

2025  
ANNUAL  
REPORT



COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION  
— OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS —

## CFCI STATEMENT OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois is dedicated to maintaining, advocating, practicing, and accounting for policies and actions aimed at achieving cultural equity\* within the organization, amongst its donors and grant recipients, and throughout the communities it serves.

Note: \*Cultural Equity embodies the values, policies, and practices aimed at ensuring equity for people historically underrepresented based on (but not limited to) race, ethnicity, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, geography, or religion.

## OUR VISION

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois will make a sustainable philanthropic impact in our community through visible leadership in connecting people who care with causes that matter.

## SERVICE AREA

A 50-mile radius surrounding the City of Peoria (excluding Knox and McLean counties).



## WHO WE ARE

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois is a philanthropic resource that supports positive initiatives and innovative approaches to addressing the changing needs of our region. Our purpose is to strengthen our community through engaged grant making and strategic partnerships with other organizations.

CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER.



# A YEAR OF IMPACT, INNOVATION, AND 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

## DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

As we reflect on 2025, we are filled with gratitude and pride for all that our community accomplished together. This year marked a remarkable chapter in the story of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois, defined by innovation, collaboration, and celebration. Our assets grew to more than \$82 million, the highest total in our history, and we awarded more than \$7.5 million in grants, the largest amount distributed since our founding. Together, these milestones reflect the enduring generosity of our donors and the strength of our community.

In 2025, we proudly participated in the inaugural year of Illinois Gives, a statewide giving incentive program designed to encourage philanthropy across Illinois. Through this initiative, donors received tax credits for qualifying gifts to endowed funds, creating a powerful opportunity to strengthen permanent charitable resources in our region. The enthusiasm and generosity we witnessed were inspiring, and we are excited that Illinois Gives will continue in 2026, providing even more opportunities to build lasting impact for Central Illinois.

This year also marked the launch of our Impact Investing Program, an important evolution in how we manage and grow the long-term assets entrusted to our care. By aligning a portion of our investment strategy with community-focused outcomes, we are working to generate both financial returns and measurable social impact. This approach reflects our commitment to using every tool available to address the challenges and opportunities facing our region.

Perhaps most meaningfully, 2025 was a year of celebration as we commemorated our 40th Anniversary. As one of several initiatives marking this milestone, the Community Foundation distributed \$90,000 in grants to food pantries and meal programs across Central Illinois. These grants reached eight counties, 20 communities, and 27 organizations of all sizes, strengthening local efforts to address food insecurity throughout our region. For four decades, the Community Foundation has partnered with generous individuals, families, and organizations to build a stronger Central Illinois. From our earliest grants to today's transformative initiatives, our mission has remained constant: to connect generosity with opportunity and ensure that our community thrives, now and for generations to come.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence and optimism. The continued expansion of Illinois Gives, the growth of our Impact Investing efforts, and the enduring generosity of our donors position us for an even stronger future. Together, we are not only meeting today's needs but also building the permanent charitable foundation that will sustain our region for decades to come.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your belief in what is possible when a community comes together.

With gratitude and appreciation.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Roberts".

**Mark Roberts**  
Chief Executive Officer



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea Anne Miller".

**Lea Anne Miller**  
Board Chair



# STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Illinois Mutual

# COMMITTEES

Community Foundation of Central Illinois would not be able to fulfill our mission and vision without the generosity and dedication of each one of our volunteers. We are grateful for their time and expertise, which has enabled us to successfully expand our reach in grantmaking and initiatives and continue to “connect people who care with causes that matter.” It is with deepest gratitude we recognize all our volunteers and their commitment to serve.

Ackerman Family Learn to Swim Fund Grant  
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Bulkeley Scholarship Review Committee  
Community Arts Grant Review Committee  
Community Foundation of Central Illinois Scholarship  
Review Committee

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Kinsinger Scholarship Review Committee

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# TYPES OF FUNDS

The following funds were established at the Community Foundation of Central Illinois AS OF JUNE 30, 2025.

## FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds can be donor-directed for a particular purpose, such as literacy or art education. CFCI then selects the organizations that best serve the donor's charitable intent.

