

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM



A REPORT ON 2019 -2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM AWARDS
MADE BY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

CONTENT

The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to serve as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, preserve, and grow an endowment for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois.



Front Cover Photo: Youth drummers with YAVO prepare to drill at the 2019 Beattie Is... arts festival in downtown Rockford. Photo submitted by Rockford Area Arts Council and taken by Photos by Polo, www.finemindz.com.

Back Cover Photo: Eagle release at Rock Cut State Park, August 19, 2019. Pictured: Karen and Steven Herdklotz and Donald Czyk. Photo courtesy of Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center.

Unless otherwise noted, photos contained within this report are courtesy of the grant applicant.

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Reverend Raven and the Chain Smoking Altar Boys play to a huge crowd at the 2019 Crossroads Blues Festival. Photo courtesy of Crossroads Blues Society.

CFNIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

2019 - 2020 Program Grantmaking

The Community Grants Program is the largest grantmaking program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL). Grants are awarded to support charitable projects, programs, and events operated by nonprofit organizations in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. Community Grants are made in six focus areas: Arts & Humanities, Education, Health, Human Services, Sustainable Communities, and Youth & Families.

In Fall 2019 CFNIL awarded 68 new grants totaling \$1,120,697.40, in addition to \$341,562 to six multi-year grant commitments from prior cycles. This total of \$1,462,259.40 will be awarded through the 2019 Community Grants Program cycle.

This report provides an overview of each of the 74 grants awarded in the 2019 Community Grants Program cycle. The grant descriptions are sorted by focus area and then alphabetically by organization. Each grant awarded in this cycle was reviewed by community volunteers who assessed the proposed plan, budget, anticipated outcomes, and community need. Learn more about the Community Grants Program at cfnil.org/community.

Every dollar awarded through the Community Grants Program was made possible by the generosity of our donors—individuals, families, and organizations committed to improving our region's quality of life. Their permanent gifts will continue to strengthen our region for generations. That's the power of endowment!

The 2019 - 2020 Community Grants Program cycle continues CFNIL's sixty-six year commitment to investment in Northern Illinois through grantmaking. This work and its growing, ongoing impact would not be possible without the generosity of our donors and the exceptional efforts of our grantees—thank you!

2019 - 2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTMAKING

(Funds awarded July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020)

FOCUS AREA	2019 # OF NEW GRANTS	PRIOR COMMITMENTS # OF GRANTS	2019 NEW AWARDS	PRIOR COMMITMENTS AWARDS	TOTAL AWARDED FY2020
Arts & Humanities	18	-	\$148,874.76	-	\$148,874.76
Education	13	6	\$388,136.26	\$341,562.00	\$729,698.26
Health	7	-	\$125,088.00	-	\$125,088.00
Human Services	12	-	\$141,682.38	-	\$141,682.38
Sustainable Communities	10	-	\$171,024.00	-	\$171,024.00
Youth & Families	8	-	\$145,892.00	-	\$145,892.00
TOTAL	68	6	\$1,120,697.40	\$341,562.00	\$1,462,259.40

FOCUS AREA	# OF GRANTS	AVERAGE AWARD	RANGE OF AWARDS
Arts & Humanities	18	\$8,270.82	\$1,023 - \$30,000
Education	19	\$38,405.17	\$3,453.13 - \$225,000
Health	7	\$17,869.71	\$3,200 - \$50,000
Human Services	12	\$11,806.87	\$2,100 - \$17,000
Sustainable Communities	10	\$17,102.40	\$2,500 - \$30,000
Youth & Families	8	\$18,236.50	\$9,000 - \$39,665
TOTAL	74	\$19,760.26	\$1,023 - \$225,000

DOLLARS AWARDED BY FOCUS AREA



ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE LONGEST GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP WITH CFNIL AWARDED GRANTS THIS YEAR:

Rock Valley College Foundation
First Grant: 1968 - \$2,500 for the PACE Program

RSO ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Steven Larsen, Music Director
First Grant: 1967 - \$600 for "Start-up funds for the Symphony"



First Grant: 1970 - \$1,000 to "assist in funding supplemental music in elementary schools"

ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED A COMMUNITY GRANT FOR THE FIRST TIME:



ARTS & HUMANITIES FOCUS AREA

Grants in the Arts & Humanities Focus Area are made to:

- Increase the availability of and access to artistic and cultural experiences, especially those that represent our community's diverse culture.
- Celebrate the region's history and preserve historical integrity.

ARTS & HUMANITIES | 18 GRANTS FOR \$148,874.76



Artists' Ensemble Theater

AE Summer Players

Artists' Ensemble Theater will form a performance troupe of 4-6 committed teens who will offer free performances for underserved and underprivileged community groups in the summer of 2020. The troupe, under the guidance of the Artists' Ensemble professional staff, will train, rehearse and perform during June and July of 2020. AE looks for talented young people who have a strong desire to learn as well as perform. This program is free to the student and will include professional training as well as performance experience. This program will not only benefit the student participants but the community as well.



2019 AE Summer Players members Kaylee Presslor, Chrinovic Bugere, and Chase Hunter.

\$3,500 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



Artists' Ensemble Theater

Cry It Out

From March 5-22, 2020 Artists' Ensemble Theater will present the new play by Molly Smith Metzler, "Cry It Out". Four months ago, Jessie was a corporate lawyer with a glamorous Manhattan life. Now, she is in dirty yoga pants soothing a screaming newborn. Jessie's back yard is where three new moms, baby monitors firmly in hand, meet in a sleep-deprived haze to grapple with huge decisions. Of particular interest to Metzler, and the play, is the tragically short amount of time that mothers are allowed for maternity leave in this country, and how impossible it is to sort out all the attendant issues, financially and otherwise, of new parenthood in that small window.



\$2,000 | Supported by the Rod MacDonald Memorial Theater Endowment



Burpee Museum of Natural History

Enhance Burpee's Impact: Website Technical Development

Burpee Museum's ability to communicate with long time supporters and newfound learners, is critical to their success as a nonprofit. The ability to learn about upcoming events, market and accept online registrations, share resources and opportunities, integrate with patron's mobile devices, and serve schools through learning technology is paramount. No professional updates have happened to Burpee's website in over five years. The current platform is outdated, difficult to update and upgrade, and not able to integrate into the mobile augmented reality app designed for Burpee in 2018. The current website has deterred online donations, class registrations, and potential visitors. This grant will support a redesign of Burpee's public technology interface, and utilize best practices in user experience, mobile-ready design, an easy-to-use Content Manage System, and search engine optimization.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



Crossroads Blues Society

2020 Crossroads Blues Festival at Lyran Park

The 11th Annual Crossroads Blues Festival at Lyran Park will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2020. The funds from this grant will help to cover the event's fixed costs and allow event income to be used to support the Blues in School Program.

\$2,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



Young girl practices what she learned at the harmonica workshop during Crossroads Blues Festival.

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Friends of the Coronado

LED Lighting Conversion Project on the Historic Marquee Sign at Coronado Theater

It has been almost 20 years since the Coronado re-opened as a fully restored and modernized venue. The replicated historic Coronado Marquee requires updating with current technology, and Friends are proactively addressing the change to LED lighting technology now available with dependable products for the specific needs of a marquee theater sign. Currently the Marquee has compact fluorescent lights (CFL) installed in 2012. Their estimated useful life has expired and we are experiencing significant failure rates. Investing in the compact florescent technology is not a responsible option given the rapid decline in availability. LED technology will improve energy usage over the CFL, providing similar lumens with less wattage; greatly reduce staff time to maintain with three times the useful life as the CFL. It will bring back the historical look of a clear filament bulb.

\$14,690 | Supported by the Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund

Coronado Theatre Marquee History



Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center

Summer Arts Enrichment at Patriots Gateway Community Center 2020

In Summer 2020 Patriots Gateway Community Center will present an arts experience for students by offering a class in Music and Movement complemented by a class in Visual Arts. Each student will receive eight days of group lessons over two weeks, divided between the two subjects. They will also have two days of cultural outings in the form of a trip to the art museum and a local music performance. Lessons will be given by two experienced teachers from District 205.

\$3,310 | Supported by the Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund



Instructor Tami Gaudreau leads students at Patriots Gateway Summer Camp in a cooperative music and movement activity, part of MPAC's Summer Arts Enrichment Project 2019. Photo by Barbara Simon.



