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Young Philanthropists Announces \$11,000 Grant

Giving circle reaches milestone of awarding \$100,000 total in its history

SPRINGFIELD – The Young Philanthropists giving circle at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) has announced Kidzeum of Health and Science as the recipient of its 14th annual grant award.

The 2019 grant for \$11,000 will support the launch of Kidzeum's Young Engineer's Club – a new eight-week after-school program designed to introduce second and third graders to concepts surrounding engineering. Young Philanthropists' grant will cover costs for students with limited means to participate in the program. Curriculum for the two-hour courses will be co-created with local engineers and address how engineers approach design, circuits, coding, and more. Dinner and transportation will also be provided for students through the program.

"It's a thrill to see Young Philanthropists reach this milestone of \$100,000 awarded to local programs serving children in our community," said Stacy Reed, vice president of programs and marketing at the Community Foundation. "Young Philanthropists members believe in the potential of future generations, and by pooling their time and resources, they're able to give back in a big way every year."

Launched in 2006, Young Philanthropists invigorates community leaders to join together to be philanthropists and to learn more about themselves as donors. By leveraging annual contributions of \$125 per person, Young Philanthropists members have steadily built an endowment at the Community Foundation called the Future Fund to support local charities serving children and youth.

Sangamon County nonprofit organizations were invited to submit grant proposals in the fall of this year for the competitive Future Fund grant. Applications that spoke to recommendations from the [Sangamon Success report](#) were given special consideration.

Nonprofits serving children and youth in Sangamon County can apply for the Young Philanthropists grant each October through the Community Foundation's web site www.CFLL.org. Organizations are also encouraged to visit the web site to sign up to receive alerts when funding opportunities become available.

Through philanthropic services, strategic grantmaking and community leadership, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln "connects people who care with causes that matter."