

## Community Connection July 2018



The 2018 Emerging Philanthropists Fund Grant Recipient is  
Camp Big Sky!



Each year, the members of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois' Emerging Philanthropists Fund vote to decide the recipient of their annual grant award, which provides up to \$5,000 to support an innovative, evidence based program that is collaborative and unique. This year's recipient is Camp Big Sky!

Camp Big Sky provides free education, training and skills development to children and adults with disabilities through participation in accessible outdoor activities. Their proposal focused on a program called "The Wind at Our Backs" that enables Camp Big Sky to power their off-grid Learning Center & Lodge with the installation of a donated wind turbine, tripling their capacity to generate electrical power to operate this new facility, serving people with disabilities from all over Central Illinois.

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative designed by CFCI to invigorate emerging community leaders to join together and pool their financial resources as philanthropists to make a positive impact on the quality of life in our community through grantmaking. For more information or to join the Emerging Philanthropists Fund, please contact Kim James at (309) 674-8730 or visit [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org).

Save the date for the  
**Emerging Philanthropists Fund  
Happy Hour & Check Presentation**

Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information.



## CFCI Hosts Annual Scholarship Reception



On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Community Foundation of Central Illinois hosted our annual Scholarship Reception to recognize the remarkable students chosen to receive one of our 2018 scholarship opportunities. The reception was sponsored by PNC Bank and was held at the WeaverRidge Golf Club. We are honored to report that in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, CFCI was able to distribute \$343,734 in support to 106 students from 43 different scholarship funds.

Funding to support these scholarship initiatives would not be possible without the generosity of the individuals who trust the Community Foundation to steward their giving legacy in this manner to such deserving students each year. Congratulations to our 2018 scholarship recipients and our sincere appreciation to PNC Bank for your continuous support!



## Fall Grant Opportunities - Now Open!

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) invests in the community by supporting programs that address community needs and have lasting value. Therefore, CFCI's grantmaking is:

- *Focused* by addressing established CFCI and donor designated priorities.
- *Strategic* by supporting programs with well-defined objectives and measurable outcomes that improve the quality or scope of charitable work in the community.
- *Collaborative* by leveraging resources and cultivating partnerships.

Currently, the following grant initiatives are open and accepting applications with a September 5th deadline:

**[Community Needs Grants](#)** - Apply for up to \$15,000 (multi-year proposals accepted)  
Available to organizations offering programs that align with the Grantmaking Principles and Elements CFCI supports

**Women's Fund Success Grants** - Apply for up to \$5,000

Supports organizations that align with the Women's Fund mission to strengthen families and communities through funding programs that help empower women and girls

**The Local Jobs Fund** - Apply for up to \$2,500

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

Did you know that the Community Foundation also provides **Opportunity Grants** of up to \$1,000 to provide support to local agencies for special one-time projects or to meet emergency needs?

Last year, CFCI awarded more than \$14,600 in Opportunity Grants to 23 agencies such as The Center for Prevention of Abuse in the purchase of a new electric commercial clothes dryer and the Galva Arts Council, Inc. for their new summer concert series. These are just a few of the ways that CFCI, through the generosity of our donors, is making a lasting impact in the community and supporting the needs of our nonprofit agencies.

[Click here to apply for an Opportunity Grant](#)

For more information on Opportunity Grants and other funding resources, please visit our website at [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org) or call (309) 674-8730.



Save the Date

*Women's Leadership & Networking Panel*

Hosted by the **Women's Fund**  
of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois

Thursday, September 27, 2018 • **EDGE, by Chef Dustin Allen** • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

More details to come Co-hosted by Katie Kim and The Kim Group for more information, visit [www.communityfoundationci.org](http://www.communityfoundationci.org)



## National Philanthropy Day Awards Nominations Due July 28th!

Each year, the Central Illinois Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) honors donors, volunteers and fundraising executives whose gifts of time, expertise and resources contribute significantly to the success of the non-profit agencies and institutions they serve.

The Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and provides a unique opportunity to publicly express appreciation to those who do so much to enhance philanthropic support in our community. The deadline to nominate a deserving individual, group, corporation, organization or foundation for an award is Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> so don't delay! Visit [www.afpcentralillinois.org](http://www.afpcentralillinois.org) for more information.



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