Midway Village and Museum Center

HERstory: Celebrating Women's History

Midway Village Museum will hold an event that celebrates women's history. This event will take place in the centennial year of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. At this event, visitors will meet living history interpreters who will represent individuals in history who advanced the cause of equal voting rights for women, as well as women who have impacted the growth and development of women's roles in society. Children can make crafts that reinforce the themes of the event. The event will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

\$2,900 | Supported by the Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund



Reenactors portray a women's suffrage march during Midway Village's "The Great War" special event.



Midway Village and Museum Center

Making Local Women's History Accessible to the Public

Midway Village Museum will create an exhibit on Rockford women who were important in the suffragist movement and make it accessible to the public by taking the exhibit to different branches of the Rockford Public Library during the centennial year of the passage of the 19th amendment.

\$1,023 | Supported by the Jon W. Lundin Preservation Fund



Photos to be included in Midway Village Women's History Exhibit in 2020. From L - R: Kate O'Connor. Graduated from Rockford High School and served as Deputy to the County Clerk. Honored for her work in women's suffrage. Jane Addams. Graduate of Rockford Female Seminary, founder of Hull House, 1931 Nobel Peace Prize winner. Leader in the national women's suffrage movement. Ruth Hanna McCormick. Newspaper publisher and active in both state and national organizations for women's suffrage. First woman Congressman from Illinois.

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Rockford Area Arts Council

ArtsPlace

ArtsPlace is designed as a job training experience to teach essential work skills to teens in the context of creating high-caliber art in a supportive, affirming environment. Apprentices choose their area of study from a variety of art forms: print-making, theater, writing, and dance. They undergo eight weeks of rigorous training in their chosen area with professional artists. Apprentices act as entrepreneurs: they envision the product, develop budgets, secure supplies, market and sell the product, and have a formal process of ongoing evaluation and improvement of their work. Proceeds earned from art and ticket sales are used as stipends for the apprentices. Many come from families with high unemployment and gain invaluable resources for future workforce success. ArtsPlace caters to the needs of "at-risk" youth identified by Johns Hopkins University's Center for Social Policy, including continuity of contact with caring adults, opportunities for leadership, and positive peer support.

\$25,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



From L to R: ArtsPlace II apprentices work on stage with guest artist Atris Olds from the internationally acclaimed STOMP! Visual Arts apprentices pose with the mural they completed at Sinnissippi Bandshell under the guidance of professional artist Jenny Matthews. ArtsPlace apprentices dance in outreach performance as part of Alpine Kiwanis Club's Brat Days.



Rockford Area Arts Council

Beattie Is...The Spirit of Rockford!

Beattie Is...the Spirit of Rockford! is a free, family-friendly arts festival featuring the talents of local artists ranging from professional to amateurs and students, as well as participatory art for all ages. The event includes art and food vendors. The festival begins at Beattie Park for an opening drum ceremony followed by a sidewalk parade to the Rockford City Pavilion for stage performances, an arts market, buskers, face painting, make-it and take-it art, and community art creations. In 2020, the festival will be held on August 15, "Rockford Day," hence the theme of city pride and spirit.

\$5,500 | Supported by the Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund



New York-based sculpture artist Bob Clyatt brought his national "Shared Spaces" project to Rockford for Beattie Is... 2019. Here, he helps a festival attendee press an object of his choosing into the clay -- his own thumb!



Rockford Art Museum

Sonic Disruptions: Buisch and Hogin

'Sonic Disruptions: Buisch and Hogin' (February 7 – May 25, 2020) features artists Derrick Buisch and Laurie Hogin who use color, imagery, narrative, and symbols to stimulate our senses and challenge our perceptions. Buisch is an art professor at the University of Wisconsin while Hogin chairs the painting and sculpture program at the University of Illinois, and both are represented in the Rockford Art Museum Collection. Also featured in this 15-week major exhibition are a custom-designed music playlist and reading list of the artists' favorite music and books and related educational programming.

\$2,500 | Supported by the Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund



L: Derrick Buisch, 'Pink Factory Page', 2009, oil and acrylic on canvas. Collection of Rockford Art Museum. Gift of Patty and Bob Rhea. Image courtesy of the artist. R: Laurie Hogin, 'Natural History Diorama (Reedy Creek)', oil on canvas. Collection of Rockford Art Museum. Gift of Jeff Stevens. Image courtesy of the artist.



Rockford Park District

2020 Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition

For the past 34 years the Rockford Park District has hosted the Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition at Sinnissippi Park. This community-favorite event provides the opportunity for area artists to create unique works of art and provides spectators a free opportunity to view the snow sculptures in a beautiful park setting. This event has historically been dependent upon the amount of snowfall. As a result the event has been cancelled on three occasions and postponed on seven occasions. For the past four years RPD has ensured that the event occurs by making snow onsite. They continue to learn how to do this efficiently and last year added a second block form to increase efficiency and reduce future snow making costs.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



Top: 2019 "People's Choice" winner titled "Lincoln". Bottom: Event team creating snow blocks prior to competition.

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Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Beethoven's Second

From the earliest days of Western music, women have been underrepresented as both performers and creators. In 84 years the Rockford Symphony has performed about 2000 works; only eight have been by women. In the 19/20 Season, the RSO will rectify this by having a season-long theme of women in music. This theme will be particularly highlighted during a festival that will take place in March 2020, coinciding with Women's History Month. The cornerstone event of this festival will be the Classics 5 concert, Beethoven's Second, featuring a female guest conductor, Cosette Justo Valdés, and female guest artist, pianist Muza Rubackyte.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



The Music Academy in Rockford

Candlemas Eve - Can Spring Be Far Behind?

Music Academy students will prepare for a Candlemas Eve workshop and concert to be presented on February 2, 2020. Candlemas celebrates the mid-point between winter and spring. The concert is free and open to the community. The Music Academy will: combine three string orchestras to learn and perform a new commission for strings and bagpiper, "The Dark Isle" and a new "Scottish Twinkle", both composed by faculty members; learn and perform "Lord Lavatt's Lament" by Illinois composer Donald Frasier, and "The Flame" by Cheap Trick; explore the Scottish Candlemas tradition and feature performances by string students and a bagpiper from the City of Rockford Pipe Band; bring workshop clinicians to train the Academy's teachers to better serve music students with learning disabilities; and collaborate with Rockford Public Library for a free presentation focusing on diversity.

\$6,204 | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund

The West Side Show Room

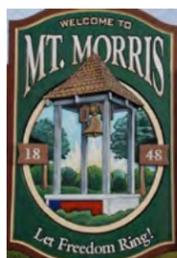
2021 Rockford New Play Festival

In its fifth year, The Rockford New Play Festival presents six new ten-minute plays by exceptional playwrights from Rockford, Illinois, and around the world. This unique Festival does not give awards, but offers each playwright a royalty for the rights to perform their work, thereby providing an opportunity for local playwrights to have their work presented professionally to the public alongside the work of national and international playwrights.

\$2,500 | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund



L: Playwright Linda Zuba talking to an audience member. Center: Audience members at the 2019 Rockford New Play Festival. R: Actors Quetzia Ramirez-Ibarra, Jaylen Marks, Nena Monroe, Kiana Rhodeos, and Stephen F. Vriol III, and MC Liv Lombardi. Photos by James Hogan.



Village of Mt. Morris

Mt. Morris Jamboree

The Mt. Morris Jamboree presents free two-hour concerts in the band shell in the center of Mt. Morris' historic campus every Friday night in summer, featuring different bands playing a diverse range of music. Local charitable organizations provide food and drink concessions for the events. Other vendors representing local charitable organizations and small businesses sell food and crafts. The former college building adjacent to the band shell contains a new art gallery on the, featuring new shows during the concerts, as well as Aireloom Music Studios. To kick off each evening, the Mt. Morris Community Farmers Market offers local foods and crafts nearby every Friday afternoon from June through October.

\$3,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



L: The StingRays play to a crowd of 650, the 2nd largest crowd of the 2019 season. R: StingRays Twist Contest. The StingRays specialize in audience participation and always include trivia and dance contests in their show. Photos by Sue Rowley.

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Winnebago Community Historical Society

Town Hall Programs

The Winnebago Community Historical Society (WCHS), established in early 2018, was formed with 100 charter members from the Village of Winnebago and surrounding townships. WCHS acquired the historic Town Hall from the Winnebago Township in 2018 with the purpose of renovating this 125 year old building, to allow the local community to have a gathering space for all types of events. The building started to deteriorate until the WCHS stepped in. WCHS has been active with programs and historical events in the village, however, with the condition of the Town Hall, programming was held at the local Winnebago Public Library and Fire Station. With improvements made to date - a new roof, upgrades to HVAC, installing ADA compliant bathrooms - WCHS is finally able to use the building as envisioned. This grant will allow programs/events to be held at Town Hall with WCHS's own equipment and furnishings.

