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Recognizing the Impact of Community Foundations

The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln Participates in National Effort to Highlight Local Impact of Philanthropy

Springfield, IL - The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln is taking part in “Community Foundation Week” November 14 - 18. During this week we are joining more than 700 community foundations across America to promote the essential role that community foundations serve in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation—large and small, urban and rural—working to advance solutions on a wide range of social issues.

In 2016, the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln administered more than 160 funds and has already awarded more than \$1.3 million in grants and scholarships, topping last year’s record for grantmaking. In addition, the Community Foundation has launched Innovate Springfield, a business and social innovation incubator that supports entrepreneurs, non-profits and service providers in the area.

“Community foundations impact lives, solve problems, and improve futures,” said President and CEO, John Stremsterfer.

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“As many residents grapple with limited resources and a growing need for services, we are more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find innovative and effective solutions for some of our most challenging social problems.”

The Community Foundation encourages local donors to watch its website – www.CFLL.org – for updated information on philanthropic opportunities. Local charities are also encouraged to visit the website and sign up to receive alerts for funding opportunities throughout the year.

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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