### "OTHERS" Fund

Ackerman Family Learn to Swim Fund  
 Alvin & Donna Haerr Family Performing Arts Fund  
 Ameren Education Fund  
 Anneliese Sinn Arts Fund  
 Bernie and Marta Vonachen Templin Fund  
 Carol L. Ladwig Youth Service Fund  
 Carrie "Bodie" and Fred Dunaway Fund  
 Central Illinois Disaster Recovery Fund  
 CFCI CommunityWorks Endowment Fund  
 Cindy and Bill Fischer Charitable Fund  
 Emerging Philanthropists Fund  
 Ending Hunger Together Fund  
 Eugene & Harriett Swager Fund for Public Art  
 Fine Arts Society of Peoria Creativity Fund  
 Fontaine Earle Endowment Fund  
 Fontaine Earle Fund  
 For the Family Fund  
 Fritz and Doris S. Reuling Charitable Fund  
 George A. Fulton Charitable Fund  
 Gilmore Fund  
 Homeless Youth Endowment Fund  
 Jack C. Sweney Peoria Youth Tennis Fund  
 James W. Wogsland Endowment Fund  
 Jean M. Ligon Fund  
 Juanita Slane Memorial Fund  
 Karin Spaulding Fund  
 Literacy Fund  
 Local Jobs Fund  
 Martha J. Bantz Early Childhood Development Fund  
 Mental Health Remembrance Leadership Fund  
 Mildred L. Arends Musical & Cultural Activities Fund  
 Peoria Sertoma Foundation Fund  
 Rinkenberger Community Works Fund  
 Robert W. Leu Family Charitable Fund  
 Russell F. & Eleanor Sikes Peters Performing Arts Fund  
 Sow a Seed Fund  
 Stephen A. and Bonnie J. Gosselin CommunityWorks Fund  
 Taylor & Corrine French Fund/Fine Arts Education  
 The Arts Mean Business Fund  
 Thomas & Lynn Landes Fund for Performing Arts  
 Thomas and Ellen Foster Fund  
 Transportation Club of Peoria Charitable Fund  
 Whitney Grots Endowment Fund  
 Women's Fund  
 Yomi John Fund



**PEORIA HUMANE SOCIETY**  
 JEAN M. LIGON ANIMAL WELFARE GRANT RECIPIENT



**FIVE POINTS WASHINGTON**  
 ACKERMAN FAMILY LEARN TO SWIM FUND GRANT RECIPIENT

“ I knew our mission was bigger than any one person. My first gift was small but meaningful.

Years later, I'm grateful to keep supporting professional women, working mothers and the impact we're making together.”

**CATHY BUTLER**  
 WOMEN'S FUND FOUNDING MEMBER  
 GOLD EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Unrestricted Funds remain in perpetuity to address needs within our community as they change over time. A community-based committee reviews and approves grants, then awards them in the fund holder's name.

Caterpillar Community Leadership Fund  
CFCI Administrative Unrestricted Endowment Fund  
Cindy and Bill Fischer Endowed Fund  
Community Impact Fund  
Dr. Paul Dirkse Endowment Fund  
Eugene & Harriett Swager Fund  
Glen A. Barton Endowment Fund  
Gordon S. and Jean H. Peters Charitable Fund  
James and Rosella Bubert Charitable Fund  
John H. "Ted" and Betty Flora Charitable Fund  
Lee L. Morgan and Mary H. Morgan Endowment  
Louis and Selma Neumiller Fund  
Louise Flora Howard Memorial Fund  
Marion and Warren Bohner Fund  
Norma M. and Keith G. Johnson Charitable Fund  
Paul Jackson Fund  
Pete and Mildred Donis Charitable Fund  
Ross E. and Susan M. Canterbury Fund  
Sandra and Richard Ullman Unrestricted Charitable Fund  
Sandra L. Stemler Endowment Fund  
Scott Heimdal Fund  
Triebel Family Unrestricted Charitable Fund  
William and Marilyn Engel Charitable Fund  
William L. and Mary E. Kella Fund

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donor Advised Funds allow donors to actively participate in the grant making process by recommending to the Foundation the purpose or charitable organization that might receive available grant dollars.

Blackburn Family Charitable Fund  
Brenda Epley Homeless Children's Fund  
Creve Coeur Club Robert H. Michel Endowed Fund  
Glenn R. and Marguerite D. Ross Fund  
Golden Bantam Fund  
Heward Charitable Fund  
Holmes Family Fund  
Homer and Barbara Gurtler Fund  
James and Ethel Baldwin Fund  
John and Libby Black Foundation for Life Fund  
John and Sharon Amdall Fund  
Karl B. and Cheryl J. Kuppler Charitable Fund  
Margaret B. Jacob Fund  
Mark and Janice Schleder Fund  
Mary Dill Fund  
Mike and Cheryl Quine Charitable Fund  
Nick and Sandra Adkins Fund  
Nickerson Family Fund  
Paul and Kathy Barker Fund  
PNC Fund  
Providence Foundation  
Rex and Laurie Linder Charitable Fund  
Robert and Lois Wendle Charitable Fund  
Roberts Family Charitable Fund  
Rotary Club of Peoria Endowment Fund  
Stella O'Hanlon Memorial Endowment Fund  
Steve and Bonnie Gosselin Family Charitable Fund  
Vernon "Butch" Gudat Charitable Fund  
Violet Family Fund  
Yeomans Fund



**FRIENDS OF THE PEORIA COUNTY  
REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



**FALL  
GRANTS  
RECEPTION**

# TYPES OF FUNDS

The following funds were established at the Community Foundation of Central Illinois AS OF JUNE 30, 2025.

