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King’s Daughters Organization Fund Awards \$190,000 in Grants

Organization tops \$1.1 million in grantmaking over past ten years

Springfield – The King’s Daughters Organization Fund at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](http://www.cfll.org) announced the recipients of its 2017 grant awards. Through its traditional grantmaking and a special grantmaking committee – the King’s Daughters Organization Blackstock Committee – a total of \$190,000 was awarded to 19 programs and services for seniors in Sangamon County. The organization has awarded a total of \$1,125,000 in grants over the last decade.

The [King’s Daughters Organization](http://www.kingdaughters.org) announced the grant awards at its 124th Annual Corporation Meeting and invited the recipients to attend and be recognized.

“We have been so pleased that the King’s Daughters Organization legacy of serving seniors continues through these grants to local nonprofits. We have awarded over one million dollars in just ten years, and our Circles have continued to volunteer to serve seniors in our area,” said Cindy Denby, president of the organization.

Awards were given to the following organizations:

Organization	Grant Award Amount	Purpose
<i>King’s Daughters Organization Fund:</i>		
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois	\$ 7,200	Crisis Assistance Program: Provide emergency financial assistance to individuals 55 years of age or older.
Comfort Living and Associates	\$ 6,000	Heating and Cooling Assistance Program: Provide emergency utility assistance to Sangamon County senior citizens age 55 years or older.
Contact Ministries	\$ 18,000	Prescription assistance to clients age 55 and older who live in Sangamon County.

Greater All Nation Tabernacle Church of God in Christ	\$ 5,750	Purchase meals for monthly senior luncheons.
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 15,000	Wheelchair Ramp Program: Install ADA and code compliant ramps at the homes of seniors in Sangamon County.
Hoogland Center for the Arts	\$ 660	Intercom system for ticket window to help customers who are hard of hearing.
Illinois Symphony Orchestra	\$ 3,000	Around Town concert series held at locations accessible to seniors.
Land of Lincoln Honor Flight	\$ 12,590	Fly Sangamon County veterans who are senior citizens from Springfield to Washington D.C. to visit the National WWII, Korean and Vietnam War Memorials as well as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Marine Memorial, Air Force Memorial, and the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.
Loami Area Community Pantry	\$ 5,000	Purchase items that specifically address the needs of seniors and are not normally available at the pantry, including personal care and hygiene items.
One Hope United	\$ 8,000	Foster Grandparent Program: Provide financial assistance to low-income senior citizens who mentor youth with special needs.
Senior Services - Daily Bread and Springfield Specialty Meals on Wheels	\$ 15,000	Purchase of a new vehicle for the Daily Bread program and support administrative costs.
Senior Services - Health and Wellness	\$ 5,600	Certified Exercise Physiologist salary and Matrix R30 Recumbent Bicycle.
Senior Services - Senior Transport/Emergency Funds	\$ 20,000	\$15,000 to support Senior Transport, and \$5,000 to support Emergency Funds for rent, utilities and medicine for seniors in financial crisis.
Springfield Muni Opera	\$ 5,000	Senior Bus Program: Provide transportation for senior citizens from Sangamon County to attend four senior nights at The Muni.
The Food Pantry - First Presbyterian Church	\$ 5,200	55 Plus Program: Provide low-fat, low-sugar, low-sodium, and whole grain foods for clients age 55 and older.

The Parent Place	\$ 3,000	Monthly support group meetings and two respite activities for grandparents raising grandchildren.
The Salvation Army	\$ 5,000	Prescription assistance and rent and utility assistance for senior citizens in Sangamon County.
<i>King's Daughters Organization Blackstock Committee</i>		
Alzheimer's Association – Greater Illinois Chapter	\$ 30,000	Expand the Springfield Alzheimer's Support & Resources Initiative (SASRI) Project, which includes three components – lunch and learns, veterans programs and a family retreat.
SIU School of Medicine – Center for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders	\$ 20,000	Replicate Minds in Motion program originally developed in Champaign and begin the Opening Minds through Art program in Springfield.

In addition to awarding grants, the King's Daughters Organization is actively involved in service to the community. The King's Daughters Organization Fund was established at the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln in 2007 with assets from an existing endowment fund and proceeds from the sale of the Carrie Post King's Daughters Home for Women in Springfield, IL. The purpose of the KDO Fund is to provide financial support to programs and services that enhance the quality of life for older residents in Sangamon County.

Local nonprofits can apply for the competitive grant awards from KDO at the beginning of each year. Charities should watch the Community Foundation website, www.CFLL.org, for the next round of applications in January 2018. Charities can also sign up on the website to receive grant opportunity alerts via e-mail.

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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