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SPURRING SOCIAL CHANGE: THE JANE & PAUL FORD FAMILY FUND

Throughout her life, Jane Ford has informed herself about and passionately advocated for the pertinent social issues of the day.

But she's recently been able to contribute in a new capacity – through philanthropy. During her and her husband Paul's lifetimes, and the lifetimes of several of those around them, the Fords built up enough to make a significant difference in the community. Her husband has since passed, and to honor his legacy and make an impact on local issues, Jane reached out to the Community Foundation to establish the **Jane and Paul Ford Family Fund**.



Paul and Jane Ford

Ford wants to use the fund to address a critical, complex issue – homelessness.

She is digging into the issue by educating herself and learning about it up close. That means discussing with those who directly work with the homeless population, serving on committees, and helping families who are endangered of falling back into the unsheltered population.

“We see someone on the streets and/or panhandling and we often make assumptions,” Ford said. “People are often willing to write a check, but you have to dig in to really understand how to make a difference.

“BASICALLY, I WOULD SAY THE REASON WHY PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS ARE AS NUMEROUS AS THE STARS IN THE SKY.” -JANE FORD

Ford established the fund in a powerful way – it will convert to an unrestricted fund upon her passing, with a preference for helping issues surrounding homelessness.

Ford's history makes it easy to understand why she's approaching this head-on. Because of her father's and husband's time in the military, she lived in France for several years in middle school before returning to Europe, this time Germany, just after marrying Paul. Ford later returned to Springfield and found a job teaching elementary students at Little Flower elementary school, and she established a social concerns committee at her parish.

All that life experience and interaction with a wide variety of people helped shape the direction of her advocacy when she essentially stumbled into a great passion of advocating for public transportation.

“Central Illinois Organizing Project (now Illinois Peoples Action) brought together about 75 people to try to figure out what issues were

really plaguing Springfield,” Ford said. “The gathering was held at Little Flower, and I was just asked to help provide refreshments.

“I thought, if public transportation's the issue, then I'll get involved with that issue. I never imagined at the time that I would be a part of a small group of volunteers who worked diligently with SMTD, offices of the mayor and Senator Dick Durbin, and many others for three and one half years to reach the goal of evening bus service in Springfield.”

There are several distinct moments in life that Ford draws upon when it comes to giving back to the community. There was a note from her first-grade teacher that explained Ford was the first to run to help anyone in need on the playground.

There was the time in middle school while she was in France, reading one chapter as part of an oral reading of “The Story of the Fourth Wise Man.” He didn't make it to the manger to meet the other three Magi, and after searching for 33 years, practicing works of mercy and using his gifts for the King, he arrived at Golgotha to hear the Lord speak to him.

“He spent his whole life looking, but helping others before he found the Lord,” Ford said. “The moral of the story is, whatever you've done for the least of my brethren, you've done for me.”

And there was the time she established the social concerns committee at Little Flower.

“People on the street are people, the same as you and I are,” she added. “There's a quote from the movie Kingdom of Heaven, “What man is a man who does not make the world better?”

“You're not just here to take care of yourself.”

For more information on starting an unrestricted or donor-advised fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 217.789.4431 or visit CFLL.org.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FUND SETS BUILDING BLOCKS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN

Early Childhood Education and public School District 186 programs are the focus of a fund recently established at the Community Foundation by Barb and Clark Olson. Barb and Clark attend First Presbyterian Church and years ago heard Community Foundation Founding Board Chair Judy Stephens speak about its work and impact. Recently, as the Olsons began to explore avenues for making philanthropic contributions, their financial advisor Mark Ridley brought up the possibility of the Community Foundation.

A tour of District 186's Early Learning Center showed Barb the progress that's been made since searching, unsuccessfully, years ago for early childhood educational opportunities to meet the needs of their son, Tom. Today, the need for such programs is greater than ever, and the Olsons hope to help bring these early educational programs within the reach of all families.

After seeing how their fund could tie in with programs like Nurse-Family Partnership, which helps low-income, first-time mothers, and Ready to Learn, which screens preschoolers' readiness for kindergarten, the Olsons

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STAUFFERS LEARNED GIVING LEGACY EARLY



Stauffer Family

Jeff and Sheri Stauffer have turned early childhood examples into a lifetime of giving. The Sangamon County couple watched their parents undertake numerous philanthropic efforts.

