

The Giving Celebration of the Year:  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Champagne Campaign Fundraiser Makes the ‘Must-Attend’ List

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MO – Giving local makes sense. It’s the theme at the heart of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Champagne Campaign.

This year’s fundraiser will feature champagne and wine cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, fun activities, cash bar, live music and good words from non-profit community leaders that have benefitted from several grants over the last 10 years from Community Foundation of the Lake.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend the Champagne Campaign beginning at 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 15, at La Roca Club in Osage Beach. A donation of \$10 at the door will go directly into the grant-making fund as well as all other donations received that evening. This fund changes lives for the better with your help. In addition to drinks, food, music and fellowship there will be opportunities to win bottles of beverages, assist in fundraising through our “fund the cause” and receive updates from some of our agency partners.

For the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, CFL is recognizing Honorary Chairwoman Jane Martin, owner of Scott’s Concrete, a woman whose dedication to community is well known throughout the Lake area.

“The Lake of the Ozarks has supported my family for six generations! Giving back locally is VITAL to me. Community Foundation of the Lake is a wonderful conduit to direct my tax dollars back into the community,” said Jane.

Community Foundation of the Lake exists as a facilitator to streamline charitable giving locally, and members from organizations will be on hand during the evening to discuss the benefits of the CFL relationship and thank everyone for contributing annually.

“Kids’ Harbor is thankful for its partnership with the Community Foundation of the Lake. The support, guidance, training, and funding provided by the Community Foundation is instrumental in fulfilling our mission to provide coordinated response, healing, and prevention of child abuse in our community,” Kids’ Harbor Executive Director Cara Gerdiman says. “Children, ages 0-18, and their non-offending caregivers often come to Kids’ Harbor in the midst of crisis. Our staff provides support through the often frightening criminal justice process and the opportunity to heal from the trauma they have experienced.”

Wonderland Camp has also received grants annually to provide a fun, educational camp experience for children, teenagers and adults who have disabilities. They come from all over the nation once a year to experience Lake of the Ozarks at its best.

Lake Area Big Brothers Big Sisters helps children develop supportive relationships with positive role models to make a direct and lasting impact on their lives.

“The CFL grant has helped BBBS make it possible to carefully match 12 children in our program with adult mentors and provide the ongoing support that sustains those matches, helps provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever,” Lake Area BBBS Program Coordinator Alison Martin said.

Children participating in the program are 89% more likely to avoid risky behavior. Littles

matched with Bigs are 52% less likely to skip school, 46% less likely to use illegal drugs and 27% less likely to use alcohol.

Since its inception, the Champagne Campaign has funded more than \$200,000 in grants to Wonderland Camp, the Camdenton School Foundation, the Children's Learning Center, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Kids' Harbor, Medical Missions for Christ, Share the Harvest Food Pantry, Lamb House, Buddy Packs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Westlake Aquatic Center, Lake Arts Council Children's Theater, the School of the Osage School Art Department, lake area senior centers, and more.

All proceeds from CFL's Campaign, stay local and are distributed as grants to non-profit organizations at the Lake of the Ozarks. Donations can be given in any amount at any time, to benefit community needs identified by the CFL Board of Directors or directed by donors for a specific program or purpose.

CFL's mission is to build the educational, cultural, health and economic development of the Lake community. CFL was created and exists to be the focus of charitable giving in Miller, Morgan, and Camden counties.

For more information about giving to CFL, setting up a charitable fund or foundation, or becoming a non-profit agency partner, visit [CommunityFoundationoftheLake.com](http://CommunityFoundationoftheLake.com).

Groups, individuals and businesses can participate in the Community Foundation of the Lake by contacting President Amanda Fagan at 660-342-4713 or by mailing requests or contributions to Community Foundation of the Lake, PO Box 1413, Lake Ozark, MO, 65049.

#### EVENT BRIEF

#### CHAMPAGNE CAMPAIGN

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018

TIME: 5:00-8:00 p.m.

WHERE: La Roca Club, 980 Airport Rd, Osage Beach, MO 65065

WHAT: Social & informational fundraiser to celebrate the charitable spirit of the Lake community. Donations are requested and appreciated. Champagne/wine cocktails tasting, hors d'oeuvres, live music, fun activities and good words from non-profit community leaders are just a few things you can expect to enjoy.

COST: \$10 donation at the door and your generous chosen donation throughout the evening.