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King's Daughters Organization Fund Awards \$200,000 in Grants

Organization tops \$1.3 million in grantmaking over past decade

Springfield – The King's Daughters Organization Fund at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](#) announced the recipients of its 2018 grant awards. Through its traditional grant cycle and a special grant cycle focused on Alzheimer's and dementia issues, a total of \$200,000 was awarded to 21 programs that serve seniors in Sangamon County. The organization has awarded a total of \$1.3 million in grants over the last 11 years.

The [King's Daughters Organization](#) announced the grant awards at its 125th Annual Corporation Meeting and invited the recipients to attend and be recognized.

"We are excited to have been able to serve seniors for 125 years through King's Daughters Organization. After more than a decade of grantmaking to local nonprofits we're thrilled to find new and exciting projects, all while 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 Amount	Purpose
<i>King's Daughters Organization Fund:</i>		
Animal Protective League	\$ 5,000	For pet deposit fees for seniors and pet supplies.
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois	\$ 9,200	To provide utility financial assistance for seniors referred through the Crisis Assistance Program.
Catholic Charities of Macon County	\$ 8,000	To pilot A Matter of Balance program in Sangamon County.
Comfort Living and Associates	\$ 6,000	To provide utility financial assistance for seniors in the Heating and Cooling Assistance Program.
Contact Ministries	\$ 18,000	To provide prescription assistance to clients age 55 and older who live in Sangamon County.

First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry	\$ 5,200	For the 55 Plus Program, which provides healthy foods for clients age 55 and older.
Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry	\$ 2,500	To support seniors using the food pantry.
Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church of God In Christ	\$ 7,500	To assist with purchasing meals for senior monthly luncheons.
Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County	\$ 15,000	To install wheelchair ramps for seniors in need.
Helping Hands of Springfield	\$ 6,000	For a Senior Fund, which would be used to purchase medical services/items for clients in the Representative Payee Program.
Illinois Symphony Orchestra	\$ 4,100	For the Around the Town Concert series.
Land of Lincoln Honor Flight	\$ 5,000	To fly Sangamon County veterans from Springfield to Washington D.C. to visit 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 Museums.
Loami Area Community Pantry	\$ 5,000	To purchase items the specifically address the needs of seniors and not normally available at the pantry.
Sangamon County Community Resources	\$ 12,000	To provide utility assistance to low-income seniors ineligible for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
Senior Services – Daily Bread	\$ 13,000	For kitchen equipment upgrades, and exercise equipment upgrades and repair.
Senior Services – Senior Transport and Emergency Fund	\$ 7,000	For the transportation program, and for an emergency fund to benefit seniors facing eviction or utility shut-off.
Springfield Muni Opera	\$ 5,500	For the Senior Bus Program, which provides transportation to attend the four senior nights at The Muni.
St. Joseph’s Home	\$ 8,000	For Oculus Virtual Reality Headsets and laptops to pilot virtual reality technology to help residents with dementia and who are non-verbal.
The Parent Place	\$ 3,000	For respite activities for grandparents, monthly lunch at support group meetings and child care for support group meetings.
King’s Daughters Organization Blackstock Fund:		
Alzheimer’s Association – Greater Illinois Chapter	\$ 32,500	Expand the Springfield Alzheimer’s Support & Resources Initiative (SASRI) Project, which includes lunch and learns, educator training, and veterans programs.
SIU School of Medicine – Center for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders	\$ 22,500	Continue Minds in Motion and Opening Minds through Art programs 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 King's Daughters Organization 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 King's Daughters Organization at the beginning of each year. Charities should watch the Community Foundation website, www.CFLL.org, for the next round of applications in January 2019. 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](#) "connects people who care with causes that matter."

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