Those lessons took hold in both of them and inspired them to continue to give back as adults. The giving recently took on an increased focus with the establishment of the **Stauffer Family Fund** at the Community Foundation.

"Both of our upbringings helped mold us to who we are today and are why we give back through the Foundation and otherwise," Jeff Stauffer said. "There are so many in need and you don't have to have money to be charitable. At a young age, we were charitable with our time and now with our time and treasures."

Jeff's parents, Barb and Gary, were heavily involved in the Methodist Church in Girard while Gary also served on the Girard volunteer fire department. Sheri's parents, Monica and Jim Borgognoni, were active in volunteer work in the Pawnee area, including an annual Bike-A-Thon Fundraiser that benefitted St. Jude's Hospital. Monica worked as a nurse at St. John's Hospital and after her death, the Stauffers started the Monica Borgognoni Scholarship Fund at St. John's School of Nursing.

"It was such a rewarding experience to be able to tell her story to inspire young men and women who want to follow in the same career path," Jeff said.

Helping provide educational opportunities is important to the couple. Sheri has spent her career as a teacher. Jeff, partner/president of Mid-America Advertising, has been heavily involved with the Sangamon CEO program

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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE FINDS FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP KEY TO SUSTAINABILITY



RMHC
of Central Illinois

In the evolving philanthropic landscape, it's crucial for charitable organizations to keep working toward establishing long-standing giving streams.



Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois is no exception, and the local charity has partnered with the Community Foundation to create the **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Endowment Fund**.

"Revenue diversification is a key pillar of our 2016-2020 strategic plan. Our board of directors and I have been working together to actively identify ways we can expand our reach in the local community as well as broaden the pool of donors who may wish to contribute to our charity," Executive Director Kelly Thompson said.

"It is critical to our charity to find new and diverse ways of securing funds for our long-term sustainability. We do not receive any state or federal funding, and with the exception of a few grants, are 100% funded through private donations."

The Ronald McDonald House in Springfield has been serving families since 1986, providing meals and rooms for families whose children are ill and receiving care

at a Springfield hospital. The House serves approximately 400 families each year, which stay on average 10 nights. There are 14 bedrooms in the facility that welcomes families from throughout central Illinois. Each room includes a private bathroom, guests are also able to do laundry, and meals are provided. The fund is needed to continue this invaluable service.

"Our fund will continue to help us provide a no-cost stay to the sick children and families we serve, often for days or even months at a time," Thompson said. "We are only able to keep families close together during this stressful time in their lives



because of the community support we are so fortunate to receive."

Ronald McDonald House's impact goes beyond room and board. The emotional support system it provides buoys families during trying times.

"The friendships we made at the House got us through some really difficult days," said one local family that utilized the House. "Then there's the financial aspect of how the House helped us. This is huge too, as my husband was in school getting his master's (degree). It would have been incredibly difficult if we had to choose between going to treat our child, and not going because we didn't have a place to live or would have had to pay for it."

Ronald McDonald House is hoping its association with the Community Foundation will enable it to take another step toward long-term sustainability.

"It is essential that we continue to raise the profile of our organization's service to sick children and their families in order to continue to sustain our annual operations and increase our capacity to serve area families," Thompson said.

"Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois decided to establish the fund because we saw the growth of the Community Foundation in the region and felt it would be a great way for us to continue to raise awareness through the network about the work our charity is doing in central Illinois."

For more information on how to donate to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois Endowment Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 217.789.4431 or visit CFLL.org.



JEAN LEE HILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship established for young women from Taylorville



ll throughout life, Jan Hiller marveled at the kind of woman her mother Jean was.

So when Janet learned about a desire her mother expressed during her lifetime, she wanted to make sure those hopes were carried out, and her mother's legacy would find another way to live on.

"I was told after she died that she talked about giving money to Taylorville High School for a scholarship, but she hadn't done it during her lifetime," Hiller said. "My brother and I ended up being the primary heirs, and I decided that some should have gone to something she wanted to do."

Jean Hiller was an extraordinary woman, graduating co-valedictorian from Taylorville High School in 1943 and going on to graduate with honors in three years from the University of Illinois with a degree in business administration. And while she went back into the home as a housewife after school, Janet knew her mother could have easily chosen a different path and excelled there as well.

