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Community Foundation Welcomes New Programs and Marketing Associate

Springfield, IL – The [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) is pleased to welcome Aren Dow as its new full-time programs and marketing associate. His responsibilities include overseeing marketing efforts and coordinating grant programs, which in 2016 reached \$1.6 million in distributions.

“This is really an incredible opportunity to help give back to the community I grew up in,” said Dow, a 2006 graduate of Southeast High School. “I’m looking forward to helping strengthen the Foundation’s connection with Central Illinois.”

Aren came to the Community Foundation from the *Herald & Review* in Decatur, IL after five years as a reporter and copy editor.

“As the Community Foundation celebrates its 15th year, it’s exciting to grow the organization with an eye to the future,” said Community Foundation President and CEO John Stremsterfer. “Aren has a commitment to the Community Foundation’s core values and mission and a capacity for connecting people who care with causes that matter. We’re thrilled to have him on board.”

Aren graduated from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville with a BA in mass communications. He lives in Springfield with his wife, Julie, and their two daughters.

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.” The Community Foundation administers more than 170 funds with assets in excess of \$25 million.

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