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# The **2022** Book of *Opportunities*

*a guide to giving ideas in your community*



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an  
**Opportunity** *for impact*

**Dear Donor Advisors,**

The Community Foundation accepts proposals for innovative and worthwhile projects through our annual competitive grant program. These grant proposals cross a broad spectrum of issues to serve communities throughout West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri. They range from needs for operating support to equipment purchases to impactful programs and projects. They all have one thing in common:

***They improve the quality of life in our region.***

The proposals within the *Book of Opportunities* are listed by interest area. All have been screened by Community Foundation staff for eligibility. The grant advisors for Donor Advised Funds are offered the opportunity to support these proposals by recommending distributions from their advised fund at the Community Foundation. Many advisors and/or donors have also used this opportunity to make additional contributions through the Community Foundation to support grant requests.

**We respectfully request that you submit your grant recommendation(s) by Friday, July 15, 2022.**

Although you can make grant recommendations at any time throughout the year, responding by July 15 assists us in leveraging funds from our Unrestricted Endowments and Field of Interest Funds. We will be happy to provide copies of full grant proposals upon your request.

If you would like to consult with us about making grants that best fit your philanthropic goals, please contact us.

Please take this opportunity to imagine new possibilities and to broaden your philanthropy. We are committed to keeping you abreast of community needs and opportunities, while ensuring your gifts make a positive and lasting impact.

Sincerely,



Catherine Bocke Meckes  
Chief Executive Officer



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Program Officer

**P.S.** Please consider **partial funding** of a request that meets your charitable interests. You might also want to collaborate with another fund advisor or donor to support a proposal. Talk with us about the possibilities.

# FAQs

Proposals are grouped by funding area. Each entry contains a brief description of the organization making the proposal, the project for which funding is requested, the amount requested, the geographic location and the organization's mission. Full proposals and budgets will be provided upon request.

## How can I support these projects?

You may support any proposal in whole or in part with a grant of \$250 or more using the 2022 distribution from your Donor Advised Fund, by making a gift, or both. If you are in need of the distribution amount available from your fund please contact the Community Foundation.

## Can I consider partial funding of a request or fund multiple requests?

Yes. You may also consider collaborating with another fund advisor or donor.

## How do I let the Community Foundation know my recommendations?

You will find a Grant Recommendation Form at the end of this document. Please fill out this form completely with your grant recommendations. *Please contact us to confirm your fund's amount available to grant.*

## Are there deadlines?

The deadline to immediately support one of these proposals and return your completed Grant Recommendation Form is **July 15, 2022.**

## Are there policies governing my grant recommendations?

Yes, please see the Donor Advised Fund Policy on Page 67. Please read the Grant Recommendation Form on page 65 carefully, then sign, and return if you choose to make a recommendation.

## Questions?

Call the Community Foundation at 217.222.1237 or email [kembree@mycommunityfoundation.org](mailto:kembree@mycommunityfoundation.org).

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# Arts & Culture

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## Bluff City Theater

**Project Name:** 2022 Second-Sight Theater School Outreach Project

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO

**Description of Request:** In 2022, for the first time, we launched an initiative to "take theater to the public" as opposed to "bringing the public to the theater". This consisted of two projects- the first was moving some productions outdoors to Central Park where anyone, including those just walking by, could take in a show for free. The second was to stage a play that could be easily moved to non-traditional locations- notably schools- where we could reach new audiences. The first of these was our Second-Sight production of *The Meeting* by Jeff Stetson which told the story of a fictional meeting between Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King shortly before both were assassinated. After 5 performances in the theater, we moved the show to Hannibal High School where 300 students saw the show over three performances. The play was well-received by students and teachers and for most students, this was their very first exposure to live professional theater.

In 2022/2023, we aim to expand this initiative to include middle and high school audiences in Hannibal as well as Marion and Ralls County in Missouri and Adams County and Quincy in Illinois. BCT board member Amber O'Donnell has assumed the role of School Liaison to recruit interested schools and match available shows to appropriate audiences. Plays chosen will fall into the categories of history, literature or social studies and students will be matched based on areas of study and age-appropriateness. This year we aim to engage 300-400 students through this program. This year's Second-Sight production is *Paul Robeson* by Philip Hayes Dean. The play chronicles the life and career of one of America's greatest 20th century singers, actors and civil rights activists.

Since we will not be charging for these shows whether in the theater or the schools, we will rely on donors and sponsors to support the production, including \$5,000 in project support from the Community Foundation.

**Organization's Mission:** Bluff City Theater is a professional non-profit theater organization that programs works primarily derived from our artistic vision of "From Literature to Life". Theater plays an important role in informing and educating by introducing audiences to ideas and stories they might never discover on their own. We choose plays that are relatively unknown including new original works from across America and around the world. Founded in 2014, we have completed over 32 productions- drama, historical biopics, comedy and musicals. In 2022 we launched Second-Sight Theater which tells stories from the African-American perspective through plays written by Black authors, with Black directors and casts. Concurrently, we suspended paid ticketing as a way of making live professional theater accessible to everyone, regardless of age or economic constraints. We operate an extensive youth program under the acronym YETI (Youth Education in Theater Initiative).

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## **Brown County Arts Alliance**

**Project Name:** Brown County Arts Alliance

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Brown, IL

**Description of Request:** The Brown County Arts Alliance is in its second year of operation and depends solely upon grant funding and donations in order to facilitate art and learning in Brown County. The Brown County Arts Alliance strives to expand artistic opportunities for Brown County citizens and its visitors for free or at a low cost. Through planned monthly art programming and community engagement, it continues to enhance participation and appreciation for arts and culture in Brown County.

**Organization's Mission:** The Brown County Arts Alliance is a nonprofit organization that has been dedicated to

promoting and supporting the arts in Brown County since 2022. Their focus is to provide arts programming for the community, support local artists, and foster an appreciation for the arts among all generations. This mission will bring economic vitality to Mount Sterling and will make Brown County a destination for the arts.

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## **Camp Point Historical Society**

**Project Name:** Newspaper Digitization Project

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** The microfilmed years of the newspaper (1873-2015) have been previously digitized with the assistance of a 2020 Competitive Grant awarded by the Community Foundation. Those newspapers are now accessible online to anyone with internet service and a computer world wide. We now need to digitize years 2016-2022 which are stored in their original paper format (standard newsprint). Paper format is subject to rapid deterioration when handled and is not functional for digital keyword searching or remote access via the internet.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of the Camp Point Historical Society is to preserve, protect and promote a collection of local historical artifacts and records for the village of Camp Point, Illinois. These artifacts and records are displayed for the public at the Camp Point Heritage Room attached to the Camp Point Public Library. The Society is also working to make historical records available online in digitized formats better suited to historical and genealogical research. Part of the collection includes more than 100 years of the weekly newspaper "The Camp Point Journal" which are currently stored on microfilm reels (1873-2015) and in paper format (2016-2022).

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## Consumed International Ministries/Mission 180

**Project Name:** Mission 180 - Gifting Musical Dreams To Disadvantaged Youth

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO

**Description of Request:** Mission 180 has seen the impact that the fine arts, specifically music, can have on people, and want every area youth to have the opportunity to explore their gifts and talents in a way that can be continued and positively impact their life. Band, specifically, is costly, and we would like to develop a fund to be used to cover the cost associated with instrument rental or purchase, instructional costs for vocal, piano or other instrumental lessons, sheet music and transportation costs to get to and from those lessons. We would be working with the local school districts to help identify needs.

In addition, we'd like to offer a fine arts instructional program to our already existing community teen outreach program. We have a unique opportunity to have a music professional who wants to actively volunteer with our organization. He is eager to teach our kids various instruments and his overall goal is to form a local band with the students. The majority of the kids in our outreach program are from low-income families, and many are actually in the foster care system. This would be an incredible opportunity for them to develop a love for music in a way that many of them never thought possible. In order to get the program started, we would need to purchase some basic instruments to use for instruction and performance. Those would include: electric keyboard, electric guitars, drum set, amplifier and sound system. instructional materials and sheet music. Your funding would cover our initial program start-up.

**Organization's Mission:** Mission 180 is the community outreach component under Consumed International Ministries. When COVID hit, it was determined that there was a significant need locally and Consumed Ministries established Mission 180 to help meet those local needs. Our mission is to assist and enable other non-profits, to meet individual community needs as they arise, and to create successful opportunities for those less fortunate. The overall goal is to fill any gaps that other non-profits, for whatever reasons, are unable to fill. Stephanie Morris, Community Outreach Director, met with a minimum of 20 local non-profit organizations, asking each one three questions. 1) What do you do? 2) What do you see as the greatest need in our community, and 3) How can we help? Today, Mission 180 works side-by-side with these community non-profits to lovingly serve anyone that comes to them in need.

Mission 180 has also launched a teen outreach initiative, which will be the primary focus for this request.

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## **DOWNTOWN MONROE CITY**

**Project Name:** DOWNTOWN MONROE CITY REVITALIZATION - MURAL PROJECT

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Downtown Monroe City Revitalization organization (DTMC) has an ultimate goal of increasing commerce throughout our community. Keeping our mission in focus, DTMC would like to create a “master mural plan” for our town, meaning our vision is to construct multiple murals throughout our town in an effort to bring an additional layer of beauty and art to our community. Murals have the opportunity to tell the community's story, create a unique experience, engage citizens, increase foot traffic and tourism, increase appreciation for arts and artists, and increase overall attractiveness of the city. These positive community attributes will in turn increase commerce and the economic conditions throughout our town. Downtown Monroe City has beautiful, historic buildings that need a facelift. We believe that this mural project will promote the power and preservation of place by creating a vested interest in keeping our city beautiful and vibrant.

**Organization’s Mission:** Downtown Monroe City Revitalization's purpose is to empower community revitalization by celebrating, supporting, and preserving our history and culture. We facilitate this in practice by using the Main Street Four Point Approach, which considers these objectives: Promotion, Design, Organization and Economic Development. The PROMOTION of our downtown district through special events and individualized marketing plans. The quality of the aesthetic DESIGN that is represented by our district's build environment. The ORGANIZATION of interests, leadership and commitments that move our program forward, and the use of strategic planning to warrant the ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT of our historic commercial district.

The Downtown Monroe City organization started in 2017. We have been through Main Street's Four Point Approach with the goal to create a sustainable organization that functions as the revitalization leader in the community.

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## **Friends of the Castle, Inc.**

**Project Name:** Internet and Computer Upgrade

**Amount Requested:** \$5,100

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Request is for an upgrade for our computer system and enhanced Wi-Fi for several purposes.

1. To upgrade the tour experience with QR codes throughout the building to further explain aspects of the Villa Kathrine and its rooms and furnishings. This will allow people to use their phones and enjoy

videos that will enhance the tour. For an example, a demonstration on a Moroccan tea ceremony or an explanation of what a Hubba Bubba is used for. The walls of the Villa Kathrine are so thick it impedes a Wi-Fi signal, and we require an upgrade to get a better signal through the building.

2. Our printer is broken, and we often copy information for visitors and need to print our tour brochures and educational materials for school groups.

3. This computer expansion would allow for the addition of security cameras. Our system is too out of date to expand for our current use requirements.

4. The upgrade will allow our point-of-sale system to work more efficiently. Our signal often drops out in the office area. We have seen an uptick in sales due to be able to take credit cards. This also allows our members to use their credit card to charge their membership renewals and make donations.

5. This will allow for tourist and guests to better use the Wi-Fi in the and outside the castle.

6. Finally this will allow us to archive our information with use of the scanner and storage capabilities of a new all in one printer and larger storage capacity on the computer.

**Organization's Mission:** Incorporated in 1978 Friends of the Castle was formed to rescue the Villa Kathrine from demolition, restore it to its original splendor when it was built in 1900. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979 with the purpose to operate the Villa Kathrine as a symbol of Quincy, the tourist information center, cultural center and community resource. The Tourist Information Center opened in 1987 with the total restoration of the Villa Kathrine being completed between 1995-1997. Friends of the Castle restores, maintains and operates the Villa Kathrine with funds raised through grants, donations, membership, event rentals, merchandise sales, fund raisers and tours. We receive no funds from the Quincy, Park District, city, state or federal entities. We operate with volunteers, there is no paid staff. We operate seven days a week year round. We are on the Illinois Register of Historic Places and an Interpretative Center on the Great River Road,

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## Hannibal Arts Council

**Project Name:** Hannibal Arts Council - Youth Programming

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO

**Description of Request:** The Hannibal Arts Council is applying to the Community Foundation for its comprehensive youth programming, which includes several facets: Art Adventures (monthly hands-on workshops), Young Masters partnership exhibit with Hannibal public and parochial schools and youth/family art programs in partnership with Marion County Services for the Developmentally Disabled and Missouri's 10th Judicial Circuit Court.

The HAC Children's Program Committee sees a need to provide positive and creative experiences in which youth can interact, explore creativity and develop self-confidence via the arts. They are also

designed to allow kids to meet and interact with local artists, work inter-generationally alongside parents, grandparents and friends, create and display their own original art, and work creatively through a variety of art forms. Grant funding allows our organization to offer youth programs at no charge/ minimal fee to program participants making them to be accessible, approachable and affordable. Ultimately we want to offer quality programs, strengthen inter-generational bonds, help youth to gain self-esteem through successful project completion and creative self-expression, serve at-risk and underserved youth and to further connect with families in our community.

**Organization's Mission:** Our Vision: Creating Community Through the Arts. Our Mission: To provide and promote programs that spark engagement in the arts. Our Values: We create, support and promote community arts programs that are accessible, approachable and affordable; We inspire creativity in all its forms; We encourage partnerships which deepen our connection to our community; We engage our community through the arts.

The Hannibal Arts Council was founded in 1975. What began with limited programs by a small group of interested art enthusiasts has grown into multi-discipline community arts program that facilitates long term community arts development; implements art programs of our own and within the community; and encourages artists and arts in all its forms.

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## Historic Bethel German Colony

**Project Name:** HISTORIC BETHEL GERMAN COLONY

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Shelby, MO

**Description of Request:** The funding will be used toward the refurbishing of the 1844 colony schoolhouse. Many cultural events would be held in this facility when completed. Elementary students will spend a day in school as it was in 1844. Plays, pageants, folk life demonstrations, seminars, lectures, and tours will happen in the building. Fiddle camp for youth age 7 - 17 happens every June and the performance on Friday evening would be held in the building.

**Organization's Mission:** It is the mission of HBGC (Historic Bethel German Colony) to provide educational and community arts programs that encourage the community to embrace the arts (dance, music, folk and traditional arts) in a variety of disciplines and to provide opportunities that increase the understanding and appreciation of historic preservation.

Bethel was settled in 1844 and was the most successful communal society west of the Mississippi. Bethel survived until the founder, Dr Wilhelm Kiel, passed. In 1879 Bethel disbanded and property was divided according to what the member had contributed. In 1972 a group of community members formed what is today the HBGC and worked together to preserve the colony buildings, the culture, and the history. Several events are held today to promote the same ideas that the 1972 organizers felt were important. Tours of colony homes are available, and one can visit the museum to see artifacts and learn more about the history of the colony as it was in 1844.

