

# FALL 2015 GRANTMAKING

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL) has been investing in the Rockford region since 1953. Our early grants responded to community need by helping to distribute the polio vaccine and creating safe places for kids to play. Since its founding, CFNIL has granted more than \$60,000,000 to charitable causes. This has been made possible through the generosity of our donors, individuals, families and organizations committed to improving our region's quality of life. Their endowed gifts will continue to strengthen our community for generations. That's the power of endowment.

Education has always been a priority for CFNIL. Historically, more than a quarter of CFNIL's grantmaking has supported education. A bequest from Dr. Louis and Violet

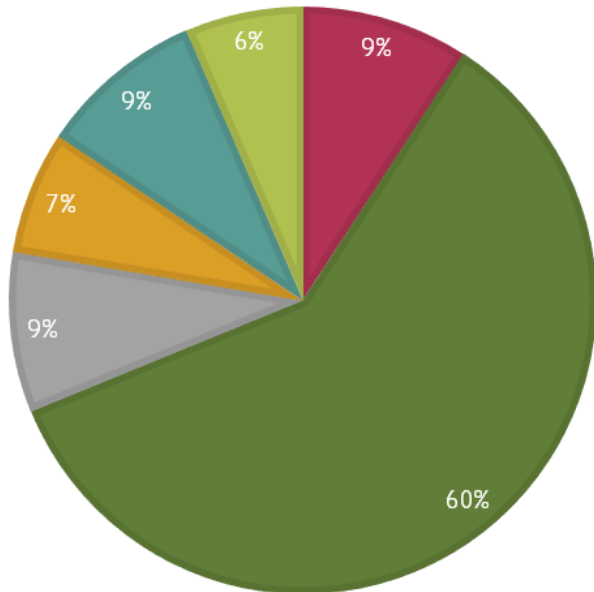
Rubin significantly increased CFNIL's grantmaking capacity. With added capacity, CFNIL launched Education Works, a grant strategy that invests in endowments for scholarships, after-school programs, and career awareness initiatives.

The Fall 2015 Grant Cycle was the first grant cycle to accept proposals for Education Works. After reviewing 90 proposals from area nonprofits and educational institutions, CFNIL Trustees committed up to \$616,876\* over the next three years to after-school programs and career awareness initiatives in the region.

For place-based scholarships, CFNIL challenged local post-secondary institutions by offering dollar-for-dollar matches to build scholarship endowments. Highland Community College (HCC) and Rockford University (RU) answered the challenge. Once the challenges have been met, the endowments will be worth more than \$5,000,000 and will award scholarships to students who attend RU and HCC, are from Northern Illinois, and can demonstrate financial need.

The matching endowment program is named the Rubin Education Challenge, after Dr. Louis and Violet Rubin, whose gifts to the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois made the matching endowments possible. Their legacy lives on in name and spirit.

The application for the next round of CFNIL grants will be open from March 1 to April 1, 2016. For more information about CFNIL's grantmaking and how to apply, please visit [www.cfnil.org](http://www.cfnil.org).



\*includes multi-year grants. Recipients of multi-year grants need to demonstrate progress toward their outcomes in order to receive funding for the second and third years.

	# of Grants	All Years	1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
Arts & Humanities	9	\$95,108	\$95,108	\$0	\$0
Education	11	\$616,876	\$433,077	\$136,004	\$47,795
Health	7	\$91,260	\$91,260	\$0	\$0
Human Services	7	\$70,215	\$66,465	\$3,750	\$0
Sustainable Development	3	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$0	\$0
Youth & Families	8	\$66,993	\$66,933	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$1,034,452</b>	<b>\$846,843</b>	<b>\$139,754</b>	<b>\$47,795</b>

## ARTS & HUMANITIES | 9 grants totaling \$95,108

### AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

#### **African-American Resource Center at Booker**

##### *Move and Make Music*

The African-American Resource Center at Booker offers music instruction during its after-school program. The grant will be used to soundproof a room so the music program can be moved to a larger, more kid-friendly space that is accessible for those with limited mobility.

\$1,544

### AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

#### **African-American Resource Center at Booker**

##### *We All Should Rise*

We All Should Rise is a drama workshop and performance of a play based on the teachings of Booker T. Washington. The workshop is an outgrowth of the therapeutic drama program from AARC's after-school program.

\$4,389



#### **City of Rockford, Human Services Department**

##### *Music Academy in Rockford Head Start*

The project will allow City of Rockford Head Start to continue offering a music enrichment program. The monthly visits from the Music Academy in Rockford will offer children at-risk in the community a chance to learn about musical terms, beat, rhythm and instruments.