"She was just extremely bright, very intuitive, and was a kind person," Hiller said.

That's the spirit Jan Hiller is looking for in recipients of the **Jean Lee Hiller Memorial Scholarship**, a renewal scholarship established at the Community Foundation that is designated for young women who are current or former graduates of Taylorville High School pursuing a business or pre-med degree.

"MY MOTHER WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD SO MANY GIFTS, AND I THINK SHE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HELP OTHER WOMEN WHO WENT INTO BUSINESS. MEDICINE, THAT ONE IS FOR ME." -JAN HILLER

Jan Hiller is a neonatologist who worked with the neonatal group in Peoria before running the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in Missoula, Montana for 15 years. And while she traveled across the state of Illinois growing up and now lives in Montana, there's a special place in her heart for her place of birth, Taylorville. It's where her mother spent 60 years of her life.

And it's where Hiller is hoping young women can take advantage of more opportunities thanks to the scholarship. The scholarship will help those who demonstrate financial need, something Jan knows her mother would have prioritized. Janet remembers walking the aisles of the grocery store and setting her sights on a can of mushrooms, asking her mother if they might be able to add it to the cart. Her mother (always budget-conscious) would reply that it wasn't on the list, and they would go on their way.

Come Christmas morning, Janet would find two cans of mushrooms from Santa Claus in her stocking.



Jean Lee Hiller

"I think she would feel if someone could afford to attend college on their own, then someone else could use the scholarship instead," Hiller said. "Mom was very careful with her money but very generous. She ran the household on not much money. She was probably the most organized person I have ever known."

Hiller's looking to find ambitious young women who want to give back to society. This would help them start that journey. It would also help carry on a tradition of remarkable women in Hiller's family tree, including Jean's mother.

"When she graduated in 1917 in New Harmony, Indiana, she was also valedictorian," Hiller said. "Back then, it was almost all boys, so it's kind of interesting. They were very smart, very unique women for their times."

"I want something of Mom to live on."

For more information on starting a scholarship, or how to contribute to the Jean Lee Hiller Memorial Scholarship, please contact the Community Foundation at 217.789.4431 or visit CFLL.org.



THE JAMES PROJECT CONTINUES TO BUILD THROUGH FUND



the james project

The James Project isn't into a halfway approach. The project, which supports foster care families in Sangamon County, is striving to provide a full-service model of support for those that are called upon to be foster parents in Sangamon County.

"Fostering is a tough and expensive job," James Project founder and co-director Jan Williams said. "Anything we can do to provide more time and resources for kids, we will do that."

In an effort to make sure wrap-around care is available well into the future, The James Project board of directors established **The James Project Endowment Fund** at the Community Foundation.

"We wanted to be serious and dedicated about our future. One way to do that is to put money into the Fund," Williams said. "We were impressed with the reports in the community about the foundation and services in the community it helps."

The James Project began eight years ago out of the knowledge there wasn't enough government support for foster care families. There are 260 licensed foster care homes in Sangamon County for the more than 500 foster kids.

"The system is underfunded and overburdened," Williams said. "We started because we know the foster care system needs help."

"In the Bible, it says that Christ's followers are supposed to care for displaced children. It seemed logical to us to help the foster care system by helping the people who foster."

The numbers surrounding foster children's permanence in a new home can be jarring. More than 50 percent of newly licensed



foster parents quit after one year and another 25 percent quit within two years. The James Project aims to improve the longevity of foster children and their parents' union by providing help in many ways, from housing to clothing to emotional support.

"We want to help recruit new parents and support those that stay," Williams said.

That help includes owning five homes which they lease to qualified foster parents for \$1 a year to help raise larger foster families and/or those in most danger of being lost in the system. The James Project currently has 18 children living in the homes and more than 80 children have lived in a James Project home during the past six years. The fifth home was purchased in October, and the Project does not buy a new home until it has paid off in full the last home it purchased. Families in The James Project homes receive the wrap-

