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The Community Foundation of Central Illinois Accredited with Rigorous Philanthropic Standards

June 10, 2021—The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) recently received accreditation with the nation’s highest standard for philanthropic excellence. National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations everywhere.



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“Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process,” said Randy Royster, board member of the Council on Foundations. “This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates CFCI demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as they carry out their mission.”

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. The program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

“This is critically important to our donors,” said Mark Roberts, CFCI President & CEO. “When people make a charitable gift or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes. This National Standards accreditation says our house is in order.”

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois works to meet critical community needs and support local causes, including addressing food insecurity, supporting the arts, driving community development, assisting in animal welfare, and providing education.

CFCI offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs or recommend individual grants. In addition to affirming the organization’s philanthropic services, the accreditation validates CFCI’s grantmaking practices for the nonprofit community.

Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois helps connect people who care with causes that matter, now and for generations to come.



The Community Foundations National Standards Board

The Community Foundations National Standards Board is a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations and is responsible for the quality, value and integrity of compliance with National Standards. For more information on the National Standards Board, visit its website at www.cfstandards.org.

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, email kristina@communityfoundationci.org or visit communityfoundationci.org.

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