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Young Philanthropists Announces \$10,000 Grant

Funding aligns with strategic recommendation from community report

Springfield, IL – The Young Philanthropists giving circle at the [Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln](#) has announced the recipient of its 11th annual grant award. Sangamon County nonprofit organizations were invited to submit grant proposals in the fall of this year for the competitive grant to support programs for children and youth.

Special consideration was given to proposals that addressed recommendations from [Sangamon Success](#) – an intensive study commissioned last year by the Continuum of Learning partners that outlines what the community should be doing to get better results for less advantaged children in Sangamon County.

The 2016 grant award for \$10,000 was presented to [Central Baptist Church – Compass for Kids](#) to pilot the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project – a high-impact, evidence-based program designed to improve family engagement.

Compass for Kids provides after-school and summer programming to support at-risk children in Springfield School District 186. The Parent Teacher Home Visit Project directly addressed Sangamon Success recommendations to more effectively engage less advantaged parents in supporting the educational development of their children.

“It was an eye-opening experience to serve on Young Philanthropists’ grant committee and review applications that expressed such great need in our community,” said Young Philanthropists Grant Committee Chair Britt Holzmacher. “Compass for Kids’ Parent Teacher Home Visit Project stood out from the rest because of the impact it will have on kids and families who need the most support.”

Molly Berendt, executive director of Compass for Kids, shared “by implementing home visits to our Compass families, we expect to see increased family engagement that will ultimately lead to an increase in student achievement. We are very eager to get the program up and running.”

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Launched in 2006, Young Philanthropists invigorates community leaders to join together to be philanthropists and to learn more about themselves as donors. By pooling and leveraging their annual contributions of \$125 per person, Young Philanthropists members have steadily built an endowment at the Community Foundation called the Future Fund and have awarded a total of \$69,000 to local charities serving children and youth.

“It’s been exciting to watch this program evolve over the past decade and establish itself as a key grantmaker for local nonprofits serving children and youth,” said Stacy Reed, vice president for programs at the Community Foundation. “And by aligning its funding with recommendations from the Sangamon Success report, Young Philanthropists has joined a bigger community movement to back evidence-based programs that positively impact local kids who need the most support.”

Nonprofits serving children and youth in Sangamon County can apply for the competitive grant award from Young Philanthropists in the fall of each year. Charities should watch the Community Foundation’s website www.CFLL.org for the next round of applications and sign up online to receive alerts when funding opportunities are available.

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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