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## Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County

**Project Name:** Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County, Illinois

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** The Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County operates the Governor John Wood Mansion and the History Museum on the Square which is visited by thousands of people each year. Currently the phone system at the Historical Society office and the History Museum is antiquated and not connected. In addition, the internet connections in the visitor center of the John Wood Mansion is extremely poor. The phone system at the History Museum is still the phone system from the Gardner Museum of Architecture and Design. The old answering machines that are currently used do not function properly so there are several times visitor attempting to plan a tour of the Mansion or Museum are not able to do so. The request is consists of updated VOIP phones with increased router capacity. The lack of good internet connection at the visitor center has a negative impact on the education program as the short videos often do not play. The solution would be to update the phones so the History Museum, the John Wood Mansion, and the Historical Society offices will be connected with a single communication system. The phones at the Museum will also allow for the Museum coordinator and volunteers to carry wireless phones while guiding the visitors in the Museum. The answering service will also be connected to all Historical Society locations. While the Historical Society of Quincy & Adams County is dedicated to preservation and education of local history we do service people far outside the surrounding the area.

**Organization's Mission:** The Historical Society of Quincy and Adams County, organized in 1896, preserves, maintains, and shares a collection of historical documents and artifacts and provides interpretive tours of the 1835 Governor John Wood Mansion, the pioneer Log Cabin, the Livery, the Lincoln Gallery, and the 1888 former Quincy Public Library now the History Museum on the Square. The Society conducts educational school tours, provides programming with guest speakers eight times per year, and sponsors or co-sponsors history symposiums for high school students and the general public. The Society offers docent tours of historic Woodland Cemetery, a multi-weekend Christmas open house and seasonal events throughout the year. The Research staff provides research assistance with our library and artefactual collections. Publications of the Society include a weekly column in the Quincy Herald Whig, the Governor's Post newsletter, and a robust web presence. All facilities are open five days per week year round.

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## Jim's Journey: the Huck Finn Freedom Center

**Project Name:** Jim's Journey: The Huck Finn Freedom Center

**Amount Requested:** \$3,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO

**Description of Request:** Funding is needed to create an outdoor art exhibit, THE UNSEEN, a wall will be constructed from bricks recently donated to the museum. The bricks were created by local 'slaves' from Mississippi River clay, more than 150 years ago. The exhibit is a tribute to the unnamed hands that labored in their creation. We are working with local craftsmen and artists to turn this pallet of bricks into something awesome. Finally, a long-awaited homage to the earliest pioneers who contributed more than we'll ever know or acknowledge in the history of the community. Finally, we will celebrate those who built the businesses, homes, streets, bridges and much more.

**Organization's Mission:** Our mission is to build cross-cultural understanding by documenting, preserving and presenting the history of the 19th and 20th-century African American community in Hannibal and northeast Missouri. First, as we commemorate the once-thriving African American community and the people who built it we can't overlook the pain and suffering of slavery, segregation, and racial oppression. We will highlight the exceptions as well as the ordinary and the richness of the African American culture as we celebrate their contributions.

Second, Jim's Journey; The Huck Finn Freedom Center honors Daniel Quarles, the prototype for Jim in Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and the man who lived and died here in Hannibal. Finally, we acknowledge Samuel Clemens the humanitarian, and the African Americans he impacted and those who influenced his life and work.

This is an ongoing project. As we grow we hope to have continued community contributions, input, and support.

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## Quincy Art Center

**Project Name:** Quincy Art Center - General Operating Support

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO

**Description of Request:** We are requesting \$2,500 for general operations. According to the United Way of Adams County Community Needs Assessment conducted in 2022, Adams County residents rated the overall mental health a 5.71 on a scale of 10. Mental health challenges impact all areas of quality of life. Through the art education, exhibits, and outreach programs we provide, Quincy Art Center gives people healthy ways to express themselves, the opportunity to build their confidence, and brings people together through the power of art, all of which are necessary to boost mental health.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of Quincy Art Center is to provide opportunities for growth and appreciation of the visual fine arts through exhibits and programs in our community. The Art Center was established in 1923 and is located in the East End Historical District of Quincy in a carriage house built in 1887 and a modern wing built in 1990. We host exhibits featuring local, regional, national, and global artists; teach classes for students in grades kindergarten through adult, and partner with other organizations to provide art opportunities to areas within a 50-mile radius of Quincy.

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## Quincy Art Center

**Project Name:** Quincy Art Center - Program Support 2022 (smART Kids expansion)

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** We are requesting \$7,500 to expand our smART Kids program to rural Adams County, and Brown and Pike counties in Spring 2023 and add professional development training with the Regional Office of Education for classroom teachers to provide more support of smART Kids lessons and provide resources to incorporate more art into their classrooms. smART Kids lesson plans will be grade specific, in vertical alignment with curriculum, come with all art supplies needed, and will meet National Core Arts Standards. The State of Illinois doesn't require visual arts education for students in grades kindergarten through third grade, and currently it is only provided in 3 private schools out of 11 Quincy elementary schools. Our largest outreach program, smART Kids, offers visual art education experiences for 2,200 K-3rd grade students in all Quincy elementary schools, both public and private. Since 2007, we have designated significant Art Center resources to serve this large audience in need.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of Quincy Art Center is to provide opportunities for growth and appreciation of the visual fine arts through exhibits and programs in our community. The Art Center was established in 1923 and is located in the East End Historical District of Quincy in a carriage house built in 1887 and a modern wing built in 1990. We host exhibits featuring local, regional, national, and global artists; teach classes for students in grades kindergarten through adult, and partner with other organizations to provide art opportunities to areas within a 50-mile radius of Quincy.

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## Quincy Community Theatre

**Project Name:** QCT Education Program Support

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Quincy Community Theatre is requesting funds to support its fall student theatre program. These funds will support the production of the fall student theatre show Flora & Ulysses and the fall semester of classes for students in 2022. QCT offers three semesters of theatre

education each year: spring, summer, and fall, each consisting of classes and a show. These opportunities are some students' first experience of live theatre and theatre education. Funds will support expenses associated with the programs and provide scholarship opportunities, so no student is turned away from QCT due to lack of funds. Funds will also allow QCT to provide low-cost theatre experiences for classrooms, as area elementary schools are invited to preview performances of Flora & Ulysses.

**Organization's Mission:** Quincy Community Theatre's mission is to offer and perpetuate quality theatre entertainment and education in the performing arts through community participation. QCT has been delighting audiences with musicals, mysteries, comedies, and dramas since 1923. QCT's education program offers theatre classes to students as young as three years old. These classes allow our students to gain confidence in their skills, meet people with similar interests, and try something new. The education program also produces three student theatre productions each year, and students have the opportunity to be involved onstage and backstage for each production.

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## **Quincy Museum, Inc.**

**Project Name:** General Support of the Quincy Museum

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Funds granted by the Community Foundation will allow the museum to continue to maintain the historic Newcomb-Stillwell Mansion and the collections it contains. Funding is also needed to create new exhibits highlighting the history of Quincy and Adams County. Funding will allow us to continue to provide high-quality educational programming to the over 1,000 area school children who normally attend our educational classes. The Quincy Museum is the only museum in the region providing educational opportunities in the areas of natural history and science. Assistance will help us continue our recovery from the financial issues caused by the COVID-19 shut-downs.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of the Quincy Museum is to preserve, present and educate. The Museum operates the historic Newcomb-Stillwell Mansion and collects man-made and natural materials with a special emphasis on Quincy and Adams County, Illinois. It then makes these materials and the historic building available to scholars, students and the public through exhibits, tours and educational programs.

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## Quincy Society of Fine Arts

**Project Name:** Instant Arts Classroom and After School Programs

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Requesting support for the 2022/2023 Instant Arts and After School classroom arts programs. These allow teachers to choose from a slate of visual arts, dance, theatre and history/humanities activities for their classroom. The new After School arts program (piloted in 2022/2022) will also provide similar programming for 4 weeks per quarter at at least 7 elementary schools (potentially more based on funding and instructor availability.)

**Organization's Mission:** Arts Quincy (QSFA), America's 1st Arts Council, was founded in 1947 "to encourage and stimulate the practice and appreciation of the Fine Arts, Performing Arts, and Arts-in-Education" in Adams County, Illinois. Arts Quincy works to make the arts more accessible to all the residents of Adams County, develop new members for its member organizations and create earned income opportunities for individual artists. The arts in Quincy provides over \$15 million in economic activity. Arts Quincy's national award-winning programs: provide arts in education opportunities for area students, insure cost effective arts services for everyone, and attract new dollars to our local economy from local, regional, and national foundations and corporations.

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## Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association

**Project Name:** General Operations of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO

**Description of Request:** We respectfully request general operating support for the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association. In this celebratory 75th Anniversary season, we will perform symphonic masterpieces and bring world-class artists to the region, including Kristina Lowe, violin, Brian Woods, pianist, and the Dallas Brass performing with QSO in concert and at in-school assemblies and masterclasses. We will support creation of new art by commissioning new music for Orchestra and the Youth Orchestra. We will begin the season with an overture written for us by Thom Ritter George, and end with the magnificent "Pines of Rome": the full forces of the Symphony along with trumpets and fanfares from the grand balcony of Morrison Theater!

Collaborative culture: The QSOA strives to be a community partner. QSOA has supported the performance infrastructure of Quincy Jr. High's gem Morrison Theater throughout its history, most recently procuring funding and purchasing 4-octave symphonic chimes, the \$45K projector & movie

screen, \$10K of audio equipment, and in January 2022 a much-needed concert marimba. All are shared by school ensembles & community music groups. The Illinois Council of Orchestras formally recognized the QSOA for collaborative programming. QSO often joins with Quincy Art Center or Quincy Public Library, among others. The April 2022 concert included Quincy University and JWCC choirs with the Symphony Chorus and Youth choirs. During the pandemic, QSOA included Quincy Art Center, Quincy Preserves (architectural heritage) and Quincy Sew Happy Quilting Club on our virtual concerts.

The new season includes a free "touch and try" musical instrument event for children at the library and a new free chamber music mini-series at Quincy Senior Center. The QSOA has a rich history of providing fine music to the region and high quality youth music education reaching over 3000 children/year. Supportive partners like CFQA make it possible for programs to be offered free or at very low cost.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association is to bring fine symphonic orchestral and choral music to the people of the Quincy area, to provide organizations for musicians to perform such music, and to create and support programs which encourage young musicians to foster their interest and skills in symphonic and choral music. Founded in 1947, the QSOA provides adult orchestra and chorus programs, and exceptional youth music ensembles which are accessible to outlying rural schools, parochial schools, and home-schools which cannot support such programs on their own. Youth programs include a youth orchestra, youth chorus, and in-school symphony orchestra concerts for school children. Youth participation in music programs encourages creativity, adaptability, self-discipline and self-motivation, and develops higher-learning skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. The ultimate purpose of our programs is to improve the quality of life in our region through music.

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## The Legacy Theater Foundation Inc

**Project Name:** Community Participation Parking Expansion

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** The Legacy Theater Foundation Inc. respectfully requests \$7,500 to assist with expansion of parking for people in the tri-state area to have more safe and available parking in the vicinity of the theater. The theater provides opportunities for all ages to be able to take advantage for entertainment and events in the arts, culture, and education. The theater currently supports 525 seats for all ages including accessible seating. The additional parking will allow for easier access to the theater so the participants can safely participate and enjoy the treasure that we are fortunate to be able to offer in the area.

**Organization's Mission:** Our mission is to Enrich, Educate, Inspire & Entertain



# Community Betterment

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## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 179**

**Project Name:** Boy Scout Troop 179

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Shelby, MO

**Description of Request:** The need for young boys and girls to have the opportunity to belong to a scout troop has so many benefits. Because of Covid and parents struggling financially, some youth will not be able to join and learn those much-needed skills. This funding request will allow young people to join a scout troop, go to camp, and gain skills necessary to start the path to becoming an Eagle Scout. When young people gain life skills, the entire community benefits along with the scout. Being a scout gives purpose to a young person who might otherwise get on a troubled path and make a wrong decision or choice.

**Organization's Mission:** To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Boy Scouts began in 1908 in Great Britain and even though has gone through changes, the basic concept has remained constant. ie to develop in boys' good citizenship, chivalrous behavior, and skills in outdoor activities.; and today to build leadership skills, self-discipline, team building, character development, citizenship training and personal fitness. Shelby County has had a troop with various sponsors since the 1920's & 30's with many volunteers giving their time throughout the decades. Tidbit - When Sam Walton lived in Shelby County, he became the youngest to earn his Eagle Scout badge at the age of 13. In 1920, the "World Movement of the Scout Movement" was established and in 2018 girls were allowed to join. At this time Shelby County has one female, ten troop, and five pack members.

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## **Carl Sandburg College Foundation**

**Project Name:** Sandburg Branch Campus Food Pantry Expansion

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** The goal of the Branch Campus Food Pantry is to reduce the burden of food insecurity on Sandburg students and families in Hancock County, Illinois. In 2022, support from the Community Foundation enabled Sandburg to establish the Food Pantry in partnership with River Bend Food Bank. Since then, the Pantry has impacted over 120 food insecure individuals through unique site

visits and community outreach food drops. However, the need for local nutritional assistance continues to increase as pandemic-era government assistance programs end and inflation creates an unprecedented rise in food and supply costs. In order to grow and meet this rising need, Sandburg plans to create a larger, more permanent space at the Branch Campus to accommodate a larger food pantry. A small donation from the Community Foundation will enable the establishment of a larger pantry and make a wider impact for the 2,000 people in Hancock County facing food insecurity.

**Organization's Mission:** Carl Sandburg College is an accredited two-year community college whose district spans roughly 3,500 miles in west-central Illinois. The College operates from its Main Campus in Galesburg and Branch Campus in Carthage, IL, but also offers dual-credit classes at high schools across its district. The mission of Carl Sandburg College is to provide all students with opportunities for success. Sandburg meets its mission by offering general and career & technical education programs, robust dual-credit offerings, community education opportunities, and myriad student support services. The Carl Sandburg College Foundation serves the College, its students, and its constituents through scholarships, community support, and targeted outreach.

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## Cuddle Cat Rescue

**Project Name:** Exam Room

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO

**Description of Request:** Cuddle Cat Rescue is seeking funding to transform an office into a fully stocked intake/exam room. As the only non-euthanasia cat rescue for 100 miles in Missouri, we would be able to better serve cats and kittens that came in with a variety of medical conditions with a medical examination room. Cats and kittens would be able to receive initial examinations, injections, medications, physical exams, in the new exam room. It would also be stocked and ready for emergency intakes- specially for medical emergencies and neonatal kittens.

**Organization's Mission:** The purpose of Cuddle Cat Rescue is to save cats and kittens in the Hannibal, Missouri and surrounding area from euthanasia by providing them with medical resources, spaying and neutering them, and finding them adoptive homes. Cuddle Cat Rescue started as a home-based rescue in 2017 and has transformed into a thriving non-profit that helps hundreds of cats every year. They moved into their current building in April 2019, with the mission to help even more cats. Cuddle Cat Rescue works with other animal rescues in the area, and in larger cities, to help pull cats and kittens at risk of euthanasia including cat that have special needs, chronic medical conditions, and behavior problems. Cuddle Cat Rescue also works with the public on how to provide a healthy, safe home for their feline companion.

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## Embrace Children and Families

**Project Name:** Embrace Children and Families

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Our funding request will assist in providing training, support and resources for children and families in the foster care system of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri.