\$4,747.76 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



From L to R: WCHS Program - Railroads in Winnebago. John Rowley, Town Historian, selling extra copies of historic high school yearbooks and other printed materials related to Winnebago. Town Hall open for the public for the annual Village of Winnebago 4th of July Celebration. Open house attendees learn about plans for renovation and future programming with discussion led by WCHS board member Pat Wakeley.



Womanspace, Inc.

WSC2020 Public Art Installation

Womanspace will work with a coalition to create and install a public art piece in Rockford to mark the centennial anniversary of women's suffrage. Groups forming the coalition known as Women's Suffrage Centennial 2020 (WSC2020) include: AAUW, League of Women Voters, DAR, Women's March Rockford, Womanspace, YWCA, Northern Public Radio, and Midway Village. The celebration will be August 19, 2020, in conjunction with a city-wide event entitled Sippin' With the Suffragists. The proposal is for funding to design, create and install this public sculpture in a visible location that is yet to be determined. This project is coordinated by a group of Rockford area artists in consultation with Susan Burton from Marseilles, IL, who is a recognized and experienced coordinator of public art installations and events.

\$20,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



From L - R: Community volunteer working with students to contribute to a recent public art installation in Princeton, IL, by Susan Burton, the artist who will also be engaged for the exhibition in Rockford. A mosaic couch and chair, part of the art installation in Princeton, IL, by the same artist who will be engaged in Rockford.

EDUCATION FOCUS AREA

Grantmaking for educational projects, programs, and events is a priority for CFNIL and is strategically aligned under the banner of Education Works. This strategy seeks to support a regional education system that continually develops healthy and productive citizens. 50% of the total Community Grants awards are made in the Education Focus Area, in two tracks: **Career Pathways** and **Complementary Education**.

Grants in the Education Focus Area are made to:

- Align with Education Works guidelines (visit cfnil.org/education-works for more information).
- Provide creative and systemic approaches to educational improvement.
- Support the education of current and future medical professionals.

**EDUCATION
WORKS**
Common Agendas Common Sense

EDUCATION | 19 GRANTS FOR \$729,698.26

EDUCATIONWORKS CAREER PATHWAYS | 10 GRANTS FOR \$460,424.13



Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc.

YouthBuild Program 2020

Participants will earn their high school diploma and industry-recognized skills credentials. YouthBuild focuses on construction, but many of the skills the participants acquire are transferable to a variety of job fields. All participants receive workforce readiness and leadership skills training, including soft skills, to get them ready for their next chapter: apprenticeship, secondary education, or employment. YouthBuild provides supportive services such as mentoring, case management, transportation assistance, and resource referrals; these services continue for a year after program completion to assist as these youth transition into the next phase of their lives.

\$25,000 | Supported by the Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund



L: Program participants build a home with Habitat for Humanity.
R: Program participant completes community service project with Kids Around the World, preparing playground equipment.

Forrestville Valley Community Unit School District #221

Forreston High School Engineering Pathway

Funds will be used to purchase curricular supplies and equipment to implement the Project Lead the Way Engineering Pathway at Forreston High School (FHS). The program has exposed students to high priority occupations in the region and increased critical thinking in the areas of math and science. Through community partnerships students have had the chance to tour facilities and have guest speakers in the classroom. These experiences have allowed students to extend their knowledge beyond the classroom.

\$28,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund



Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center

Resident Wildlife Rehabilitation Intern Housing Project

Hoo Haven will expand and improve its on-site housing for resident wildlife rehabilitation interns seeking clinical practice. Funds will be used to build a 24' x 10' addition to create a dorm-style area suitable for up to four interns at a time. Resident Wildlife Rehab Interns at Hoo Haven are college students who live/volunteer on-site for 12 week sessions. Adequate on-site housing allows our interns to get proper rest and remain healthy, while also making them readily available to gain learning experience during after-hours wildlife emergencies.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Dr. Courtney J. and Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund



L - R: American Bald Eagle being treated by intern Razia, intern mentor Donald Cyzyk, and Hoo Haven Executive Director Karen Herdtklotz. Intern feeds baby grey squirrel. Angela Boelk, Bird Trainer, feeds the American White Pelicans. Gloria Stone, intern mentor, and Red Tail Hawk ambassador "Samantha".

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Lady All Stars Holistic Mentoring Program

The Lady All Stars Holistic Mentoring Program helps girls become exceptional women by providing the experiences and supportive environment they need to achieve their dreams. The program does this by offering mentoring and case management services that expose them to the benefits and the importance of post-secondary education, fostering positive self-image, promoting self-respect for self and others, and encouraging educational achievement.

\$50,000 | First year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



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EDUCATIONWORKS CAREER PATHWAYS | 10 GRANTS FOR \$460,424.13



Kids Around The World, Inc.

Welding Career Pathway 2020

Kids Around the World, Inc. will continue a successful pilot project for a Welding Career Path through a partnership with Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc.- YouthBuild Rockford Program, First Institute of Training and Management, Inc., and The Workforce Connection to help high school drop-outs from poor communities obtain self-sufficiency.

\$21,000 | Supported by the Barber-Colman Management Fund



Northern Illinois University

Support for Career Pathways in RPS205 and D100

EdSystems will partner with Rockford Public Schools, Belvidere District 100, and their regional partners to provide strategic counsel, technical assistance, and other supports to foster equitably accessible high-quality pathways that effectively prepare young people for success in college, career, and civic life. This project will continue, deepen, and expand the focus on college and career pathway implementation systems in the Rockford region that has been supported through the Great Lakes College and Career Pathways Partnership funded by the Joyce Foundation.

\$50,000 | First year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund

Rock Valley College

Linking Talent to Opportunity (LTO): A Regional Strategy

Rock Valley College (RVC) and Highland Community College (HCC) will continue to develop educational pathways that prepare students for the business community and improve economic development in the region. These pathways include developmental, core, and career/technical coursework. Since the pathways are delivered at regional high schools, RVC and HCC are increasing access to post-secondary education and addressing equity gaps. Although dual credit has been offered at regional high schools, this is the first time that dual credit has been offered through a pathways model that links coursework with specific employment opportunities.

\$225,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford

University of Illinois Chicago Health Sciences Campus - Rockford (UICHSC-R) Health Careers Pathway initiative

UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford (UICHSC-R) will establish a Health Careers Pathway Initiative for high school and college students in Winnebago County. The purpose of the Initiative is to offer programs for high school and college students that will stimulate an interest in health careers and encourage the pursuit of those careers. The following activities will be piloted: One-Day Seminars for high school students using hands on learning activities and labs; On-site Health Professions Student Panel discussions at local high schools consisting of current health professions students; Health Careers Open House at the UICHSC-R for students attending area colleges and universities.

\$17,954.13 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L - R: Faculty explaining the anatomy table to high school students attending the UICHSC-R Health Science event hosted in conjunction with Annual Research Day. HS Students view research posters at Annual Research Day. High school attendees at Annual Research Day.



University of Illinois College of Pharmacy at Rockford

Investing in the Recruitment/Retention of Top Talent to the Profession of Pharmacy

The University of Illinois College of Pharmacy (UICP) will host a High School Pharmacy Camp (HSPC) and a Summer Pharmacy Institute (SPI) in 2020. In total, 88 high school and college students visited Rockford and the UIC Health Sciences Campus last year through these programs. The HSPC is a day-long event where high school students can explore the field of pharmacy and meet current pharmacy students. SPI is a week-long program on the UIC Health Sciences Campus-Rockford where undergraduate college students explore a variety of areas within pharmacy. Ultimately these experiences will help students learn about pharmacy and determine if it is the right profession for them.

\$13,470 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



University of Illinois Extension of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties

4-H Tech Wizards Program

The Tech Wizards Program is a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program that engages youth ages 8 -15 in hands-on STEM activities. Activities include circuitry; architecture; tower constructions; experimentation in organic healthcare products (such as toothpaste); catapult constructions; marble-maze designs; pneumatic activities (e.g. air powered car designs); stomp rockets; environmental science; and more. These activities contribute to strengthening participants' STEM skills, critical thinking ability, concentration, focus, creativity, problem solving, working within constraints, as well as team building and social skills. Activities are also a collaborative effort with RPS 205 teachers to enhance and reinforce related curriculum.

