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Junior League of Springfield Capacity Building Fund Awards Four Grants

Springfield – The Junior League of Springfield Capacity Building Grant Program at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln announced four grant recipients totaling \$5,800. This is the first-ever round of grants awarded by the Junior League grant program.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region - \$1,400

Four staff members will attend the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America's 2018 national conference to receive training on issues including child safety and cultural competency as well as the opportunity complete requirements for national certifications.

Compass for Kids - \$1,500

On the heels of wrapping up its first year as an independent, not-for-profit agency, Compass for Kids will be working with an expert facilitator to develop a three-year strategic plan for the organization as well as address issues including governance, board member recruitment, development, and succession planning.

Elizabeth Ann Seton Program - \$1,400

Program staff members will attend the 2017 Addressing the Challenges of Poverty conference to learn best practices for building the resources of individuals and promoting community sustainability.

Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery - \$1,500

Faced with increased need and decreased financial support from state and local funding sources, the Nursery is working with a seasoned facilitator who will conduct a strategic planning retreat for staff and board members to establish short- and long-term goals for the organization.

"The committee is pleased to help provide resources to local groups in helping provide more education and helping set the path for their programs," said Kristin Nisbet-White, Junior League of Springfield Capacity Building grant committee chair. "Supporting this program helps fulfill our mission at the Junior League of Springfield of taking action to improve our community. We look forward to continuing to provide grants to help improve the management and leadership of our local agencies into the future."

Capacity building grants are strategic investments in people and organizations to be used to defray the cost of attending programs targeted at improving the management, governance and leadership of the applicant organization. Organizations must be in Sangamon, Christian or Montgomery county to apply. Grants can be used to send staff or board members to a specific workshop or conference or to engage a consultant to provide customized training to one or more organizations.

Please contact the Community Foundation with any questions at 217-789-4431. Local nonprofits that would like to be notified of future grant opportunities can also sign up on the Community Foundation's website at www.CFLL.org to receive grant alerts via email.

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