**Organization's Mission:** EMBRACE (Educating, Mentoring, Believing In, Resourcing, Advocating, Connecting, & Empowering) Our mission is to provide a responsive and sustainable network of community support to meet the needs of children and families in the foster care system in the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Missouri. We have several goals, some of which include maintaining a central hub for resources such as clothing, basic needs, furniture, toys, books, etc. for foster children; connecting community resources; being a positive force for recruitment of foster parents; providing respite care and hosting family events for foster families; providing trauma-based training and support groups for foster parents; providing foster children with First Night Bags; maintaining a clothing closet for foster children to access; and meeting any other needs a foster child may encounter during their time in foster care.

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## Friends of Bailey Park

**Project Name:** Friends Of Bailey Park

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** In summary, our organization's decision better serve our community by purchasing all inclusive equipment, along with the price of goods and manufacturing ever increasing, the purchase of all inclusive equipment consumed all of the funds raised. We are left with a financial gap. To maximize this amazing equipment and to be within Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) we need to purchase suitable ground covering. If you can imagine this is imperative to the functionality of the purchased equipment.

**Organization's Mission:** Friends of Bailey Park is a newly formed 501 (c) 3 that is focused on improvements to Bailey Park in Camp Point, IL. The mission of our organization is to encourage health wellness, fitness, family and fun in the outdoors. Last year our organization was able to raise \$100,000 to replace the unsafe and outdated equipment. This was an amazing feat, especially in our small community. To better serve the surrounding community our board decided to purchase fully inclusive equipment.

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## **FUTURE CHARGERS YOUTH BASKETBALL**

**Project Name:** Future Chargers Youth Basketball

**Amount Requested:** \$5,266

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** This grant would help supply the needed equipment to offer more recreational programs and youth sports to keep our community physically active. With personal donations from the community, we are building a small facility to help with this need of not having a place for individuals of all ages a place to engage in physical activity and socialization. This will make an impact by creating both a social connection and physical activities, which are both essential for health and happiness.

**Organization's Mission:** The purpose of this organization is to provide activities for individuals of all ages that help improve health, self-esteem, social skills, and encourage an active lifestyle. Youth sports promotes physical activity, teamwork, develops good health habits, builds confidence, and can help maintain mental health. For adults to maintain or improve health, they should make physical activity and moderate exercise part of their daily routine. This organization is made up of parents, grandparents and community members that are concerned about individuals in this area having no place indoors to engage in physical activity.

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## **Hearts of Hancock Humane Society**

**Project Name:** Hearts of Hancock Humane Society Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** Due to an overpopulation of cats and dogs in Hancock County, the Society sees the need for a low cost spay and neuter program. Our solution is to assist individuals and shelters from our area who desire to spay or neuter animals, especially those who lack the financial resources to do so. Similar programs in neighboring counties are successful in reducing the number of offspring which decreases the number of dumped, abandoned, and abused animals. This action will impact pet owners, animal shelters, the dog pound, and the community at large.

**Organization's Mission:** The purpose of the Hearts of Hancock Humane Society ("Society") is the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education.

It is the policy of the Society to seek humane care and treatment for cats and dogs needing protection in the area served by the Society; to seek to return lost animals to their owners; to seek suitable homes for animals without owners; and to provide education on the humane treatment of animals. The Society

shall maintain accepted minimum standards which shall be representative of those prescribed by recognized humane organizations, such as the Humane Society of the United States.

Hearts of Hancock Humane Society was established in 2001. With board oversight, funds were solicited throughout the county and the building was erected shortly thereafter. Our income sources are endowments, memorials, bequests, adoptions, donations, and fundraising. Funding requests from grants began in 2022.

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## **Jensen Camp Foundation**

**Project Name:** Out with the Old Outhouses

**Amount Requested:** \$7,330

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO

**Description of Request:** We are requesting funding to remove the old outhouses and replace them with new facilities for use by children at summer camp and all who utilize Jensen Woods Camp throughout the year. The current outhouses are many, many years old and in dire need of being replaced. Children are reluctant to use these outdoor bathrooms located by the horse corral, Oaks, Hidden Pines, and High Pines. With 550 acres of Jensen Woods Camp, walking to a bathroom with indoor plumbing isn't always an option, so we need to provide well-built, clean bathrooms in these more remote locations. These bathrooms would be used by hundreds of children and adults who will "meet God in the Woods" at Jensen Woods Camp in the years to come.

**Organization's Mission:** Jensen Camp Foundation (JCF) owns and operates Jensen Woods Camp, a Christian, nondenominational camp which provides low cost to no cost spiritual development in nature through outdoor activities. JCF offers camps for children and families, held in our rural retreat under the supervision of counselors and staff. JCF also offers rental of the camp facilities to organizations and groups, and has RV, A-frame cabin, bunkhouse and tent camping facilities that are available to the public. The Dixon Lodge is air conditioned, handicapped accessible, seats 100 people at tables, has a commercial kitchen, as well as a small kitchen adjacent to the dining room. With 4 bathrooms and a view of the Fishing Pond, the Lodge is the perfect place for a church gathering, reunion, meeting, party or wedding reception. The Rosalyn Jensen Love Chapel is attached to the Lodge and seats 60 people.

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## **Lewis County Fair Association**

**Project Name:** Lewis County Fair Barn Upgrade

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Knox, MO

**Description of Request:** The Lewis County Fair has run for over 45 years from the same locations with many of the buildings built in the first few years of the organization. That includes the 3 open-side

pavilions that serve as our animal barns. This funding request is to upgrade the three Livestock barns by cleaning, painting, and improving the appearance and safety of the buildings. There have been several phases implemented to make these renovations achievable. The Livestock barns are the center of the fairgrounds in promoting leadership, hard work, and personal achievement. All of the 4H members and FFA members' projects are displayed throughout the fair for the animal-related projects, and individual shows and livestock sales. The space allows community members, families, and children to view, touch, and interact with swine, sheep, goats, chickens, rabbits, and beef cattle. The barns are also used during community events such as safety days and livestock clinics. After the upgrade of the barns, it will be a more safe, secure, and inviting place for the fair participants and community members.

**Organization's Mission:** The Lewis County Agricultural Fair Association is in the business of promoting the interest, education, and advancement of agricultural and home economics within Lewis County, Missouri, and surrounding states. We strive to support today's youth through leadership, hard work, and personal advancement in their 4H and FFA experience during the yearly fair and throughout the year. As a part of the fair, we promote and encourage fun recreational activities that interest fairgoers of all ages.

The Lewis County Agricultural Fair was established in 1975 with the creation of the fair board and dedication of the fairgrounds. The first full county fair at a central location in 1976 after 47 years without a county fair. The Lewis County Fair had run a consecutive 44 years until the 2019 COVID-19 pandemic shut the fair down for the safety of all involved. We held the 45th Annual Lewis County Fair in 2022 and are continuing in 2022 with the 46th Annual Lewis County Fair.

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## **Northeast Missouri Humane Society**

**Project Name:** Trap Neuter Release Program

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** The Trap Neuter Release Program (TNR) is a way for the Northeast Missouri Humane Society (NEMOHS) to give back to the community by helping to control the unwanted cat population. Unwanted cats and kittens are one of the main reasons for animal surrendering in our 5 county region. By having a TNR program in effect, we can get the homeless cats spayed or neutered and their rabies shot and put them back in their original colony. This program is designed to be a safe and humane way to help control the homeless cat population problem.

**Organization's Mission:** Founded in 1966 on compassion as a Non-Profit 501 (c) (3), NEMO Humane Society currently cares for the lost, stray, injured, neglected and unwanted animals of five counties which include Marion, Ralls, Monroe, Shelby and Lewis. The Northeast Missouri Humane Society is committed to investing their expertise and resources in order to further achieve their cause. Their mission is to prevent neglect, abuse, cruelty, and overpopulation of domestic animals, to provide a network service to the lost or homeless, and to educate the public on problems that matter. They exist to make a difference. Each year they care for nearly 2000 homeless pets from the Northeast Missouri

area. NEMOHS continues to have a contract with the City of Hannibal to provide a home for strays picked up by the city's Animal Control. The staff and board members take their responsibility very seriously, and appreciate the support of the community. Just imagine what we can achieve together! The possibilities are endless.

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## Quincy Family YMCA

**Project Name:** Marketing to Improve Organizational Performance

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** The YMCA of West Central Illinois is requesting \$7,500 to invest in a marketing audit program. The marketing audit is an analysis of marketing efforts to ensure that our marketing efforts are lining up with the YMCA's strategic goals and organizational performance. The marketing audit would inform future decisions regarding marketing for programs and services that would expand our ability to deliver our mission of serving youth, families and creating safe spaces for all in the community.

**Organization's Mission:** The Quincy Family YMCA is a leading nonprofit community organization, serving Quincy & the surrounding communities as part of the YMCA of West Central Illinois Association. It is our mission to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. We are committed to strengthening the foundations of the community through programs and services focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Through involvement in these programs and services, the YMCA can build strong kids, strong families and a strong community. The YMCA of West Central Illinois serves all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, socio-economic backgrounds, religions, genders and creeds. No one is turned away from YMCA membership or programming due to an inability to pay. Financial assistance is available for memberships and programming. Locally, the YMCA of West Central Illinois engages over 3,000 members and over 1,000 additional program participants.

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## Quincy Humane Society

**Project Name:** Quincy Humane Society Operating Request

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Quincy Humane Society is requesting funding for general operating support. We are a no-kill animal shelter that does not receive government funding in any capacity. General operating support will help us to continue our mission of serving the people and pets of our community.

**Organization's Mission:** Since 1880 Quincy Humane Society has been committed to the welfare and responsible stewardship of animals. We provide shelter and care for animals as well as provide programs and services that enhance the companion animal-human bond for our community and surrounding areas. For the last 142 years Quincy Humane Society has been advocates for animals and we will continue to do so for many years to come.

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## **Shelby County Senior Citizens Association, INC**

**Project Name:** Expansion of Recreational and Fund Raising Opportunities.

**Amount Requested:** \$3,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Shelby County Senior Center requests funds to purchase a new or gently used snooker table to replace an old snooker table. The old table's slate has be broken and glued which makes play an adventure at best and impossible at times. Repair parts are no longer available for the old table.

**Organization's Mission:** Our mission is to keep Seniors and individuals with disabilities in their homes, where they are more comfortable and it makes more economic sense. We reach these goals through nutrition, health services, education, and socialization. Our first meal was served in 1973. We have been serving the needs of our county continuously for 49 years.

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## **The Clothes Closet**

**Project Name:** The Clothes Closet Elevator Renovation

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** The Clothes Closet is a in a two-story building which has a freight elevator and stairs to access the upper floor. A freight elevator cannot have passengers. Our work force consists of twenty volunteers whose average age is 73. In order to use the upper floor for storage, etc, the volunteers must climb two flights of stairs to reach that floor to load/unload the freight elevator. We are requesting funds for a service elevator to be installed in the existing freight elevator space so volunteers can "ride" to the second floor.

Our primary target area is Knox County but we have shoppers and donations from most of the surrounding counties (Clark, Scotland, Lewis, Macon, Schuyler, Adair, Shelby) and even some from Iowa

**Organization's Mission:** The Clothes Closet was established in 1998 as a nonprofit ministry of the Knox County United Methodist Parish. It is in a separate building in downtown Edina. The purpose was and is still to gather quality donated clothing, household goods and other items to be provided to individuals in Knox County and surrounding areas at a fair and equitable price.

Proceeds accumulated are distributed to projects and organizations primarily involving youth, children and their families. In both 2020 and 2022, The Closet distributed monetary gifts totaling over \$18,000 each year to 25 groups and organizations in Knox County. Also, anyone within Knox County with a tragic loss such as a fire are given clothing and household items at no charge.

By direction of our bylaws, none of the money generated by the Clothes Closet is used by or given to the United Methodist Parish or churches. Clothes Closet funds are in a separate bank account which is managed by the Clothes Closet Board.

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## **Two Rivers Regional Council of Public Officials**

**Project Name:** Marketing and Outreach

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** Two River Regional Council of Public Officials is requesting funds to support marketing and outreach for the organization. The marketing and outreach efforts would be to inform potential clients of the services TRRC offers and to reach potential donors. Funds would be used for various outreach initiatives like printing brochures, digital marketing, initiating fundraising efforts, and other marketing outlets.

**Organization's Mission:** To grow stronger and more positive communities through relationships. As a connected community of individuals, families, businesses and government; we focus on supporting the basic needs of our community, fostering resiliency, and developing economic opportunity for all.

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## **United Way of the Mark Twain Area**

**Project Name:** United Way Community Needs Process Implementation

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Each year at United Way through our campaign, we raise dollars and invest those dollars in local nonprofit organizations. At United Way, we want to utilize dollars raised in our campaign to make the greatest impact possible in our community. We want to ensure dollars are doing

relevant work to meet community needs and help individuals overcome barriers. For this reason, United Way's Board of Directors adopted a new bylaw to have a Community Needs Committee.

The Community Needs Committee will be responsible for identifying community needs and prioritizing goals and objectives of the work of United Way. These needs, goals, and objectives will be key in determining which organizations should receive dollars from United Way's annual campaign during the Community Impact Process. The work of this committee is completely new for our United Way organization. In order to launch the work of this process successfully and with tact, we desire to contract Maggie Strong Consulting who has designed a process for us to start this Community Needs work. Dollars from this grant will be put towards her consulting fee.

**Organization's Mission:** At United Way, it is our mission to "Increase the Capacity of People to Care for one Another." We do this by encouraging individuals to give of their time, talents, and treasures to local nonprofit organizations with our vision for the community as our goal. The vision we are working towards is to "empower all individuals to achieve their potential through education, financial stability, equity, and healthy lives." At United Way, we want to be more strategic with how we invest in local nonprofit organizations to ensure we are having the greatest impact we can have in our community.

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## United Way of the Mark Twain Area

**Project Name:** Empowering Nonprofit Organizations to Achieve their Potential with Nonprofit Training

**Amount Requested:** \$2,250

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** United Way of the Mark Twain Area partners with twenty area non-profit organizations each year and invests dollars in their mission to help their work come to life within our community. In addition to providing financial support to these organizations, United Way wants to work to empower leadership at organizations to ensure they have the knowledge and tools necessary to be the most effective they can be. For that reason, United Way is requesting dollars from the Community Foundation to fund a five-session Non-Profit Training for executive directors and board members of United Way Community Impact Agencies.

**Organization's Mission:** At United Way, it is our mission to "Increase the Capacity of People to Care for one Another." We do this by encouraging individuals to give of their time, talents, and treasures to local nonprofit organizations with our vision for the community as our goal. The vision we are working towards is to "empower all individuals to achieve their potential through education, financial stability, equity, and healthy lives." Additionally, United Way's board has determined that building the capacity of agencies within our community is another way our mission can continue coming to life.

# Education

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## **Bella Ease**

**Project Name:** Washington DC Trip

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Bella Ease is seeking funds to offer a learning opportunity to at risk students unable to go on the school trip to Washington DC but are committed to academic achievement. Students will be chosen from participants in our Teen Reach program that do not have the means to be able to participate in the school-sponsored Washington DC trip that is offered to Quincy Jr. High students. Eligibility for the trip will be determined based on factors such as attendance, school performance, parent involvement, and participation in fund-raising activities. On the trip, students will experience cross-country travel, tour many historic sites, and learn about how their lives are impacted by the events that have and will take place in Washington DC.