\$15,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund

EDUCATION | 19 GRANTS FOR \$729,698.26

EDUCATIONWORKS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION | 9 GRANTS FOR \$269,274.13



Alignment Rockford Ready to Learn Grant

Early life experiences are the foundations for lifelong achievement and success. Community-wide interventions and targeted supports for young children and their families will improve the educational and life outcomes of children. The actions made to achieve readiness will strengthen neighborhoods, families, schools, and region. Alignment Rockford will continue to lead the Ready to Learn community movement, using the Early Development Instrument as a community-wide common data set, to engage and promote a collaborative cross-sector approach to increase the development of healthy and productive citizens.

\$70,000 | First year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Rockford's EDI (Early Development Instrument) Pilot Team, representing different sectors who serve as the local steering committee ensuring all stakeholders (i.e. parents, early childhood providers, school administrators, local government, etc.) have a voice in the EDI process.



Boys & Girls Club of Rockford Success Through Targeted Outreach

"Success through Targeted Outreach Program" will continue to be facilitated at Auburn, East, Guilford, and Jefferson High Schools. The program targets at-risk minority male students. The goal is to increase participants' chances of graduating high school through both academic improvement and prevention education. Students participate in weekly 50-minute sessions during the school day and after-school activities. Academic improvement is facilitated through mentorship, study skills development, and tutoring. Prevention education topics, presented through an evidenced-based curriculum called Stay Smart, include substance abuse, violence, gang, and premature pregnancy prevention strategies.

\$50,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund



Meridian Community Unit School District No. 223 Extend the Day, Extend the Learning

The Meridian community suffers from a lack of community-based before and after school options. MCUSD 223 will help address this community need while also addressing the needs of the district by leveraging the time before and after school to support the social-emotional and academic needs of the most at-risk students. Through the use of appropriate intervention, physical activity, and social emotional support, students and the community at large will benefit.

\$13,800 | Supported by the Barber-Colman Management Fund

Rock Valley College Foundation RVC Tech Bus

The RVC Tech Bus will serve as a mobile tech lab powered by education, inclusion, and hope. The purpose of the Tech Bus will be to alter life paths by delivering cutting edge technology and training to local youth and workforce within underserved areas of the community. Funds will be used to purchase sixteen Mac Minis which will be used by every student who is served by the Bus. These Mac Minis will be one of the most critical purchases, and one of the most utilized items in delivering the Tech Bus curriculum directly to students.

\$28,304 | Supported by the Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund



L: Sample design of the exterior of the RVC Tech Bus. R: Hour of Code workshop middle school aged participants.

EDUCATION | 19 GRANTS FOR \$729,698.26

EDUCATIONWORKS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION | 9 GRANTS FOR \$269,274.13



ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rockford Public Library

Dig Deeper! Read, Investigate, Discover! A celebration of exploration and artistry with Karina Yan Glaser and Friends

Dig Deeper will kickoff RPL's summer reading challenge of 2020, and will feature bestselling author Karina Yan Glaser (The Vanderbeekers series) alongside other local talent, using the themes and characters from Glaser's books to inspire kids to try new things or work harder at what they already love. Participants will enjoy a presentation by Karina Yan Glaser and a student performance of music and dance, followed by a series of hands-on workshops in music, dance, engineering, animation, puppetry, and writing. All participants will be registered for RPL's summer reading challenge and the first 100 families will receive a free copy of The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street.

\$3,453.13 | Supported by the Vera Maureen Fisher Fund



Rockford Public Schools #205

Every Child, Every Day

In order for children to learn, they must be consistently in school every day. Careful programming, dedicated teachers, and a sound facility will be ineffective if students are not in attendance. A large percentage of students who live within the 1.5 mile Whitehead zone have high absenteeism/tardy rates. The proposal is for two buses to run each morning and afternoon within the zone to pick up students in the hopes to improve attendance and hence, academic achievement. For the month of May and early June, there will be a Walking Bus program to deliver students home after school. This pilot program will supply data to determine if providing access to transportation within our 1.5 mile zone positively impacts attendance and academic achievement.

\$38,625 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



SEVERSON DELLS
NATURE CENTER

Severson Dells Nature Center

Pathway of K-12 Nature Education

Severson Dells is developing a K-12 pathway of nature education for school field trips. The goals for this program are two-fold 1) to help students develop an environmental ethic and sense of place at Severson Dells, so they get to know a place like they would get to know a person and; 2) to have students engage in hands-on meaningful science where textbook learning has real-world applications. This generation will be tasked with making difficult decisions about how humans engage with the environment and they can't do that effectively unless they are informed and have personal experience with nature.

\$25,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



United Way of
Northwest Illinois, Inc.
Serving 30 Districts, Stephenson,
and Carroll Counties

United Way of Northwest Illinois

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, (DPIL) is a book gifting program that, through local affiliates such as United Way, mails free books to children from birth to age five. The Imagination Library supports Early Literacy which includes both spoken components and written forms of language. Children develop early literacy skills through their everyday interactions with their caregivers, and young children explore books through looking, mouthing, and touching them. They "read" books by simply moving books around or turning pages. These early experiences are the beginning of reading and writing for young children and influence the development of their literacy skills. DPIL opens a world of books to children who may not have otherwise had access to books at home. Every child under the age of 5 is eligible for the DPIL program.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Meryle A. Stockhus Fund



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United Way of Northwest Illinois

It Takes a Village Volunteer Reading Mentor Program

United Way's "It Takes a Village (ITAV)" program matches volunteer reading mentors with kindergarten to 3rd grade students. Mentors meet with behind-grade level students each week during a school day for 30 minutes based on the support the student needs. To read proficiently by 4th grade, youth need support during their early years to ensure success throughout their school years and beyond. The ITAV mentors also provide patience and encouragement, which helps students gain valuable reading skills and increased confidence in reading and other areas. The program was piloted in one Freeport School District building in school year 2017/2018 and there are plans to expand the program into all FSD145 buildings and more Stephenson County Districts over the next three years. ITAV is modeled after United Way of Rock River Valley's iREAD program.

\$10,092 | Second year of three years of funding | Supported by the Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund



Maud Johnson Elementary students look for beak and feet adaptations while birding. Photo by Ellen Rathbone.



DPIL participant, Carson, enjoys his book.

HEALTH FOCUS AREA

Grants in the Health Focus Area are made to:

- Improve the quality of and access to health services.
- Support community wellness.
- Conduct research to promote the health and well-being of our community.

HEALTH | 7 GRANTS FOR \$125,088



A Silver Lining Foundation

Buy a Mom A Mammogram

ASLF's Buy A Mom A Mammogram® (BAMAM) program eliminates cost as a barrier to breast health services by providing funding to hospital partners to support the delivery of free screening mammograms, diagnostic evaluation, and follow-up testing when indicated. Hospital partners agree that uninsured and underinsured women diagnosed with breast cancer will receive treatment via public programs for which they are eligible or through the hospital partner's charity care program. BAMAM ensures medically underserved women receive the same health services available to privately-insured patients, including vital support services provided by hospital patient navigation programs.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund

Alzheimer's Association - Illinois Chapter

Alzheimer's Public Awareness Campaign

With 230,000 individuals currently living with Alzheimer's disease in Illinois and that number projected to rise to 260,000 by 2025, there is a need for education about the disease and where people can turn to for help. A yearlong public awareness campaign in Winnebago County will provide information about the disease and promote the Alzheimer's Association's free 24/7 Helpline and website to connect people with care and support services.

\$25,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Sample billboard display to raise public awareness in Winnebago County about resources available to assist with people facing Alzheimer's disease.



Family Counseling Services of Northern Illinois

Agency Computer Upgrade

Family Counseling Services will use these funds to purchase new computer equipment. As of January 2020 the Windows 7 operating system will no longer be supported by Microsoft and FCS computers are too out of date to be upgraded to accommodate the new Windows operating system. The agency uses electronic medical records so computer access is essential. This grant will allow other agency funds to be dedicated to serving clients.

\$3,200 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Freeport Health Network (FHN) Family Counseling Center

Crisis Stabilization Center

When individuals experience a mental health crisis, they are brought to the FHN Emergency Department (ED) due to the insufficient resources in behavioral health beds and facilities across the State of Illinois. FHN ED has housed patients experiencing mental health crisis for as long as seven days, until they are able to be placed in an appropriate facility. The closest facility that accepts uninsured patients is in the Chicago suburbs. FHN aims to reduce ED length of stay by creating an 8-bed Crisis Stabilization Center, located at the FHN-Family Counseling Center. Patients will receive treatment within a calming, psych-appropriate environment by nurses, behavioral health technicians, and counselors.

