



# 2018 - 2019 GRANTMAKING

CFNIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

*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.*



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# CFNIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

## 2018 - 2019 Program Cycle

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 2018 CFNIL awarded 69 new grants totaling \$980,382.96, in addition to \$445,860 in multi-year grant commitments from prior cycles. This total of \$1,426,242.96 will be awarded through the 2018 - 2019 Community Grants Program cycle.

This report provides an overview of each of the 81 grants awarded in the 2018 - 2019 Community Grants Program cycle. The grant descriptions are sorted by focus area and then alphabetically by organization.

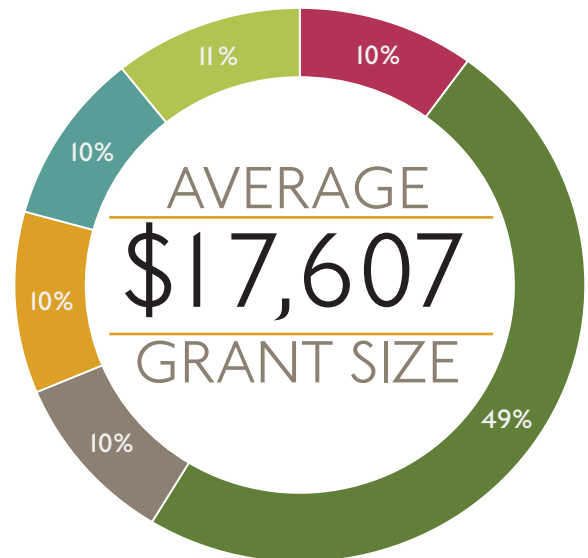
Each grant awarded in this cycle was reviewed by community volunteers who assessed the proposed plan, budget, anticipated outcomes, and community need. Learn more about CFNIL grantmaking at [cfnil.org/grants](http://cfnil.org/grants).

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!

Are you interested in being involved in the Community Grants Program process? Call us at (815) 962-2110 to learn more about volunteering on a focus area committee and to sign up for our next recruitment event. Support and expand the work of the Community Grants Program by making a financial contribution—visit [cfnil.org/endowment](http://cfnil.org/endowment) to learn more about the ways you can support this work or [givenow.cfnil.org](http://givenow.cfnil.org) to make a secure online donation.

The 2018 - 2019 Community Grants Program cycle continues CFNIL’s sixty-five 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!

### PERCENTAGE OF FY2019 GRANTMAKING BY FOCUS AREA



### FY2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM GRANTMAKING

(Funds awarded July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019)

FOCUS AREA	2018 # OF NEW GRANTS	PRIOR COMMITMENTS # OF GRANTS	2018 NEW AWARDS	PRIOR COMMITMENTS AWARDS	TOTAL AWARDED FY2019
Arts & Humanities	16	-	\$142,844.49	-	\$142,844.49
Education	16	11	\$255,038.00	\$438,860.00	\$693,898.00
Health	4	1	\$135,844.49	\$7,000.00	\$142,844.49
Human Services	15	-	\$150,967.49	-	\$150,967.49
Sustainable Communities	9	-	\$142,844.49	-	\$142,844.49
Youth & Families	9	-	\$152,844.00	-	\$152,844.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$980,382.96</b>	<b>\$445,860.00</b>	<b>\$1,426,242.96</b>

# ARTS & HUMANITIES | 16 grants for \$142,844.49



## 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



**ANDERSON  
JAPANESE  
GARDENS**

### **Anderson Japanese Gardens**

*Japanese Summer Festival*

Japanese Summer Festival is a fun family event that features exhibits, traditional demonstrations and unique performances that help foster a better understanding of the Japanese culture.

**\$5,000 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund**



### **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 2019. The troupe, under the guidance of the Artists' Ensemble professional staff, will train, rehearse and perform during June and July of 2019. The program will be free to the student participants and will include professional training as well as performance experience.

**\$3,500 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### **Artists' Ensemble Theater**

*Silent Sky*

In March, during Women's History Month, Artists' Ensemble Theater will present "Silent Sky" by Lauren Gunderson, the true story of Henrietta Leavitt and the real women "computers" working at the dawn of modern astronomy. A graduate of Radcliffe College, Leavitt started working at the Harvard College Observatory as a "computer" in 1893, examining photographic plates in order to measure and catalog the brightness of the stars. The head of the Harvard conservatory only hired women computers because they were more reliable; the women were never allowed to look through the telescope itself. Henrietta was not content to just map the sky, and devoted all of her time to analyzing the many stars that she discovered. It was a breakthrough discovery by Leavitt that enabled astronomers, including Edwin Hubble, to calculate the distance between Earth and remote galaxies and stars.

**\$2,000 | Supported by the Rod MacDonald Memorial Theatre Endowment Fund**



### **Friends of the Coronado Foundation**

*Historic Furniture Restoration*

Funds will be used to restore the original and iconic upholstered furniture displayed in the Coronado Theatre Historic Lobby since 1927. The restoration will be completed with historical integrity and to the highest standards of the Coronado.

**\$13,280 | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund**



### **KANTOREI, The Singing Boys of Rockford**

*Regional Chicago Tour*

In June 2019, Kantorei will take a group of young musicians into Chicago to participate in a national festival chorus through Manhattan Choral Productions (MCP). Students will receive intensive training in vocal technique, rehearsal strategies, and ensemble performance under the direction of a world-class choral director. Students will also benefit from singing alongside collegiate and professional choirs, study high-quality literature, and expand their knowledge of repertoire and stylistic elements representing a variety of cultural backgrounds. Students will build relationships with musicians from across the country, meet choral directors from a variety of colleges, and gain real-world performance experience.

**\$7,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**

## ARTS & HUMANITIES | 16 grants for \$142,844.49



### **Macktown, a Living History Education Center**

*Lessons from our Pioneer Past*

Funds will be used to purchase one-room school furniture, furniture-making equipment, and supplies and furnishings appropriate to a reconstructed building original to the Macktown Historic District. Field trips, tours, programs, and workshops will be offered for visitors to experience the activities of a one-room school on the early Illinois frontier, witness demonstrations of early furniture making, and tour the historic residence and granery of settlement founder Stephen Mack.