**Organization's Mission:** Bella Ease began in 2014 as the administrative entity for the Teen REACH program, but has since expanded to include programs such as Family Focus, Work Focus, College Bound, and more. All of our programs focus on encouraging families and individuals to move towards a healthy future and creating lasting change in their lives. It was our focus on family that established our name as well. "Bella Ease" is a combination of our founding staff members' mother's middle names. Bella Ease's mission is to inspire hope and empower people by creating opportunities for positive change.

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## **Central CUSD #3/ CAMP POINT WRESTLING**

**Project Name:** OUTFITTING WRESTLING FACILITY

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** The Camp Point Wrestling Task Force reached a goal of \$100,000 in 2020 to break ground on a much needed wrestling facility. Our program of approximately 100 wrestlers per year, outgrew its current gym, and was creating undesirable conditions for practice. The project was delayed due to the COVID 19 pandemic, and picked back up this year when the CUSD #3 Board of Education voted to award a bid and break ground this upcoming summer. We are now on the homestretch, and trying to raise our last bit of money to outfit the building with wall mats and three new wrestling mats for the floor. We are requesting this grant to help with the purchase of those items. The wall pads will make our facility a safer place for the athletes to practice and compete. The new

wrestling mats have been needed for years, as ours are cracked and curled due to rolling and storing them every day in our old gym. Seeing as wrestling mats have a 20 year lifespan, this investment will benefit thousands of student athletes in the upcoming years.

**Organization's Mission:** The Camp Point Wrestling program established in 1967 strives to serve as an athletic educational organization that teaches the sport of wrestling and its disciplines of hard work, leadership, and character building. Our three teams equal approximately 100 male and female wrestlers per year and are growing. We serve the counties of Adams, Brown, and Hancock. We offer a youth club which is open to all area wrestlers, as well as school sponsored jr. high and high school programs that co-op with Brown County and Augusta Southeastern schools. Our coaching staff, at all levels, are like minded in our goals to create an atmosphere where student athletes strive for success on the mat, and in the classroom.

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## **Chaddock Attachment and Trauma Services**

**Project Name:** Sensory Equipment

**Amount Requested:** \$3,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** Our Sensory Equipment is for our children who have experienced trauma and find it more difficult than other children to regulate their emotions and behaviors. Our sensory-driven approaches work for our population to reduce the frequency, duration, and intensity of behaviors our students are working through, and are a critical component of our successful treatment model. Equipment purchased with this grant will improve our existing efforts.

**Organization's Mission:** The Chaddock Children's Foundation exists solely to support the programs and services of the Chaddock Family of Organizations. (Chaddock, Chaddock Attachment and Trauma Services, The Knowledge Center at Chaddock, Chaddock Behavioral Health, and the Chaddock Children's Foundation.)

Chaddock provides a variety of psychological therapy, educational, and counseling services to children and families who have been significantly impacted by abuse, neglect, and other trauma and attachment-related issues. We also provide training, consultation, and other tools to other mental health professionals in the areas of trauma and attachment-related disorders.

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## **Cheerful Home Child Care & Early Learning Center**

**Project Name:** Gymnasium and Preschool Classroom Improvements

**Amount Requested:** \$4,195

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Cheerful Home is requesting funding to improve the learning environment of the gymnasium. Items of the request include two 6-foot by twelve-foot safety mats along with a foam block obstacle course. This will provide a safe environment for children to improve and develop gross motor skills. Two sets of Jumbo Magnetic Building Tiles will also be part of the request. These Building Tiles will be in the gymnasium as well and give the children a fun activity to improve their gross motor skills, fine motor, problem-solving and personal-social skills. Also, with mats, magnets, and a foam block obstacle course there will be a variety of teacher-directed learning activities that can be incorporated. Our request also includes one eight by nine-foot carpet for one preschool classroom that currently does not have one. This carpet will give preschoolers their own spot to sit and improve the classroom learning setting.

**Organization's Mission:** Cheerful Home Child Care & Early Learning Center's mission is to provide quality child care for all children of the community. Cheerful Home holds the belief that each child is entitled to a stimulating and nurturing environment in which to grow and learn. Therefore, Cheerful Home is committed to providing an educational curriculum emphasizing skills appropriate to the developmental level of each child. Since 1886, Cheerful Home Child Care & Early Learning Center has been an important part of the Quincy community, providing high-quality early education opportunities for children. We provide services for up to 174 children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 12 years of age. Cheerful Home is a not-for-profit corporation and the oldest licensed child care center in the state of Illinois.

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## **Community for Christ Assistance Center**

**Project Name:** Back to School Fair

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** Community For Christ Assistance Center will be sponsoring its annual "Back to School Fair" one month before the opening of school if possible. The purpose of the project is to provide school supplies, backpacks, gym shoes, gently used coats, hats, gloves, haircuts, immunizations, physical and dental screenings for CUSD#3 residents, students home schooled in the district, and children of clients of CFCAC.

**Organization's Mission:** CFCAC's mission statement is "A community of Christian people committed to providing for the need of the people". Our vision statement is "Faith in Action". We do this by offering food, milk, eggs, fresh produce and hygiene products to families in need according to USDA guidelines. We

also offer emergency financial assistance for local residents who are in need, a Thrift Store offering good affordable clothing and household items, a "Back to School Fair" providing school supplies, a "Money Matters" class to help clients learn to better manage their money, and are partnering with John Wood Community College to prepare students for their GED.

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## **Culver-Stockton College**

**Project Name:** Culver-Stockton College Young Writers Tour and Annual Conference

**Amount Requested:** \$5,689

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Since 1998, Culver-Stockton College has hosted a Young Writers Conference to provide high school students with opportunities to hone their writing skills, create work that can be used for college admissions and scholarship competitions, and learn from Culver-Stockton College faculty, current students, and keynote speakers. Under the current program, which takes place each spring on the campus of Culver-Stockton College, students who are able to travel to Canton, Missouri have access to this day of interactive writing workshops at no cost to them or their schools. Budget limitations of public and private high schools often limit the number of out-of-district events they are able to sponsor, the distance students are able to travel, and the number of students who are able to participate. The proposed expansion of the existing Young Writers Conference programming would enable Culver-Stockton College faculty and current students to travel to one high school in each of the twelve counties served by the Community Foundation (Clark, Knox, Lewis, Shelby, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, Pike, Hancock, Adams, Brown, and Pike) to replicate the conference in a more accessible way, eliminating the need for schools to provide transportation to and from Canton, Missouri, for the annual conference. The spring Young Writers Tour would culminate in the annual Young Writers Conference, where workshop participants from each of the twelve schools visited would have an opportunity to submit their work for adjudication and would be recognized during a virtual and in-person award ceremony.

**Organization's Mission:** Culver-Stockton College seeks to prepare students of promise for a dynamic world through our distinctive experiential curriculum within a supportive learning community founded upon the best values of faith and the human spirit. Founded in 1853 by members of the Disciples of Christ church, Culver-Stockton College has more than 160 years of educational and historical experience – surviving the Civil War and Great Depression, promoting social equality, developing a cutting-edge experiential learning curriculum, and incorporating technological advances – always striving to reach new levels of excellence.

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## Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

**Project Name:** G.I.R.L. Outreach Program

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** Every girl in our community has what it takes to be a Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, and Leader. Every girl in our community has what it takes to be a G.I.R.L.! However, we know that not all girls experience equitable opportunities for engaging in enrichment experiences. Systemic and environmental barriers intensify existing opportunity gaps for at-risk girls. To meet the persistent and emerging needs specific to these girls, GSCI delivers the G.I.R.L. Outreach Program. Designed to span 8 sessions and modified by age, this program focuses on entrepreneurship and financial literacy, life skill development, outdoor education, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Through activities designed to encourage well-being and bolster confidence, communication skills, and peer collaboration, outreach programming confronts challenges posing an increased threat to girls, while supporting their journey to achieve their dreams – dreams they share with all girls. 300 Girl Scouts from throughout Adams, Brown, Hancock, and Pike Counties will be served through a staff-led G.I.R.L. Outreach Program in the upcoming year. To increase equity and accessibility to educational and personal development programs within our communities, this program is delivered through collaborative partnerships with area schools and other youth-organizations in the communities we serve. In doing so, we eliminate the need for reliable transportation to a program site – a significant barrier to program access – by meeting girls directly where they are. GSCI also fully subsidizes the \$25 membership fee required by our national organization for every girl served through outreach programming, delivering our program free of cost to each participant.

**Organization’s Mission:** Founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouting is the world's preeminent leadership organization dedicated solely to girls. Girl Scouts offers the best leadership development experience for girls in the world--one that is designed with, by, and for girls. Across the country, and in our backyards, there are thousands of girls with untapped talents and skills who just need one thing – opportunities. Today, Girl Scouts remains the organization best positioned to offer those opportunities, helping girls develop key competencies for their success and well-being. For nearly 13,000 girls, Girl Scouts of Central Illinois (GSCI) works locally to team girls with a diverse set of peers and community-based mentors as she explores her interests in an all-girl environment. Our research-proven program model, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), empowers girls to lead their own adventures, collaborate, and participate in hands-on activities.

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## **Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri**

**Project Name:** Explore Girl Scouts

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** To reach more girls in Missouri's northeast region, Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri (GSEM) will host its new recruitment program, "Explore Girl Scouts," in the counties of Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike, Knox, Shelby and Monroe from September 2022 through May 2023. Led by GSEM's Community Engagement Managers and conducted in four sessions over four weeks, Explore Girl Scouts introduces young girls and their caregivers to the benefits of Girl Scouting and the progressive leadership skill-building it inspires. The objective is to recruit eight (8) new Daisy troops (60-80 new Girl Scouts in K-1st grade) and 8 new volunteer troop leaders in northeast Missouri.

In addition to its recruitment benefits, Explore Girl Scouts also give GSEM's Community Engagement Managers a unique opportunity to highlight all of the resources that Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri offers its girl members and adult volunteers to ensure active and engaged participation. These resources include scholarship and financial assistance for uniforms, membership, and program fees as well as monthly subscription-style boxes for volunteer troop leaders that contain the supplies and instruction needed to lead regular Girl Scout troop meetings.

**Organization's Mission:** Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri (GSEM) is 104 years old, reaching 30,000+ members annually. Covering St. Louis City along with a 28-county region in eastern Missouri, GSEM is the 6th largest Girl Scout council of 111 in the nation. GSEM's goal is simple: Reach More Girls. It does this each year with the help of 13,000+ adult volunteers. All Girl Scouts can participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience -- a progressive skill building program that includes participation in a local Girl Scout troop, camping/outdoor programs, school-based outreach, robotics teams, and Council-led programs built on the four core program pillars of STEM, Entrepreneurship, Life Skills and Camp/the Outdoors.

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## **Hannibal-LaGrange University**

**Project Name:** HLGU Faculty Retention for Continuation of Mission

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Pike, IL ; Clark, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO

**Description of Request:** While Hannibal-LaGrange University is in a season of transition, the leadership has implemented the Integrity Plan. Part of the Integrity Plan is a short-term reduction of salaries, including faculty salaries. In order to retain our highly qualified faculty, we are asking for salary funding support to continue our mission to provide an excellent education to area students.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of Hannibal-LaGrange University is to provide an excellent education in both liberal arts and professional disciplines in a distinctively Christian environment that integrates Christian faith and learning in preparing graduates for both personal and career effectiveness. Founded in 1858, Hannibal-LaGrange University is a 501(c)(3) organization with a long history of providing quality education to our students in a distinctively Christian environment.

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## **Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis**

**Project Name:** Junior Achievement Program

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Pike, IL ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** 1) Junior Achievement is helping schools address the need of having financial education, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programming in schools. Far too often this very important subject is not covered in textbooks or not in enough detail. Junior Achievement allows students to receive this material in a fun and engaging environment, that allows all students to participate and succeed.

2) Junior Achievement helps young people gain the skills and knowledge to make good choices for their future. Our delivery system forms partnerships between business and education, bringing a real-world perspective to learning. When young people are given the opportunity to set goals and the tools to achieve them, their potential.

**Organization's Mission:** Junior Achievement's Purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Junior Achievement is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA's programs—in the core content areas of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy—ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.

JA was founded in 1919. Its first program, JA Company Program®, was offered to high school students on an after-school basis. In 1975, the organization entered the classroom with the introduction of Project Business for the middle grades. Over the last 39 years, Junior Achievement has expanded its activities and broadened its scope to include in-school and after-school students.

Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis was founded in 1943.

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## Monroe County Extension Foundation

**Project Name:** Monroe County Extension Foundation

**Amount Requested:** \$2,800

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Purchase of 12 classroom incubators, at a cost of \$149.99 each for a total \$1,799.88

Purchase of larger office incubator to do the pre-incubation before delivering to classroom at a cost of \$999.99

**Organization's Mission:** In 2015, the Monroe County Extension Council formed a 501c3 Foundation to supplement and expand the work of Extension in Monroe County. Their goal was insuring that Extension remained relevant and local in our county. We hope to accomplish this goal in multiple ways. One of the biggest projects is building a locally owned Extension office that will house our staff. Rent is a larger line item of the Council Budget, and having our own office would free those funds to further utilize our county appropriations. The Foundation would also like to supplement areas where the Council or its programs run short. This particular request falls under the program of our Youth Program Associate. In 2022, we were able to take the Embryology to 19 classrooms reaching 306 kids in Monroe County. In order to do so, we had to borrow incubators from many sources and drag the program out over two months time. We like to get more equipment to abbreviate the program timeline in the future.

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## NECAC - North East Community Action Corporation

**Project Name:** Freezer Meal Solutions

**Amount Requested:** \$3,600

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Shelby, MO

**Description of Request:** Preserving good freezer meals is becoming a lost art, and the teaching of correct preparation, freezing, and cooking process to pack in the nutritious flavor will improve food preservations skills of individuals. . Stocking your freezers with home cooked meals is not only prudent, it's a simple and inexpensive way to build your food storage. Organized educational freezing classes will be held with individuals and families that want to learn the art of freezer meals and preserving foods. The overarching goal of the project is to lower obesity rate and improve the quality of life in Shelby County. The vision is to give individuals the opportunity to experience a healthy life and lower the risk factors they are facing. By preparing the freezer meals the individuals are able to eliminate the added preservatives that are use for longer shelf lives in already prepared foods in stores, and prepare their own meals with more nutritious values.

**Organization's Mission:** NECAC's vision is to empower people within their own communities to eliminate poverty so that all residents can achieve and enjoy economic independence. We are committed to build stronger communities by strengthening families. Our visualization is that all community members, including lower income people themselves, will take the responsibility and work together to alleviate the cause of poverty. Through expanding and developing partnerships and funding.

NECAC is a 12 county area not-for-profit Community Action Agency serving the needs of the low income, elderly, youth, disabled and disadvantaged through contractual partnership agreements and grants with government agencies, private business and other non-profit groups. NECAC provides temporary assistance to our neighbors in need, helping them become self-sufficient to build better lives. NECAC and Community Action..."Empowering People, Changing Lives, Building Communities"

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## **Palmyra R-1 Makerspace**

**Project Name:** Makerspace Start-Up Project

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO

**Description of Request:** We are requesting funds to start a district-wide Makerspace. We would like to create an area with the proper tools and materials for all students to extend and deepen their learning opportunities. This program will pave the way for our district to develop partnerships within our community and help our students be career-ready.