\$18,888 | First year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund

HEALTH | 7 GRANTS FOR \$125,088

ISDS FOUNDATION Illinois State Dental Society Foundation

2020 Illinois Mission of Mercy

Illinois Mission of Mercy (IL MOM) is a two-day event held in a different geographic locations in the state on a biannual basis. IL MOM provides free dental care to patients who otherwise do not have the means or access to care. There are no criteria or limitations on who may be treated other than meeting the minimum health standards. It takes 1,000 volunteers to run the clinic, and no one is paid for their service. The 2020 Illinois Mission of Mercy is scheduled for June 26-27, 2020 at Rock Valley College. The goal is to serve 2,000 patients (adults and children). Approximately \$1 million in free dental care is expected to be delivered. Basic dental care such as fillings, extractions and cleanings are the primary services. Limited lab work and root canals will be offered.

\$5,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L - R: Doctor speaking with patient about his dental needs and developing a treatment plan. Pediatric patient getting his teeth cleaned. Technicians fabricating temporary provisional dentures. Doctor and dental student reviewing paediatric panoramic x-ray prior to treatment.



University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford

Promotion of early detection of lung cancer in rural and urban areas in Northern Illinois

This proposal will continue lung cancer study in Winnebago County and expand to Boone, Ogle and Stephenson Counties, where 126 lung cancer cases and 95 deaths were reported annually (2011-2015). UIC will conduct seminars and provide educational materials to physicians and smokers about the new CDC guidelines for early screening of lung cancer. As there is no effective blood test to detect lung cancer early, UIC will study previously identified biomarkers to develop a blood test for early detection that will improve diagnosis/survival of patients in these counties.

\$50,000 | First year of two years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



14 seminars and 32 informational booths were held over the past three years to raise awareness about early detection and screening for lung cancer. Seminars pictured above, top row L to R: Physicians from LP Johnson Family Center, Nanaksar Gurudwara Sikh Temple, SwedishAmerican Regional Cancer Center in Rockford, Firefighter event at OSF St. Anthony. Bottom row L to R: Continuing Medical Education dinner, Rockford Chamber of Commerce, Physicians from SwedishAmerican Medical Group at SwedishAmerican Hospital (in last two photos).



YMCA of Rock River Valley

Healthy Weight & Your Child

Healthy Weight and Your Child (HWYC) is a new YMCA program designed to empower children to reach a healthy weight and live a healthier lifestyle. The program's goal is to elicit positive change and help families learn skills and behaviors that enable them to live a healthier lifestyle. The program is specifically geared towards youth ages 7-13 who have a BMI in the 95th percentile or higher. The 25-session program engages the whole family, so together they can understand how the home environment and other factors influence the choices that lead to a healthy weight. Sessions include both classroom-style education and physical activity.

\$13,000 | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund

HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS AREA

Grants in the Human Services Focus Area are made to:

- Serve the basic needs of individuals and families.
- Provide services to persons with disabilities, especially activities that promote inclusion.

HUMAN SERVICES | 12 GRANTS FOR \$141,682.38



CARPENTER'S PLACE
PROVIDING THE TOOLS FOR REBUILDING LIVES

Carpenter's Place

Technology is Key to Help Guests Succeed

Computers are not a luxury at Carpenter's Place, they are an essential part of every aspect of the agency. This includes finances/accounting, policies and procedures, donor records, grant management, correspondence, and most importantly guest records and individual Life Recovery Plans for each homeless guest in the agency's case management system.

\$9,937.38 | Supported by the Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund



Circle of Change

Veterans Dog Program

The Circle of Change program seeks to improve the quality of life for US military veterans, active, Reserves, and National Guard, diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other psychological disorders through specialized dog training classes. Sessions are conducted by specialized trainers who provide "troubled" dogs from their client bases. These animals exhibit similar symptoms to veterans suffering from psychological disorders, such as anxiety, fearfulness, isolation, lack of trust, and noise sensitivities. Classes focus on the problems of the dogs, engaging veterans as trainers and teaching them how to take responsibility for a dog's well-being and behavior. Veterans build confidence, self-respect, and security, as well as social and communication skills as they develop the healing bond with the dogs and progress from seeing themselves as victims to becoming positive agents of change.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



*L: This veteran could not make eye contact or communicate when he first came into the program. Bit by bit he began to open up as he worked with the dogs. One day he proclaimed to the class, "When I work with the dogs I can feel my heart again."
R: Anita, one of the female vets in our program, was very withdrawn when she started in the program, but after time she gained confidence and even did an on-camera testimonial for Circle of Change.*



Discovery Center Museum of Rockford Inc.

Sensory Friendly Evenings

This project will address a need of children with sensory processing disorders (SPD) and autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Sensory Friendly Evenings will be offered free of charge for families with children who have SPD/ASD. These special two-hour events will take place in the early evening after the museum is closed to the public. Elements of the museum will be changed, such as creating a quiet space for children to relieve stress or anxiety. Volume on certain exhibits will be lowered or turned off. New visual signs will be displayed near identified exhibits that could potentially trigger sensory stress. A new museum visual guide will be created to allow families to plan their night before entering the museum. This visual helps the child anticipate what to expect during their visit creating a stress-free evening for the children with their families. Discovery Center will also provide staff training on working with neurodiverse children.

\$10,345 | Supported by the United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund



Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project

Outreach, Know Your Rights, and Access to Social Services for Low-Income Migrant and Seasonal Workers

FLAP will again bring the Mexican Consulate mobile office to the northern Illinois service area in 2020 to offer its free "Know Your Rights" presentations and follow-up services. This combined program is open to all but is specifically geared to helping low-income Latino migrant and seasonal workers who live in and/or work in Boone, Stephenson, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties. The project is intended to help low-income Latino migrant and seasonal workers and their families easily access services through the Mexican Consulate while learning about their rights at work, knowing what to do if they believe their rights have been violated, and securing pro bono representation if they have been exploited at work.

\$11,000 | Supported by the Community Grants Fund



FLAP staff give Know Your Rights and outreach presentations.

HUMAN SERVICES | 12 GRANTS FOR \$141,682.38



Jeremiah Development, NFP

Jeremiah CARES - Community Access to Resources, Education, and Support

Funds will be used to link over 700 under-served residents to resources from agencies that assist with housing, health care, mental health counseling, immigration services and legal services, as well as to promote positive self-worth by providing food, clothing, and personal care in a festive atmosphere complete with music and activities for children and adults. Barriers to service will be removed by introducing attendees to agencies in a non-threatening environment. Attendees' physical and mental health will improve through screenings provided on-site as well as encouragement of follow-up care if needed; social well-being will improve as connections are made between attendees and volunteers; emotional well-being will improve through ongoing contact with agencies on-site. There will be a minimum of two separate events, LOVE Rockford and a Community Health and Wellness Fair.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Armer F. Ahlstrand Fund



L to R: Child reading book in the children's area while their guardian visits other services. Children and adults were able to take books home thanks to a donation of 1,500 books from Half Price Books (photo by Jeanine Wang). Podiatrist from Mercyhealth donated his time to give foot checks (photo by Joe Whinnery). Blood pressure and glucose screenings were provided (photo by Joe Whinnery). Attendees enjoyed a hot meal during the event (photo by Joe Whinnery).



KFACT

FIT Girls

Childhood trauma leads to long-term mental and physical health effects, including depression, suicide, heart disease, and cancer. FIT (Fortified Integrative Techniques) Girls is a 12-week holistic program that addresses the mind, body, and spirit of 20 girls who have experienced severe trauma and includes meditation, exercise, and counseling. FIT Girls is a somatic intervention that accounts for their intersecting identities and individualized experiences. Girls' overlapping identities (race, gender, sexual identity, or others) affect how they experience trauma and how they are treated after. Girls of color are often ignored or blamed for their trauma. FIT Girls acknowledges and addresses intersectionality, and allows girls to reclaim their agency, their sense of choice, and their ability to separate the trauma from their self-worth, dignity, and potential.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund



Northern Illinois Food Bank

Rx Mobile Pantry Program

Northern Illinois Food Bank will support ten Rx Mobile Pantries in partnership with Freeport Health Network. Since July 2019 NIFB has provided twice monthly Rx Mobile Pantries to serve patients of Freeport Health Network who screen as food insecure, using a validated USDA screening process. The Rx Mobile has a variety of fresh produce (50%), protein (30%) and dairy (20%) to help patients maintain a healthy nutritious diet.

