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Community Foundation Reveals Inaugural Philanthropy Award *Judith G. and Harvey B. Stephens honored at foundation's 15th anniversary celebration*

Springfield – The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln has been growing by leaps and bounds since its inception 15 years ago to fulfill its mission of connecting people who care with causes that matter.

Since 2002 the organization has grown from one fund and approximately \$800,000 in assets to more than 180 funds and \$29 million in assets. Already this year, the group has awarded over \$1.3 million in grants and scholarships.

To celebrate this important milestone, more than 350 donors and supporters of the Community Foundation gathered in downtown Springfield on August 26 for dinner, dancing and a surprise announcement.

Community Foundation President and CEO John Stremsterfer revealed the creation of the **Stephens Philanthropy Award** to recognize achievements of those who have gone above and beyond to live their lives with an extraordinary commitment to philanthropy and community service. **Judith G. and Harvey B. Stephens** were surprised as the inaugural recipients of this award that has been named after them.

“Together, Judy and Harvey have been a force for good in many areas of our community for years,” said Stremsterfer. “Judy was the catalyst behind the launch of the Community Foundation 15 years ago and served as its first board chair, and Harvey has served as our pro bono attorney this entire time. It’s impossible to think of the Community Foundation’s anniversary without also recognizing Judy and Harvey’s vision and commitment to seeing this work grow and succeed.”

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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