**Organization's Mission:** The Palmyra Makerspace, once established, will be part of the Palmyra R-1 School District. The Palmyra R-1 School District recognizes individual student needs and provides the means for every student to reach his/her highest potential. We are a public school in Marion County, Missouri, educating students in grades Pre-K-12. Currently, enrollment is approximately 1,300. Our school district has three main buildings- an elementary school, a middle school, and a high school.

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## **Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools Foundation**

**Project Name:** Tuition Assistance Support

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** The Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation requests support for our tuition assistance program which supports families who wish to send their children to one of the four Catholic elementary schools in Quincy. On average, more than 90 families receive tuition assistance of

approximately \$140,000. In addition to the tuition assistance provided by the foundation, the four parishes in Quincy who have elementary schools also subsidize about 35% of the cost to educate each student which means every student who attends a Catholic elementary school receives some level of tuition support. This additional help from the parishes enables our schools to keep tuition as affordable as possible. However, there are still families whose income limitations would prevent them from sending their child(ren) to one of the four schools if it weren't for the assistance of the QCES Foundation.

**Organization's Mission:** The Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools (QCES) Foundation was established in August 2009 to support Catholic elementary education in Quincy through the establishment of a permanent tuition-assistance fund. The primary goal of the organization is to make a Catholic elementary school education affordable and attainable for every family seeking to send their child(ren) to one of the four Catholic elementary schools in Quincy. The foundation also seeks to promote Catholic education and increase the enrollment and financial viability of the four elementary schools by "sharing the good news" (marketing) about the academic programs and co-curricular opportunities grounded in strong moral values that are offered in the four Quincy Catholic Elementary Schools.

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## Quincy Children's Museum

**Project Name:** Quincy Children's Museum Outreach Experience

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Program funds are being requested to engage children and their families with hands-on programming. By cultivating and participating in community outreach events and activities that inspire curiosity, connection, creativity, and discovery, our request will be utilized to provide high quality experiences that support our organizational mission. By collaborating with local schools, clubs, and organizations to offer these opportunities to all children, we will be able to support positive experiences that will influence the way adults engage with the children in their lives as well as all participants experiencing something new while engaging with our program.

Partial funding for this program has already been obtained to cover the costs associated with a trailer and several new exhibits as we expand. We have received interest from schools and organizations throughout the region requesting our programming at their location and/or events.

**Organization's Mission:** Since incorporation in 2019, QCM has become a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to transform the lives of children and families through experiences that inspire curiosity, connection, creativity, and discovery. This mission is achieved through unique, hands-on learning opportunities and dynamic community partnerships. Last Summer, we began offering high quality community outreach exhibits throughout the region that highlight our commitment to bringing this much needed project to life here. We announced our future location earlier this year but know the need for this type of programming is here now, so we plan to continue offering pop-ups and specific programs as we work through the fundraising and construction process.

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## Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association

**Project Name:** Four Youth Music Programs of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO

**Description of Request:** We respectfully request support for four QSOA Youth Music Programs: Free in-school symphony concerts, free youth admissions, and Youth Chorus & Youth Orchestra programs for grades 3-12. These programs represent \$53,000 of our overall budget and provide valuable music education at the heart of our mission.

The orchestra will perform free in-school concerts for over 3,000 3rd thru 6th graders, including all Quincy elementary and parochial schools, and many rural schools from at least eight surrounding counties. Children learn about symphonic music and instruments, and consider participation in their school music program. The study of music can lead to a fulfilling, life-long skill and brings joy.

Free admission for age 18 & under to paid Orchestra & Chorus concerts allows whole families to enjoy an enriching family activity at an affordable cost.

The Youth Chorus (QAYC) and Youth Orchestra (QAYO) provide ensembles for many students without access to such groups at school. For other students, the ensembles enhance their school music experience and require a high level of commitment. Students from 30 schools in 6 counties meet weekly fall to spring. Tuition is \$60/student, and is free if financial need. Tuition covers only 14% of expenses so other funding is critical.

The words of one Youth Chorus parent: "The high school years are so important for preparing young people for their futures. My daughter is a senior making big decisions about current jobs, future careers, and where to live next. It's all very stressful. The weekly QAYC rehearsals are an oasis of calm, a time when my daughter is transported to a place of great beauty and positive emotions which she not only experiences but helps create. I want her to do well academically and to be successful, yet even more, my dream for her future is that she have a happy life. Singing with QAYC fills her with JOY! QAYC is an incredible gift that ripples through the lives of its singers and their families."

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of the Quincy Symphony Orchestra Association (QSOA) is to bring fine symphonic orchestral and choral music to the people of Quincy region, to provide organizations for area musicians to perform such music, and to provide programs that encourage young musicians to foster their interest and skills in symphonic and choral music. The QSOA includes the Symphony Orchestra (est. 1947), Symphony Chorus (est. 1972), Youth Orchestra (QAYO) (est. 1988), Youth Chorus (QAYC) (est. 1995), and Encore! Volunteer Council (est. 1954).

The QSO is excited to celebrate our 75th Anniversary! The award winning QSOA received state-wide recognition for collaborative & innovative programming, and was recently named Illinois's Community Orchestra of the Year in 2020 by the Illinois Council of Orchestras. The competitive state-wide award recognized excellence in programming & repertoire, community involvement, youth opportunities, audience growth, fiscal responsibility, and community support.

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## Quincy YMCA / Brown County Early Learning Center

**Project Name:** General Operating Support

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** The Brown County Early Learning Center is requesting funds for general operating expenses. The need for quality care in Brown county and surrounding counties is huge. Early Childhood programs aim to improve outcomes for young children. Families also benefit also by support services such as child social emotional and referrals to community services. The center offers small classroom sizes, a curriculum, and educated staff.

**Organization's Mission:** The YMCA/ Brown County Early Learning Center's mission is to provide quality care for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years. To provide a safe and loving environment. To provide a quality center for children to learn and grow. The Brown County Early Learning Center opened February 8, 2022. Brown county and the surrounding counties needed reliable, safe, and early childhood education for their children.

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## Regional Office of Education

**Project Name:** Ready. Set. Grow. West Central Illinois

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** We are requesting funding to purchase approximately 2000 books to put into the hands of parents to help make their child smarter. Research has proven that children from lower socioeconomic households have a 30 million word gap in contrast to those children of higher economic households when entering kindergarten. Ready. Set. Grow. empowers parents to read daily to their children to build their children's brain to close this gap. In turn, children are ready for much success as they enter their school careers. Funds from the Regional Office of Education are not given to Ready. Set. Grow. RSG is entirely grant funded.

**Organization's Mission:** Ready. Set. Grow. empowers families within our 10 county region to raise their children for success. RSG empowers parents to realize the influence they can have on their child's brain development by putting books and other resources in area households and encouraging families to intentionally and consistently work to build the architecture of their children's brains.

Ready. Set. Grow. was birthed in 2013 as an answer to the community need for life changing education on the importance of brain development in birth to age 5.

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## Salvation Army of Quincy

**Project Name:** iPads for Youth Development

**Amount Requested:** \$5,613

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** The Salvation Army Kroc Center's Youth Development program needs to update the iPads it uses in all youth programs. The current iPads are either 2012 or 2015 models. Some are obsolete when it comes to downloading apps because they don't have the newest iOS. The iPads are used by almost 200 kids in our programs to write code for our Sphero robots that incorporate STEM learning, homework in Kroc Academy (afterschool program) and for use during Camp Kroc (summer program) and School's Out Day Camp.

**Organization's Mission:** The vision of The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is to be a place of Inspiration, Instruction, and Involvement in our community by providing hope and opportunities for all people through spiritual and physical wellness, educational enrichment, and life skills development. It fosters an environment where individuals are enabled to reach their maximum potential, physically and spiritually, while providing the opportunity to be involved in the mission of The Salvation Army, which is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Salvation Army has been serving Quincy since 1893 and the Kroc Center opened in 2011.

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## St. Peter School

**Project Name:** Para Educator

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** St. Peter School is requesting funds to provide two one-on-one para-educators for classroom support for two students who have Down Syndrome. One student will be entering fourth grade while the other student will be going into sixth grade. Each student requires a full time para-educator to support the student while working within the classroom with his classmates. The para-educator will also differentiate the curriculum to promote academic growth at his level.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of St. Peter School is to assist parents in their role as the primary educators of their children by providing quality education rooted in Catholic values and teachings. Through the programs offered, St. Peter Faculty and Staff strive to challenge each student to reach full potential through spiritual, moral, intellectual, social and physical development so that he/she may become an intelligent, compassionate person who incorporates Catholic Christian values into everyday living.



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## CHART Teen Task Force

**Project Name:** Sexuality Education in Northeast Missouri Schools

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** The CHART (Community Health Assistance Resource Team) Teen Task Force will provide a sexuality educator for late elementary through high school aged students in our service area of seven northeast Missouri Counties (Clark, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Ralls, Shelby). The educator will teach students about puberty, anatomy, decision making, abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, birth control methods, healthy relationships, sexting/internet safety, and consent/assault. Provision of accurate information to prevent STDs, teen pregnancy and ways to increase safety for youth entering adolescence is crucial to their well-being. While the number of unintended births to teens has decreased in all counties since 1995, each year we have new pre-teens and teens that are in need of accurate information to prevent STDs, Pregnancy, and increase safety. Prevention in these three areas has a lasting impact on the physical, mental, and financial well-being of these youth beyond their teen years. The impact of reducing teen pregnancies and STDs also reduces the need for community supportive resources for these teens.

**Organization's Mission:** The CHART Teen Task Force (CTTF) Mission: Provide teens with information to make responsible, informed decisions about their sexuality. Vision: A healthy community with no unintended teen births or sexually transmitted diseases. We are an all-volunteer coalition formed in 1995 to address the need to reduce high teen birth rates in 7 NEMO counties. Our original goal Reduce the number of unintended teen births by 1/3 from 1995 to 2005. This goal was surpassed in 2003 with continued reduction to 73% 2020. CTTF is a non-profit organization with a five-person Board of Directors. All community prevention work funding is from grants/donations allowing us to offer free programs/educational events for participants/schools. We've been a United Way of Mark Twain Area agency since 1997. State & national recognition include: Outstanding Local Coalition by National Org. on Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting & Prevention; Recipient-MO Governor Award for Community Health Leadership twice, runner up once

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## Community for Christ Assistance Center

**Project Name:** Hygiene Products

**Amount Requested:** \$3,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** CFCAC request funding for hygiene products. This supports our mission by helping to meet the needs of our clients. By providing hygiene products, our clients will have more self-esteem and overall improved physical well-being. By providing hygiene products, we enable our clients to use their finances to cover other living expenses.

**Organization's Mission:** CFCAC's mission statement is "A community of Christian people committed to providing for the need of the people". Our vision statement is "Faith in Action. We do this by offering food, milk, eggs, fresh produce and hygiene to families in need according to USDA guidelines. We also offer emergency financial assistance for local residents who are in need, a Thrift Store offering good affordable clothing and household items, a "Back to School Fair" providing school supplies, a "Money Matters" class to help clients learn to better manage their money, and are partnering with John Wood Community College to offer GED classes locally.

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## Good Samaritan Home

**Project Name:** Snowplow Request

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Good Samaritan is requesting funds to acquire a new front-end snow plow for our maintenance department. Our previous plow was knocked out of commission late in the winter last year, and our maintenance crew struggled to keep up with the snow removal for our facility and cottages due to this equipment failure. With over 130 in-house residents, and over 180 total cottages including our Cherry Lane neighborhood, timely snow removal is vital to the operation and safety of our home and it's residents, employees, and families we serve.

**Organization's Mission:** For 65 years, The Good Samaritan Home of Quincy has provided experienced, compassionate, personalized care for the aged population, and the families, of West-Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri. Since our inception, we've grown and evolved into a Life Plan Community, meaning we encompass all levels of care that one might need at the same facility. This includes independent living, assisted living, short-term rehabilitation, and a state licensed memory care unit, all under one roof. We will continue to serve our residents, their family, our staff, and the greater community through compassionate care. We aspire to demonstrate Christ's love, goodwill, and charity in all we do.

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## Hancock County Health Department

**Project Name:** Community CPR Classes 2022-2023

**Amount Requested:** \$5,502

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** The Hancock County Health Department would provide CPR classes to the businesses, community members, schools, and any others. The CPR class could be for individuals taking the class for the first time or few individuals that need to renew their CPR certification.

**Organization's Mission:** Hancock County Health Department's mission is to promote the health of our community.

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## Memorial Hospital/Hancock County Addiction Coalition

**Project Name:** Support for Access to Treatment and Educational Outreach

**Amount Requested:** \$1,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** The Hancock County Addiction Coalition has assembled a parent education tool called Hidden In Plain Sight (HIPS). This is a life-sized model of a teen bedroom, and contains many items which appear harmless, but can actually be red flags of possible substance abuse. Persons must be 21 or older to view the display, which contains 30+ items that parents and guardians need to be able to recognize as items of concern and reasons to ask questions of our teens. The display has appeared at health fairs, substance abuse education events, car shows, a mental health conference, a fundraising gala, Western IL Threshers, Smiles Day, and an Overdose Awareness Day event. At every HIPS appearance, parents and teachers are shocked by the ordinary appearance of drug paraphernalia and the ready availability of these items, which were obtained from Amazon and local convenience stores. Future plans include setting up at county schools for Fall Open Houses. The display components are transported in a 6 x 10 trailer. Coalition members volunteer to use our personal pickups to pull the trailer, but the cost of gas is presenting challenges to access to the HIPS display.

The Hancock County Addiction Coalition also assists in supporting or transporting persons in need who are seeking treatment for substance abuse disorder or addiction to appropriate treatment facilities. People in active addiction frequently lack resources such as gas money or a working vehicle, and treatment facilities with available beds are 100 to 200 miles away from Hancock County. In some cases, it is necessary for an individual to be housed in a safe location away from their current associates for a day or two while an available bed is located and arrangements are made for admission to an appropriate facility. There are Coalition members and other volunteers willing to drive people, but current gas prices limit what they are able to do for these individuals in need. Additional funding is needed to support these efforts.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of the Hancock County Addiction Coalition (HCAC) is to support, treat, and educate people and reduce and prevent addictions in our communities. HCAC has members representing many different fields in the county. We have members of law enforcement, a judge, medical and mental health professionals, clergy, persons in recovery, representatives of local schools, public health, retirees from related professions (nurse, social worker, public health), and interested community members.

The Coalition was founded in 2016 under the leadership of Ada Bair of Memorial Hospital. This group of concerned individuals wanted to do something about substance abuse and addiction in Hancock County. HCAC provides parent and community education through our Hidden In Plain Sight display (life-sized model of a teen bedroom) and other community presentations, and assists individuals in accessing and entering treatment, as well as supporting sober living and continuing recovery.

