

Community Connection

November 2018



Ending Hunger Together Grants Program

Earlier this month, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois announced our new [Ending Hunger Together](#) grants program to address food insecurity issues throughout central Illinois. Fueled by \$40,000 in grant funding, the new program combines an emphasis on healthy food access, community education, and economic development to create a framework of collaboration. Local organizations interested in submitting a letter of inquiry are encouraged to attend the Ending Hunger Together Networking Forum hosted by CFCI and the Regional Fresh Food Council on November 20th from 3:00-4:30pm. Please [RSVP HERE](#)



Local organizations learning about the Ending Hunger Together grants program at the press conference on November 1st.



Bradley University students Kollynn Rivera, Kamila Achi, Alejandro Mendoza, and Rebeca Gomez, represented the local chapter of ALPFA- the Association of Latino Professionals For America, who donated more than \$100 to the Ending Hunger Together Fund.

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AFP Recognizes Mark Roberts at National
Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon



Each year, the Central Illinois Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) honors donors, volunteers and fundraising executives whose gifts of time, expertise and resources contribute significantly to the success of the non-profit agencies and institutions they serve.

This year, Community Foundation CEO, Mark Roberts, was recognized with the Ian T. Sturrock Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award.

"I am honored to serve the central Illinois community, utilizing my professional skills to help "connect people who care with causes that matter." The work that I, the staff and volunteers of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois do will help ensure a vibrant charitable legacy for our community for generations to come."

-Mark Roberts



Vernon "Butch" Gudat Scholarship

The Vernon "Butch" Gudat Charitable Fund is now accepting scholarship applications- due on December 5th. 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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Women's Fund 2018 Success Grant Recipients

Thank you to everyone who joined the Women's Fund at *Pop! Fizz! Clink!* to honor the 2018 Success Grant recipients. The Women's Fund was able to award a total of \$25,360 to nine worthy organizations including Peoria Jobs Partnership, Southside Office of Concern, Hult Center for Healthy Living, Center for Prevention of Abuse, Crittenton Centers, Girls Light Our Way (GLOW), Girls on the Run of Central Illinois, Sun Foundation, and Common Place Family Learning Center. Additional details can be found here: [Women's Fund Success Grants](#)



LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FUND



Peoria Public Schools Foundation Awards \$19,233 in Classroom Grants

A joint effort between The Murray and Rena Yeomans Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois and Peoria Public Schools Foundation awarded 25 Peoria Public Schools District 150 teachers \$19,233 in grants.

Peoria Public Schools Classroom Grants are available to any Peoria Public Schools District 150 teacher interested in additional projects to enrich the classroom experience for the students. It is a competitive grant process that aligns with Peoria Public Schools District 150 strategic goals and the school improvement plan. The Peoria Public Schools Foundation champions real and positive change in Peoria Public Schools. It successfully devotes its expertise and fundraising capabilities to serve as a catalyst to implement bold ideas that achieve remarkable outcomes for our children. Visit www.ppsfoundation.org to learn more.





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 28 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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