## DESIGNATED FUNDS

Designated Funds allow donors to choose the charitable organizations they wish to receive support from their funds.

Adolph Sr., Helen B., Elmer and Adolph Pletsch Memorial Fund  
Bernita A. Otto Charitable Fund  
Buesing Alzheimer Remembrance Fund  
Byron and Sylvia DeHaan Charitable Fund  
Can Do 4:13 Scholarship Fund  
Carolyn C. Catton Charitable Fund  
Central Illinois Epilepsy Foundation Fund  
CFCI Administrative Endowment Fund  
Chip and Nancy Otto Family Fund  
Cindy and Bill Fischer Children and Family Fund  
City of Peoria for Full Service Community School Fund  
Daryl R. and Laura S. Dagit Charitable Fund  
Dewitt Nelson Charitable Fund  
Dr. Ian T. Sturrock Scholarship Fund  
Eugene and Donna Sweeney Arts and Education Fund  
Father Tom Henseler Fund  
Heartland Riverfront Foundation Fund  
Home for the Holidays Fund  
Homer and Barbara Gurtler Designated Fund  
Hult Center for Healthy Living, Inc., SOS/Hope Suicide Prevention Program Endowment Fund  
Jack C. Sweney NonEndowment Fund  
Janice E. and James T. Cunningham Endowment Fund  
Larry Oertley, Jr. Wildlife Memorial Fund  
Laura J. Nelson Designated Fund  
Leo E. and Eileen B. Christian Family Fund  
Leone Burwash Estate Endowment Fund  
Leroy E. and Florence A. Chinn Charitable Fund  
Mantz-Drake Family Scholarship Fund  
Mary Eileen Carroll Charitable Fund  
Mary Lynn Dickson/ Kathryn Marie Knick Memorial Fund  
Maurice Elbert Charitable Fund  
Merle H. and Barbara J. Glick Fund  
Nick Adkins Class of '52 Fund  
Owen H. Ackerman Family Charitable Fund  
Patricia Barton Arts Exhibition Fund  
Patricia Barton Charitable Gift for Women Fund  
Roanoke, IL Charitable Fund  
Rudy Singleton Memorial Endowment Fund  
Springdale Cemetery Prairie Gardens Maintenance Fund  
Stark Fund  
Wheels O' Time Museum Fund  
William and Margaret Wendle Fund

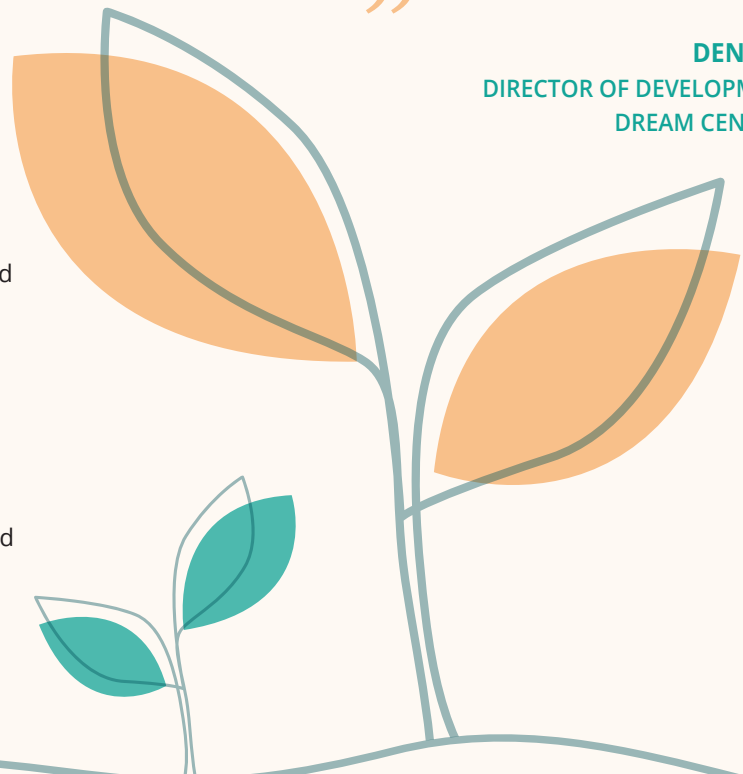
## PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

A Pass-Through Fund provides a conduit through which charitable contributions flow towards a specific project, program, or area of interest that positively impacts the quality of life in central Illinois.