**\$18,366.49** | Supported by the Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund



### **Mendelssohn Performing Arts Center**

*Summer Arts Enrichment at Patriots Gateway Community Center 2019*

In summer 2019 teachers will provide an arts experience for students at Patriots Gateway. A class in Music and Movement will be complemented by a class in Visual Arts. Each student will receive 8 days of group lessons over two weeks, divided between the two subjects. Lessons will be given by two experienced teachers from Rockford Public Schools District 205.

**\$2,000** | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### **Midway Village and Museum Center**

*Saving our Heritage for Future Generations*

Midway Village Museum proposes to undertake several restoration projects in the Village to reclaim its historical importance and aesthetic ambiance. The restorations will enhance the experience for Village visitors.

**\$20,600** | Supported by the Jon W. Lundin Historic Preservation Fund



### **Rockford Area Arts Council**

*ArtsPlace*

ArtsPlace is designed as a job training experience to teach essential 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 and undergo eight weeks of rigorous training in their chosen area by 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, providing continuity of contact with caring adults, opportunities for leadership, and positive peer support.

**\$20,000** | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### **Rockford Area Arts Council**

*Beattie Is...2019*

Beattie Is...2019 is a free, family-friendly arts festival featuring the talents of professional and emerging local artists, participatory art for all ages, art and food vendors, an arts parade, and more. The festival begins at Beattie Park with a drumming ceremony followed by a sidewalk parade to the Rockford City Market Pavilion for stage performances, arts market, buskers, face painting, make-it and take-it art, and community art creations.

**\$5,000** | Supported by the Community Arts & Humanities Fund



### **Rockford Area Arts Council**

*RAAC Arts Camp*

Arts Camp is a three-week summer arts program for children at Ellis School in Rockford. The school is equipped with dance studios, art studios, music rooms, and a theater with lighting and sound equipment. The camp is taught by area artists and arts educators. Campers select three classes from art, chorus, creative writing, dance, guitar, rap, theater, or video. On the final day, parents and friends attend a live performance and art exhibit.

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

## ARTS & HUMANITIES | 16 grants for \$142,844.49



### Rockford Park District

#### *2019 Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition*

For 33 years the Rockford Park District has hosted the Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition at Sinnissippi Park. The event features area artists creating unique, public works of art. In the past, lack of snow has resulted in cancellations and postponements. The Rockford Park District purchased snow-making machines, making the event possible despite the lack of snow. These funds will be used for the additional labor that snow-making requires.

\$10,000 | Supported by the Donald V. and Britta A. Peterson Memorial Fund



### Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

#### *Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra's 50th Anniversary*

On May 5, 2019, the Rockford Symphony Youth Orchestra (RSYO) will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary with a performance at the Coronado Performing Arts Center, featuring both current and alumni musicians performing on stage. This performance will celebrate the legacy of RSYO, inspire young musicians to become involved in music, and reconnect RSYO alumni with their hometown, RSYO, and the Rockford Symphony Orchestra.

\$8,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### Sister Cities Association of Belvidere, IL

#### *Sister Cities Summer Youth Exchange Program*

Funding will support the yearly Summer Youth Exchange Program between Belvidere, Illinois, and sister cities Vaux-le-Penil, France, and Schwieberdingen, Germany. While reaching out on a global level, the quality of life in Boone County is enhanced, friendships are formed, diversity is celebrated, and the mission of peace through mutual understanding and cooperation -- one individual, one community at a time -- is fulfilled.

\$2,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### The Music Academy in Rockford

#### *The Mostly Misshapen Pearl*

A celebration of Baroque music! "Baroque" refers to a period of music and the word actually means "misshapen pearl" in Portuguese. This program features with the Rockford Symphony Orchestra, Rockford Area Music Industry (RAMI), greater Chicago area Suzuki teachers, and The Music Academy.

\$8,598 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### The West Side Show Room

#### *Rockford New Play Festival 2019*

In its fifth year, the Rockford New Play Festival will present six new ten-minute plays by playwrights from Rockford 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 Community Arts & Humanities Fund



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 up to three tracks: Career Pathways, Complementary Education, and Regional Education System.

### Grants in the Education Focus Area are made to:

- align with Education Works' guidelines (visit [cfnil.org/education-works](http://cfnil.org/education-works) for more information)
- provide creative and systemic approaches to educational improvement
- support the education of current and future medical professionals

## EDUCATIONWORKS CAREER PATHWAYS | 12 grants for \$225,304



### Alignment Rockford

*Alignment Rockford Academy Expo*

The Academy Expo is a career exploration event for all 9th grade students in Rockford Public Schools. Founded in 2012, the event provides hands-on career demonstrations from hundreds of local employers. The Academy Expo will inspire and inform 2,500 9th grade students about their academic and career pathways.

**\$18,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Barber-Colman Management Fund**



### Comprehensive Community Solutions

*YouthBuild 2019*

YouthBuild is a quality program with rigorous education and skills training components. Upon the completion of the educational phase, participants earn a High School Diploma, which is often a necessity to obtain an above-minimum wage job. Participants are provided with vocational, leadership, and personal development as well as counseling and case management. While YouthBuild focuses on construction, skills acquired are transferable to a variety of job fields. Upon completion of the program, participants get assistance with finding full-time employment or continuing their education.

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



### Discovery Center Museum of Rockford Inc.

*STEM Learning Opportunities in District 205 After School ASAP Program*

Discovery Center will enhance classroom learning by: delivering hands-on interactive STEM activities twice a month to students enrolled in the ASAP after school program, hosting school-wide STEM Family Nights, and providing a STEM-focused field trip to the Discovery Center for each student. The program seeks to engage and spark an interest in STEM and science-related careers at the elementary and middle school level. When interest is developed early, students are more likely to study STEM subjects throughout high school, college, and beyond.

**\$37,544 | Supported by the Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund**



### Forrestville Valley Community Unit School District #221

*Forreston High School Engineering Pathway*

Forreston High School will purchase curricula and equipment to implement an engineering pathway for students and increase the academic rigor of math and science offerings. Five courses will be implemented over three years, including a comprehensive program that equips students with the skills to meet workforce needs in our region.

**\$11,000 | Second year of three years of funding | Supported by the Howard D. Colman Memorial Fund**



### North Boone High School

*North Boone Vocational Internship Program*

The Vocational Internship Program is a partnership between students with disabilities and local businesses. The program will emphasize the education-to-career transition for students by providing them with real-world work experience. Students will receive classroom instruction on the essential attributes for long-term employment.