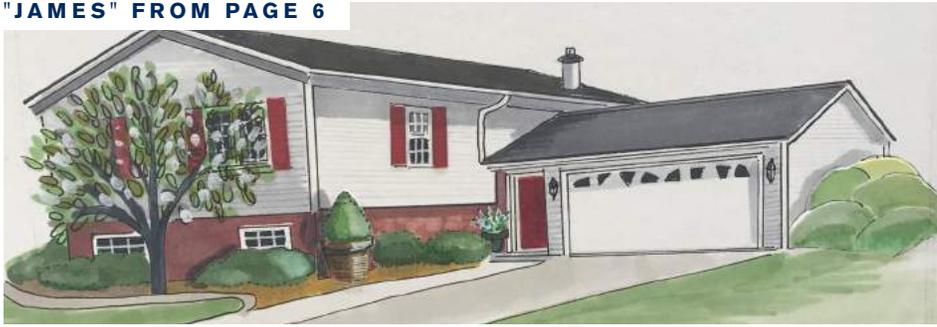
around care, including lawn care, laundry and more from the more than 90 volunteers associated with the Project.

"FOSTER PARENTS ARE DOING WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED TO DO. GETTING HELP IS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR MOST OF THEM." -JAN WILLIAMS

The James Project continues to work to build a support system outside the home. Recently, it began overseeing monthly foster family dinners. The event, held at First United Methodist Church, provides meals and babysitting so foster parents are able to interact with each other freely and begin to build a support system that enables retention to grow.

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The James Project has been approached by agencies outside of Sangamon County to expand its outreach, but at this time the focus remains on providing the best possible situation locally.

"We're trying to do a really excellent job here," Williams said.

On a county-wide scale, the Project oversees the "Closet" which provides clothing and other household items to children entering the foster care system. Donations of new clothes, diapers and other items are accepted and then dispersed to children by volunteers. The service is necessary because state payments to foster

parents often come months or years after the parents have accepted a foster child.

"We are trying to get away from used clothes and go more for new," Williams said. "They deserve to be dressed to go to school in a way to feel proud. We want them to look more comfortable to go to school."

As for the volunteers that help the James Project serve as a cornerstone of services for the foster care community - "It's definitely a God thing," Williams said.

For more information on how to donate to The James Project Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 217.789.4431 or visit CFLL.org.

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that teaches high school seniors life lessons and entrepreneurial skills. Those experiences, plus the impact the nursing scholarship provides, led the couple to want to continue to focus on improving educational opportunities for young people in the area.

"After those wonderful experiences and learning about the Community Foundation, it was an easy decision to start the fund," Jeff said. "The primary focus will be on supporting local programs that have a positive impact on children and young adults in Sangamon County."

The fund has already provided gifts to Sangamon CEO and St. Patrick School in Springfield.

"We prefer to help at the local level," Jeff said.

For more information about how to establish a donor-advised fund or donate to the Stauffer Family Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 217.789.4431 or visit CFLL.org

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created the **Early Childhood Education Fund**, a field of interest fund to help all areas of early childhood development. The idea and hope is that those strong building blocks create a better foundation for District 186 and public schools in general.

Reminders of the importance of education, and particularly early childhood education, have come throughout Barbara and Clark Olson's lives. Just out of graduate school, they and their two children, Ruth and Tom, ventured to Ethiopia. Clark taught biology and chemistry at National University's School of Public Health, and Barb taught first grade at the college's elementary school, which was conducted in English. Ruth, who was four, and Tom, who was nearly three, began their educational experience in classrooms with children of many nationalities, including Ethiopian and Indian, and many different faiths.

When the family returned to the United States, Tom was diagnosed with developmental disabilities, and the family struggled to find pre-kindergarten schools that would even allow him to attend, let alone accommodate his needs. So, now, in deciding how to give back to the community, helping strengthen early childhood education was a natural choice.

The Olsons have lived in Springfield for nearly 40 years. Clark worked for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and Barb worked as a hospital social worker at McFarland Mental Health Center and Kemmerer Village in Assumption. Ruth and Tom graduated from Springfield High School. Soon after graduation, Tom was killed in a traffic accident. Ruth graduated from Knox College, married, and now lives with her husband and their two children, Grace and Mike, in western Virginia.

Clark said, "The community enabled us to accumulate far more than we need. Now our responsibility is to decide how best to use it." Barb added, "The idea of being able to give some of it back to the community only seems appropriate."

Part of establishing this field of interest fund is the hope that other donors would share their same passion for early childhood education. By creating a permanent funding source for this cause, the Olsons have ensured that local early childhood education initiatives will receive support today and for generations to come.