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## **Quincy Hospitality House**

**Project Name:** Open Doors Open Hearts

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO

**Description of Request:** These funds will help with our general operating of running the Quincy Hospitality House. From utilities, internet, water, housekeeping, linen service, postage, some food, and helping to cover the cost for some guests who cannot afford to pay. These funds will help us in covering the day to day cost of operations. We say we provide temporary lodging; however, each guest has their own special needs. From a washer to have something clean to wear along with using scrubs that we have for them. To a tooth brush, curling irons, hair dryers, cell phone chargers, along with any toiletry you would have if you were in your own home. By providing our services of being a care giver to the care givers, helps relieves the stress for everyone. That truly helps patients heal faster.

**Organization's Mission:** Since 1998 the Quincy Hospitality House has provided support and services to patients, and their loved ones, of anyone seeking medical care in the Quincy area, and from any provider. This temporary lodging allows patients, and love ones, to be close while receiving any type of medical care, treatments, test doctor appointments, visiting someone in a nursing home, or a Veteran in the Illinois Veterans Home, Chaddock family, receiving home care, on Hospice, or for a funeral as it is all part of the healing process.

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## **Safe Kids Adams County**

**Project Name:** Safe Kids Adams County, Bike Safety

**Amount Requested:** \$2,216

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Safe Kids Adams County is seeking funds that will help supplement the educational awareness around bike safety, benefits of bike riding and the importance of movement in youth. Safe Kids Adams County Health Educator will visit county schools to provide education and encourage bike riding and bike safety among our county's youth; discussing the risk for injury and tips for injury prevention. Upon completion of the session all students will have more awareness while riding their bike. Each participant will also receive a bike helmet that is properly fitted and that they are able to wear to protect against brain injury while riding their bike.

**Organization's Mission:** Safe Kids Adams County exists to disseminate childhood injury prevention materials, strategies, and other related information through local networks for the purpose of increasing awareness and action. Safe Kids Adams County has been working to keep children Adams County safe from unintentional injuries for almost 20 years through public awareness, education, public policy and community activities.



# Human Services

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## Advocacy Network for Children

**Project Name:** Advocacy Network for Children - Human Trafficking Response

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** To increase awareness and professional response to human trafficking which occurs within the tri-state region. To accomplish this, we propose a multi-disciplinary symposium to be held in Quincy, Illinois in concert with the Central Illinois Human Trafficking Task Force to train law enforcement, states attorneys and victim service providers. In addition, we propose a tri-state human trafficking awareness campaign to tri-state youth and personnel working in gas stations and hotels.

**Organization's Mission:** The Advocacy Network for Children is a 501c3 organization specifically created in 1990 to speak for and provide services to our community's most abused and neglected children. Our three core services include Children's Advocacy Centers, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program and Abuse Prevention Education (covering nine counties in west central Illinois including Pike County). Our services are provided in Adams, Brown, Schuyler, Hancock, McDonough, Pike, Scott, Cass and Morgan counties. Our mission is to help a child heal from the trauma of abuse and severe neglect and to prevent abuse wherever possible.

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## Barry Food Pantry

**Project Name:** The Barry Food Pantry

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** The foundation grant would help the Barry Food Pantry organization financially so they would be able to purchase the necessary items: food such as chicken, beef and pork, fresh or cans of vegetables and fruit, cereal, condiments: sugar, flour, cooking oil, and/or personal items such as shampoo, deodorant, body soap, paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap and laundry soap for the families that visit the pantry. The majority of the families that received foods and etc from the pantry are low income or/and senior citizens or families on a very limited income. Pike County is a low economical country. The Barry Food Pantry goals. are to help families with supplementing necessary food items and personal needs at a week at a time.

**Organization's Mission:** The Barry Food Pantry is a non-for-profit program that offers food and miscellaneous items for families that live in Pike County, Illinois. The families will be able to have balanced meals and snacks on a weekly basis. The Barry Food Pantry operates from donations of individuals, businesses, grants and fund raisers. The reopening of the Barry Food Pantry has been in operation for five years and have served thousand of families over the years. The organization is ran by volunteers. The volunteers are individuals that live in the community and are all ages, the majority are retired people. The Barry Food have volunteers that are working towards community service for schools or for the court system.

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## **Birthday Blessings**

**Project Name:** Program support to meet physical and emotional needs of kids in the Missouri foster system

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** We are requesting \$7,500 in program support to provide backpacks, duffle bags, baskets of household goods, baby care items, Easter baskets, school supplies, new books, seasonal care packages for kids in residential facilities, and graduation recognition bags for kids in the Missouri foster system. We strive to meet needs physical and emotional needs of kids in care through these services. Items sent to the kids are selected to target needs unmet through government funding or other agencies.

**Organization's Mission:** Birthday Blessings is an autonomous organization that strives to meet physical and emotional needs of children and teens in the Missouri foster care system. We do this by providing resources through collaboration with Judicial Circuit Children's Divisions, Court Appointed Special Advocate Programs and other foster child advocacy agencies. We gift the kids with items that encourage education and critical thinking skills, promote social interaction, increase physical health and enhance emotional well-being. We also meet individual needs of kids on an emergency basis, as requested by Children's Division or other support agencies.

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## **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

**Project Name:** Mobile Food Pantry 2022

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** Food insecurity impacts millions of Americans across our country. Quincy Catholic Charities continues to battle this problem in the counties we serve. Our Mobile Food Pantry helps fight this battle and extend beyond our physical location in downtown Quincy, Illinois. We are able to help the poor and economically disadvantaged in some of the most rural parts of the counties we serve. We feed the hungry by literally delivering food to them. Our Mobile Food Pantry currently has four mobile sites. We have one in Adams County, one in Brown County, and two in Pike County.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of Quincy Catholic Charities is "to extend to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus". The Mobile Food Pantry gives us the opportunity to extend our reach and help serve the rural communities in the counties we serve. We are able to use our compassionate mission to help serve individuals and families struggling with food insecurities. Quincy Catholic Charities first opened its doors to the community in 1945 to assist with the influx of orphans in the community needing placement in stable family homes. As we live out the mission of the agency today, trained staff strive to feed the hungry, tend to the sick, guide the weary and protect children from abuse and neglect.

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## Community for Christ Assistance Center

**Project Name:** Walk-in Freezer

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** CFCAC is requesting your financial assistance to install a walk-in freezer for our Food Pantry with a total cost of approximately \$40,000. The freezer is to cost \$24,980.00. Over the years the Center has used many upright and chest freezers to store frozen foods. We believe having one centralized freezer will benefit the Food Pantry in many ways by increasing our storage capacity available by nearly four times, improving stock rotation, having quicker and easier access to the food, providing even temperature control and maximizing space in our shed which presently houses four of our eight freezers.

This walk-in freezer will enable us to provide more frozen meat and frozen vegetables to our families in need of food.

**Organization's Mission:** CFCAC's mission statement is "A community of Christian people committed to provide for the needs of the people". Our vision statement is "Faith in Action". We do this by offering nutritious food, milk, eggs, fresh produce, and hygiene products to those in need according to USDA guidelines. We also provide emergency financial assistance for local residents who are in need, a Thrift store offering good affordable clothing and household items, a "Back to School Fair" providing school supplies, a "Money Matters" class to help clients learn to better manage their money, and partner with John Wood Community College offering GED classes.

CFCAC organized in 2004 with 13 local churches seeing the need. We are now supported by 35 churches of various denominations. Our board is made up of 18 members from these churches. We are now at our third location. God is good and always helps us meet the needs of the people.

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## **Covered Bottoms Diaper Bank, Inc.**

**Project Name:** Bridging the Diaper Gap in West Central Illinois

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** Covered Bottoms Diaper Bank (CBDB) distributes diapers to families in need through a network of eleven non-profit partner organizations. These agencies serve low-income families with comprehensive, evidence-based programming proven to strengthen and stabilize families and to give children healthy and happy beginnings. Rather than distributing diapers directly to families, CBDB works exclusively with partner agencies who value diaper distribution as a service to their clients. By collaborating with partners CBDB avoids creating a new distribution system, but even more importantly, strengthens the programming of the partners, by allowing them to make diapers available to families at scheduled appointments. CBDB uses a diaper supply software to track diaper inventory and diaper usage by the partners. This ensures that families with true need receive a monthly allotment of 50 diapers from only one partner agency. Space for the diaper depository has been generously donated by Quincy University, and community volunteers help package and shelve bundles of diapers. Once a month the partners pick up the number of diapers necessary to support client need. Together the partners provide approximately 270 children with an emergency supply of diapers each month. This is leading to healthier outcomes for children and peace of mind for parents.

As a member of the National Diaper Bank Network, CBDB is able to purchase diapers at below-wholesale pricing. All monetary gifts, donations, and grant requests go to purchase diapers and wipes for partner agency distribution to families in need. There is no cost to the family nor to the partner agency. The current list of partner organizations include: AOK, Bella Ease, Child and Family Connections, Connect Child and Family Solutions, Cornerstone First Steps, DCFS, Parent and Child Together (PACT), Salvation Army, Transitions Parents As Teachers, West Central Child Care Connection, and WIC of Adams County.

**Organization's Mission:** In 2018 partner agencies in the Adams County AOK network began meeting to strategize how to consistently provide needed resources to low-income families with young children. These agencies work with families who experience social challenges that keep them living at or below the poverty level. Many are unable to purchase the number of diapers their children need each month. Those partner meetings led to the birth of a new system resource in 2020. Covered Bottoms Diaper Bank, Inc. (CBDB) was formed to streamline the collection and distribution of diapers to low-income families. Local social service agencies already providing families with a variety of supports can now make an emergency supply of diapers available to families who need them. This helps bridge the gap between the number of diapers families can afford and what they truly need. The diaper depository is located on the north campus of Quincy University. Its mission is 100% accomplished by the work of dedicated volunteers.

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## **Douglass Community Services, Inc.**

**Project Name:** Kids in Motion: Curriculum development

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Pike, IL ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO

**Description of Request:** To develop and implement a job training curriculum that is expressly designed for middle school students from low-economic backgrounds and who exhibit at-risk social behaviors. The program will combine career exploration with local businesses and job training skills that are important for the middle school student. Those skills include teamwork, communication skills, research skills, and time management.

**Organization's Mission:** For over 50 years, Douglass Community Services is a trusted partner in building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. We are a non-profit operating several programs within 9 counties of Northeast Missouri. We have a rich history of assisting individuals in our communities for over 50 years. We provide services including early childcare education, food services, volunteer opportunities, and assistance to at-risk youth.

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## **Douglass Community Services, Inc.**

**Project Name:** Douglass Community Services: Protecting our Senior Assets

**Amount Requested:** \$3,400

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Older adults lose an estimated \$3 billion each year to financial scams. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program at Douglass Community services will partner with TigerHawk Technologies and HomeBank to provide a 2 hours seminar to area seniors on how to protect their assets from scams. During the first part of the seminar, a speaker from TigerHawk Technologies will address cyber security and during the second half, a representative of HomeBank will discuss protecting accounts from scammers. The two sessions will be separated by a meal. This meal time will give attendees time to discuss and share among each other their experiences with protecting their financial assets.

**Organization's Mission:** For over 50 years, Douglass Community Services is a trusted partner in building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities. We are a non-profit operating several programs within 9 counties of Northeast Missouri. We have a rich history of assisting individuals in our communities for over 50 years. We provide services including early childcare education, food services, volunteer opportunities, and assistance to at-risk youth.

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## **FACT: Families and Communities Together**

**Project Name:** Home Resource Program

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Funds are being requested for our Home Resource Program. In cooperation with an organization called Good360 the Home Resource Program receives donations of household and other items including toys from nine retail stores. By paying fees to Good360 F.A.C.T. is the sole donation partner for general merchandise from these stores. The Home Resource Program has labor and travel expense to pick up the items, sort, clean and repair the items for usefulness and distribute items to those in need. The Program also requires storage space to house the items until they can be distributed. The agreement with Good360 and the stores is that F.A.C.T. cannot sell, trade, barter, or put the items in a fund raising auction of any kind. The donated items must be given to individuals, families and children in need at no cost to them. Because of this agreement there is no way for the Program to sustain itself. The Program has operated for over ten years on the generosity of donors, grantors and a Grant Agreement from the MO Department of Social Services (DSS). The grant amount from DSS has not increased for over ten years, while all other expenses for the Program have increased. In order for the Program to survive and continue to serve individuals, families and children it must receive financial support other than the grant from DSS.

**Organization's Mission:** F.A.C.T. collaborates with local people to develop and build stronger, more successful families and children to achieve the following purposes: Build, nurture and strengthen families. Strive to ensure every child has the opportunity to become healthy, responsible, productive and a contributing member of the community. Develop or build upon existing resources to plan and implement a pro-family strategy.

In 1993 the Governor of MO signed an Executive Order to establish Caring Community Partnerships to promote collaboration and innovation to change the way services were delivered so local decision-making would be utilized. In 1995 a group of community leaders established a Caring Community Partnership in Marion County named Families And Communities Together (F.A.C.T.). Initially offices were located in Palmyra and Hannibal. With the sole office now in Hannibal F.A.C.T. has primary responsibility for Marion County and secondary responsibility for Ralls and Pike Counties and others.

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## **Food For Thoughts Hancock County**

**Project Name:** Food For Thoughts Hancock County

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Hancock, IL

**Description of Request:** It is hard to imagine in this rural farming community children do not have enough to eat. More than half of our students in Hancock County receive free and reduced lunch support. The need for children to have enough to eat on the week-end so they can play, study and be better prepared for

Monday is the reason for this service. This funding request is to assist with the purchase of the meal bags. The cost to feed a child for one year is \$225. All the funds requested will purchase food for children. We serve children from K-12 in our Hancock County schools.

**Organization's Mission:** Food For Thoughts Hancock County was established in the spring of 2013 with the sole purpose to strive to reverse the effects of childhood hunger by providing nutritional support via week-end meal bags that are distributed to children in need in collaboration with the schools in Hancock County. Initially serving 24 children in the Carthage schools we now feed 225 children in Carthage, Hamilton, LaHarpe, Warsaw and Nauvoo. This program is supported by an all volunteer team who educate, fund raise, distribute bags and shop for supplement products for long week-ends and holidays.

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## **Foster Adopt Connect, Inc.**

**Project Name:** My Storybook Memory Portal

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** My Storybook Memory Portal can offer ways of tracking placement histories, archiving legal documents and assisting a foster child in telling their life story. This Memory Portal will provide continuous accessibility for the foster child's photos and documents as they age or move within the foster care system. It will help a child create a visual confirmation of their existence. The purpose of the Memory Portal will be to help foster children understand their history, provide a tool to use when working through feelings and issues about their past and present with the foster parents and/or case worker, and to help the child develop a positive self-concept and identity. It is an opportunity for communication that helps to facilitate identity, trust, connection, and attachment. The Memory Portal will be utilized for uploading and securing memorable and candid photos of their everyday lives with their foster families, classmates, and neighborhood friends. It will have the ability to store legal documents such as birth certificates to help them achieve milestones like obtaining a driver's license, entering the workforce, applying for higher education and career opportunities similar to their peers with minimal barriers or stumbling blocks for success. This project portal will also not only capture photos and documents but those educational memories to purchase such items as yearbooks, class jewelries (rings, necklaces, etc), graduation attire, and other products.

