

Community Connection October 2018



CFCI Awards More Than \$157,000 in Fall Grants Cycle!

Every year the dedicated members of our volunteer grant review committees commit countless hours to evaluating numerous applications - all to make the very important and difficult decision of awarding funds for the Community Needs and Local Jobs Fund grants.

This year, more than \$157,000 was awarded to 19 deserving non-profit organizations that are providing vital programs and services to the central Illinois community. The Community Foundation is proud to be the conduit through which our donors can make a legacy impact for today and the future.

2018 Community Needs Grant Recipients

2018 Local Jobs Fund Grant Recipient



Join the Women's Fund at *Pop! Fizz! Clink!*

Kick off the season of thankfulness by honoring a woman who has inspired you! The Women's Fund will honor the 2018 Success Grant recipients, organizations that champion issues impacting women and girls, during this elegantly simple champagne brunch.

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 3, 2018 • 10:30 am - noon

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

COST: \$20 PER PERSON

**RSVP & PAY ONLINE BY OCTOBER 27TH
WWW.COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONCI.ORG
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CFCI to Announce New Grant Opportunity

Please join us to learn about the new Ending Hunger Together grant opportunity available through the Community Foundation of Central Illinois! Significant funds will be allocated for the new program, that will address food insecurity across Central Illinois by focusing on healthy food access, community education, and economic development. Details of the

Ending Hunger Together grant proposal criteria, timelines, and more will be provided at the event.

When: Thursday, November 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Life Together Center, Trinity Room - 3625 North Sheridan Road, Peoria



CFCI Welcomes a New Director of Grants and Community Initiatives!



The Community Foundation of Central Illinois is pleased to welcome Sarah Fletcher as its new Director of Grants and Community Initiatives.

"I am thrilled to be back in the Peoria area and working with the Community Foundation of Central Illinois. I look forward to helping make a positive impact on our community in my new role," said Fletcher.

Fletcher has lived in Central Illinois for most of her life. She recently moved back to the area after 4 years in Lafayette, Indiana due to her husband's work with Caterpillar, Inc. While in Lafayette, Fletcher served as a Regional Director for Junior Achievement of Northern Indiana.



Vernon "Butch" Gudat Scholarship

The Vernon "Butch" Gudat Charitable Fund is now accepting scholarship applications. This fund provides at least one \$1,500 academic scholarship annually to qualifying children and grandchildren of career and volunteer firefighters in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties. The fund commemorates the dedication and bravery of Peoria Fire Captain Butch Gudat, who died fighting an apartment complex fire on Main Street in Peoria on January 23, 1983.

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CFCI Year End Reminders

For Fundholders:

Please make all gifts (deposits into your account) by **Monday, November 26.**

Please make all grants (donations to nonprofits) by **Friday, December 7.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jackie at jacqueline@communityfoundationci.org or 309-674-8730.

Community Foundation Holiday Hours

CLOSED: Thursday & Friday, November 22-23

CLOSED: Monday & Tuesday, December 24-25

OPEN: Wednesday & Thursday, December 26-27 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

OPEN: Friday, December 29 from 8:00 a.m.-noon

OPEN: Monday, December 31 from 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

CLOSED: Tuesday, January 1



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