**\$250 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



**Rock Valley College**

*Academic Pathways & Engineering Career Services (APECS)*

This program will connect NIU@RVC engineering students to internship and mentorship opportunities with local employers, making the region a global destination for aspiring engineering students and companies looking to employ them. APECS will ensure today's engineering students become tomorrow's engineers.

\$23,290 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Barber-Colman Management Fund



**Rock Valley College**

*Ozobot: Learn Coding With Robots*

This program will empower children and adults to create adventures, play games, solve problems, and learn to code anywhere they go. Funds will be used to purchase 600 Ozobot robot building kits to serve 600 students in grades K-8.

\$30,000 | Supported by the Barber-Colman Management Fund



**Rock Valley College/Starlight Theatre**

*Young Theatrical Technicians*

Four high school students will be trained as technicians in the area of theatrical sound or lighting during the Starlight 2019 season. The student interns will be paired with professionals who will provide hands-on instruction using industry standards to teach all the skills necessary to produce a quality production. The interns will demonstrate the knowledge learned by solely producing the 5th show of the Starlight season.

\$4,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



**University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford**

*Rural Health Careers Camp*

Rural Health Careers Camp increases rural high school students' awareness of opportunities in healthcare through learning activities and labs. Activities are facilitated by current healthcare professionals and include a hospital tour, accident simulation, and college readiness workshops and presentations.

\$32,900 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



**University of Illinois College of Pharmacy at Rockford**

*Recruiting Top Talent to Pharmacy*

The University of Illinois College of Pharmacy at Rockford (UICPR) provides highly skilled, well-trained pharmacists to the surrounding community and beyond. During the summer, UICPR will host High School Summer Pharmacy Camp and a Summer Pharmacy Institute, which will provide pathways for local students to pursue pharmacy in Rockford. The goal is to recruit the best and brightest students into the profession.

\$13,320 | Second 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 Community Tech Wizards Program*

The 4-H Community Tech Wizards program is a STEM program that engages youth ages 11-15 in hands-on STEM activities during after-school programs, community center programs, and community events. Youth learn about robotics, aerospace, wind and solar energy, GPS systems, digital video, photography, and 3D printing with activities that challenge them to creatively solve issues through technology. This program will connect youth to community leaders and employers through site visits, presentations, college tours, and half-day internships.

\$25,000 | Second year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



## EDUCATIONWORKS CAREER PATHWAYS | 12 grants for \$225,304



### YMCA of Rock River Valley

#### *YMCA Intern Challenge*

The YMCA Intern Challenge is a leadership development program designed to provide area high school and college students with out-of-classroom experiences to prepare for success in school and future careers. Students engage in community-based projects and work with diverse businesses and community organizations to address real needs in our community. Students earn a modest stipend during the program and a YMCA membership for the summer. There is a scholarship awarded to the top three finishers in the challenge. The first place winner earns an internship with a Rockford-area organization or with the CEO of the YMCA.

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

## EDUCATIONWORKS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION | 14 grants for \$243,594



### Boys & Girls Club of Rockford

#### *Success Through Targeted Outreach*

The Boys and Girls Club of Rockford is partnering with Rockford public high schools on its Success Through Targeted Outreach program, which works to prevent substance abuse, violence, and pregnancy. The program will assist 120 at-risk minority males throughout high school to develop and follow a path to reach their education and career goals. The program will address behavior, academic success, and attendance and will include pre- and post-tests in order to evaluate student and program success.

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



### Galapagos Rockford Charter School NFP

#### *Model United Nations at Galapagos*

Through Model United Nations (MUN), GRCS 6th-8th grade scholars will learn the skills and subject matter necessary to undertake the simulated, ambassadorial duties of any country. Scholars are taught skills related to research, public speaking, negotiation and debate. In addition, scholars learn subject matter related to pressing global issues such as nuclear proliferation, trade issues, environmental issues, and human rights. Galapagos scholars will participate in two MUN simulations during the 2018-19 school year.

\$6,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### Junior Achievement of Chicago

#### *JA Whole School Program at Carlson Elementary School*

This grant will provide Junior Achievement's hands-on and relevant financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship programming to every student at Carlson Elementary School in Rockford.

\$8,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### Ken-Rock Community Center, Inc.

#### *Enhanced After-School Reading Project*

Ken-Rock seeks to increase certified reading instructor hours in its after-school program. The program focuses on math and reading skills for more than 40 students from five District #205 schools each year. Ken-Rock will increase one-on-one tutoring from four to 15 hours per week, while accepting more students.

\$18,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



### KFACT

#### *Lady All Stars Mentoring Program*

KFACT will provide direct services to girls in the Lady All Stars mentoring program. The program enhances the development of young girls, exposes them to the benefits of post-secondary education, and assists with developing and implementing individual life plans through mentoring and enrichment activities.

\$35,000 | Second year of two years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund



**Rochelle Elementary School District - Hub Project**

*Using 3-D Printers to Engage Students in 21st Century Learning*

3-D printers and curriculum will be used for an educational and service-based middle school program. Students will learn about 3-D printing and do both guided and self-created projects as they build a skill set for the 21st century. Items will also be printed to sell and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to local service organizations. Students will learn not only about economics, but also how to give back to the community that has provided a network of support to the Hub Project and its participating families.

**\$12,460 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



**Rock Valley College**

*Student Laptop Rentals*

Funds will be used to purchase new laptops and upgrade current laptops as part of the laptop rental program. Laptops are rented to students who cannot afford to purchase a computer but need one for successful completion of their coursework.

**\$16,178 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



**Rock Valley College**

*Supplemental Instruction for Gateway Courses*

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an academic support program that targets historically difficult courses. SI is a non-remedial approach to learning enrichment that increases student performance and retention. SI offers regularly scheduled, out-of-class review sessions during which students review notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools and prepare for examinations. Students learn how to integrate course content with reasoning and study skills. Funds will be used to compensate students that have had a prior success in the high-risk courses to provide support to students currently enrolled in the same courses.

**\$12,632 | Supported by the Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund**



**Severson Dells Nature Center**

*Science Education for Northern Illinois*

Severson Dells provides science and nature based field trips for 3,500 school children every year. Many of these students have never spent time in the woods, by a creek, or on the prairie. Pre-K through 6th grade students have an opportunity to engage in hands-on field science in a way they can't at school. In order to ensure as many schools as possible can participate, Severson Dells charges schools less than half of the cost to deliver the programs.

