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The Access to Recreation Fund Awards Three Grants

Springfield, IL – The *Access to Recreation Endowment Fund* at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) has announced the recipients of its sixth annual grant awards.

The 2016 grant awards, totaling \$6,000, were presented to:

Sanctuary Hill Foundation, NFP d/b/a Bright Star Equestrian Centre - \$2,000
Bright Star: Therapeutic Horseback Riding program - To purchase a portable mounting ramp

Springfield YMCA - \$2,500
To fund the Saturday Strikers Bowling Program

United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln - \$1,500
To facilitate participation of adults with disabilities to participate in community recreational activities

“The committee is pleased to see the impact the funding has had in the community over the last six years,” said Saul Morse, chair of the Access to Recreation Grant Committee and Community Foundation board member. “It is our hope that in moving forward we can support recreational programs in our community to better serve people of all abilities in engaging in recreation.”

The Community Foundation, in partnership with the Springfield Park District (SPD), was selected in 2008 as one of four Illinois communities to receive an Access to Recreation

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grant. The \$426,000 grant was made from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, MI. A large portion of the grant was used to support a navigation system for Southwind Park. This navigation system compliments the park's numerous features that make it accessible for people of all abilities. The navigation system includes interpretive signs, accessible golf carts, a handheld communication system and an emergency call system.

The other major element of the grant award included the creation of a permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation for accessible recreation projects. The Foundation has created the Access to Recreation Endowment Fund to support these projects in Sangamon County. The Access to Recreation Fund has awarded a total of \$35,000 in grants in its six years of grant making.

The Community Foundations encourages local charities to watch its website – www.CFLL.org – and sign up to receive alerts when other funding opportunities are available throughout the year.

Through philanthropic services, strategic grantmaking and community leadership, the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) “connects people who care with causes that matter.”

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