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Often, this is the time of year when we reflect on the past—our accomplishments, our missed opportunities, how quickly the time went. It's also a time to look forward and think about how 2017 will be different or, perhaps, not so different.

For the Community Foundation, we think about Helen Levin, one of the founders of the Foundation and a long-time supporter, and Hester Suggs, a former board member and an invaluable member of our grants committee for many years. They were both instrumental in crafting the values that continue to guide us.

Local nonprofit organizations are still trying to cope with the lack of state funding and the slow payment rate even if the money is coming through. This does not look like it will change any time soon. We see our local colleges and universities making tough staffing decisions that will have a ripple effect throughout our communities.

But, as the Community Foundation approaches our 45th anniversary, we take a bit of pride in our growth and the variety of ways we are able to help our local nonprofits:

- On the next page you will see a list of the organizations in east central Illinois receiving funding through our Community Commitment Grants. This is only one of our three annual granting cycles.
- Our Building Better Boards program is well underway. The Board of Directors of Courage Connection, Hope Meadows and Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center have enthusiastically approached the process and been very engaged in learning different ways they can serve their organizations.
- We anticipate that we will be able to announce the details of our nonprofit social solutions incubator in late January or early February.

It is also a time for us to thank our donors, the staff and board members of all the nonprofits throughout east central Illinois. We appreciate all the ways that you contribute to enhancing the lives of the residents of our area. We also appreciate you letting us help in the process.

Joan Dixon
President & CEO



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Community Foundation Partnerships with Family & Private Foundations

For families and individuals who have chosen to deliver their philanthropic goals through a private foundation, the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois can be a valuable partner.

Since 1972, the Community Foundation has developed extensive grant-making experience and deep understanding of local and regional needs and nonprofits. The Community Foundation can share this experience and knowledge with private foundations through a variety of services designed to support their local and national decisions and grant-making.

Sometimes things change in the family and it is no longer convenient or practical to carry the burden and expenses related to a private foundation. Maybe the originator of the family foundation is no longer interested or capable of carrying out the legal and financial obligations and no other family member is interested in taking over.

At times, the administrators of private foundations decide to look at alternative models to ease the minimum distribution, tax and financial burdens that are required of private and family foundations. The Community Foundation staff can walk you through a variety of options to partner with us to maximize the impact of your distributions, reduce your administrative responsibilities and continue to meet your charitable wishes.

If you are interested in talking about how the Community Foundation can partner with your family or private foundation, call 217-359-0125 or email info@cfeci.org to set up an appointment with Joan Dixon, President & CEO.



With a 2015 Community Commitment Grant, Family Advocacy Center of Champaign Co. created a comfy play area with colorful soft "puzzle squares" perfect for this father and daughter to spend some playtime.



The Family Advocacy Center's grant also funded tables and chairs for a cozy cafe area for clients to relax.



Worksource Enterprises was awarded a 2015 grant for perennial landscaping in front of its new building.

2016 Community Commitment Grants Award Nearly \$80,000 to Area Nonprofits

The Community Commitment Grants Committee received 40 applications, requesting \$139,853. Committee members discussed, evaluated and ranked the proposals, visited with a number of applicants, then decided on the list of 26 organizations below to recommend to the Board of Trustees. The list was approved by the board at its November 16 meeting

Congratulations to the following organizations:

- Altrusa Club:** Books for the children of migrant workers—\$1,300
- Banks Bridgewater Lewis Fine Arts Academy:** Musical instruments—\$2,145
- Boys & Girls Club of Danville:** Air Hockey Table—\$2,585
- CASA of Vermilion County:** Furniture—\$2,600
- Channing-Murray Foundation:** Seating and electronic equipment for their chapel auditorium—\$4,880
- Church Women United Clothing Center:** Display equipment—\$470
- Community Resource & Counseling Center:** Computers and file cabinets for a new outpatient office in Gibson City—\$5,358
- Crisis Nursery:** Children's furniture and seating for group therapy rooms—\$2,600
- DLO Musical Theatre:** Performance microphones—\$2,000
- Eastern Illinois Foodbank:** Floor scrubber for the warehouse—\$6,000
- Education Justice Project:** Computer equipment for College-in-Prison program—\$1,936
- Family Advocacy:** Tables for group sessions—\$1,000
- FirstFollowers:** Computer equipment for their re-entry program—\$965
- Hoopston Multi-Agency:** New phone system—\$6,276
- Lead 4 Life Foundation:** Presentations equipment for in-school programs—\$3,486
- Orpheum Children's Science Museum:** Educational programs equipment—\$4,239
- Peer Court:** Laptop for home visits—\$468
- Piatt County Mental Health Center:** Furniture for the reception area—\$4,875
- Prosperity Gardens:** High Hoop tunnel—\$5,000
- The Reading Group:** Classroom computer workstations—\$2,107
- SBL Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program:** Items for food preparation and transport—\$1,547
- Serenity Shack:** Equipment for kitchen renovation—\$6,950
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church/Sola Gratia Farm:** Raised bed mulch layer—\$2,286
- Vermilion County Rape Crisis Center:** *Safe Dates* curriculum for prevention education—\$3,570
- Wesley Food Pantry:** Equipment to expand service of Evening Pantry—\$657
- YMCA of the University of Illinois:** Chairs to increase seating capacity—\$4,386

Annual Community Commitment grants are funded by endowment funds. Guidelines offer grants for durable goods or capital items not typically covered by other granting bodies.

SAVE THE DATE!

Hearts of Gold Gala

Thursday, March 30, 2017
6:00 pm, Champaign Country Club

Who in your world has a heart of gold?

Hearts of Gold Awards were established to acknowledge those often unsung heroes who go out of their way to help other people without any expectations of anything in return. They give of their time, talent and treasure to improve the lives of those in need.

Each year, the Community Foundation encourages nominations for Hearts of Gold Awards. The link to online nomination forms will be available on the CFECI website on **January 3 and will close at 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 5.**



2016 Hearts of Gold Awards Recipients

we start with DONORS

The Community Foundation team can work with you to establish a fund that provides support to the organizations, causes or areas of interest most important to you.



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- DESIGNATED
- DONOR ADVISED
- ENDOWMENT
- FIELD OF INTEREST
- SCHOLARSHIPS
- UNRESTRICTED

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to get more information or
to talk about your wishes for a fund.



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Looking forward to 45th Anniversary

Boys & Girls Club of Danville Establishes Endowment Fund

At a reception and celebration for Boys & Girls Club of Danville donors and supporters, Board Vice President Bruce Lutes and Executive Director Rob Gifford announced that a new Boys & Girls Club of Danville Endowment Fund was established at the Community Foundation with \$20,000 from two anonymous donors who were interested in providing ongoing future funding for the Club. Board treasurer Janet Picello added that another generous donation to the fund was announced just prior to the reception from Dr. Joseph Fabrizio & Mrs. Phyllis Dougherty-Fabrizio.

Supporters may donate—both small and large gifts—to the Boys & Girls Club of Danville Endowment Fund online at www.cfeci.org by using the Donate button on any page of the site. As donors complete the online donation, they should write in the fund name. Checks should be made out and mailed to the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois with Boys & Girls Club of Danville Endowment written in the memo.



Terri Cummings, Board member Jim Cummings, Pat O'Shaughnessy and Immediate Past President Tonya Hill celebrated the new step forward for the Club.



Board members Andy VanHyfte and Nikki Moulton share part of the evening with Mel and Judy Myers.



Boys & Girls Club of America representative Pam Clarke, Karla and Rob Gifford and Sandy Montgerard are pleased with the event.