**\$25,000 | Supported by the Meryle A. Stockhus Fund**



**Spectrum Progressive School of Rockford**

*Relationships from Rockford to the World*

This project will foster and grow a mindset that reflects and values internationalism and global citizenship, engaging participants in multicultural friendships and positive interactions with people from other parts of the world. Learning how to learn a language and ultimately having the skills to build diverse relationships allows for quality collaboration and productivity in the workplace.

**\$12,000 | Supported by the Ralph A. & Mildred Johnson Fund**



**Spectrum Progressive School of Rockford**

*School to Farm to School: Cycles of Learning*

Students will participate in a series of workshops and overnight field trips with Angelic Organics to discover connections between healthy living, healthy eating, and healthy farms. Students will be challenged to apply their observations and work on a farm to critical thinking challenges based on life and seasonal cycles.

**\$3,000 | Supported by the Vera Maureen Fisher Fund**

## EDUCATIONWORKS COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION | 14 grants for \$243,594

**LIVE UNITED**



United Way of Northwest Illinois, Inc.

### United Way of Northwest Illinois

#### *Dolly Parton Imagination Library*

The Imagination Library is a unique book gifting program that mails a brand new, age-appropriate book to enrolled children every month from birth to age five. This program creates a home library and helps cultivate a love of books and reading from an early age. The program was created in 1996 by Dolly Parton and since has prepared students for kindergarten in more than 1,200 communities.

**\$20,000 | Third year of three years of funding | Supported by the Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund**

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### United Way of Northwest Illinois

#### *It Takes a Village Volunteer Reading Mentor Program*

An extension to their Early Childhood Education Initiative, United Way's It Takes a Village (ITAV) program matches volunteer reading mentors with kindergarten-3rd grade students to support reading proficiently by 4th grade. Volunteer mentors meet with behind-grade-level students for 30 minutes every week, providing patient encouragement that helps students gain valuable reading skills and increased confidence in reading and other areas. ITAV was piloted in one Freeport School District building in the 2017 - 2018 school year and is expected to expand into all Freeport schools and beyond in Stephenson County over the next three years.

**\$9,324 | First year of three years of funding | Supported by the Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund**



### YMCA of Rock River Valley

#### *Black & Hispanic Achievers College Exploration Tour*

High school students who are involved in the Achievers or Impact 505 program will take a spring break college tour trip in the southern United States. This trip will allow the student, many of whom would be first generation college students, to explore colleges, universities, and fields of study to which they may not have otherwise been exposed. The college tours allow students to experience college firsthand, explore facilities, and engage with current college students and faculty about what life is like on campus.

**\$16,000 | Supported by the Meryle A. Stockhus Fund**

## EDUCATIONWORKS REGIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM | 1 grant for \$225,000



### Rock Valley College

#### *Linking Talent with Opportunity*

Linking Talent with Opportunity (LTO) is a regional, collaborative initiative led by Rock Valley College in partnership with Highland Community College to align career and technical education with local employment opportunities in high priority occupations. Over a three-year period, the community colleges will design and implement career education pathways based on a stackable credential model and increase collaboration with regional K-12 school districts. Stackable credentials will offer students choice, flexibility, shorter paths to employment, and lower costs. The combination of stackable credentials and alignment with high priority occupations will make the regional education system more adaptive to continually changing employment opportunities, increase the regional talent pool, and support economic vitality.

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

# HEALTH | 5 grants for \$142,844.49



## 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

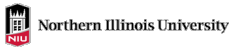


### **Milestone Dental Clinic, a division of Milestone**

#### *Dental X-Ray System*

The Milestone Dental Clinic is one of the few clinics that serves only individuals with developmental disabilities. Patients are treated and provided with dental health education regardless of their ability to pay. The clinic's Digital X-Ray system equipment and software are out of date and must be upgraded; funds will be used to purchase new sensors which will allow staff to take x-rays during exams, often helping prevent future dental problems.

**\$25,000 | Supported by the United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund**



### **Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Northern Illinois University**

#### *Planning for a Children's Mental Health System of Care*

A Community Planning Team will lead the effort to analyze our current mental healthcare system, in order to develop a coordinated, integrated, comprehensive System of Care addressing the mental health needs of our community's children and adolescents. The Community Planning Team will have members from Winnebago and Boone Counties, including representation from the fields of mental health, primary healthcare, social services, nonprofit management, education, and juvenile justice, as well as families whose children are currently engaged in mental healthcare service.

**\$37,510 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### **Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.**

#### *Winnebago Medical Legal Partnership*

The Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) was initiated in 2016 by Prairie State and Crusader Community Health to improve the health and stability of low-income and homeless individuals in the Rockford community through early legal intervention that prevents health-harming legal needs. This year, Prairie State and Crusader will work to expand the program and create a sustainable long-term plan for the partnership, potentially by including additional community partner organizations.

**\$67,344.49 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### **Rockford University**

#### *Lyme Ecology in Northern Illinois: From Voles to Birds to Humans*

Since 2010, cases of Lyme disease have doubled in Illinois, which far outpaces the national average. More information on the life cycle of the causative agent is needed to determine what is causing the higher prevalence in the region. Specifically, the study seeks to discover the prevalence of the agent in rodents and birds. The data will be the first of its type worldwide and will be critical in understanding Lyme epizootic cycles.

**\$7,000 | Second year of two years of funding | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



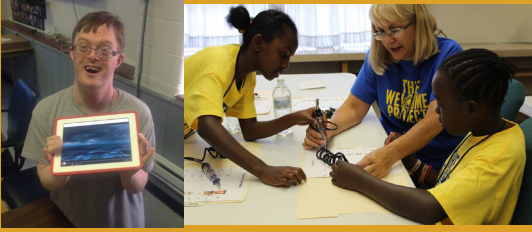
### **YMCA of Rock River Valley**

#### *YMCA Physical Education for Lydia Urban Academy*

Lydia Urban Academy is a nontraditional high school in the Rockford, Illinois area serving 20 students as a drop-out prevention and recovery program. The YMCA is partnering with Lydia to provide their students with physical education on Tuesdays and Thursdays afternoons, presenting various physical activity units exposing them to a variety of different sports and leisure time activities.