CGN & Associates Charitable Fund  
City of Peoria Sister City Fund  
Dist. 150 Emergency Grants Fund  
Duane and Polly Heward Memorial Fund  
GACA Fund  
GP 2030 Fund  
Illinois Mutual Employees Children Scholarship Fund  
Illinois River Cities and Towns Initiative Fund  
Knollcrest Homeowners Association Fund  
Leonard Marshall Memorial Plaza Fund  
Peoria All-America City Fund  
Peoria NEXT Foster Fund for the Glen A. Barton Science and Technology Education Grants  
Peoria Police Explorers Fund  
Return to Better Innovation Fund  
Women's Fund Operating Non-Endowment Fund  
Wyman Family Charitable Fund

“CFCI has been an integral partner through grant funding to impact the lives of our 24/7 Emergency Shelter guests and the young moms and babies living in Zoe House. We are grateful for the ongoing support in the community as CFCI also stepped up to bridge the gap in late 2025 when there was concern over the lack of food benefits for a large number of the families we serve. Their faithful investment has made a long-term, generational impact which will be seen for many years to come.”

**DENISE BAILEY**  
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & ZOE  
DREAM CENTER PEORIA



# ORGANIZATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

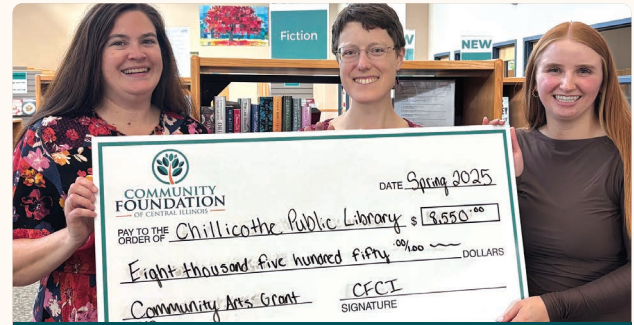
Agency Funds allow charitable organizations to establish a fund to provide financial support to the organization for a specific project or program. CFCI provides professional investment services for the funds contributed.

ADDWC Endowment Fund  
 Advocates for Access Endowment Fund  
 AMC Foundation Fund of Central IL Youth Symphony  
 CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit Endowment Fund  
 Central IL Youth Symphony Fund  
 Children's Home Fund  
 Christ Lutheran Church of Peoria Endowment Fund  
 Community Crisis Center Fund  
 Contemporary Art Center Endowment Fund  
 Counseling & Family Services of Peoria Endowment Fund  
 Dale & Elizabeth Whitehurst Memorial Research Fund  
 Deirdre Purcell Collins Mathematics Award  
 Delavan School Fitness Center Endowment Fund  
 East Peoria Elementary School District 86 Foundation  
 Elmer Szepessy Endowment Fund/sub-fund  
 of Cent. IL Youth Symphony  
 EMC-EMS Sustainability Endowment Fund  
 Fine Arts Society of Peoria Fund  
 First United Methodist Church of Pekin Endowment Fund  
 Fund for Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center  
 Germantown Hills School District 69 Fund  
 Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, Inc. Fund  
 Greater Peoria Family YMCA Endowment Fund  
 Heartland Community Health Clinic Endow. Fund  
 James A. Maloof Ballet Endowment Fund  
 John F. Gilligan Community-Based Psychiatry Fund  
 Keep Peoria Beautiful

Laura and Rex Linder Family Endowment Fund  
 for Easter Seals  
 Majory Szepessy Endowment Fund/sub-fund  
 of Cent. IL Youth Symphony  
 Manual High Band Fund  
 Manual High School Educational Fund  
 Mental Health Assn of IL Valley Fund  
 Oak Bluff Preserve Stewardship Endowment Fund  
 PAWAC Founder's Circle Endowment Fund  
 Peoria Academy of Science Endowment Fund  
 Peoria Area Civic Chorale Endowment Fund  
 Peoria Audubon Society Non-Endowment Fund  
 Peoria Garden Club Fund  
 Peoria Municipal Band Commission Fund  
 Peoria School District 150 Foundation Fund  
 Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation  
 Endowment Fund  
 Sun Foundation for Advancement in the Environmental  
 Sciences and Arts, Inc.  
 Tri-County (Peoria) Urban League, Inc. Endowment Fund  
 University United Methodist Church Endowment Fund  
 Washington School Gifted Education Fund  
 Wholesome Food Fund  
 Women's Lifestyle Educational Fund



**2025 LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP  
 AWARD RECEPTION**



**CHILICOTHE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANT RECIPIENT**



**WOMEN'S FUND ADVISORY BOARD**



**GEORGE WASHINGTON  
 CARVER CENTER  
 COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANT RECIPIENT**

# TYPES OF FUNDS

The following funds were established at the Community Foundation of Central Illinois AS OF JUNE 30, 2025.

## EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS FUND

The Emerging Philanthropists Fund is an initiative of the Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) that brings together emerging leaders who are passionate about making a difference in their community. This dynamic group is made up of professionals from across central Illinois who enjoy connecting, learning, and giving back, together.

Through collective contributions, members grow the Emerging Philanthropists Fund, an endowed fund that supports critical community needs through an annual grantmaking process. This giving circle model allows members to amplify their impact without needing significant personal wealth. By pooling donations, the fund grows allowing for a portion to be granted to local nonprofit organizations each year.