For more information on starting a field of interest fund, or how to contribute to the Early Childhood Education Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 217.789.4431 or visit CFLL.org.



RECENT GRANTS



ACCESS TO RECREATION FUND AWARDS \$6,000

The following projects received funding to support recreational programs that better serve people of all abilities in engaging in recreation. Congratulations to the recipients!

Kidzeum of Health and Science

To provide time dedicated to creating an environment more conducive to special needs children. Staff would be trained on how to best provide sensory integration and learning.

Brother James Court

To purchase a wheelchair accessible swing set.

The Joy of Movement

To support adaptive dance classes for those with Parkinson’s disease and their care partners.

The Access to Recreation grant program was originally established at the Community Foundation through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The fund has awarded a total of \$41,000 in its seven years of grantmaking.

CFLL HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND AWARDS TWO GRANTS

Congratulations to **Central 3 Community First Project, Inc.** and **Kidzeum of Health and Science** as the 2018 recipients of the CFLL Historic Preservation Fund. A total of \$7,500 was granted this year.

Central 3 Community First Project, Inc. is in the midst of renovating and restoring the First Black Firehouse – located at 1310 E. Adams St. – the building that housed primary responders to the 1908 Race Riots. The grant will help stabilize and secure the floor on the main level of the building.

The Kidzeum, located in downtown Springfield, will restore the museum’s interior historic wall by stripping, sanding, bleaching, and staining to restore its original look.

Past recipients of the fund, which was established in 2008, include the Springfield Art Association, Downtown Springfield, Inc., The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Elijah Iles House, Enos Park Neighborhood Improvement Association, and Vachel Lindsay Association.

The CFLL Historic Preservation Fund is an endowment fund established to assist nonprofit organizations in funding historic preservation projects in Springfield, Illinois. The fund may also be used for the benefit of historic preservation projects undertaken by private individuals, businesses and other entities that meet certain charitable criteria.



Recipients of the 2018 CFLL Historic Preservation Fund grant awards were celebrated on September 19 at the Springfield Preservation Awards presented by the Springfield Business Journal and City of Springfield’s Historic Sites Commission. Special thanks to Illinois REALTORS for hosting the event.



RECENT GRANTS

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS 38 ORGANIZATIONS

The Community Grants program speaks to a wide variety of needs in the community. Through this program, the Community Foundation invites requests from charities for up to \$2,500 for any charitable focus. Donor-advised funds are then invited to participate in reviewing and selecting the charities that they wish to fund.

The program offers a unique dynamic to the grantmaking process as the participating funds have the opportunity to partner with one another in funding requests. This collaboration among donors allows numerous charities in Sangamon County and the surrounding area to fund commendable projects that meet the needs of the community.

In 2018, 17 donor-advised funds participated in Community Grants. A total of \$54,855 was awarded to 38 local charities.

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation
- Agricultural Education Partnership - Logan, Menard, Sangamon
- American Cancer Society
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Illinois
- Brother James Court
- Central Illinois Foodbank
- Compass for Kids, Inc.
- Contact Ministries
- Crossroads Transitional Living Program
- Delta Research and Educational Foundation
- Elizabeth Ann Seton Program
- Family Service Center
- Fishing Has No Boundaries Capital City Chapter
- Girls on the Run of Central Illinois
- Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County
- Historic Grace Lutheran Church Food Pantry
- Hoogland Center for the Arts
- Hope Institute
- Illinois Symphony Orchestra
- Loami Area Community Pantry
- Meow Mobile
- One Hope United
- Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony
- Scholastic Art Awards, Mid-Central IL Region
- Special Olympics Illinois Region H
- Springfield Art Association of Edwards Place
- Springfield Ballet Company
- Springfield Parks District (Henson Robinson Zoo)
- St. Patrick Catholic School
- Taylorville Ministerial Association, Inc. DBA Taylorville Food Pantry
- The Helping Paw Project, Inc.
- The James Project, Inc.
- The Joy of Movement
- United Cerebral Palsy Land of Lincoln
- United Way of Central Illinois
- Uturn Life Center
- West Central Illinois Educational Telecommunications Corporation (Network Knowledge)
- YMCA of Springfield

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD AWARDS SIX NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING GRANTS

This summer the Junior League of Springfield Capacity Building Fund awarded six grants totaling \$7,500. Nonprofit board and staff members will be using the funds to attend programs targeted at improving the management, governance and leadership of their organizations.

