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CFCI Awards Over \$260,000 in Grants to 26 Local Nonprofits to Support Community Needs

October 12, 2021— The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) announces over \$260,000 will be awarded through the Community Needs, Local Jobs Fund, and Women’s Fund Success grants to local nonprofit organizations providing vital programs and services to the central Illinois community.

For over 35 years, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois has remained committed to the mission of “connecting people who care with causes that matter.” The Community Needs grants support community development, capacity building, and educational programs and allow nonprofit agencies to apply for up to \$15,000 in funding. The Local Jobs Fund grant supports projects that have a direct linkage to breaking the cycle of poverty by equipping people with the skills to earn significantly more than minimum wage and allows nonprofit agencies to apply for \$2,500 in funding. The Women’s Fund Success grants support organizations whose programs help empower women and girls and allow nonprofit agencies to apply for up to \$5,000 in funding.

“Behind these grant awards are dedicated nonprofit professionals who work incredibly hard every day to meet specific needs in our community. We couldn’t be prouder to assist them and support the outstanding programs that truly strengthen the central Illinois area. This would not be possible without the generous donors who have created funds through CFCI. Through grantmaking, we’re able to ensure a lasting legacy for funders who have made a commitment to maintaining positive growth and stability of our nonprofit community,” says Mark Roberts, President and CEO of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois.

Organizations funded include: Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, The Center for Prevention of Abuse, George Washington Carver Association, The Autism Collective, Dream Center Peoria, EP!C, Easterseals Central Illinois, American Red Cross serving Central Illinois, Freedom House, Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank, Adult & Teen Challenge of Central Illinois, HVCDC/Jobs Partnership, Hult Center for Healthy Living, LifeLine Pilots, Phoenix Community Development Services, Heart of Illinois Big Brothers Big Sisters, Prairie State Legal Services, FamilyCore, Junior Achievement of Central Illinois, Minority Business Development Center, Public Interest Law Initiative, East Bluff Community Center, Camp Big Sky, Peoria Public Schools Foundation, Girls on the Run of Central Illinois, and Crittenton Centers.

A virtual reception will be held on Thursday, October 28, at 8:00 a.m. to recognize these deserving nonprofit organizations and shed light on the remarkable work they do in the community. For the full list of grant recipients and amounts awarded, visit communityfoundationci.org.

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