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King's Daughters Organization Fund Awards More Than \$180,000 in Grants

Organization tops \$1.5 million in grantmaking

SPRINGFIELD – The King's Daughters Organization Fund at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](#) announced the recipients of its 2019 grant awards. Through its traditional grant cycle and a special grant cycle focused on Alzheimer's and dementia issues, a total of \$181,200 was awarded to 21 programs that serve seniors in Sangamon County. The organization has awarded a total of \$1.5 million in grants over the last 12 years.

The [King's Daughters Organization](#) announced the grant awards at its 126th Annual Corporation Meeting and invited the recipients to attend and be recognized.

"We are excited to continue serving seniors for more than 125 years through King's Daughters Organization. We're thrilled to still find new and exciting projects from local nonprofits, all while our Circles have continued to volunteer to serve seniors in our area," said Brenda Staab, president of the organization.

Awards were given to the following organizations:

Organization	Grant Award Amount	Summary
<i>King's Daughters Organization Fund</i>		
Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois	\$ 10,000	Emergency utility and housing assistance for senior citizens.
Comfort Living and Associates	\$ 6,000	Heating and Cooling Assistance Program, helping seniors receive emergency utility assistance.
Contact Ministries	\$ 18,000	Prescription assistance to clients age 55 and older who live in Sangamon County.

Educational Center for the Visually Impaired	\$ 7,350	"Reaching Independence and Live Life Well" for individuals who are experiencing the loss of their eye sight through macular degeneration, cataracts, glaucoma, and other diseases affecting the eye due to the aging process.
First Presbyterian Church Food Pantry	\$ 5,200	The Food Pantry's 55 Plus Program that provides low-fat, low-sugar, low-sodium, and other healthier items to address the unmet needs of food-challenged seniors in our community.
Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church of God in Christ	\$ 7,500	Monthly senior luncheon program.
Habitat for Humanity - Critical Home Repair	\$ 15,685	Critical home repair program to help low-income homeowners stay in their homes by providing repairs such as roof repair/replacement, furnace and air conditioning repair/replacement, and other critical needs to make homes safe and livable.
Habitat for Humanity - Wheelchair Ramp Program	\$ 15,000	Wheelchair ramp installation program that enables seniors to live in their homes longer and allows them to "age-in-place," which has shown to improve quality of life.
Helping Hands of Springfield	\$ 6,000	Assist seniors with copays, medical supplies and transportation to services.
Historic Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry	\$ 2,500	Help with covering costs of serving senior citizens, including providing high-protein/nutritious food items beyond the foods regularly given to all clients.
Land of Lincoln Honor Flight	\$ 5,250	To offset costs for 10 Sangamon County veterans to fly to Washington, D.C. to visit the national memorials dedicated to their service to our country. The Veterans will also have the opportunity to visit the Marine Memorial (Iwo Jima statue), the Air Force Memorial, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Annex, and the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery where they see the impressive "Changing of the Guard" ceremony.
Loami Area Community Pantry	\$ 5,000	To purchase items for area seniors that are not normally available at the pantry, including hearing aid batteries.
One Hope United	\$ 5,000	Foster Grandparent Program
Sangamon County Co. Resources	\$ 12,000	Utility assistance payments for seniors over 60 who do not qualify for the LIHEAP program.
Senior Services - Emergency Fund	\$ 2,500	Emergency Fund program to prevent utility shut-offs and home evictions for seniors.
Senior Services - Senior Transport	\$ 10,000	Support operations for the Senior Transport Program, including routine maintenance of vehicles to ensure safe, efficient transport for senior citizens.
Springfield Muni Opera	\$ 4,500	Senior Bus Program for Senior Nights
The Joy of Movement	\$ 2,550	Adapted group dance classes for older adults with Parkinson disease (PD) and their care partners one day per week for FY 2019-2020.
The Parent Place	\$ 5,165	To provide guardianship assistance, support group meetings twice a month, and three respite activities for grandparents raising grandchildren.
The Salvation Army	\$ 10,000	Assistance for senior citizens who are raising grandchildren, including help with basic needs such as food, medication, school clothes and books, and rent/utility bills.

King's Daughters Organization Blackstock Fund		
SIU School of Medicine – Center for Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders	\$ 26,000	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 2020. 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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