

Community Connection

December 2018



Emerging Philanthropists Fund

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative designed by the Community Foundation of Central Illinois to invigorate emerging community leaders to join together as philanthropists. The group is comprised of a cross section of professionals in the community who like to have fun, but who also want to positively impact the quality of life in central Illinois.

Together, members build the Emerging Philanthropists Fund, an endowment which addresses community needs through grantmaking. The Emerging Philanthropists Fund offers a unique opportunity to its members by providing them with a vehicle for strategic giving, information about the grantmaking process and the ability to learn more about the many nonprofit organizations in central Illinois.

The Fund's giving circle model allows members to be philanthropic without having to be wealthy. By pooling together yearly membership contributions, as well as additional donations, the Fund grows. Each year, a portion of the fund is granted back into the community through a grantmaking process. Emerging Philanthropists Fund members ultimately vote on which nonprofit organizations receive grants from the Fund.

In addition to grantmaking, members will gain basic philanthropic skills and be connected with established philanthropists in the community.

The Emerging Philanthropists Advisory Council has leadership opportunities available. For more information please contact [David Wiest](#) or [Sarah Fletcher](#).



Emerging Philanthropist members enjoying their 2018 Community Day celebration.



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2019 CFCI Spring Grant Deadlines

[Community Arts Grants](#)
[Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Grant](#)
[The Arts Mean Business](#)

Applications available January 4, 2019
Submissions due March 6, 2019



Don Shafer, CFCI Board Member, Recognized at Thanksgiving Day Luncheon



Congratulations to Don Shafer, who was honored with the Tom Connor Service Award from the Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce at the 2018 Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. This award is named for Tom Connor - or Emil Sepich, Jr. As Tom Connor, he was a recognized broadcaster for WEEK-TV. As Emil, he was less known but equally important and valuable in his volunteer work. Emil put forth an astounding amount of time and effort to make our community a better place to live and work. The Tom Connor Service Award is presented to a tri-county individual who has shown outstanding longterm commitment to the community. Nominees are judged by length of service, impact of participation to community members, and overall contribution to the community. Don serves as Board Vice-Chair for the Community Foundation of Central Illinois. We thank him for his dedication to CFCI as well as the rest of the community.

Don Shafer (right) with Mark Roberts, Community Foundation of Central Illinois CEO



Save the Date for the 2019 Women's Fund Events

Legacy of Leadership- Tuesday, March 5, 2019

5:30pm - CFCI- 3625 North Sheridan Road

Women to Women Leader Luncheon- Tuesday, May 14, 2019

12:30pm - Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino

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The Women's Fund Advisory Board Welcomes Michelle Sanders



The Women's Fund Advisory Board would like to welcome Michelle Sanders as a new member. Michelle is the Community Outreach Manager for Heartland Health Services, the local Federally Qualified Health Clinic with seven locations in Peoria and Pekin. Michelle is responsible for the management and execution of the company wide community outreach plan and engaging the public in the health center's mission of providing high quality health care, accessible to all. As a native Peorian, her involvement in the community she serves is very important to her. Currently, she is a board member for the Pekin YWCA, Vice Chair of the City of Peoria Fair Employment and Housing Commission, Women's Fund

Women to Women Leader Luncheon Committee Member, Peoria Chamber of Commerce Ambassador and active member of the Public Relations Association. In addition she is the Lead Servant for Events at St. Paul Baptist Church, regular contributor for the Traveler Newspaper, and radio host of the Forum for WPNV 106.3FM.



CFCI Year End Reminders

Community Foundation Holiday Hours

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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