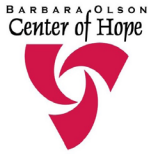
**\$6,000 | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund**

# HUMAN SERVICES | 15 grants for \$150,967.49



## 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



### Barbara Olson Center of Hope

#### *Greater Impact and Effectiveness through Technology*

Barbara Olson Center of Hope will purchase new PCs, laptops, printers, and iPads to replace old and out of date equipment. These items will be used for training and direct support for participants who have physical and developmental disabilities.

**\$9,839 | Supported by the Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund**

### Cornucopia



### Food Pantry

### Cornucopia Food Pantry

#### *Replacement of Aged Freezers and a Refrigerator*

Cornucopia Food Pantry uses freezers and refrigerators to store frozen meat and fresh milk. The equipment is old and unreliable, which not only poses food safety concerns but costs more to run because they are not energy efficient. Cornucopia will replace old equipment and increase capacity for frozen and fresh food items.

**\$2,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### Farmworker and Landscaper Advocacy Project (FLAP)

#### *Outreach and Community Education on Worker's Rights and Human Labor Trafficking*

FLAP provides free, bilingual, and confidential Outreach and Community Legal Education workshops for low-income immigrant, migrant, and seasonal laborers who live and/or work in Boone, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties. In 2019, FLAP will present workshops covering workplace rights and 20 workshops will focus on human labor trafficking. FLAP staff will meet with attendees who believe they have a claim and take the case themselves or link the claimant with an attorney in its network of law firms. These efforts will be made in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate Mobile Office.

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



### Jeremiah Development, NFP

#### *Love Rockford 2019*

Love Rockford 2019 will link over 500 under-served residents to resources from the on-site 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. Attendees will be introduced to agencies in a non-threatening, festive environment. By removing actual and perceived barriers to vital services, the event will improve attendees' physical and mental health, social connections, and emotional well-being.

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



### Northern Illinois Food Bank

#### *Winnebago Community Market*

Northern Illinois Food Bank will establish a full-service food pantry, the Winnebago Community Market, at their Northwest Center in Rockford. The Market will advance the goal of meeting the meal gap in every community of the county. This will be an investment in ensuring sustainable access to nutritious food for Winnebago residents and helping participants maintain a healthy diet to reduce risk of diet-related diseases, while providing additional services to improve self-sufficiency.

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

## HUMAN SERVICES | 15 grants for \$150,967.49

**One Body Collaboratives**  
Rebuilding Lives, Transforming Our Community

### **One Body Collaboratives**

#### *Compassionate Impacts*

The Compassionate Impacts (CI) program engages churches to work with each other and with existing nonprofit and governmental agencies in our community. One Body Collaboratives serves as the Backbone Organization for the program uniting all churches and community organizations in serving families in need. The CI program provides the infrastructure needed to launch an effective solution engaging thousands of congregation members and community volunteers to help meet basic needs and provide resources for families, leading to stabilization in health, safety and overall well-being.

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



### **Remedies Renewing Lives**

#### *Durable Beds/Mattresses - Domestic Violence Shelter*

Remedies will purchase 18 single beds, one set of bunk beds, and 20 commercial mattresses for the beds at their domestic violence shelter. As the only emergency shelter in Winnebago and Boone County that is designed for domestic violence victims, in the past fiscal year alone Remedies provided 17,260 nights of shelter. Due to the high volume of clients that are served, beds and mattresses must be replaced frequently.

**\$13,947 | Supported by the Armer F. Alhstrand Fund**



### **Rock River Valley Pantry, Inc.**

#### *Healthy Food for All*

Rock River Valley Pantry (RRVP) will purchase canned or frozen vegetables to meet the needs of the 6,000 clients assisted on a monthly basis, totaling approximately 15,000 cans of both fruit and vegetables every month. RRVP seeks to provide four-days worth of healthy food choices to help clients achieve the USDA recommended daily amount of vegetables and fruit.

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



### **Rockford Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation (RAASE)**

#### *Prevent Commercial Sexual Exploitation - Youth*

In partnership with the City of Rockford, Juvenile Probation Program, United Way of Rock River Valley, Youth Services Network, and other agencies, RAASE will implement an evidence-informed, nationally-recognized, and survivor-led education program for female youth. The curriculum will be presented in juvenile justice facilities and community-based programs, with the goal of expanding the program to middle and high schools.

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



### **Senior Resource Center**

#### *Information and Assistance*

The Senior Resource Center's Information and Assistance Program provides valuable resources for seniors, disabled adults, families, and caregivers. Through the program, clients receive counseling services from trained program staff. The staff present information on health assistance and insurance programs, assist seniors with the completion of benefit application forms, provide information on housing options, serve as advocates for senior citizens, and link clients to additional community resources.

**\$12,500 | Supported by the William & Catherine McCoy Fund**



### **Shelter Care Ministries**

#### *Keep on Truckin'*

Shelter Care will replace the truck used to pick up and deliver furniture and other donations to families and individuals moving from homelessness to housing.

**\$12,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**

## HUMAN SERVICES | 15 grants for \$150,967.49



### Stepping Stones of Rockford, Inc.

#### *Privacy Fence*

Stepping Stones provides housing to individuals with a serious mental illness in home-like settings. The fence at one of the homes was in poor condition and removed. To provide privacy and increase the security of the home, a new 6-foot privacy fence will be installed around the sides and back of the home.

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



### Temple Baptist Church

#### *The Welcome Project*

The Welcome Project began as a simple gesture to extend a welcome to the refugee children living in our community, while equipping them to become an integral part of their new community. The Welcome Project provides transportation and translation services for recent refugees and hosts events welcoming refugee children entering Rockford Public Schools. The funds will be used to purchase Chromebooks to replace old computers that are used during The Welcome Project's summer camp, as well as to help refugee parents apply for jobs.

**\$3,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### The Jericho Project, NFP

#### *The Jericho House*

The Jericho House Residential Team (JHRT) provides intensive case management to the residents of the Jericho House (JH), prioritizing addictions recovery, job acquisition, parole compliance, spiritual growth, and family reconciliation. Residents define bi-monthly personal goals which goals are reviewed by JHRT who meet with each resident at least three hours per week in one-on-one sessions, and meet twice a week to review progress toward their goals in a family setting.