**MAKE YOUR MARQ**  
EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS FUND  
2024 GRANT RECIENT



**KICKOFF EVENT**  
2024 EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS FUND

“ The Emerging Philanthropists Fund was my first introduction to community philanthropy. It made giving back simple, allowing me to contribute \$100 while allowing collective efforts of all members to fund a \$5,000 grant each year. I’ve found it especially meaningful to learn about new nonprofits and the vital work they do across central Illinois, and to have a voice in deciding which organization receives the grant annually. I’ve been a member for seven years and look forward to continuing my involvement with the fund for many years to come. ”

**AUDREY KAMM**  
IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR  
EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS ADVISORY COUNCIL



## EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS GRANT 2024

MAKE YOUR MARQ **\$5,000**

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Scholarship Funds allow donors to help a group of students at a specific school or in a particular curriculum in furthering their education. Donors can be involved in part or all of the selection process and CFCI staff handles the necessary paperwork and ensures that scholarships are distributed in an equitable manner.

### SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Epilepsy Foundation of Central IL Fund  
Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois, Inc.  
Employee Scholarship Fund  
Peoria Academy of Science Scholarship Fund  
Aurthur Mae Perkins Educational Endowment Fund  
Barry and Terri Brenneman El Paso-Gridley High School  
Scholarship Fund  
Barry and Terri Brenneman Eureka High School Scholarship Fund  
BCDI Green Family Scholarship  
Chief William T. "Bill" Bauer Scholarship Fund  
Comprehensive Bleeding Disorders Center Leadership Fund  
Comprehensive Bleeding Disorders Scholarship  
Gerald C. Bulkeley Scholarship Fund  
Jean M. Brown Scholarship Fund  
Jobst Scholarship Fund  
Joy D. Belsley Scholarship Fund  
Joyce and Thomas H. Stanisic Scholarship Fund  
Marilyn K Schrodtt Scholarship Fund  
MidAmerica Natnl. Bank Emp. Children Scholarship Fund  
Paul A. Kinsinger, M.D. Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Paulette M. Archer Scholarship Fund  
Peoria Chiefs Scholarship Fund  
Sandra L. Stemler Teaching Scholarship Fund  
Sue Aplington Kreutz Scholarship Fund  
Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall Fund  
Women in Leadership Scholarship Fund  
ABCD Grant Family Scholarship Fund  
Alvin R. and Donna M. Haerr Fine Arts Scholarship Fund  
Andy and Jamie Schliepsiek Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Billy Galindo Inspirational Scholarship Award  
Blumenthal Scholarship Fund of Rotary Club of Peoria  
Brian Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Coach Tony Juska Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Dempsey Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Dennis McPherson Scholarship Fund  
Dennis R. Triggs Scholarship Fund  
East Peoria Community High School Scholarship Fund  
Elmer and Adolph Pletsch Memorial Scholarship Fund  
EPWC Scholarship for Community Service  
in Memory of Peg Bahmfleth Fund  
Gregory M. Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Harvey and Sue Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Heidi Bowles Kenney M. D. Memorial Scholarship  
Janice and Gene Timm Scholarship  
Jenny Meek Memorial Fund  
Jerry and Vinetta Hall Scholarship Fund  
Juliann Hollis Spirios Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Kandy L. Umdenstock Scholarship Fund  
Kenneth and Jane Hamm Memorial Scholarship Fund  
LaRae C. Muselman Scholarship Fund  
Linda (Lynn) Hohenbery Scholarship Fund  
Little Giant Scholarship Fund  
Mental Health Historic Preservation Society Scholarship Fund  
Michael D. McCoy St. Jude Run Scholarship Fund  
Roy and Ada Romani Scholarship Fund  
Sam Pendola Jr. Class of 1956 Track & Field Scholarship Fund  
Toby L. Quin Memorial Scholarship  
Vicki Lynne Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund  
W.F. Hardin Scholarship Fund in Memory of F.E. Hardin  
Walter A. and Minna E. (Miche) Moehle  
Scholarship Fund

## PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 150 SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Edward N. Woodruff Scholarship Fund  
Genevieve Kroepel Cahail Physics Scholarship Fund  
H.E.A.R. Endowment Fund  
Jamie Epstein Memorial Scholarship Fund  
John Garrett Scholarship Fund  
John W. Gift/Independent Insurance Agents Scholarship Fund  
Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Norman E. Emery Award  
and Scholarship  
Lynn Pastucha Scholarship Fund  
Manual High School/Eureka College Fund  
Nevada Buckley Manion Scholarship Trust Fund  
Richwoods Class of 1971 Giving Back Scholarship  
Rick Snarr Enduring Spirit Scholarship Fund  
Urban Forestry Foundation Scholarship Fund  
Wayne Macomber Memorial Scholarship Fund



### 2025 VERNON "BUTCH" GUDAT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

(L TO R) MIKE GUDAT, VANESSA HARRIS, ELLA JOHNSON,  
MICHELE GUDAT AND AMANDA FISKE



**SCHOLARSHIPS  
DISTRIBUTED IN 2025**

**\$ 436,446**



Since 1993, the Women's Fund has been a driving force in empowering women and girls across Central Illinois. What began as a visionary effort to unite 1,000 women each contributing \$1,000 to create a million-dollar endowment has evolved, yet the core goal has remained steadfast. We are thrilled to report that the Women's Fund endowment now exceeds \$1.5 million.

