

Community Connection August 2018



Welcome to the Women's Fund Advisory Board!

Over the past 25 years, the Women's Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois has made great strides in accomplishing their mission and building their endowment - allowing them to grant over \$350,000 since inception through the Success Grant initiative. The Women's Fund is led by a remarkable team of women who serve on the Advisory Board, which oversees the strategic direction of the Fund and all of its programs and events.

CFCI and the Women's Fund are proud to welcome **Lea Anne Miller** as the NEW Advisory Board Chair.



Lea Anne is an Operations Manager for State Farm Life Company and is extremely active in the community. She has served in many leadership capacities with the Women's Fund, including serving as Chair of the Success Grant Committee and as a key contributor on the Development Committee. Lea Anne is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Executive MBA program and the University of Illinois Springfield.

We are also excited to welcome three new amazing women to the Advisory Board:



Leslie Babcockis is a Client Service Director for our Holmes Murphy Property Casualty division and manages support staff team members for the Architects/Engineers specialization. Leslie earned her Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree in Public Relations, Advertising, and Marketing from the University of Illinois and is an active member of the Professional Liability Agents Network (PLAN), the Delta Gamma (Iota Chapter) Alumni Association, and the Peoria Area Illini Club.



Betsy Bladelis is a proud native Peorian who, because of her love of education and the community, has emerged from retirement to serve as an Academic Organizational Advisor for Common Place. Betsy earned her Applied Science degree in Library Technology from Illinois Central College and her Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership from Eureka College. Betsy is President of the OSF Women's Services Advisory Council, President-Elect of Women in Leadership, and Sustainer Advisor to the Board of Directors for Junior



Kathy Schaeffer serves as the Director of Business Development & Marketing at Stellar Systems, Inc., a technology firm located in Downtown Peoria. She is on the board of directors for Common Place Learning Center, Greater Peoria Family YMCA, Peoria Riverfront Museum/Advisory Board and Women in Leadership of Central Illinois and also serves on several other volunteer committees throughout the community.

Lea Anne, Leslie, Betsy and Kathy are no strangers to the Women's Fund and in fact have been instrumental in many of the Fund's most recent accomplishments. We are excited to have these exceptional women continue to serve at a leadership level and help the Women's Fund continue to make a positive impact in the lives of women and girls in our community.

If you're interested in volunteering with the Women's Fund, please call (309) 674-8730. To make a donation to the Women's Fund, please visit www.communityfoundationci.org.



Join us for the
*Women's Leadership &
Networking Panel*

Hosted by the

Women's Fund

of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

In collaboration with Katie Kim and The Kim Group

Thursday, September 27, 2018

Edge by Chef Dustin Allen

4500 N Prospect Rd., Peoria, IL 61616

3rd Floor Executive Lounge (enter at the backside of the building)

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion starts at 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

Guest Panelist Include



Katie Kim,
Moderator

Rebecca
Mathis

Michelle Hubble

Dr. Sarah
de Ramirez

Lea Anne Miller

The second annual Networking With a Purpose event will take place on Thursday, September 27, 2018 in the third-floor Executive Lounge of Edge by Chef Dustin Allen from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$20 and include appetizers and a discounted cash bar.

This will be a wonderful networking opportunity that includes a professional women's panel sharing ideas on how to successfully build your personal "board of directors" and create a positive professional brand. **Space is limited so don't delay!**

The panel is moderated by **Katie Kim** of The Kim Group and will include riveting discussion with the following guest panelist:

Michelle Hubble - Partner, Internal Audit Center of Excellence, at PwC

Dr. Sarah de Ramirez - Vice President / Chief Medical Office of Clinical Innovation and 2018 Leader Luncheon - Health Care / Wellness Award recipient

Rebecca Mathis - Adolescent Health Coordinator for the Hult Center for Healthy Living and 2018 Leader Luncheon Award Nominee

Lea Anne Miller - Women's Fund Advisory Board Chair and Operations Manager for State Farm Life Company

RSVP by September 20th. Tickets will NOT be available for purchase at the event.

[RSVP HERE](#)



Fall Grant Opportunities - Apply Today!

In 2017, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$200,000 in competitive grants to support local nonprofit organizations. Over \$150,000 of those funds were awarded through our Community Needs Grants program!

Through the generosity of our donors, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is proud to steward a legacy of giving for our community and directly contribute to the growth and vitality of deserving nonprofits providing essential programs and services in our region.

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) invests in the community by supporting programs that address community needs and have lasting value. Therefore, CFCI's grantmaking is:

- *Focused* by addressing established CFCI and donor designated priorities.
- *Strategic* by supporting programs with well-defined objectives and measurable outcomes that improve the quality or scope of charitable work in the community.
- *Collaborative* by leveraging resources and cultivating partnerships.

Currently, the following grant initiatives are open and accepting applications with a **September 5th deadline**:

[Community Needs Grants](#) - Apply for up to \$15,000

Available to organizations offering programs that align with the Grantmaking Principles and Elements CFCI supports

[Women's Fund Success Grants](#) - Apply for up to \$5,000

Supports organizations that align with the Women's Fund mission to strengthen families and communities through funding programs that help empower women and girls

[The Local Jobs Fund](#) - Apply for up to \$2,500

Supports projects that have a direct linkage to breaking the cycle of poverty by equipping people with the skills to earn significantly more than minimum wage

The Community Foundation also provides **[Opportunity Grants](#)** of up to \$1,000 to provide support to local agencies for special one-time projects or to meet emergency needs.

[Click here to apply for an Opportunity Grant](#)

For more information on these and other funding resources, please visit our website at



Please join us for the
**Emerging Philanthropists Fund
Happy Hour & Check Presentation**



Wednesday, August 29, 2018

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Rhodell Brewery

100 Walnut Street Ste. 111, Peoria, IL 61602

**Congratulations to "Camp Big Sky"
2018 Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grant Recipient!**

Camp Big Sky is receiving a \$5,000 grant from the Emerging Philanthropists Fund to support "The Wind at Our Backs". This support will allow them to power their off-grid Learning Center & Lodge with the installation of a donated wind turbine, tripling their capacity to generate electrical power to operate this new facility, serving people with disabilities from all over Central Illinois.

Please RSVP no later than August 23rd

(309) 674-8730 / rsvp@communityfoundationci.org

Visit www.communityfoundationci.org for more information




VISIT OUR WEBSITE





 Join the mailing list

 Forward to a friend