

## Community Connection

January 2019



### Peoria Chiefs Scholarship Fund

The Peoria Chiefs Scholarship Fund was created to give back to those in need of assistance to pursue higher education to advance their careers and lives. Two scholarships will be awarded to individuals in the Peoria Public Schools and Tri-County areas meeting the following criteria:

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior from **Peoria Public Schools**.
2. Must demonstrate financial need.
3. Must be pursuing education at a public 4-year college or university, private vocational, technical, career college, or public 2-year community/technical college.

[APPLY HERE](#)

1. Applicant must be a graduating senior from the Tri-County Area (Peoria, Tazewell, or Woodford County)
2. Must be a student with interest in pursuing a degree in **Sports Administration**.
3. Must be pursuing education at a 4-year college or university.

[APPLY HERE](#)





## 2019 CFCI Spring Grant Opportunities

Community Arts Grants  
Jean M. Ligon Animal Welfare Grant  
The Arts Mean Business

**Due March 6, 2019**



## Vernon "Butch" Gudat Scholarship



*Pictured above from left to right: Michele Gudat, scholarship recipients- Emily Grugan and Caden Davis, Mike Gudat, and Chief Olehy of the Peoria Fire Department.*

Established to create a living legacy in memory of Peoria Fire Captain Vernon "Butch" Gudat. College scholarships are provided to qualifying children and grandchildren of career and volunteer firefighters in Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.

On January 23rd, Emily Grugan of Washington and Caden Davis of Bartonville were each awarded \$1,500 scholarships. The winners were chosen based on academic performance and short essays and evaluated by a scholarship committee. In the essays, students were asked to give an example of courage that inspires them, explain the importance of family and friends in their lives and share a way they demonstrate dedication to their communities.

The Butch Gudat Fund also provides grants to the tri-county area to assist with the purchase of educational materials, installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and other community fire prevention efforts. A grant in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to the Peoria Fire Department - Chief Olehy, for community fire prevention efforts.



*Save the Date*

*Legacy of Leadership Reception*

CFCI-3625 NORTH SHERIDAN RD  
MARCH 5, 2019

*Women to Women Leader Luncheon*

PAR-A-DICE HOTEL & CASINO  
MAY 14, 2019

HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S FUND  
OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

VISIT [COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONCI.ORG](http://COMMUNITYFOUNDATIONCI.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON THESE EVENTS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WOMEN'S FUND](#)



Emerging Philanthropists Kick-Off Event

# JOIN US

for the

## EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS FUND

OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

# KICKOFF

## EVENT

**MARCH 28**

**5:00 - 7:00PM**

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
3625 NORTH SHERIDAN RD**



**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**  
— OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS —

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative to encourage emerging community leaders to join together and make a lasting impact through community giving.

**RSVP by March 23rd to [rsvp@communityfoundationci.org](mailto:rsvp@communityfoundationci.org)**



[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)



View our videos on YouTube



Join the mailing list



Forward to a friend