matt Gross has served as a professional organizer and executive leader in nonprofits for over 19 years. For the past 6 years he has worked as the Director of Organizing and Capacity Building for Bread for the World, a 40-year-old national anti-poverty organization based in Washington DC. In this role, Matt is responsible for strategic direction and implementation of the organization's national strategy and serves as a member of the executive leadership team.



Tammy Woods-Duvendack, RN, PhD has served as the Vice President of Care Transformation and Post Acute Services for UnityPoint Health since February 2012. Until recently, Dr. Duvendack served as a faculty member of Bradley University Nursing Department and received her BSN in Nursing Sciences, a Master's in Medical Surgical Nursing and a PhD in Educational Administration earning Honor Society status in all degrees. Tammy has accountability for many departments on Central Illinois Regional UnityPoint as well as serves in various roles of the Unity

Point System.

Welcome to the CFCI Family!



Make a Tangible Impact - Join the Emerging Philanthropists Fund!



On June 2, 2018, the Emerging Philanthropists Fund hosted a community event in conjunction with Friends of Proctor Center to celebrate the unveiling of their new community space and the "A Show of Hands" handball program, made possible in part by a \$4,300 Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grant.

This is an exciting time to join the Emerging Philanthropists Fund! The 2018 grant application recently closed and the grant review committee is in the evaluation process. Once the committee chooses the top 3-5 applicants, a Grant Panel will be conducted on July 11th at 5 p.m. During the Grant Panel event, the finalists are able to give a brief presentation on their proposal before the member voting process begins.

Each year, the Emerging Philanthropists Fund awards a grant of up to \$5,000 to a unique and innovative nonprofit program in their effort to positively impact the quality of life in Central Illinois. Together, Fund members build the endowment to address community needs through grantmaking.

If you're interested in learning more about the Emerging Philanthropists Fund, please visit our website at www.communityfoundationci.org or call (309) 674-8730.



Congratulations to the 2018 Women to Women Leader Luncheon Award Winners!



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On May 23rd, more than 430 women came together to celebrate female leadership in Central Illinois! Six remarkable women were chosen as the 2018 Women to Women Leader Luncheon Award recipients.

- **Health Care/Wellness Award** (sponsored by Philippi-Hagenbuch) - **Dr. Sarah Stewart de Ramirez**
- **Business/Professions Award** (sponsored by UnityPoint Health) - **Pratima Gandhi**
- **Education or Arts Award** (sponsored by Illinois American Water) - **Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat**
- **Community Service Award** (sponsored by Elaine Wild & Jim Maloof Realtor) - **Theresa B. Murphy**
- **Emerging Leader Award** (sponsored by PNC) - **Sowmya Nagesh**
- **Young Woman's Service Award** (sponsored by Advanced Technology Services, Inc.) - **Abigail Greene** (not pictured)

These remarkable women exhibit unique leadership and professionalism in their chosen field and are truly making a difference in our community.

Congratulations to our award recipients and to every exceptional woman nominated this year. You are all truly amazing!

For more information on the Women's Fund, please visit www.communityfoundationci.org



Save the Date for Upcoming Grant Opportunities!

Please be sure to place the deadlines for these remaining competitive grant opportunities on your calendar. **Applications typically open 60 days prior to the deadline** and are accessible through our website. The following are remaining grant opportunities offered through CFCI this fall:

- **Community Needs Grants** - deadline (September 5th)
- **Women's Fund Success Grants** - deadline (September 5th)
- **The Local Jobs Fund Grant** - deadline (September 5th)

For more information on grant opportunities available through the Community Foundation, please visit communityfoundationci.org or call (309) 674-8730.



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