\$4,177



#### **Freeport Art Museum**

##### *Arts Magnetism*

The Freeport Art Museum and Jones Farrar Magnet School will collaborate on Arts Magnetism, an innovative in-classroom program that uses objects from the museum's diverse collection to foster creativity, build confidence, teach problem solving, and promote academic excellence.

\$3,010



#### **Rockford Area Arts Council**

##### *ArtsPlace*

ArtsPlace is an arts apprenticeship for high school students who work with professional artists in order to increase artistic skills, engage in the creation of new works of art, and learn valuable work skills in the process. ArtsPlace also creates a small business in which apprentices can create and sell artistic products.

\$15,000



#### **Rockford Art Museum**

##### *The Wonderful World of Stephen Warde Anderson*

The Wonderful World of Stephen Warde Anderson (Feb. 12–May 30, 2016 at Rockford Art Museum) explores the artistic genius of the Rockford native. Anderson's fantastical work is in the permanent collection of Smithsonian American Art Museum, Museum of American Folk Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Milwaukee Art Museum. The exhibition will coincide with the 75th annual Young Artists Show.

\$3,500



#### **Rockford Park District**

##### *Shining a New Light on Music in the Park*

The Rockford Park District will be replacing the sound and lighting system at the Sinnissippi Park Music Shell. The current lighting system is more than 30 years old and will be replaced with efficient LED lighting, while the new sound system will provide a better listening experience.

\$50,000



### **Rockford Rescue Mission**

#### *Furnishings for Art Therapy Room*

The Rockford Rescue Mission will be furnishing the Pitney Place Art Therapy Room with tables, chairs, and storage cabinets. Art Therapy is an important component in the healing process. The Art Therapy room will help women learn new skills, stimulate creativity, and use the creative process as a means of renewing the body and mind.

\$11,853



### **The Music Academy**

#### *A Notable Legacy*

The Music Academy in Rockford will celebrate its mission and vision by hosting a concert titled "A Notable Legacy," featuring faculty and alumni. The Music Academy will also host educational exchanges with Kishwaukee Grade School and the NIU Community School of the Arts in conjunction with the performance.

\$1,635



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## **EDUCATIONWORKS – AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS | 5 grants totaling \$373,198**

### **Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County**

#### *After-School Academic Enrichment Program*

The Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County provides after-school academic enrichment programs. Students in the year-long program engage in academic enrichment activities, employment readiness training, career exploration, music and dance programs, and mentoring.

\$144,920 | \$49,330 for the first year, \$47,795 for the second and third



### **Chicago International Charter School**

#### *CICS Jackson After-School Enrichment Program*

CICS Rockford Charter School Organization will run an after-school enrichment program offering access to community-based extracurricular programs, including opportunities for students to explore the performing arts, receive problem-solving and leadership skills training, experiment with science and engineering projects, and build awareness of career opportunities.

\$60,000



### **Rochelle Community Consolidated Elementary District # 231**

#### *"Helping Us Build (HUB) a Smarter, Stronger, and Healthier Community"*

The HUB Project is an extended learning program for students and families. The HUB Project aims to improve student learning and awareness of career pathways, build stronger families, and create a healthier community. HUB is a collaboration of 40 community partners.

\$100,000



### **Rockford Public Schools #205**

#### *After-School Academic Enrichment*

Working in collaboration with Rockford University Education Department, Rockford University students will tutor students at Whitehead School. Tutors will work with groups of students for 90 minutes, four times per week, in the areas of numeracy, literacy and language arts.

\$11,200



### **United Way of Rock River Valley**

#### *King Elementary School After-School Program*

At the King Elementary School After-School Program, students receive academic and social support through a variety of community partners. Students who receive intellectual stimulation outside of traditional school hours perform better in school and are less likely to fall behind their peers.

\$57,078 | \$20,119 for the first year and \$36,959 for the second

## EDUCATIONWORKS – CAREER AWARENESS INITIATIVES | 6 grants totaling \$236,028



### **Discovery Center Museum of Rockford Inc.**

#### *Career Discovery for Children and their Families*

Discovery Center is introducing comprehensive career-focused programming in the museum. This four-phase program includes: career-focused kiosks highlighting local people at work; career graphics in each gallery illustrating jobs in specific fields; special programs to spark interest in career exploration; and career learning opportunities for students who participate the after-school programs at Discovery Center.

\$33,734 | \$26,084 for the first year and \$7,650 for the second



### **Kids Around The World, Inc.**

#### *Youth Career Development 2016*

Kids Around the World and Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc./ YouthBuild Rockford are partnering to provide vocational skills training. Participants will receive certification in welding and forklift operation and will learn their craft by refurbishing playground equipment. Trainees will also receive high school equivalency preparation, leadership training, life skills, and employability skills training.