## WOMEN'S FUND MEMBERS:

### Gold Empowerment Circle (\$20,000+)

Carole Ackerman  
Sharon Amdall  
Pat Barton  
Cathy Butler  
Barbara Gurtler  
Juanita Slane

### Silver Empowerment Circle (\$15,000+)

Anne Griffith Crumrine  
Mary Dill  
Goldberg Companies

### Bronze Empowerment Circle (\$10,000+)

Kristen Berchtold  
Drew Velde Gay  
Diana Hall  
Kay McCord  
Lea Anne Miller  
Roberta Parks  
Debbie Ritschel  
Women in Leadership of Central IL

### Success Circle (\$5,000+)

Flo Banwart  
Jackie Colgan  
Mary Etrick  
Sarah Fletcher  
Pat Hagenbuch  
Shelly Kerker  
Kathy Schaeffer  
Darlene Violet

### Inspiration Circle (\$2,500+)

Stacy Benjatka-Robins  
Carlotta Biefeldt  
Rebekah Bourland  
Debra Bowers  
Esther Cohen  
Ruth Collins  
Jan Deissler  
Erynn Dykstra  
Devyn Everett  
Duffy Armstrong Farrell  
Sally J. Fassino  
Allison Gottwald  
Donna Haerr  
Barbara Hartnett  
Cyd Henrikson  
Pat Kennell  
Marilyn Leyland  
Becky Mills  
Sharon Murphy  
Mary Jo Papich  
Jean Peters  
Susan Rees  
Karen Stumpe  
Danette Swank  
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## 2024 WOMEN'S FUND SUCCESS GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Dream Center Peoria	Zoe House	\$ 5,000
Center for Prevention of Abuse	PreventEd: Relationship Abuse	\$ 5,000
Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank	Empowering Periods: Breaking the Cycle of Period Poverty	\$ 5,000
Artists ReEnvisioning Tomorrow (ART Inc.)	EmpowHER Our Girls	\$ 5,000
Hult Center for Healthy Living	Empowering Young Girls Through Comprehensive Sexual and Reproductive Health Education	\$ 5,000
Soulside Healing Arts	Community Doula Program	\$ 5,000
Girls Scouts of Central Illinois	Confidence Club-Mental Health Curriculum for Girls	\$ 5,000
Living To Serve Foundation	Women's Health Fairs	\$ 5,000
Greater Peoria Family YMCA	Women's Self Defense Seminars/Courses	\$ 5,000
Peoria Grow Your Own	Wellness and Wellbeing for Early and Aspiring Educators	\$ 2,450
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 47,450</b>

**2024 WOMEN'S FUND  
GIRLS INVESTING  
IN GIRLS  
GRANT RECIPIENT**

**SUNFLOWER  
MENTORING  
SERVICES**

**\$5,000**

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS

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# GRANTS

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois works to positively impact the quality of life in the region by connecting donors to the community needs they care about most. CFCI offers multiple granting opportunities to nonprofit organizations that align with the funding elements CFCI supports: Animal Welfare, Arts, Community Development and Capacity Building, Development of Strong Families, Education, Food Insecurity and Health and Wellness.

## 2024 COMMUNITY NEEDS GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Dream Center Peoria	DCP 24/7 Emergency Shelter	\$ 15,000
Loving Bottoms Diaper Bank	Diaper Bank Diaper Equity Initiative	\$ 15,000
The Center for Prevention of Abuse	Children's Therapy	\$ 15,000
LifeLine Pilots	From Home to Hope and Back Again	\$ 15,000
Foster Village Peoria	Resource Closet Expansion	\$ 15,000
George Washington Carver Association	Carver Center-Pathways to Success: Fit Minds, Strong Bodies	\$ 15,000
Heart of IL Big Brothers Big Sisters	Youth Mentoring Program	\$ 15,000
Peoria Friendship House of Christian Service	LaFamilia Outreach	\$ 15,000
Hult Center for Healthy Living	Comprehensive Suicide Prevention	\$ 15,000
Freedom House	Youth Counseling and Therapy	\$ 15,000
Neighborhood House	Youth Education Program	\$ 15,000
Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois	Goodwill Employment Program	\$ 15,000
Graceland Center for Purposeful	Ageing With Vitality	\$ 15,000
Prairie State Legal Services	Children's Legal Advocacy Program	\$ 15,000
Soulside Healing Arts	Community Doula Program	\$ 15,000
Artists ReEnvisioning Tomorrow (ART Inc.)	Project Enlightenment	\$ 15,000
Tazewell County Health Department	TCHD Mental Health Programs	\$ 13,800
Public Interest Law Initiative	Civil Legal Aid	\$ 12,000
Camp Big Sky	Living A Life Like Any Other	\$ 10,000
Safe Families for Children	Safe Families for Children	\$ 8,000
Epilepsy Advocacy Network	Peoria Epilepsy Services	\$ 6,000
Peoria Public Schools Foundation	Horizons Club Career Exploration Field Trip	\$ 5,000
Eureka College	Color Us Hopeful: Eureka College Coloring Book Program	\$ 2,550
Boys to Men Empowerment Inc.	Skills for Youth	\$ 2,370
Easterseals Central Illinois	High/Low Therapy Treatment Table	\$ 1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 300,720</b>