\$17,000 | Supported by the Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund



Rx Mobile distribution in Freeport. Photo by Michael Perry.



Second Congregational/First Presbyterian Church

Winter Overnight Cafe

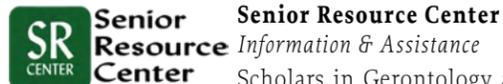
There are 256 unhoused people in Winnebago and Boone Counties. Winter can be an especially brutal time for unhoused people. In 2019, the pilot program of the Overnight Cafe opened in the gym at SecondFirst Church with the purpose of keeping unhoused people safe during sub-zero nights. At the Overnight Cafe, guests are met with food, clean and warm clothing, and shower and laundry facilities. They spend the night playing cards, watching movies, and talking to others. In the morning, guests have the opportunity to meet with providers who can refer them to agencies for further services. Guests are treated with respect throughout their stay in an effort to improve their dignity and build rapport. This funding will help SecondFirst keep the Overnight Cafe open every night for 11 weeks.

\$14,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L to R: Volunteer Joanne Johnson speaks with Overnight Cafe guest (photo by SecondFirst Church staff). Overnight Cafe staff Antwon Harris enjoys time with a guest (photo by Amy Olivieri). Volunteer William prepares clothing to give to guests with help from SecondFirst Pastor Becky Erbe (photo by Amy Olivieri). Hygiene items ready for use by overnight Cafe guests (photo by Sarah Reinold).

HUMAN SERVICES | 12 GRANTS FOR \$141,682.38



Senior Resource Center Information & Assistance

Scholars in Gerontology and Social Gerontology have learned that aging reflects not just the physiological process of growing older, but also our attitudes and beliefs about the aging process. As we enter our “chronological/real age”, the type of information needed to successfully navigate retirement and eventually the realities of aging on the body & the mind requires specialized expertise. The SRC, as the only organization in Stephenson County with trained Resource Specialists, will provide information and hands-on assistance, linking seniors, their families, and caregivers to important resources.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L: Tax aide volunteers Vince Diamond & Shirley Bottino serve client.
R: Senior Brain Games 1st place winners at state.



Shelter Care Ministries

Not “Raise the Roof” but “Drop the Floor”

In 1936, Franklin School was built on the corner of Park and Court Streets. All that remains of the school is the original school gymnasium, which now houses Shelter Care’s Jubilee Center. Since 1987 the Jubilee Center has met the needs of thousands of adults living with chronic mental illness in the Rockford area. Many upgrades have been completed on the building and except for high ceilings, the shape of the space, and the original wood floor, most would never know it used to be a gym with basketball hoops and a stage. After 83 years, the floor is at the end of its lifespan. Shelter Care will install a commercial grade vinyl floor over the existing wood floor. The annual upkeep for the current wood floor is \$725 per year and hasn’t been completed in the past few years to save money. The new flooring would require \$0 per year for upkeep. The new vinyl flooring will pay for itself in cost-savings over time.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund



Special Olympics Illinois

2020 Region A Bowling Competition Funding

Region A Special Olympics Illinois hosts Bowling Competitions for singles, doubles, and ramp competitions. These competitions are held annually at Cherry Bowl in Rockford and Park Lanes in Loves Park. Hundreds of athletes from Region A train and compete for this event. Region A covers the cost of each game and shoes for registered athletes and also provide lunches for registered athletes, coaches, and volunteers. Volunteers receive a shirt for helping out for the day. Each athlete that participates will also win a medal or ribbon for participating.

\$2,100 | Supported by the United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund



L to R: Ramp bowling, August 2019 bowling event, athletes and spectators. Five athletes enjoy receiving their awards. Athletes from two different high schools help with the athlete oath and Pledge of Allegiance at the opening ceremonies.



Winnebago County Court Appointed Special Advocates

Speak Up for Neglected & Abused Children in Winnebago County

Winnebago County CASA currently has 111 volunteer advocates, many serving three or more children. Sadly, there are still 700 children waiting for a CASA in the Winnebago County Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Court system. Winnebago County CASA has a goal to recruit, train and support 55 new volunteers in 2020 to provide a voice for at least an additional 160 abused or neglected children, bringing the total number of children whose health and safety CASA will directly impact to at least 500 next year. CASA is also working to recruit ethnically diverse, male, and bilingual volunteers to provide for children who would be better served with an advocate of their same race, ethnicity, and sex. It costs CASA \$1,230 to recruit and train one volunteer. This funding will cover the cost of recruiting and training ten new volunteers.

\$12,300 | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund



L: Zach and Ashley Kentner being confirmed as CASAs
R: Newly confirmed CASAs with Judge Green.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOCUS AREA

Grants in the Sustainable Communities Focus Area are made to:

- Promote neighborhood and economic development.
- Support efforts to ensure public safety and access to quality, affordable, and permanent housing.
- Preserve our natural environment, especially activities that increase the region’s understanding and appreciation of the environment.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES | 10 GRANTS FOR \$171,024



Anderson Japanese Gardens

Walkways for Everyone

Most of the walking surfaces throughout the Garden consist of a compacted gravel base top-dressed with fine chipped-stone. This funding will improve guest access through wash-out prone sections of the Garden. These sections of pathway are challenging for guests who require extra effort walking or who require the use of wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers. The solution is to replace these sections of crushed stone pathways with exposed aggregate concrete in order to improve the walkways to a consistent hard-surface material. The turf elevation will be adjusted to meet the improved pathway elevation for sections that are adjacent to the Pavilion Lawn. This is important because it creates a more seamless transition between the lawn and walking paths.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Boone County Arts Council Inc.

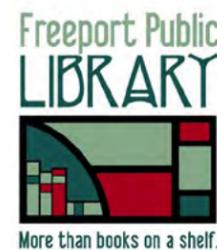
The American House Mural Project

The Boone County Arts Council proposes to completely restore the American House mural in Belvidere. In June 1997, the Belvidere Chamber of Commerce held the Wall Dog Festival. Muralists from all over the country and Canada designed and painted 10 murals in downtown Belvidere. The American House Mural is one of the largest murals that was created at the Belvidere Wall Dog Festival. It is also one that is in dire need of restoration. The American House was one of the most well known hotels in northern Illinois. It was built in 1842 and served as a stagecoach stop on the Chicago-Galena route. This grant will help fund the restoration of the mural to its original beauty.

\$5,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Existing condition of the American House Mural. Photo by Jay Allen.



Freeport Public Library

Freeport Public Library Community Outreach: Census 2020

The Freeport Public Library will purchase Chromebooks and a mobile chargeable cart, a table and table cover for pop-up events, a button maker and button supplies, and stickers to use for community outreach efforts. The items will initially be used for 2020 Census outreach efforts in collaboration with the City of Freeport Complete Count Committee, providing laptops and internet access to complete the 2020 Census questionnaire at different sites in Stephenson County. Upon completion of the census, the funded items will be used by the library and other organizations such as the Boys & Girls Club, Senior Resource Center, and NICA, for other community events and services.

\$4,750 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Greater Freeport Partnership

New Furniture, New Look

Greater Freeport Partnership, in conjunction with the City of Freeport, will purchase and install twenty-one pieces of new streetscape furniture in downtown Freeport to enhance the appearance of the downtown and demonstrate that there is new investment in the city’s core.

\$20,774 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Habitat for Humanity of Boone County

2020 Home Build Project

The 2020 Home Build Project involves the completion of the first veteran build which started September 2019. The veteran build should be complete by March 2020. Habitat plans to start construction of the second home in late summer of 2020.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Sergeant and Mrs. Guerrero at the groundbreaking ceremony for their new home, September 2019.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES | 10 GRANTS FOR \$171,024



Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County

2020 New Rochelle Build & 2020 Exterior Repairs

Affordable homeownership can transform a life, shape a community, and change the world. Habitat is gearing up for 2020 projects to serve more families. The application of housing solutions is only one part of Habitat's vision and mission. Services are designed to empower families and enhance their Habitat experience with life-changing opportunities. This is strengthened through community partnerships and maximizing resources to directly influence lives of those served. Funds will cover a portion of construction costs for the 2020 new build and repair costs for existing homeowners.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L to R: Nearly completed Habitat home. Habitat board members Dave Starke and Don Roberts clear site of Habitat rehab project. Members of the Family Selection Committee. Habitat board member Randy Wagner with Rochelle "Brush With Kindness" recipient Tom Grimes, upon completion of a handicap ramp outside Mr. Grimes' home.



