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Media Advisory

Who:

On Tuesday, May 7, 2019 the Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) will host its 31st Annual Meeting from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Life Together Center. During the reception CFCI will honor the Estate of Jean M. Brown as the 2019 recipient of the prestigious Founder’s Award, discuss the new Ending Hunger Together grants program, and update donors and the community on the many successes of the past fiscal year.

What:

This year, the CFCI Board of Directors and staff have selected the Estate of Jean M. Brown to receive the 2019 Founder’s Award in recognition of the \$1.47 million donation that established the Jean M. Brown Scholarship Fund, and the impact that fund has made on nursing students in central Illinois. The Founder’s Award was established in 2003 to “recognize those organizations, corporations and individuals who have so greatly contributed to our success”. Past winners include Caterpillar, Gordon and Jean Peters, Gene and Harriett Swager, Donna Haerr, Jerry Horn, Ed Siebert, John Sahn, Pat Barton, and the Women’s Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

At the close of the 2017-2018 fiscal year, CFCI’s assets totaled over \$37,000,000, held in nearly 490 funds within the Foundation and Depository accounts. We also continue to serve as a vehicle for effective distribution of charitable capital, awarding \$4,710,000 in grants to nonprofits in our community and beyond. At the heart of our mission is our passion for “Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter” and we are honored to support our community on behalf of our generous donors.

Where:

Life Together Center – Great Hall
3625 North Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604

When:

Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (program begins at 5:45 p.m.)

Why:

CFCI will award the prestigious Founder’s Award and update donors and the community on the many successes of the past fiscal year.

About the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

Established in 1985, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource committed to connecting people who care with causes that matter. For more information please call 309-674-8730 or visit communityfoundationci.org.

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