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Young Philanthropists Announces \$10,000 Grant

Funding aligns with childhood education focus for giving circle

SPRINGFIELD – The Young Philanthropists giving circle at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.CFLL.org) has announced Matheny-Withrow Elementary School as the recipient of its 13th annual grant award.

The 2018 grant award for \$10,000 was presented to Matheny-Withrow Elementary School to launch Camp Kindergarten, a new, three-week summer program for incoming kindergarten students to help develop growth in the following areas: academic/cognitive; language development; math skill/concepts; and literacy skills, as well as complete medical requirements for entering kindergarten. Less than half of last year's Matheny-Withrow kindergarten class had any form of preschool experience.

“Young Philanthropists’ grant to Matheny-Withrow is going to be a game-changer for some of our community’s most vulnerable children,” said Stacy Reed, vice president of programs and marketing at the Community Foundation. “The Camp Kindergarten program is rooted in evidence-based practices from similar initiatives across the country that have successfully built bridge programs that transition children at this key stage of life. We’re excited to see the program launch in Springfield and hopefully expand in future years.”

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

Launched in 2006, Young Philanthropists invigorates community leaders to join together to be philanthropists and to learn more about themselves as donors. By pooling and leveraging annual contributions of \$125 per person, Young Philanthropists members have steadily built an endowment at the Community Foundation called the Future Fund and have awarded a total of \$89,000 to local charities serving children and youth.

Nonprofits serving children and youth in Sangamon County can apply for the competitive grant award from Young Philanthropists in the fall of each year. Organizations should watch the Community Foundation’s website, www.CFLL.org, for the next round of applications and sign up online to receive alerts when funding opportunities are 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.”

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