**Organization's Mission:** Founded in 1998 as a small support group for Kansas City foster families, FosterAdopt Connect has grown into a multi-service nonprofit organization with nine resource centers across Missouri and Kansas. We are dedicated to providing support and advocacy to create a more caring and effective child welfare system. Our services help families gain the resources they need to be effective, loving caregivers, and help foster children find their Forever Home. Established in October 2022, the Hannibal Resource Center provides services, 100% free of charge, to the counties of Marion, Monroe, Pike and Ralls. Services include a clothing closet and the direct service program of family advocacy with the child welfare system and the judicial system.

**Mission Statement:** To provide foster and adoptive children a stable, loving and nurturing family environment by support and advocacy for abused and neglected children and the families caring for them.

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## Harvest Outreach Ministries

**Project Name:** Harvest House

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** We are requesting funding to help men and women enter the Harvest House Transitional sober living. Though the Harvest House we offer a safe sober living environment for those coming from treatment, prison, and jails. With our accredited transitional housing we are able to help the overflow of care and help alleviate overcrowding and offer a long term solution to the substance abuse problem plaguing our communities and state.

**Organization's Mission:** Harvest Outreach offers a faith-based approach to recovery, lifelong sobriety and good mental health while also meeting the physical and social needs of people transitioning out of their old life of dependency and into their new life of hope and purpose.

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## Harvest Outreach Ministries

**Project Name:** Service Vehicle Purchase Request

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** We are asking for consideration to help replace our only service vehicle. Presently, we have a 1993 Ford pickup with approximately 200,000 miles on it. Sadly, at the present time, it is living up to the old joke of Ford standing for "Fix Or Repair Daily." It is a constant struggle to keep it running. We utilize this truck daily for all of our food programs, including Loaves and Fishes, Feed America and delivering food to those who are homebound. In addition, the truck is used for helping new residents at the Harvest House who do not have access to transportation. We provide initial help with transportation as needed to doctors appointments, job interviews, etc. until they can work out their own transportation.

This is a need for our organization, not a luxury. Your time and consideration for this valuable purchase will be greatly appreciated.

**Organization's Mission:** Harvest Outreach offers a faith-based approach to recovery, lifelong sobriety and good mental health while also meeting the physical and social needs of people transitioning out of their old life of dependency and into their new life of hope and purpose.

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## Horizons Social Services

**Project Name:** Horizons Social Services

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Poverty, drug and alcohol addiction, and mental health issues all threaten the health and well-being of our community.

We believe food is the gateway to life at Horizons. Our work begins around a table. Individuals come to Horizons for food relief but find so much more. Once their physical need for food is met, they find acceptance, they find relationship, they find compassion, and they find love. And, because they find these elements of hope, many find a renewed interest in life. Around the table our guests find opportunities. Our staff and volunteers work to build relationships with our guests. Building meaningful relationships with our guests begins with establishing trust. This relationship building is fruitful for many reasons. We are better able to discover root issues of poverty once a level of trust has been established. Then the real work begins. We offer a multitude of classes and group sessions designed to help individuals overcome the very circumstances that caused their poverty.

We believe you can't overcome poverty and its effects with more food or more welfare. We believe we can help overcome poverty in relationships. We do however know from first-hand experience, providing resources is part of the process of poverty alleviation. You can't focus on finding a job if you are hungry. We have seen first-hand lives transformed by our work.

**Organization's Mission:** Horizons mission is to feed the hungry in our community... body, mind, and soul.

Our desire is to meet our guests where they are and help them achieve holistic wellness. First, by meeting their immediate food needs and then by developing a relationship built on trust. Once a meaningful relationship has been established, we can begin to uncover the root issues of their poverty and introduce them to opportunities for restoration and transformation.

History - In November of 2009, Horizons was incorporated as a partnership of four local churches looking to provide hunger relief to the poor and needy in our community. What started with one church trying to meet the needs of the hungry has turned into over 30 churches mobilizing to restore the brokenness in our community.

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## **Lewis County Food Pantry INC**

**Project Name:** Striking Out Hunger 2022

**Amount Requested:** \$1,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO

**Description of Request:** We require funds for rent and utilities in order to have a place to distribute commodities. We do not need funds for commodities due to our partnership with the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri.

**Organization's Mission:** The Lewis County Food Pantry provides food and supplies to Lewis County residents once per month. Our organization is completely volunteer run. The commodities are provided free of charge from our partnership with the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri.

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## **Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois**

**Project Name:** MHCWI Trauma Informed Practices Training, Partnership with Chaddock of Quincy

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Brown, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** Through trauma-related training, our counseling staff will be able to gain more knowledge and skills to more effectively treat and serve clients in Brown, Hancock, and Pike Counties in Illinois. The majority of the clients we serve have all been impacted by adverse childhood experiences and oftentimes very significant traumas that impact all areas of their lives. Trauma training is a costly expense and being able to obtain this training from The Knowledge Center through Chaddock, which is the organization known as the local trauma experts, is a great opportunity to further help the client's in the three communities that MHCWI serves. This training is aimed more at treatment for children with ACE's/trauma, but a lot of it can also be applied to adults as we often see many children in grown-up bodies. Our staff needs and wants to be able to help our child and adult clients process, understand, and cope with their traumas so they can function better for themselves, their families, and their communities. There has been a lot of research done in recent decades around adverse childhood experiences, the information and treatments continue to be brought to light and the more our counselors can learn and expand their knowledge, we can continue to provide the best quality care that we strive to provide our clients every day.

**Organization's Mission:** Brown County Mental Health started in February 1968 and both Pike and Hancock Counties started providing services in 1969. Over the course of 2005-2006, the three counties merged together to create the Mental Health Centers of Western Illinois. MHCWI's purpose is to meet

the individual and family needs of those living in our small rural communities that need behavioral healthcare services to treat mental health and/or substance use-related disorders. MHCWI also strives to share and maintain a firm, supportive, and well-coordinated working relationship with our community partners such as our school, medical providers, emergency medical service teams (EMS), law enforcement agencies, acute care hospitals, and small local businesses.

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## **NorthEast Independent Living Services**

**Project Name:** Show-Me Home

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** NorthEast Independent Living Services (NEILS) assists individuals with disabilities who are currently residing in a nursing home to move back into their own home/apartment within the community. Far too often, individuals with disabilities, including the aging population, are placed in a nursing home without consideration of the broad supports available within the community to help them live more independently on their own. Family members who are over-burdened feel the only safe and simple option is to place their loved one in a facility where they receive "24/7" care. It is often those same family members who are unaware of the community supports available to help keep their loved ones from entering a nursing home prematurely. NEILS provides Options Counseling and Transition Coordination Services to individuals wishing to move out of a nursing home.

**Organization's Mission:** Independent Living is based on the concept that a person with a disability can lead a constructive life as a functioning member of his or her community. It recognizes that one's worth, as a vital human being, is not diminished because of a disability. NorthEast Independent Living Services (NEILS) began as a grassroots effort by a group of individuals with disabilities, to provide services and supports to the broader disability community in NE Missouri. Our mission is to enhance the rights and independence of people with disabilities so they can actively participate in their communities and to live self-determined lives. Our vision is for Northeast Missouri to be accessible for all people and for our communities to foster and promote acceptance and diversity. NEILS has spent 26 years expanding opportunities for the disability community and ensuring they are able to live in the least restrictive environment possible.

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## Salvation Army of Quincy

**Project Name:** Palmyra Financial Assistance

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Marion, MO

**Description of Request:** The Salvation Army of Hannibal will provide funding to residents of Palmyra in need of emergency rent or utility assistance to avoid a homeless situation.

**Organization's Mission:** The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Hannibal Salvation Army has been serving Marion County for 132 years. Residents of Palmyra are eligible to access our food pantry and apply for financial assistance for rent and utility needs, emergency sheltering, or employment assistance.

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## Salvation Army of Quincy

**Project Name:** LEAP - Life Employment Assistance Program

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** The Life Employment Assistance Program (LEAP) allows The Salvation Army to help income-eligible individuals who want to work, but face an obstacle that may either endanger the job they have or prevent them from getting one. Those obstacles include not having enough money to buy work boots, shoes or a uniform for a new job in which they haven't received a paycheck yet, or their car needs a repair and they can't get to work without it. This program provides the unrestricted emergency funding that turns a crisis into a blessing.

**Organization's Mission:** The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. The Hannibal Salvation Army has been serving the community for 132 years. Today we provide a food pantry and social services, which helps with rent and utility assistance, emergency sheltering, homeless prevention and employment assistance. In FY 20-21, The Salvation Army of Hannibal provided assistance to 12,921 individuals.

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## Salvation Army of Quincy

**Project Name:** Smiles for Hire

**Amount Requested:** \$5,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Brown, IL ; Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** This is a new opportunity for The Salvation Army and the community. Some of our clients have a long history of drug use by the time they come to us for help. After they are sober and we have assisted them with housing, we work with them to find a job, but many clients report to us that they are immediately turned down because employers see their teeth and immediately identify them as a drug user. In the past year, we had a donor step forward and pay to replace a client's teeth. That gesture not only improved the self-confidence of this woman, but helped her land a full-time job with benefits. The Salvation Army believes if it starts a program to benefit clients who need dental work, it will greatly improve their chances of getting hired and becoming self-sufficient.

**Organization's Mission:** The Salvation Army's mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. We do this by feeding the hungry through a daily bread line and food pantry. The Salvation Army provides an emergency shelter for the homeless, funding for transitional housing or rent assistance. We also offer programs to help people find jobs or learn life skills to break the cycle of poverty. The Salvation Army offers a variety of services because many times, we are someone's last hope for help. The Salvation Army has been doing this in Quincy since 1893.

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## Son Valley Youth Ranch

**Project Name:** Son Valley Youth Ranch, Founder and Director Dona Stansbery

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL ; Hancock, IL ; Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO

**Description of Request:** Son Valley Youth Ranch features children and family programs, using our rescued horses, to share the love of Jesus with the tristate community. We want children, teens and adults who come here to find a peaceful place to enjoy God's creation. We are non-denominational, non-profit and dependent on prayers, financial support and volunteer help.

**Organization's Mission:** Bringing children and horses together to bond, heal and grow through the love of Jesus Christ.

Son Valley Youth Ranch was founded in 2010 after founder Dona Stansbery heard a radio program, Focus on the Family, of a similar ministry using horses called Crystal Peaks Youth Ranch. Dona flew out to Bend, Oregon to receive training on how to get started. Twelve years later SVYR is still going strong.

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## **The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri, Inc.**

**Project Name:** Crisis Intervention Services for Child Victims of Abuse

**Amount Requested:** \$2,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** General Operating Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Pike, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** Child sexual abuse is likely the most prevalent and preventable health problem children face with the most serious array of consequences. One in every ten children will experience sexual abuse before they turn eighteen years old.

The Child Advocacy Center provides a safe, child-friendly space for children to talk about what happened with a professional forensic interviewer. This conversation is observed by investigators and recorded as evidence to eliminate the need for children to repeat the details of their abuse. Our primary goal is to ensure that children disclosing abuse are not further victimized by the intervention systems designed to protect them.

The number of children who have received a forensic interview in our Northeast Missouri office has increased 32% in the last five years (from 195 in 2017 to 258 in 2022). Each of these children and families receives wrap-around crisis intervention services at no cost to them, including mental health therapy. That's why we need your help.

The Child Advocacy Center is requesting \$2,500.00 for general operating support for crisis intervention services, including mental health therapy.

**Organization's Mission:** The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri is a child advocacy center (CAC) serving young victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and children who witness violence. We provide forensic interviews, child and family advocacy, mental health therapy, and school/community-based prevention education programs. Our mission is to respond to child abuse through a supportive team approach to reduce the trauma to children and their families.

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## **The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri**

**Project Name:** Hunger Relief in Northeast Missouri

**Amount Requested:** \$7,500

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Clark, MO ; Lewis, MO ; Marion, MO ; Ralls, MO ; Knox, MO ; Shelby, MO ; Monroe, MO

**Description of Request:** According to Feeding America, about 14% of the population of Clark, Knox, Lewis, Marion, Monroe, Ralls, and Shelby counties were food-insecure in 2019. Local food pantries are a crucial resource in helping our neighbors meet their food needs. The Food Bank distributes food to 15

local pantries located in the above mentioned counties at no charge, as well as operating a mobile food pantry in Lewis County.

Grant funds requested in this proposal will be used to purchase and distribute food to the 15 pantries in the region, as well as through the mobile pantry. Because of The Food Banks' bulk purchasing power, a donation of \$1.00 provides at least \$9.00 worth of food to those in need. A \$7,500.00 grant from The Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois and Northeast Missouri would translate to \$67,500.00 worth of food going to help fight hunger across the seven-county area.

**Organization's Mission:** "Through empowerment, education and partnerships, The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri brings together community resources to feed people in need." -- Mission Statement

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri (The Food Bank) is regional hunger-relief network that distributes approximately 30 million pounds of food per year through 145 partner agencies and 197 schools. We serve 100,000 individuals each month in a 32-county service area in central and northeast Missouri.

The Food Bank has been serving the community for more than 40 years, working with donors, volunteers, and partners to help our neighbors who face food insecurity. The Food Bank has a number of programs aimed at addressing hunger in at-risk populations, and in recent years has focused on delivering healthier food choices to our partners through the Foods 2 Encourage Program. The Food Bank prides itself on being efficient with donations, 96% of every dollar goes to food acquisition and distribution.

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## Transitions of Western Illinois

**Project Name:** White Board for New Horizons

**Amount Requested:** \$6,575

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** Transitions requests a grant of \$6,575 with which to purchase a mobile interactive white board. This white board will be used in our New Horizons Day Program. The New Horizons Program serves adults who have an Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD). The program provides educational and life skills training services to attendees, as well as vocational opportunities. An interactive white board will enhance educational programming for those served in the day program. Given that a white board promotes interactive learning, it will increase attendees' attention to task and engagement in learning. An interactive white board will be used to teach a variety of skills - skills, such as how to identify coins and use money, how to make a purchase, how to count, how to tell time, etc. It will also be used to increase awareness of current events and improve communication

skills. Our desire is to purchase a mobile interactive white board so that it can be moved to different group rooms and benefit all program attendees.

**Organization's Mission:** Transitions of Western IL is a not-for-profit mental health center that primarily serves Adams County residents. Founded in 1955, the agency has served the area for 67 years. With a staff of approximately 200 full and part-time employees, we provide services to people of all ages. The agency provides outpatient mental health services to people who are struggling with a life problem, as well as to those who have a more serious mental illness. The agency also serves children and adults who have an Intellectual/Developmental Disability (IDD). The agency's array of services include: psychiatric services, counseling services, case management services, crisis services, substance use services, employment services, independent living skills services, special education services, residential services, and on-site primary care services. The agency's mission is "to provide human services that inspire growth and empower people, of all abilities, to live full and meaningful lives".

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## Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development

**Project Name:** Access Food Feed the Hungry Program for Pike County

**Amount Requested:** \$4,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Pike, IL

**Description of Request:** More and more families are struggling to feed their families with the rising food costs. Funding will be used for our Access Food Feed the Hungry program for the costs of processing deer into a ground meat product that will then be distributed to the local food pantries in Pike County. The program provides a mechanism whereby hunters can donate a deer and all processing costs are covered by the program. Protein products are in very short supply at local food pantries. Low-income families and some families that may not qualify for federal assistance such as the SNAP program but still need help will be assisted.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of Two Rivers Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) is to bring about economic improvement within our local region, provide for environmental protection, and to work with others to resolve the social concerns of the area. Two Rivers RC&D became a 501(c)3 charitable organization as recognized by IRS in 1973. The Two Rivers RC&D area is comprised of five counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Pike and Schuyler. Two Rivers RC&D, Inc. lends assistance to community leaders to develop rural economies. A concerted effort is made to identify the areas' problems and then provide the leadership and framework for carrying out solutions to these problems. We serve a diverse local and regional constituency and support local networking, coalition-building and partnership building. We serve as fiscal sponsors to many organizations getting started.