## 2024 LOCAL JOBS FUND GRANT

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Washington BRIDGE Education Foundation	Washington BRIDGE Education Foundation's Career & Technical Education Grants	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 3,000</b>

## 2025 JEAN M. LIGON ANIMAL WELFARE GRANTS (2-YEAR GRANT PROGRAM)

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Neighborhood House	Critters Meals on Wheels	\$ 4,000
Pets For Seniors	Pets For Seniors	\$ 4,000
Peoria Humane Society	Rehabilitation of Shelter Animals with Special Needs	\$ 2,000
Pet Pack Rescue Initiative	PPRI Dog Spay and Neuter	\$ 2,000
Grafelman Farms Rescue	Clinical Registry Spay and Neuters	\$ 2,000
Furever Farm Rescue	Furever Farm Rescue Spay/Neuter Program	\$ 2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 16,000</b>

## 2025 ENDING HUNGER TOGETHER GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Tazewell County Health Department	HEAL Food System Partner	\$ 10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 10,000</b>

## 2025 ACKERMAN FAMILY LEARN TO SWIM FUND GRANT (2-YEAR GRANT PROGRAM)

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Five Points Washington	Learn to Swim at Five Points	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 5,000</b>

## 2025 COMMUNITY ARTS GRANTS

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Artists ReEnvisioning Tomorrow (ART Inc.)	Arts Science & Leadership Academy (ASALA)	\$ 10,000
ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc.	Ignite Peoria	\$ 10,000
Princeton Theater Group	Festival 56 & Camp 56 a Performing Professional Theater Immersion Experience for Youth	\$ 10,000
Neighborhood House	The Art Program	\$ 10,000
Corn Stock Theatre	Corn Stock for Kids 2025	\$ 10,000
Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center	Creating For Their Future	\$ 10,000
Peoria Symphony Orchestra	Inspired Journeys: Peoria Symphony Orchestra's 71st Annual Student Concert	\$ 10,000
Peoria Art Guild	Art Without Boundaries	\$ 8,980
Chillicothe Public Library	Live at the Library	\$ 8,550
Big Picture Initiative	Play Greater - A New Mural Adding to Peoria's Downtown Art Corridor	\$ 8,000
Friends of the Peoria County Regional Office of Education #48	2025 GMB Spring Celebration	\$ 7,500
Camp Big Sky	Accessing Art in Nature	\$ 7,000
Havana Park District	Riverfront Concert Series	\$ 5,000
South Side Christian Academy	South Side Christian Academy Drama Club	\$ 2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 117,530</b>

## 2025 THE ARTS MEAN BUSINESS FUND GRANT

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	AMOUNT
Big Picture Initiative	Big Picture Peoria Film Festival	\$ 25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 25,000</b>



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

## SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Contributions	\$ 1,595,607
Investment returns, net	3,561,895
Support fees	721,003
Other revenue	19,834
<b>Total support and revenues</b>	<b><u>5,898,339</u></b>

### EXPENSES

Program	2,562,480
General and administrative	452,871
Fundraising	91,411
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b><u>3,106,762</u></b>

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** **2,791,577**

### NET ASSETS

<b>Beginning of year</b>	<b>\$ 32,894,720</b>
<b>End of year</b>	<b><u>\$ 35,686,297</u></b>

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2025

## ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,805,467
Investments	79,299,889
Other assets	300,294
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>82,405,650</u></b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### LIABILITIES

Accounts and grants payable	\$ 69,042
Agency funds	46,650,311
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>46,719,353</b>

### NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	
Operating	237,538
Board designated endowment	572,488
	<u>810,026</u>
With donor restrictions	
Restricted due to time restrictions	278,041
Restricted for specified purpose	1,162,903
Restricted in perpetuity - endowment	28,141,892
Restricted subject to the Foundation's spending policy	5,768,724
Underwater endowments	(475,289)
	<u>34,876,271</u>

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** **35,686,297**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** **\$ 82,405,650**

A copy of our audited financial statements and other governing documents are available for viewing by appointment at the CFCI office.