Faith Coalition for the Common Good

Ten women will attend the National Gamaliel Leadership training to enhance leadership qualities as board members, develop skills to serve on the organization's issue task forces and foster the ability to create new opportunities for other women in the community.

Girls on the Run of Central Illinois

The executive director will attend the 2018 Association of Fundraising Professionals Leadership Academy to gain fundraising-focused leadership training and nonprofit management skills.

Illinois State Museum

To better engage the public through programs and resources, program staff will undergo training for current best practices in museum education and evaluation, as well as courses to create long-term management plans for the education department to best serve the museum population.

Illinois Stewardship Alliance

Program staff will attend a nationally-recognized, four-day, intensive leadership development training on leadership, fundraising, organizational development, and community organizing.

Illinois Symphony Orchestra

The executive director will attend the League of American Orchestras National Conference.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center

A certified association executive consultant will be brought in to identify best practices for the board of directors.



NEWS & NOTES



UIS ACQUIRES INNOVATE SPRINGFIELD

Four years after the Community Foundation founded Innovate Springfield, the University of Illinois Springfield acquired the incubator in August.

Innovate Springfield was created to help foster ongoing revitalization efforts for entrepreneurs and the nonprofit sector in Springfield’s core, developing a more robust culture of innovation. Boasting nearly 60 members, Innovate Springfield has also been named the first hub of the University of Illinois system’s “Illinois Innovation Network” and is slated to receive \$1.5 million over the next three years.

We’re excited to see the continued growth of Innovate Springfield under the leadership of University of Illinois Springfield!

To learn more, visit innovatespringfield.org or stop by its downtown office, which is located at 15 South Old State Capitol Plaza in Springfield.



Governor Bruce Rauner, University of Illinois President Tim Killeen, Mayor Jim Langfelder, University of Illinois Springfield Chancellor Susan Koch, and dozens of other elected officials and community leaders joined Community Foundation President and CEO John Stremsterfer and Innovate Springfield Executive Director Katie Davison for the announcement on August 28.

ECK NAMED FIRST CITIZEN

John Eck, Sr., former Community Foundation board chair and founding board member, was named First Citizen at a breakfast ceremony at Erin’s Pavilion on October 25. Eck is the 56th recipient of the award, given out by *The State Journal-Register*.

“I am happy to have given back. I absolutely have no regrets. I’m humbled and honored for being recognized,” Eck told *The State Journal-Register*.

Congratulations to John for this much-deserved recognition of his dedication and commitment to our community!



Community Foundation staff and Past Board Chair Kathy Germeraad joined John Eck, Sr. at the award ceremony.



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WELCOME SHAWNACI SCHROEDER



The Community Foundation is pleased to welcome Shawnaci Schroeder as its new full-time office manager. Her responsibilities include providing support to the president & CEO, maintaining database information, coordinating meetings and events, corresponding with donors and key stakeholders, and managing a variety of special projects.

Prior to her role at the Community Foundation, Schroeder served as a professional manager QIDP for five years at Chariton Valley Association, a non-profit in Kirksville, MO. She analyzed data for quality assurance, facilitated its annual agency summit and presented at the Missouri Department of Mental Health conference on behalf of the organization.

Schroeder grew up in Chatham and moved back to the area to be closer to her family with her husband Brady Schroeder. She currently volunteers as a faith buddy at Cherry Hills Church to provide one-on-one assistance for children with disabilities.

2018 PARTNERS IN PHILANTHROPY ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to this year's Partners in Philanthropy, who were recognized at the Community Foundation's 15th annual professional advisors holiday party on November 7.

The Community Foundation developed the Partners in Philanthropy – Professional Advisor Recognition Society to acknowledge advisors who advance philanthropy and encourage charitable giving by playing a significant role in the establishment of a fund at the Community Foundation.

2018 RECIPIENTS

Amy Hagen

Jim Hagerman

Mark Ridley

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Community Foundation Board Member Roe Stone welcomed Jim Hagerman, Mark Ridley, Amy Hagen, and Elizabeth Tracy to the Partners in Philanthropy – Professional Advisor Recognition Society.





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