Natural Land Institute

Family Nature Day 2020

Family Nature Day is a free, family-themed event that will be held on June 27, 2020. Visitors can visit a variety of learning stations, each with a different topic, at their own pace. They can also explore the preserve on their own, take a wagon ride, or go on a guided tour of the wildflower prairie. The location of FND is at Nygren Wetland Preserve, which is owned by NLI, and located in Rockton, Illinois.

\$2,500 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L to R: Macktown Living History volunteer helps kids dig in sand for artifacts. Little girl is all smiles as she holds a baby frog at the Wetlands Learning Station. Rich Toppe demonstrates how to use a Bluebird box at the Bluebirds learning station. Siblings hold hands while walking up the hill from the wetland. Photos 1, 2, 4 by Jill Kennay. Photo 3 by Rob Clark.



NW HomeStart

Freeport Office Expansion

HomeStart will use funding for renovations in their Freeport office, which now houses The Workforce Connection and HomeStart. In October of 2018, HomeStart purchased a building on Main Street, and used restricted cash from NeighborWorks America for the purchase. ADA bathroom renovations and the addition of two new private offices were then completed. The Workforce Connection moved into the space now occupies the two new offices. Funds will be used to build three more private offices and set-up storage for both organizations. Finally, classroom space will be expanded, allowing for more flexibility to hold workshops for Stephenson County and beyond. By bringing the two organizations into one space in Freeport holistic financial, housing, and employment services will be available to the community.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Shelter Care Ministries

Hope Stems from Having Housing

Rapid Rehousing is permanent housing for homeless families. It enables families to move from shelters or places not meant for human habitation, into permanent housing of the families' choosing. Shelter Care has successfully operated two Rapid Rehousing projects since 2017, and has helped hundreds of parents and children move from homelessness to housing. Funds will be used to pay rent for families, utility deposits, supportive services, and transportation, supporting families on their path to housing stability and self-sufficiency.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



Rapid Rehousing family at their home. The family immigrated from Nigeria and with the help of a Housing Advocate were able to secure a home. Photo by Amy Ryan.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES | 10 GRANTS FOR \$171,024



Winnebago County Soil & Water Conservation District

2nd Annual Monarch Fiesta

The Winnebago County Soil and Water Conservation District promotes and educates on the importance of conserving and protecting natural resources. One resource that is becoming increasingly more important are the pollinators. In 2019 WCSWCD hosted the First Annual Monarch Fiesta, a free day of fun, open to all. The event welcomed over 150 guests including over 50 children who were able to "travel like a Monarch" through kids' crafts, games, face painting, exhibitors, native plant demonstrations, butterfly tagging/release, food, prizes and more. The goal is to continue and expand this event in 2020 by including information on other pollinators (bees, bats, etc.), new games and activities for children, an adult speaker/session, and more butterflies for families to tag.

\$3,000 | Supported by the Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund



Monarch Fiesta attendees and volunteers. Photos by Summer Schuler and Lise Nyberg.

YOUTH & FAMILIES FOCUS AREA

Grants in the Youth & Families Focus Area are made to:

- Provide pathways to self-sufficiency.
- Strengthen families.
- Support intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development.

YOUTH & FAMILIES | 8 GRANTS FOR \$145,892

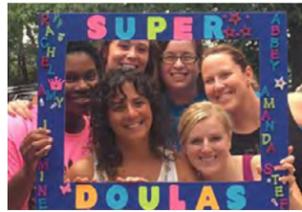


Children's Home & Aid Doula Program

Children's Home & Aid's Doula Program uses specially-trained home visitors ("doulas") to provide support to high-risk young women before, during, and after pregnancy, increasing the health and well-being of both mother and child. The long-term goals of the project are to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect and to develop strong parent-child attachments to help mothers build healthy and safe futures for their babies. There is an overwhelming demand for services and this funding will expand the Doula program in Winnebago County.

\$39,665 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund

Top: Participant in the Doula program and her new baby.
Bottom: Members of the Doula team.



Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Greenwood Lodge Renovation

This proposal is for the Renovation and improvements to Greenwood Lodge at Camp McCormick in Stillman Valley, Illinois. The improvements will include replacement of flooring, painting the ceiling, and providing eight beds and mattresses. Greenwood Lodge is used for overnight camping events for girls and will be open in 2020 for school groups to use as they visit on field trips. This will complete the renovation/improvement for this building. Completed improvements include new HVAC, new windows, new front and side doors, and new LED lights.

\$21,852 | Supported by the William & Catherine McCoy Fund



Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois Accessibility for Underserved Schools

GOTRNWIL recognizes that even with a sliding scale fee, even the smallest amount to pay for the program is a barrier to families. These funds will help offer the Girls on the Run program at two existing sites and one new site in 2020 at no cost to the families. By providing funding at existing sites, GOTRNWIL is showing commitment to those schools and families, alleviating any reason for the site to not return to this program. The end of season celebration 5K is a key component of the program as each girl can gain confidence through accomplishment, setting them up to handle future life challenges. GOTRNWIL requires that all girls have a running buddy at the end of season 5K. Included in this proposal is funding for 5K registration fees for running buddies for all three years.

\$10,375 | Supported by the Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund



One Body Collaborative Bridges Out of Poverty Rockford Region

The Bridges Out of Poverty community support program provides a family of concepts, workshops, and products to help employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way. Bridges brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty. The grant funding will be used to implement Bridges Out of Poverty in the Rockford region.

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YOUTH & FAMILIES | 8 GRANTS FOR \$145,892



Rockford Area Pregnancy Care Centers

Preparing for Fatherhood: Male Mentoring

Funds will be used to revamp and relaunch the male mentoring program that has been stagnant or non-existent for over two years. The Pregnancy Care Center has recently hired their first male on staff, providing a natural opportunity to focus more on the fathers of the babies. The Preparing for Fatherhood initiative will create a space for a soon-to-be-father to meet one on one with a male mentor and work through a dad-specific curriculum. This grant will help fund the curriculum, supplies, incentives for the fathers, volunteer training materials, and staffing expenses.

\$9,000 | Supported by the Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund



Rockford Park District

Expansion of the Youth Outreach Program

In response to the evolving demographics of the community, an evaluation of current Youth Outreach Programming was conducted. This evaluation resulted in the identification of a need to expand youth outreach programming by adding six new program sites to serve an additional 600 youth each summer. These identified youth do not currently have access to the summer sports training at the locations where they gather. Approximately 100 of the identified youth are recent refugees from the countries of Syria, Iraq, Congo, Zambia, Tanzania, Jordan, and Afghanistan. The new program sites will be located at the Muslim Association of Greater Rockford, Orton Keyes Boys and Girls Club, Fairgrounds Boys and Girls Club, Rockford Police Department District #2, 100 Strong Safe House, and the Salvation Army-Kilburn location.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Meryle A. Stockhus Fund



Shelter Care Ministries

Have a Heart for MAYA'S House

MAYA'S House is the only free daycare for children aged six weeks to five years who are homeless in Rockford, Illinois. Shelter Care will continue operating the free daycare to children who reside at Remedies domestic violence shelter, the Rockford Rescue Mission, in YSN/MELD housing, in scattered site housing at Shelter Care, or in a vehicle. These families do not qualify for many housing programs because they do not meet the qualification of being literally homeless. But children in these families still need care while their parents work to secure their own housing. This grant will allow MAYA'S House to continue to provide quality childcare at no cost to parents. This investment in MAYA'S House allows parents to navigate the time-consuming process of being poor and homeless.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



L to R: Boy at MAYA'S House in superhero cape. Boy (brother of boy in first photo) playing in the castle. Mom and daughter at MAYA'S house.



Stateline Youth for Christ

Juvenile Justice Ministry

Last year, Stateline YFC expanded the Juvenile Justice Ministry (JJM) to include aftercare programming for youth released back into the community. The program will continue to be developed through additional activities-based programming, direct service hours, and collaborative relationships. This program is vital to reaching the highest-risk youth in the community and its development will provide deepened engagement that is critical for this population. JJM is unique in the respect that participants are not dropped from services upon completion or once they've "aged out." In accordance with YFC USA's best practice standards for JJM Aftercare, we continue to empower and invest in these youth as they enter adulthood and provide them with opportunities to serve alongside YFC staff and volunteers as young-adult leaders.