\$63,264



### **Northern Illinois Workforce Alliance**

#### *Addressing the Skills Gap through Talent Pipeline Management in Northern Illinois*

The Northern Illinois Workforce Alliance, in collaboration with Northern Illinois University, area economic development partners, employers, training and workforce providers, will develop an effective talent pipeline management system. This will give students, workers, and employers a clear understanding of the skills, experience and credentials required for specific jobs in the region. NIWA and its partners will develop a plan to implement a local talent pipeline model.

\$50,870



### **Rockford Rescue Mission**

#### *Furnishings for Classrooms*

Residents in Rockford Rescue Mission's Crisis and Life Recovery programs will use the classrooms in Pitney Place to prepare for their GED, improve literacy and computer skills, define career objectives, prepare effective resumes, and learn how to interview for jobs.

\$12,710



### **Rockford Public Schools #205**

#### *FIRST Robotics in the Rockford Public Schools*

In conjunction with FIRST Rockford Robotics, the Rockford Public Schools are establishing after-school robotics teams in every school. Having robotics programs throughout District #205 will increase students' technical skills. By engaging K-12 students in science, technology, engineering and math, District #205 is building the next generation of manufacturing professionals for our community.

\$73,100 | \$29,500 for the first year and \$43,600 for the second



### **University of Illinois Foundation**

#### *Engaging Teens in STEM Experiential Learning through the FIRST Robotics Competition*

The Flaming Monkeys 4-H Club provides students an opportunity to develop skills in conceptualizing, designing, building, programming and testing robots that perform in the FIRST Robotics Competition. The goal is that members will develop skills for careers in engineering, manufacturing, and other STEM fields. This grant will purchase supplies for robot and outreach programs.

\$10,000

## HEALTH | 7 grants totaling \$91,260



### **A Silver Lining Foundation**

#### *Buy A Mom A Mammogram*

ASLF's Buy A Mom A Mammogram program funds the entire spectrum of breast health testing, including mammograms, MRIs, ultrasounds, and biopsies to un-insured and under-insured women and men in Northern Illinois. ASLF has provided cancer resource information, treatment options, support and mammography services to thousands of individuals.

\$25,000



### **Alzheimer's Association**

#### *Rockford Office Community Education & Outreach*

The Rockford office of the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Illinois Chapter (GIC) offers quality Alzheimer's education, awareness and outreach programs, serving residents throughout six counties in Northern Illinois. The 2016 education programs will educate and help adults who are affected directly or indirectly by Alzheimer's disease or related dementia disorders.

\$15,000



### **NAMI Northern Illinois**

#### *Training Instructors and Group Leaders*

NAMI Northern Illinois will train twelve volunteers to become instructors or group leaders to facilitate constructive conversations about mental illness. Training is provided by NAMI Illinois and is available in Spanish.

\$3,600



### **Rockford MELD, Inc.**

#### *Automated External Defibrillators*

Rockford MELD will equip its emergency shelter and transitional living residence with small portable automated external defibrillators for use in emergency cardiac situations. MELD personnel will be trained in their use.

\$3,898



### **Rockford Rescue Mission**

#### *Fitness Equipment for Fitness Center*

Physical exercise and fitness are important components in the healing process. Rockford Rescue Mission will purchase equipment for the Pitney Place Fitness Center in order to promote physical activity and fitness, prevent and reduce obesity, and provide education to promote healthy choices.

\$19,768



### **Saint Anthony College of Nursing**

#### *Improving Health Insurance Knowledge Among the Newly Insured in Winnebago County*

The "Improving Health Insurance Knowledge" study aims to determine what Medicaid enrollees know and believe about the Affordable Care Act and health insurance; identify the barriers to using health insurance; and develop a resource guide for patients and providers to more effectively navigate the healthcare system.

\$8,994



### **YMCA of Rock River Valley**

#### *LIVESTRONG at the YMCA*

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is a patient-centered therapeutic wellness program for cancer survivors held at the YMCA of Rock River Valley. This program takes a therapeutic and holistic approach to fitness, cardio/aerobic and other wellness activities. LIVESTRONG at the YMCA is strongly concerned with developing a specific regimen of exercise and activities based on participants' current health.

\$15,000



## HUMAN SERVICES | 7 grants totaling \$70,215



### **Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry**

#### *The Right Food for Every Table*

The Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry is the source of healthy, wholesome food for more than 1,200 clients each month and snacks for 350 students each week. This program provides balanced food, including proteins, fresh produce, whole grains, and dairy products to local families.

\$7,500 | \$3,750 for two years



### **Malcolm Eaton Enterprises**

#### *Sensory Environment Training Room*

Malcolm Eaton Enterprises in Freeport will provide a multi-sensory environment training room for adults with developmental disabilities. Time spent in multi-sensory environments has been shown to increase concentration, improve communication and encourage pro-social behavior.