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## **YWCA of Quincy**

**Project Name:** YWCA Permanent Supportive Housing

**Amount Requested:** \$6,000

**Type of Funding Requested:** Program/Project Support

**Geographic Area:** Adams, IL

**Description of Request:** YWCA Quincy provides subsidized housing and wrap-around case management supports to those experiencing both homelessness and a disability or disabling condition, such as substance use, mental health conditions, HIV/AIDs, physical disabilities, and/or developmental disabilities. YWCA Quincy also subsidizes 65% of households' utilities; the remaining 35% is the responsibility of the household. While clients are acclimating to living stably indoors, searching for employment, and/or working on their mental health, substance use, or addressing traumas, they may not have income to cover their 35% of utilities. YWCA Quincy request unrestricted funds to cover this expenses while households work toward independence.

**Organization's Mission:** The mission of the YWCA is "eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, and dignity for all." From YWCA Quincy's inception in 1905 to training women on the use of the voting ballot in the 1920's to providing daycare services in the 1990's, YWCA Quincy has been responding to the ever-changing needs of Quincy and Adams County for 115 years. Our Permanent Supportive Housing program is assists those in our community who are experiencing homelessness and/or domestic violence, have a disabling condition (mental health, substance use, HIV/AIDs, physical disability or developmental disability) and do not have the resources to advocate for or stably house themselves. The YWCA Quincy's PSH program offers supportive, judgement-free housing plus community referrals and case management supports, including evidence-based financial coaching, payee services, and facilitated savings accounts to clients, many of whom receive this instruction for the first time.





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## Donor Advised Fund Grant Recommendation(s)

**TO: Community Foundation of the Quincy Area dba Community Foundation**  
**Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri**  
 4531 Maine Street, Suite A  
 Quincy, IL 62305

**RE: \_\_\_\_\_ Fund**

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Available for Grants** Recommendations can be made throughout the year.

Pursuant to the terms of the Fund, which I/we have established in the Community Foundation, I/we hereby recommend that you distribute the following amount(s) to the nonprofit organization(s) indicated for the purposes briefly stated.

***Please make a copy or attach additional sheets if more space is needed for recommendations.***

NOTE: The Community Foundation does not generally require final reports for operating or general purpose grants from a Donor Advised Fund.

<b>1</b>	<b>Organization</b>	Community Foundation of the Quincy Area
	<b>Address</b>	4531 Maine Street, Suite A, Quincy IL 62305
	<b>Amount</b>	\$  <i>It is <b>recommended, not required</b>, that ten percent (10%) of the total amount available for distribution be contributed to the Community Endowment Fund. (Minimum \$250 grant amount does not apply.)</i>
	<b>Purpose</b>	The Community Endowment Fund is used for competitive grantmaking throughout the Community Foundation's service area.
<b>2</b>	<b>Organization</b>	
	<b>Address</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	\$
	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Organization</b>	
	<b>Address</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	\$
	<b>Purpose</b>	

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**If you are NOT making grant recommendations this year, complete the Fund Activity Plan section below and return to the Community Foundation.**

### **Fund Activity Plan**

**In lieu of making grant recommendations this year, I/we request that the Community Foundation assist me/us with a Fund Activity Plan.**

**Please provide a plan for you fund's activity below, e.g., allow for growth.**

I/we understand that the final determination rests with the Community Foundation whose charge it is to ensure that all distributions meet the regulations of the Internal Revenue Code and are compatible with the policies and purposes of the Community Foundation.

**I/we declare that these recommendations do not represent the payment of any pledge or other financial obligation of the fund representatives including donors or related parties or businesses they control. Further, no tangible benefits, goods, or services such as membership benefits, dinners, tickets, etc. were or will be received by any individual or entities connected with the Fund from any of these organizations.**

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Name(s)—Printed

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Signature—Required

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Company Name (If applicable)

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Date



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## Donor Advised Fund Policy

This policy has been set forth by the Board of Directors (hereinafter “Board”) of the Community Foundation for the acceptance and administration of funds established by donors who desire the privilege of making recommendations as to distributions from such funds (hereinafter "DAF" or “Fund”). The purpose of this policy is to protect and benefit the Community Foundation and its donors who want to support charitable activities, projects and organizations.

This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable federal and state laws governing not-for-profit and charitable organizations. If this policy ever conflicts with federal law or state law (including UPMIFA), the relevant law controls.

### 1. Ownership and Control

- a. A contribution to a donor advised fund is an irrevocable charitable contribution that is legally owned by the Community Foundation. Per the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PL 109-280) (the “PPA”), the Community Foundation has exclusive control over contributed assets and the income derived therefrom.
- b. The PPA provides an explicit definition of donor advised funds as any fund or account:
  - i. which is separately identified by reference to the contributions of a donor or donors;
  - ii. which is owned and controlled by the sponsoring organization (i.e., the Community Foundation); and
  - iii. with respect to which a donor or person appointed by the donor has, or reasonably expects to have, advisory rights with respect to distributions.
- c. Under the PPA, the private foundation excess business holdings rule applies to donor-advised funds as if they were private foundations. The holdings of a donor-advised fund in a business enterprise, together with the holdings of persons who are disqualified with respect to that fund, may not exceed any of the following:
  - i. Twenty percent of the voting stock of an incorporated business;
  - ii. Twenty percent of the profits interest of a partnership or joint venture or the beneficial interest of a trust or similar entity;
  - iii. Any interest in a sole proprietorship.

Ownership of unincorporated businesses that are not substantially related to a DAF’s purpose is also prohibited. Donor advised funds receiving gifts of interests in a business enterprise have five years from receipt of the interest to divest holdings that are above the permitted amount, with the possibility of an additional five years if approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The CFQA will identify any potential gift to a DAF that would qualify as an excess business holding and will notify the prospective donor of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 requirements prior to the contribution. The CFQA will monitor any such holding and will dispose of any excess business holding prior to the five-year time limit (or within ten years if the Secretary of Treasury grants an additional five-year holding period), as required by law. The CFQA will also comply with the requirements under the Pension Protection Act of 2006 related to reducing holdings in business interests which existed on the date of enactment of the Act. *(See also Investment Policy.)*

## **2. Advisor Privilege**

### **a. Founding Donors/Advisors**

- i. The Donor may designate, in the written instrument establishing the Fund, the person or position who is to exercise the recommendation privilege (Donor Advisor, Fund Advisor) on behalf of the Fund.
- ii. In the case of individual donors, or a married couple, the privilege of making recommendations regarding distributions from a DAF, unless sooner relinquished by the Donor, shall be limited to the lifetimes of the Donor and the Donor's spouse. If founding donors or advisors to a donor advised fund are subsequently divorced, the Community Foundation reserves the right to decline grant recommendations from either husband or wife unless unanimous consent is communicated in writing, or the appointment of advisors is restated or confirmed as deemed sufficient by the Community Foundation.
- iii. In the case of corporations, businesses or organizations, the privilege of making recommendations regarding distributions from a DAF, expires 20 years from the Fund's establishment date, unless sooner relinquished by the Donor.
- iv. In the case of corporations, businesses or organizations, at the end of the 20 years, and provided the Fund has a minimum market value of \$250,000.00, the Board can extend that period depending on the ongoing interest of the corporation, business, or organization, the history of its contributions and the continued existence of the original Donor or its successor corporation, business, or organization as a legal entity doing business in the geographic area served by the Community Foundation. The Donor may designate, in the written instrument establishing the Fund, the person or position within the corporation, business, or organization who is to exercise the recommendation privilege on behalf of the corporation, business or organization.
- v. In the case of communal funds, i.e. those established by a group of donors such as siblings, an extended family, friends, or a community, a Primary Advisor must be designated in writing and on record at the Community Foundation for the privilege of making recommendations regarding distributions from a DAF.

b. Successor Advisors

Founding Fund Donors often want to name someone to ‘succeed’ them as Advisors of their Fund. In order for a Fund to have Successor Advisors, the DAF must have a minimum market value of \$250,000.00 at the time of the Founding Donor’s death or written notice of the Donor’s incapacity or resignation. If the DAF does not have a \$250,000.00 minimum market value, including any irrevocable bequest forthcoming, all Advisory privileges cease and the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation serves as the Fund Advisor.

i. In considering the naming of Successor Advisors, the Donor is urged to bear in mind:

- Successor Advisors might not be inclined to share the same charitable passions as the Donor;
- Successor Advisors might not live in the Community Foundation’s geographic area and in fact may live in distant parts of the U.S. or other parts of the world which may or may not foster continued interest in the Fund;
- Successor Advisors may not wish to engage in learning about the Fund’s purpose, impact, recommendations, or future and growth.

ii. If Successor Advisors are named in the Fund Agreement:

- Names, contact information, and birthdates/years of Successor Advisors must be provided in writing to the Community Foundation at the establishment of the Fund. It is the Donor’s responsibility, then the Successor Advisor’s, to provide updated contact information to the Community Foundation.
- In the case of a ‘committee’ or of multiple advisors, a Primary Advisor must be designated in writing and on record with the Community Foundation.
- Primary and/or Successor Advisors must have reached the age of eighteen (18) in order to make recommendations. The Community Foundation’s Board of Directors shall serve as the advisor to the Fund, in accordance with the Donor’s distribution intent, until the Primary and/or Successor Advisor has reached the required minimum age.

Upon the resignation, incapacity or death of the Donor, the Successor Advisor serves until their resignation, incapacity or death.

**3. Advisor’s Recommendations**

- a. The Fund Advisor may submit written recommendations regarding the distributions to be made from a DAF and is encouraged to consult with the Community Foundation’s staff concerning general charitable purposes of the Community Foundation or the particular charitable purpose(s) stated in the Agreement.

- b. While Fund Advisor recommendations will be given careful and thoughtful attention by the Board and staff, the recommendations will be solely advisory and will not be binding upon the Community Foundation.
- c. Grant distributions are generally made to 501(c)(3) organizations.
- d. The Community Foundation serves a defined geographic area and urges the Fund Advisor to recommend grants within those boundaries. Grant recommendations for organizations, programs and projects outside the Community Foundation's geographic area may be considered.

#### **4. Distributions**

- a. The DAF Agreement will specify whether the Fund is endowed or whether principal can be distributed.
- b. The minimum grant that can be made from a fund is \$250. *(See also Component Fund Distribution and Fees Policy.)*
- c. The Community Foundation recommends that 10% of each distribution from a DAF be contributed to the unrestricted endowment of the Community Foundation. Unrestricted endowments enable the Community Foundation to determine the best use of funds to respond to needs and opportunities in the Community Foundation's geographic service area and interest range.
- d. The CEO may approve all Donor Advised Fund grant recommendations, excluding competitive grants, without first obtaining Board consent provided that grants are:
  - Consistent with the mission and purpose of the Community Foundation.
  - Consistent with the purpose of the fund.
  - Meet due diligence requirements.
  - Do not require expenditure responsibility.The Board must review grants approved by the CEO at its next regularly scheduled meeting. *(See also Grant Policy)*

#### **5. Limitations on Distributions**

- a. Per existing federal law, the following are prohibited distributions from Donor Advised Funds:
  - i. Securing benefits or special privileges for the Donor or related party or making any grant, loan, compensation, expense reimbursement, dues to an organization, or similar payment to the Donor or related party.  
For purposes of this policy, related parties:
    - Family members of an individual are defined as follows: ancestors, spouses, siblings (by whole or half blood), spouses of siblings (by whole or half blood), children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and spouses of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. For purposes of the preceding sentence, a stepchild of an individual is treated as a child of such individual.

- Thirty-five percent controlled entities are those entities in which donors or donor advisors (or family members of such donors or donor advisors)
    - own more than 35 percent of the total combined voting power if the entity is a corporation;
    - own more than 35 percent of the profits interest if the entity is a partnership, or
    - own more than 35 percent of the beneficial interest if the entity is a trust or estate.
  - Donor advisor is any person appointed or designated by a donor that reasonably expects to have advisory privileges with respect to the distribution or investment of an amount held in the fund or account.
- ii. Distributions to individuals. This includes checks written directly to an individual or checks written to an entity for the benefit of a specified individual.
  - iii. Distributions for non-charitable purposes.
  - iv. Distributions to non-charities or most Type III supporting organizations, as defined by IRS Code, without expenditure responsibility.
  - v. Distributions to supporting organizations that are controlled by the donor or that support a charity that is so controlled
- b. The Community Foundation conducts due diligence and asks for Donor Advisor cooperation. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PL 109-280) now provides significant penalties for making such grants, as indicated above, both to the donor and the Community Foundation.

## **6. Independent Investigation**

- a. If the Fund Advisor recommends a distribution to an organization, project or program which is not known to the Community Foundation, staff may make an independent investigation to evaluate whether the recommendation is consistent with the specific charitable needs most deserving of support by the Community Foundation and to report the results of the investigation to the Board.
- b. In addition, the staff may bring to the attention of the Fund Advisor those projects and/or organizations which may be of particular interest to the DAF.

## **7. Variance**

If any gifts to the Community Foundation for the purposes of the Fund are received and accepted subject to restrictions as to the use of income or principal, said restrictions will be honored; subject, however, to the authority of the Board to vary the terms of any gift if continued adherence to any restriction is impractical, impossible, illegal or inconsistent with the charitable needs of the community or the area served.

## **8. Fees**

The Community Foundation shall charge fees, based on the fee schedule established by the Board.

**9. Termination of Advisors**

The Advisory role of either the Donor or Successor Advisor(s) shall terminate upon:

- a. The death of the Donor Advisor and all Successor Advisors named in the DAF Agreement; or
- b. Written notice to the Community Foundation that a Donor Advisor or Successor Advisor(s) named in the DAF Agreement is not capable of serving or resigns as Advisor; or
- c. The failure of the Donor Advisor or Successor Advisor to make grant recommendations within a two (2) year period. At the end of the first year, the Community Foundation will attempt to contact the Advisor in six-month intervals. At the end of the second year without word or recommendation from the Advisor, the Advisory role shall terminate; or
- d. The Community Foundation reserves the right to terminate Successor Advisor privileges at its discretion and with appropriate written notification.

Upon the cessation of Advisory privileges, the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation serves as the Fund Advisor.

In each case, the Fund shall retain its name and the charitable disposition of its assets is determined by the terms of the Fund Agreement. If no such terms are indicated, the Fund retains its name and becomes an Unrestricted Endowment Fund.

**Note:** The administration of Donor Advised Funds is subject to change. Governing instruments; Board policies; IRS Regulations; and current federal, state and local laws may supersede information in this document.

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I have read and agree to the terms of the Community Foundation of the Quincy Area’s Donor Advised Fund Policy. I further understand that the administration of Donor Advised Funds is subject to change. Governing instruments, Board policies, IRS Regulations, and current federal, state, and local laws may supersede information in this document.

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