\$15,000 | Supported by the Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund

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4	ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE THEATER	AE SUMMER PLAYERS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$3,500.00
4	ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE THEATER	CRY IT OUT	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
4	BURPEE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY	ENHANCE BURPEE'S IMPACT: WEBSITE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$30,000.00
4	CROSSROADS BLUES SOCIETY	2020 CROSSROADS BLUES FESTIVAL AT LYRAN PARK	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
5	FRIENDS OF THE CORONADO	LED LIGHTING CONVERSION PROJECT ON CORONADO THEATER'S HISTORIC MARQUEE SIGN	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$14,690.00
5	MENDELSSOHN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	SUMMER ARTS ENRICHMENT AT PATRIOTS GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER 2020	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$3,310.00
5	MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER	HERSTORY: CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,900.00
5	MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER	MAKING LOCAL WOMEN'S HISTORY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$1,023.00
6	ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL	ARTSPACE	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$25,000.00
6	ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL	BEATTIE IS...THE SPIRIT OF ROCKFORD!	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$5,500.00
6	ROCKFORD ART MUSEUM	SONIC DISRUPTIONS: BUISCH AND HOGIN	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,500.00
6	ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT	2020 ILLINOIS SNOW SCULPTING COMPETITION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$10,000.00
7	ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, INC.	BEETHOVEN'S SECOND	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$10,000.00
7	THE MUSIC ACADEMY IN ROCKFORD	CANDLEMAS EVE - CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$6,204.00
7	THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM	2021 ROCKFORD NEW PLAY FESTIVAL	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,500.00
7	VILLAGE OF MT. MORRIS	MT. MORRIS JAMBOREE	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$3,000.00
8	WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY	TOWN HALL PROGRAMS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$4,747.76
8	WOMANSPACE, INC.	WSC2020 PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$20,000.00
ARTS & HUMANITIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$148,874.96
9	COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.	YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM 2020	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$25,000.00
9	FORRESTVILLE VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #221	FORRESTON HIGH SCHOOL ENGINEERING PATHWAY	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$28,000.00
9	HOO HAVEN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTER	RESIDENT WILDLIFE REHABILITATION INTERN HOUSING PROJECT	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$15,000.00
9	KFACT	LADY ALL STARS HOLISTIC MENTORING PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$50,000.00
10	KIDS AROUND THE WORLD, INC.	WELDING CAREER PATHWAY 2020	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$21,000.00
10	NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY	SUPPORT FOR CAREER PATHWAYS IN RPS 205 AND D100	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$50,000.00
10	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE	LINKING TALENT TO OPPORTUNITY (LTO): A REGIONAL STRATEGY	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$225,000.00
10	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT ROCKFORD	UIC HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS - ROCKFORD (UICHSC-R) HEALTH CAREERS PATHWAY INITIATIVE	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$17,954.13
10	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AT ROCKFORD	INVESTING IN THE RECRUITMENT/RETENTION OF TOP TALENT TO THE PROFESSION OF PHARMACY	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$13,470.00
10	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION OF JO DAVIESS, STEPHENSON, AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES	4-H COMMUNITY TECH WIZARDS PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$15,000.00
EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS TOTAL				\$460,424.13
11	ALIGNMENT ROCKFORD	READY TO LEARN GRANT	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$70,000.00
11	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ROCKFORD	SUCCESS THROUGH TARGETED OUTREACH	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$50,000.00
11	MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 223	EXTEND THE DAY, EXTEND THE LEARNING	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$13,800.00
11	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION	RVC TECH BUS	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$28,304.00
12	ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY	DIG DEEPER! READ, INVESTIGATE, DISCOVER! A CELEBRATION OF EXPLORATION & ARTISTRY WITH KARINA YAN GLASER & FRIENDS	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$3,453.13
12	ROCKFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS #205	EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$38,625.00

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12	SEVERSON DELLS NATURE CENTER	PATHWAY OF K-12 NATURE EDUCATION	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$25,000.00
12	UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$30,000.00
12	UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	IT TAKES A VILLAGE VOLUNTEER READING MENTOR PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$10,092.00
EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION TOTAL				\$269,274.13
EDUCATION FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$729,698.26
13	A SILVER LINING FOUNDATION	BUY A MOM A MAMMOGRAM	HEALTH	\$10,000.00
13	ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION - ILLINOIS CHAPTER	ALZHEIMER'S PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN	HEALTH	\$25,000.00
13	FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS	AGENCY COMPUTER UPGRADE	HEALTH	\$3,200.00
13	FHN FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER	CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTER	HEALTH	\$18,888.00
14	ILLINOIS STATE DENTAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION	2020 ILLINOIS MISSION OF MERCY	HEALTH	\$5,000.00
14	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT ROCKFORD	PROMOTION OF EARLY DETECTION OF LUNG CANCER IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS	HEALTH	\$50,000.00
14	YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY	HEALTHY WEIGHT & YOUR CHILD	HEALTH	\$13,000.00
HEALTH FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$125,088.00
15	CARPENTER'S PLACE	TECHNOLOGY IS KEY TO HELP GUESTS SUCCEED	HUMAN SERVICES	\$9,937.38
15	CIRCLE OF CHANGE	VETERANS DOG PROGRAM	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
15	DISCOVERY CENTER MUSEUM OF ROCKFORD INC.	SENSORY FRIENDLY EVENINGS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,345.00
15	FARMWORKER AND LANDSCAPER ADVOCACY PROJECT	OUTREACH, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS, ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES FOR LOW-INCOME MIGRANT & SEASONAL WORKERS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$11,000.00
16	JEREMIAH DEVELOPMENT, NFP	JEREMIAH CARES - COMMUNITY ACCESS TO RESOURCES, EDUCATION, AND SUPPORT	HUMAN SERVICES	\$15,000.00
16	KFACT	FIT GIRLS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$15,000.00
16	NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK	RX MOBILE PANTRY PROGRAM	HUMAN SERVICES	\$17,000.00
16	SECOND CONGREGATIONAL/FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	WINTER OVERNIGHT CAFE	HUMAN SERVICES	\$14,000.00
17	SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER	INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
17	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	NOT "RAISE THE ROOF" BUT "DROP THE FLOOR"	HUMAN SERVICES	\$15,000.00
17	SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS	2020 REGIONAL BOWLING COMPETITION	HUMAN SERVICES	\$2,100.00
17	WINNEBAGO COUNTY COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES	SPEAK UP FOR NEGLECTED & ABUSED CHILDREN IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY	HUMAN SERVICES	\$12,300.00
HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$141,682.87
18	ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS	WALKWAYS FOR EVERYONE	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$30,000.00
18	BOONE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL INC.	THE AMERICAN HOUSE MURAL PROJECT	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$5,000.00
18	FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY	FREEPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY OUTREACH: CENSUS 2020	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$4,750.00
18	GREATER FREEPORT PARTNERSHIP	NEW FURNITURE, NEW LOOK	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$20,774.00
18	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BOONE COUNTY	2020 HOME BUILD PROJECT	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$30,000.00
19	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF OGLE COUNTY	2020 NEW ROCHELLE BUILD & 2020 EXTERIOR REPAIRS	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$30,000.00
19	NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE	FAMILY NATURE DAY 2020	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$2,500.00
19	NW HOMESTART	FREEPORT OFFICE EXPANSION	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$30,000.00
29	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	HOPE STEMS FROM HAVING HOUSING	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$15,000.00
20	WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	2ND ANNUAL MONARCH FIESTA	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$3,000.00
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$171,024.00

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21	GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS	GREENWOOD LODGE RENOVATION	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$21,852.00
21	GIRLS ON THE RUN OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	ACCESSIBILITY FOR UNDERSERVED SCHOOLS	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$10,375.00
21	ONE BODY COLLABORATIVE	BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY ROCKFORD REGION	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$25,000.00
22	ROCKFORD AREA PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS	PREPARING FOR FATHERHOOD - MALE MENTORING	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$9,000.00
22	ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT	EXPANSION OF THE YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$10,000.00
22	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	HAVE A HEART FOR MAYA'S HOUSE	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$15,000.00
22	STATELINE YOUTH FOR CHRIST	JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY - AFTERCARE DEVELOPMENT	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$15,000.00
YOUTH & FAMILIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL				\$145,892.00
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FY2020 TOTAL				\$1,462,259.40



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Mr. and Mrs. Price (center), Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County partner family, who along with their three children moved into their new home in May 2018. Far left, Habitat Family Support Liaison, Eva Chu. Far right, Habitat board member Tom Hughes. Near right, community member.



Severson Dells Nature Center: Third grade students exploring Hall Creek looking for macroinvertebrates. Photo by Jessie Crow-Mermel.

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