**\$25,681.49 | Supported by the Margaret K. Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund**



### The Jericho Project, NFP

#### *Ruthie's Kitchen at Zion Lutheran Church*

Ruthie's Kitchen is intended to carry on the ministry of the late Ruthie Fairchild. Following in her footsteps, The Jericho Project will provide a nourishing meal to the low-income and homeless population in the 7th Street corridor. The Jericho Project will coordinate scheduling volunteers from dozens of community organizations who will prepare and serve meals three days a week at Zion Lutheran Church.

**\$7,000 | Supported by the Norris A. & Margaret K. Aldeen Fund**

# SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES | 9 grants for \$142,844.49



## 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



### **Comprehensive Community Solutions, Inc.**

#### *Repurposing Rockford*

This project will create a new training and economic development program. CCS currently operates a construction training program, a Deconstruction Program, and a retail building materials outlet, and will expand its work to include the design, manufacture, marketing and sale of unique new products made entirely from reclaimed lumber and building materials. The program will offer a new training option for CCS employees, students, and clients and become a self-sustaining social enterprise. It will contribute to the preservation of the environment through reduction of construction debris going to landfills, and will result in advanced job skills and entrepreneurial opportunities for graduates.

**\$29,987 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



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

#### *2019 Habitat for Humanity Home Build*

The 2019 Home Build Project involves the construction of a new home in Boone County for a deserving family who will be selected prior to construction. A suitable lot for the construction has already been acquired and construction will begin in March of 2019.

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



### **Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County**

#### *2019 Rochelle New Home Build/9th Street*

The Habitat for Humanity of Ogle County will build a new home in Rochelle. The Habitat for Humanity model reinvests homeowner mortgage payments to fund the building of more homes to house more families.

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



### **Hoo Haven Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center**

#### *Flight Enclosure for Eurasian Eagle Owl Ambassador*

Hoo Haven will construct a specialized flight enclosure to house an Eurasian Eagle-Owl. This species of owl is unique and not commonly seen in local raptor ambassador programs, and is not native to North America so are only viewed in captivity. Hoo Haven's Educational Team is excited to bring on this owl as a Raptor Ambassador for this species.

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



### **Klehm Arboretum and Botanic Garden**

#### *Improvements to Support Increased Engagement with the Latino Community*

Klehm will develop and provide Spanish language educational and informational materials, along with the purchase and installation of bilingual grounds signage, in order to better serve Spanish-speaking visitors. Klehm's ability to achieve their mission -- to promote the use and enjoyment of the property by all people -- will be significantly enhanced. In addition, members of the surrounding Latino community will be further engaged and better served during their visits to the grounds and facilities.

**\$5,000 | Supported by the Dr. Courtney J. and Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund**



## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES | 9 grants for \$142,844.49



### **Natural Land Institute**

#### *Family Nature Day 2019*

Family Nature Day is a free event held at Nygren Wetland Preserve, designed to give children and adults hands-on learning experiences in nature. Attendees can take a wagon ride or walk to the 12 learning stations. Guided tours of the prairie inform visitors about the value of native wildflowers and grasses. Kids are given a passport to answer questions and record their observations and suggests activities related to each learning station; kids who earn six or more passport stamps and receive a Junior Naturalist badge.

**\$2,407.49 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



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

#### *Foundations and Frames*

Rockford Area Habitat for Humanity will use funds to help cover the cost of foundations and frames for builds in summer 2019. Partner families will take home-buyer education courses and help construct their home alongside dozens of volunteers, including students from Guilford High School. Upon completion, RAHFH will sell the home to the family for a no-interest, affordable mortgage uniquely tailored to their income.

**\$20,000 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### **Winnebago County Sheriff Department**

#### *Community Safety*

WCSD will purchase an Aerial First Responder drone-based kit to assist with the accurate documentation of crime scenes, fatal accident scenes, natural disaster damage, and other aerial scenes. The kit includes a FLIR optic that functions in the infrared light spectrum and will aid in the search and rescue of missing people at night when other means are greatly limited.

**\$10,450 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



**ZION**  
Development

### **ZION Development Corporation**

#### *ZION Maintenance Van*

Funds will be used to acquire a new maintenance vehicle to replace two aging vehicles. As only one vehicle is needed at this time, one new van instead of two old vans will decrease costs and increase efficiency.

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

# YOUTH & FAMILIES | 9 grants for \$152,844



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

- provide pathways to self-sufficiency
- strengthen families
- support intellectual, emotional, physical, and social development

### The **Positive Place For Kids** Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County



#### *Bleacher Seating System*

New bleachers will provide sufficient and safe seating to meet the needs of Club members and their families, community residents, and outside organizations that attend and participate in programs, sporting events, community meetings, and special events at the Boys & Girls Club of Freeport and Stephenson County.

**\$27,640 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



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### Children's Home & Aid

#### *Doula Program*

Specially trained home visitors (“doulas”) 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 funding will enable Children's Home & Aid to expand the Doula program in Winnebago County.

**\$27,603 | Supported by the Glenn E. Thiel Memorial Fund**



### Girls on the Run of Northwest Illinois

#### *Access and Inclusion Initiative*

Girls on the Run (GOTR) inspires girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident by taking them through a non-competitive running program that promotes social, physical, and emotional wellness. GOTR focuses on expanding programming and ensuring access to all students by providing GOTR and Heart & Sole (middle school) programs at little to no cost.

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



### Ken-Rock Community Center, Inc.

#### *Improved Transportation*

KRCC will purchase a used, 15-seat passenger van. This will allow them to transport students from Nashold Elementary School to their after-school program, and avoid the cost of renting buses for summer field trips. Adding the ability to provide their own transportation will increase revenue and decrease costs for KRCC.

**\$14,500 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**



### Shelter Care Ministries

#### *Making Memories at MAYA'S House*

MAYA'S House is the only free daycare for any child experiencing homelessness in Rockford. Funding will allow MAYA'S House to continue to provide quality childcare at no cost to parents, allowing them to more easily navigate the time-consuming process of accessing services to address homelessness, poverty, and more.

**\$10,000 | Supported by the Bengt & Mary Kuller Fund**



### Stateline Youth for Christ

#### *Juvenile Justice Ministry -- Aftercare Services*

Juvenile Justice Ministry (JJM) Aftercare Services helps juvenile offenders develop a new way of living and bridges the gap between plans made during lock-up and real life application. By empowering high-risk youth with mentoring, life skills, educational success tracks, hope, and brighter futures, they will re-engage with educational and career goals to become productive members of our community.

