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King's Daughters Organization Fund Awards \$135,000 in Grants

Springfield – The King's Daughters Organization Fund at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](#) has announced the recipients of its 2016 grant awards. A total of \$135,000 was awarded to 16 nonprofit agencies to support programs and services for seniors in Sangamon County. The organization has awarded a total of \$935,000 in grants over the last nine years.

The [King's Daughters Organization](#) announced the grant awards at its 123rd 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 nearly one million dollars in just nine years, and our Circles have continued to volunteer to serve seniors in our area," said Suzie Duff, president of the organization.

Awards were given to the following organizations:

Alzheimer's Association, Greater IL Chapter	\$5,700	Support 2016-2017 Alzheimer's education, awareness and outreach programs to Springfield-area residents throughout 12 counties
Catholic Charities	\$8,000	Support Crisis Assistance Program to provide emergency financial assistance to individuals 55 years of age or older
Chatham Area Public Library	\$1,500	Provide more services to population over 55
Comfort Living and Associates	\$6,000	Strengthen existing Heating and Cooling Assistance Program
Contact Ministries	\$18,000	Provide prescription assistance to clients age 55 and older who live in Sangamon County
Greater All Nations Tabernacle Church of God in Christ	\$7,650	Funds to enhance monthly senior luncheon by purchasing food for senior meals
Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County	\$10,000	Wheel chair ramp installation program

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Home Instead Senior Care Foundation	\$1,500	Provide 250 needy, local seniors with Christmas gifts through the "Be A Santa To A Senior" program
IL Pickleball Association	\$3,450	Support senior program in Springfield, Riverton and Williamsville
Land of Lincoln Honor Flight	\$10,000	Provide honor flights for WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War era veterans in Sangamon County
Loami Area Community Pantry	\$6,500	Purchase items requested by seniors who receive assistance from pantry
One Hope United	\$8,000	Support the Foster Grandparent Program
Senior Services of Central IL	\$25,000	(1) Daily Bread program (2) Springfield Specialty Meals on Wheels program
Senior Services of Central IL	\$9,000	(1) Fitness programs for lower income seniors (2) Emergency funds for rent/utilities/medications to assist seniors living on restricted incomes
Springfield Muni Opera	\$5,000	Senior bus program for Senior Nights
St. Joseph's Home of Springfield	\$4,500	Funds to enable St. Joseph's Home to become a certified MUSIC & MEMORY nursing home
The Food Pantry of First Presbyterian Church	\$5,200	Provide non-perishable food items to address unmet needs of seniors and enhance their quality of life

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 the KDO Fund at the beginning of each year. Charities should watch the Community Foundation website, www.CFLL.org, for the next round of applications in January 2017. 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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