\$13,019



### **Milestone, Inc.**

#### *iPad Expansion Project*

iPads allow individuals with autism at Milestone, Inc. to learn new skills and gain independence. They are invaluable to non-verbal clients because they provide an efficient way to communicate.

\$7,182



### **New Horizons Counseling Center**

#### *Partner Abuse Intervention Program for Men*

New Horizons Counseling Center (NHCC) in Freeport is working to help Stephenson County confront its domestic violence problem by offering a Partner Abuse Intervention Program. NHCC staff will work with perpetrators of domestic violence to help them learn conflict resolution and anger management.

\$15,000



### **Northern Illinois Food Bank**

#### *Mobile Pantry Program*

Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Pantries will provide food to hungry neighbors in Winnebago, Boone, Ogle and Stephenson Counties. Each Mobile Pantry holds approximately 9,000 pounds of food and can feed 100-300 families. These distributions provide nutritious food to residents in underserved or high-need areas.

\$12,000



### **Rock House Kids**

#### *Hot Meals for At-Risk Children*

Rock House Kids (RHK) provides at-risk children with a hot meal each night. Many children in RHK's programs do not have a hot meal waiting for them at home. A hot, nourishing meal helps children to focus on RHK's basic, life-affirming programs.

\$9,342



### **The Jericho Project, NFP**

#### *Early Intervention: Emmanuel Soup Kitchen*

The Jericho Project will provide a nutritious lunch to the homeless population every week at the Emmanuel Soup Kitchen. The meal will serve as a platform to direct the homeless into available community services. Alumni of Jericho will staff the effort.

\$6,172

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT | 3 grants totaling \$94,000



### **Habitat for Humanity of Boone County**

#### *2016 Habitat for Humanity Home Build*

The Habitat for Humanity of Boone County will purchase a lot and build a single-family home in Boone County for its 2016 Home Build Project.

\$15,000



### **Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden**

#### *Native Oak Grove Restoration*

Klehm will restore a 15 acre, native oak grove in the southeast corner of the 155 acre arboretum. The grove will be restored for public viewing as an example of Winnebago County and the Rock River Valley before the introduction of invasive species.

\$4,000



### **Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.**

#### *Building Hope House*

In the spring of 2016, the RAHFH will construct five homes in the Rockford area. This grant will support the fifth home, giving a family the opportunity to earn homeownership. This grant will support RAHFH's efforts to meet rising need for safe, affordable housing.

\$75,000

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## YOUTH & FAMILIES | 8 grants totaling \$66,993



### **Boone County CASA**

#### *Computers, software, and data backup upgrade*

Boone County CASA will purchase new office computers and software critical to its daily operations. This will allow the Boone County CASA to provide the best possible advocacy for abused and neglected children.

\$2,290



### **Children's Home + Aid**

#### *Home Visiting Improvement Project*

Children's Home + Aid will implement the Home Visiting Improvement Project at MotherHouse Crisis Nursery. MotherHouse supports the Parents-as-Teachers training model. The result of the program will be more effective home visits for vulnerable families to better support the development of healthy children.

\$14,595



### **Rockford Area Pregnancy Care Centers**

#### *Informing Teens Leads to Positive Choices*

Students will be educated, informed and empowered to make thoughtful choices about sex and relationships. Science, research and anecdotal evidence about sex will be unpacked in an engaging and relatable way.

\$15,000

**Rockford MELD, Inc.***Bed and Breakfast at MELD*

MELD will provide teen mothers with mattresses and bedding for use in the Shelter and Transitional Living Apartments. Mattresses are theirs to keep when they move out into the community. MELD will also provide grocery gift cards to young moms before their SNAP benefits have been approved.

\$3,000

**Rockford Park District***Sabrooke Park Development*

The Rockford Park District (RPD) is moving Sabrooke Park to a new location that will better serve local residents and organizations, including Orton Keyes public housing and the Boys & Girls Club. This grant will assist RPD in creating community gardens for the residents and provide healthy food options in an area with limited resources for fresh produce.

\$15,000

**Shelter Care Ministries***Providing safe, healthy food for children who are homeless*

MAYA'S House (Mothers and Youth Achieving Stability) is the only free daycare for children ages 0-5 who are experiencing homelessness in the Rockford region. MAYA'S House will provide nutrient-rich food, train staff in food sanitation, and purchase commercial-grade cleaning tools and supplies.

\$7,500

**Trinity Day Care, Inc.***Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent gives parents strategies for improving behavior and motivation in children, which contribute to life-long responsibility and productivity. The five-week program produces confident parents capable of raising successful children.

\$6,061

**Winnebago County CASA***Website Redesign*

Winnebago County CASA is redesigning its website to offer features compatible with current technology, making it mobile-friendly and easily navigated.

\$3,547