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

## YOUTH & FAMILIES | 9 grants for \$152,844



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### **The Salvation Army of Rockford**

*The Salvation Army & YMCA Teen Center*

The Salvation Army and YMCA Teen Center provides recreation, life skills, and health and wellness programming for middle and high school students in Winnebago County. The year-round program focuses on empowering youth in our community to develop basic life skills, character development, healthy lifestyles, and appropriate social interactions.

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



### **Winnebago County CASA**

*Marketing and Recruitment*

Winnebago County CASA provides vital training and support to volunteers that help abused and neglected children. The number of children who need help and the complexity of their court cases is increasing. Continual recruitment for volunteer CASAs is necessary to meet the need, requiring more community education about the service CASA provides. Funds will allow CASA to hire a part-time Community Outreach and Marketing position to raise the visibility of this program, enhance volunteer CASA recruitment, and increase community support.

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



### **Winnebago County Health Department**

*Trauma Informed Community*

Trauma experienced through family violence, crime, substance abuse, racism, poverty, unemployment, mental illness, human trafficking, and homelessness has a deep, negative impact on individuals and our community. WCHD and its partners are working to interrupt the impact of trauma and bring hope and resiliency to those impacted through workgroups designed to help us become a trauma informed community, a community which recognizes the collective impact of adverse experiences and fosters resiliency and well-being in its residents.

**\$28,101 | Supported by the Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund**

## SUMMARY TABLE OF FY2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM AWARDS

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4	ANDERSON JAPANESE GARDENS	JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$5,000.00
4	ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE THEATER	AE SUMMER PLAYERS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$3,500.00
4	ARTISTS' ENSEMBLE THEATER	SILENT SKY	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
4	FRIENDS OF THE CORONADO FOUNDATION	HISTORIC FURNITURE RESTORATION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$13,280.00
4	KANTOREI, THE SINGING BOYS OF ROCKFORD	REGIONAL CHICAGO TOUR	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$7,000.00
5	MACKTOWN, A LIVING HISTORY EDUCATION CENTER	LESSONS FROM OUR PIONEER PAST	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$18,366.49
5	MENDELSSOHN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	SUMMER ARTS ENRICHMENT AT PATRIOTS GATEWAY COMMUNITY CENTER 2019	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
5	MIDWAY VILLAGE AND MUSEUM CENTER	SAVING OUR HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$20,600.00
5	ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL	ARTSPACE	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$20,000.00
5	ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL	BEATTIE IS...2019	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$5,000.00
5	ROCKFORD AREA ARTS COUNCIL	RAAC ARTSCAMP	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$15,000.00
6	ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT	2019 ILLINOIS SNOW SCULPTING COMPETITION	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$10,000.00
6	ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	ROCKFORD SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$8,000.00
6	SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION OF BELVIDERE, IL	SISTER CITIES SUMMER YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,000.00
6	THE MUSIC ACADEMY IN ROCKFORD	THE MOSTLY MISSHAPEN PEARL	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$8,598.00
6	THE WEST SIDE SHOW ROOM	ROCKFORD NEW PLAY FESTIVAL 2019	ARTS & HUMANITIES	\$2,500.00
<b>ARTS &amp; HUMANITIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL</b>				<b>\$142,844.49</b>
7	ALIGNMENT ROCKFORD	ALIGNMENT ROCKFORD ACADEMY EXPO	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$18,000.00
7	COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.	YOUTHBUILD 2019	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$25,000.00
7	DISCOVERY CENTER MUSEUM	STEM LEARNING OPPORTUNITY IN AFTER SCHOOL ASAP PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$37,544.00
7	FORRESTVILLE VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DIST. #221	FORRESTON HIGH SCHOOL ENGINEERING PATHWAY	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$11,000.00
7	NORTH BOONE HIGH SCHOOL	NORTH BOONE VOCATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$250.00
8	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE	ACADEMIC PATHWAYS & ENGINEERING CAREER SERVICES (APECS)	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$23,290.00
8	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE	OZOBOT: LEARN CODING WITH ROBOTS	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$30,000.00
8	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION/STARLIGHT THEATRE	YOUNG THEATRICAL TECHNICIANS	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$4,000.00
8	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AT ROCKFORD	RURAL HEALTH CAREERS CAMP	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$32,900.00
8	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AT ROCKFORD	RECRUITING TOP TALENT TO PHARMACY	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$13,320.00
8	UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION OF JO DAVIESS, STEPHENSON, AND WINNEBAGO COUNTIES	4-H COMMUNITY TECH WIZARDS PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$25,000.00
9	YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY	YMCA INTERN CHALLENGE	EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS	\$5,000.00
<b>EDUCATION WORKS - CAREER PATHWAYS TOTAL</b>				<b>\$225,304.00</b>
9	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ROCKFORD	SUCCESS THROUGH TARGETED OUTREACH	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$50,000.00
9	GALAPAGOS ROCKFORD CHARTER SCHOOL NFP	MODEL UNITED NATIONS AT GALAPAGOS	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$6,000.00
9	JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF CHICAGO	JA WHOLE SCHOOL PROGRAM AT CARLSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$8,000.00
9	KEN-ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.	ENHANCED AFTER-SCHOOL READING PROJECT	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$18,000.00
9	KFACT	LADY ALL STARS MENTORING PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$35,000.00