# CFCI AND IMPACT INVESTING

Impact investing is a way to put charitable dollars to work in a way that creates both financial returns and meaningful community impact. Instead of traditional grantmaking alone, impact investments direct funds into projects, organizations, or initiatives that address community needs, such as affordable housing, small business development, education, or environmental improvements. As the investments generate returns, those funds can often be reinvested, allowing the same charitable dollars to support community progress again and again.

The Community Foundation of Central Illinois (CFCI) uses impact investing as one tool to strengthen the region it serves. By thoughtfully deploying charitable resources into local initiatives and mission-aligned opportunities, CFCI helps address community challenges while maintaining long-term financial sustainability for its funds. This approach allows donors and partners to support projects that create measurable, lasting change across Central Illinois, helping communities grow stronger today while preserving resources for future generations.

“As an Impact Investing Committee, we’re focused on using capital in thoughtful ways that strengthen our community over time, not just through grants, but through investments that create lasting change.”

**CHRIS SETTI**  
CHAIR, IMPACT INVESTMENT COMMITTEE



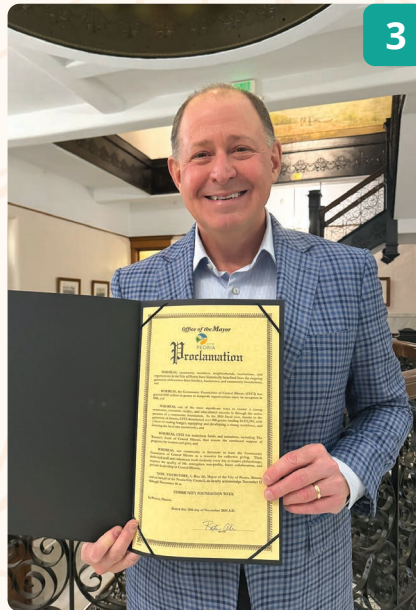
## COMPETITIVE GRANTS FOR PROGRAM AREA FISCAL YEAR 2025

- Emerging Philanthropists Fund – 1%
- Learn to Swim Fund – 1%
- Opportunity Grants – 1%
- Animal Welfare – 3%
- Ending Hunger Together – 2%
- Women’s Fund – 10%
- Community Arts and Arts Mean Business Funds – 26%
- Community Needs and Local Jobs Funds – 56%



# CFCI AROUND TOWN

1. Amanda Fiske and Mark Roberts at Peoria Area Chamber of Commerce Community Leadership School
2. Mark & Maggie Misselhorn, Laura Cullinan, Doug & Eileen Leunig, Mayor Rita Ali, and Mark Roberts at the Big Picture Peoria Mural Dedication Ceremony
3. Mark Roberts, Community Foundation Week 2025 Proclamation
4. Will Ball, Tammy Waterworth, Denise Bailey and Amanda Fiske visiting the Dream Center Peoria
5. Mark Roberts at the Foodshare Canathon
6. CFCI named ArtsPartner of the Year - Dr. Mae Gilliland Wright, Mark Roberts, and Sarah Fletcher at the ArtsPartners Annual Meeting
7. Amanda Fiske and Sarah Fletcher at the Peoria Public Schools Breakfast
8. Women's Fund Wednesday, January '25



# CFCI KICKS OFF 40TH ANNIVERSARY

At CFCI's 2025 Annual Meeting, we proudly kicked off our 40th Anniversary year by celebrating the organizations that helped shape the foundation's earliest impact in Central Illinois. In recognition of this milestone, CFCI launched a special grantmaking initiative honoring the inaugural grantees of the Peoria Area Community Foundation (PACF), whose work has continued to strengthen the community for decades.

CFCI awarded 40th Anniversary unrestricted operating grants of \$4,000 to twelve of the original PACF grantees that received funding in 1989-1990 and remain active today. A total of \$48,000 in grants was distributed, paying tribute to the Foundation's history while supporting the ongoing efforts of organizations that have been making a difference in our region for more than 35 years.

## CELEBRATING OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS 2025 ANNUAL MEETING



### 40TH ANNIVERSARY GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Carver Center (George Washington Carver Community Center)
- Co-Operative Extension Service (University of Illinois Extension - 4-H)
- Habitat for Humanity (Habitat for Humanity Greater Peoria Area)
- Heart of Illinois United Way
- Lakeview Museum (Peoria Riverfront Museum)
- Pearce Community Center

- Peoria Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc. (EPIC)
- Peoria Historical Society
- Peoria Symphony Guild
- The Children's Home (Children's Home Association of Illinois)
- Tri-County WomenStrength (The Center for Prevention of Abuse)
- Peoria Public Schools District 150





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