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10	ROCHELLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT - HUB PROJECT	USING 3D PRINTERS TO ENGAGE STUDENTS IN 21ST CENTURY LEARNING	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$12,460.00
10	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE	STUDENT LAPTOP RENTALS	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$16,178.00
10	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION FOR GATEWAY COURSES	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$12,632.00
10	SEVERSON DELLS NATURE CENTER	SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$25,000.00
10	SPECTRUM PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL OF ROCKFORD	RELATIONSHIPS FROM ROCKFORD TO THE WORLD	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$12,000.00
10	SPECTRUM PROGRESSIVE SCHOOL OF ROCKFORD	SCHOOL TO FARM TO SCHOOL: CYCLES OF LEARNING	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$3,000.00
11	UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$20,000.00
11	UNITED WAY OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	IT TAKES A VILLAGE VOLUNTEER READING MENTOR PROGRAM	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$9,324.00
11	YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY	BLACK & HISPANIC ACHIEVERS COLLEGE EXPLORATION TOUR	EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY ED.	\$16,000.00
<b>EDUCATION WORKS - COMPLEMENTARY EDUCATION TOTAL</b>				<b>\$243,594.00</b>
11	ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE	LINKING TALENT WITH OPPORTUNITY	EDUCATION WORKS - REGIONAL ED. SYSTEM	\$225,000.00
<b>EDUCATION WORKS - REGIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM TOTAL</b>				<b>\$225,000.00</b>
<b>EDUCATION FOCUS AREA TOTAL</b>				<b>\$693,898.00</b>
12	MILESTONE DENTAL CLINIC - A DIVISION OF MILESTONE	DENTAL X-RAY SYSTEM	HEALTH	\$25,000.00
12	NORTHERN IL CENTER FOR NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE AT NIU	PLANNING FOR A CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE	HEALTH	\$37,510.00
12	PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES, INC.	WINNEBAGO MEDICAL LEGAL PARTNERSHIP	HEALTH	\$67,334.49
12	ROCKFORD UNIVERSITY	LYME ECOLOGY IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS: FROM VOLES TO BIRDS TO HUMANS	HEALTH	\$7,000.00
12	YMCA OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY	YMCA PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR LYDIA URBAN ACADEMY	HEALTH	\$6,000.00
<b>HEALTH FOCUS AREA TOTAL</b>				<b>\$135,844.49</b>
13	BARBARA OLSON CENTER OF HOPE	GREATER IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY	HUMAN SERVICES	\$9,839.00
13	CORNUCOPIA FOOD PANTRY	REPLACEMENT OF FREEZERS AND A REFRIGERATOR	HUMAN SERVICES	\$2,000.00
13	FARMWORKER AND LANDSCAPER ADVOCACY PROJECT	OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY LEGAL ED. ON WORKER'S RIGHTS & HUMAN LABOR TRAFFICKING	HUMAN SERVICES	\$5,000.00
13	JEREMIAH DEVELOPMENT, NFP	LOVE ROCKFORD 2019	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
13	NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK	WINNEBAGO COMMUNITY MARKET	HUMAN SERVICES	\$25,000.00
14	ONE BODY COLLABORATIVES	COMPASSIONATE IMPACTS	HUMAN SERVICES	\$5,000.00
14	REMEDIES RENEWING LIVES	DURABLE BEDS AND MATTRESSES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER	HUMAN SERVICES	\$13,947.00
14	ROCK RIVER VALLEY PANTRY	HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL	HUMAN SERVICES	\$5,000.00
14	ROCKFORD ALLIANCE AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (RAASE)	PREVENT COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF YOUTH	HUMAN SERVICES	\$10,000.00
14	SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER	INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE	HUMAN SERVICES	\$12,500.00
14	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	KEEP ON TRUCKIN'	HUMAN SERVICES	\$12,000.00
15	STEPPING STONES OF ROCKFORD	PRIVACY FENCE	HUMAN SERVICES	\$5,000.00
15	TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH	THE WELCOME PROJECT	HUMAN SERVICES	\$3,000.00
15	THE JERICO PROJECT, NFP	THE JERICO HOUSE	HUMAN SERVICES	\$25,681.49
15	THE JERICO PROJECT, NFP	RUTHIE'S KITCHEN AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH	HUMAN SERVICES	\$7,000.00
<b>HUMAN SERVICES FOCUS AREA TOTAL</b>				<b>\$150,967.49</b>
16	COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS, INC.	REPURPOSING ROCKFORD	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$29,987.00
16	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF BOONE COUNTY	2019 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME BUILD	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$30,000.00

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16	HOO HAVEN WILDLIFE REHABILITATION & EDUCATION CENTER	FLIGHT ENCLOSURE FOR EURASIAN EAGLE OWL AMBASSADOR	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$5,000.00
16	KLEHM ARBORETUM AND BOTANIC GARDEN	IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT INCREASED ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LATINO COMMUNITY	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$5,000.00
17	NATURAL LAND INSTITUTE	FAMILY NATURE DAY 2019	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$2,407.49
17	ROCKFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	FOUNDATIONS AND FRAMES	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$20,000.00
17	WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	COMMUNITY SAFETY	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$10,450.00
17	ZION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	ZION MAINTENANCE VAN	SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES	\$25,000.00
<b>SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL</b>				<b>\$142,844.49</b>
18	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF FREEPORT AND STEPHENSON COUNTY	BLEACHER SEATING SYSTEM	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$27,640.00
18	CHILDREN'S HOME & AID	DOULA PROGRAM	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$27,603.00
18	GIRLS ON THE RUN OF NORTHWEST ILLINOIS	ACCESS AND INCLUSION INITIATIVE	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$5,000.00
18	KEN-ROCK COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.	IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$14,500.00
18	SHELTER CARE MINISTRIES	MAKING MEMORIES AT MAYA'S HOUSE	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$10,000.00
18	STATELINE YOUTH FOR CHRIST	JUVENILE JUSTICE MINISTRY - AFTERCARE SERVICES	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$15,000.00
19	THE SALVATION ARMY OF ROCKFORD	THE SALVATION ARMY & YMCA TEEN CENTER	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$15,000.00
19	WINNEBAGO COUNTY CASA	MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$10,000.00
19	WINNEBAGO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	TRAUMA INFORMED COMMUNITY	YOUTH & FAMILIES	\$28,101.00
<b>YOUTH &amp; FAMILIES FOCUS AREA TOTAL</b>				<b>\$152,844.00</b>
<b>COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM FY2019 TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,426,242.96</b>

## THANK YOU FOR READING!

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- \*Playtime at MAYA's House, Shelter Care Ministries
- \*Newly sworn in volunteers, Winnebago County CASA

#### **Arts & Humanities Focus Area section photos:**

- \*Historic lobby furniture, Friends of the Coronado Foundation
- \*Japanese Summer Festival, Anderson Japanese Gardens

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- \*Professor and student study Lyme disease in voles, Rockford University

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- \*Family with groceries from Rock River Valley Pantry, Rock River Valley Pantry
- \*Program participant, Barbara Olson Center of Hope
- \*The Welcome Project participants and teacher, Temple Baptist Church

#### **Sustainable Communities Focus Area photo:**

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