

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *of the* LAKE



*Connecting Passion With Purpose*

## *2019 in review*

### **The Community Foundation at work**

The Community Foundation of the Lake is proud to have served the lake community for over 10 years with generous donations from supporters like you. Your faithful contributions enhance the quality of life in our community. It is our pleasure to work with you and other caring, compassionate and engaged individuals, organizations, and special interest groups to support the short- and long-term viability of our community and its residents. We are sincere in our belief that generous philanthropic work does make a difference. Not only does the CFL rely on its generous donors to assist in community work, but it aggressively seeks out grants that bring in valuable dollars to our lake community.

#### **2019 highlights include:**

- \$700 Natural Summit grant to provide food services to local elderly
- \$5,000 in Disaster Relief following the tornado in Eldon
- \$10,000 CFO grant to assist the Stop the Bleed safety training and equipment
- \$26,000 in grants supporting specific causes for 25 local not-for-profit agencies
- \$31,000 to five significant endeavors related to health and welfare of animals
- \$10,000 grant from Farmers Insurance to support the Great Smoke Detector Giveaway program and to help build the Natural Disaster Fund

**We Count on You!** To continue the tradition of turning passion to purpose, we need your support for our Capacity fund before the end of 2019. Gifts to this fund support our yearly grant giving cycle, allowing us to respond to emerging community needs throughout the year as we partner with many of the local nonprofits. Through this grant making process, we are able to enhance efficient and effective charitable giving, taking the guesswork out of the equation for you. We ask you for additional support for the CFL knowing that your charitable dollars have many places to be put to good use. Charitable giving is a great way to maximize last minute tax deductions.

We encourage you to follow the CFL's leadership work throughout the year by visiting our website or by contacting one of our board members or by mailing requests or contributions to Community Foundation of the Lake, PO Box 1413, Lake Ozark, MO, 65049

[www.communityfoundationofthelake.com](http://www.communityfoundationofthelake.com)

## Shakespeare Under the Stars Fundraiser

“Tis not enough to help the feeble up, but to support them after” – William Shakespeare

And community support was in full evidence with nearly 150 guests at the **CFL Annual Fund Raiser**. Long known as the “Champagne Campaign”, this year’s event took on a less formal theme, but no less noble a goal. **“Shakespeare Under the Stars”** was a fun evening outside with live music, a Shakespeare Troupe, a Magician, and several medieval-inspired games. The end of evening Shakespeare Shuffle Raffle had laughing guests vying for a wide assortment of generous gift baskets.



Shakespeare himself would have marveled at the food! **Honorary Chairs, Melissa and Chris (Pappo) Galloway**, donated a full buffet of Italian and Mexican eats and treats typically available only at their local restaurants: Mama Cita’s and Pappo’s. The couple personally managed the dinner, even installing their own pizza oven in order to serve fresh-baked cookies to end the evening. As honorary chairs of the annual fundraiser, long time business owners and philanthropists, the Galloways down-played the many accolades of the evening sharing: “It is our pleasure to support this event put on by CFL. It is important to us to support the lake community where our thriving businesses reside. “

This was a tribute to our lake area art, music and cultural endeavors. **Sunrise Beach Little Theatre** performed an original Shakespeare themed skit, **the Lake Jazz Band** and **Mike Dunklee and his Healing Box Project** also performed. A magician, **Mr. Eugene Hernandez of KC’s Imagine Magic**, wowed everyone with a great show.



## Eldon Tornado Recovery Efforts

When vicious tornados swept through our area in May, CFL quickly responded by providing **\$5,000** to assist displaced families in Eldon. Working with Reverend Chris Reynolds of the Ministerial Alliance of First Christian Church, we were able to ensure the funds were directed to some of the most critical emergency housing cases.

CFL has a **Disaster Recovery Fund** in place for natural disasters in Miller, Morgan or Camden counties. Established in 2016, generous donations from **Farmers Insurance, Above and Beyond Roofing Co.** and private donors ensures our community that local immediate financial help will be available in case of floods, tornados or earthquakes. The fund is intended to provide a quick, flexible response to urgent health and safety needs. Anyone can donate to the fund by going to [www.communityfoundationofthelake.com](http://www.communityfoundationofthelake.com), click on **donate**, under gift designation, and find **CFL Disaster Fund**, fill out info and make a donation.

## Great Smoke Detector Giveaway

Camdenton square was transformed into a circle of caring for our 4th annual Great Smoke Detector Giveaway on October 5th. In just three hours, 509 smoke detectors were distributed to local homeowners.



**The Great Smoke Detector Giveaway** has now distributed more than 2,500 early-detection smoke alarms through four events. Approximately 90-100 detectors were donated to Mid-County Fire Protection District for further distribution. Chief Frandsen stated most of them will go to the Mack's Creek Fire Dept which has significant need.

"Over the last four events, we've had fantastic support from six local fire districts, adding enormous visibility and valuable education to

the event," said **Rick Kruse**, Vice Chairman of the Farmers Insurance Board of Governors and Board Member of Community Foundation of the Lake. "Fire districts have also been offering to install detectors for families in need of assistance free of charge."



Businesses critical to the effort included **Farmers Insurance, The Wagner Agency, Menards, Camdenton Save A Lot, LakeExpo.com, Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, Alpha Graphics, and Kohl's volunteers.**

To date, **Farmers** has contributed \$40,000 to the effort through the CFL Disaster Recovery Fund.

In the spirit of preparedness, CFL is leading the charge locally to raise awareness of its **Disaster Recovery Fund**. While Farmers Insurance works proactively to prepare families to survive during disaster, CFL is raising funds to support the local community when victimized by unexpected and catastrophic events.

The CFL **Disaster Recovery Fund** was created to assist in readiness and relief efforts, efficiently addressing many needs should a disaster occur in our area. This Recovery Fund allows flexibility for recovery efforts that might not otherwise be available from the government or volunteers.

"It's CFL's goal to make sure local people in need do not fall through the cracks after being victimized by disaster," CFL President Amy Hernandez said.

## Stop the Bleed Initiative

**Stop the Bleed** is a national awareness campaign that encourages members of the general public to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. **Stop the Bleed** training prepares people to help in mass casualty incidents, as well as in situations where only a few or even just one person is injured – for example, in a car or boating accident, gunshot wound, venomous snake bite, knife laceration, power tool accident or lawn mower



accident.

CFL wrote and received a **\$10,000 grant** from **Rural Ozarks Health Initiative** which we subsequently gifted to **Lake Regional Health System** to provide Bleeding Control Stations and individual bleeding control kits to local schools.

Training and the necessary tools to implement a lifesaving maneuver is an educational advantage that can never be taken away from someone. **Lake Regional** is providing the manpower resources to

complete the training for all of the surrounding school district personnel, first responders and laymen interested.

## 2019 CFL Grant Round

More than **\$26,000** was granted out to local non-profits at the end of January, thanks to our benefactors and local business owners who have supported CFL for many years. CFL carefully vets grant requests and follows up with a 6-month grant review to guarantee that grant money is correctly spent as intended. CFL coordinates and collaborates with many non-profit agency partners throughout the year. We offer free seminars, we help with grant writing, and most importantly CFL has a non-profit link on our website where a donor can find a local non-profit and donate directly from the CFL website.



Some of the local non-profits who received grants were:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters for two matches
- Children's Learning Center for sensory flooring
- Food for Morgan County to purchase a freezer
- Westlake Aquatics for children's group swim lessons
- Wonderland Camp for children to attend summer camp
- The Idiots Club for dual credit and tuition to community college
- Lake Area Industries toward purchase of 24 ergonomic armchairs
- Lake Area Arts Council to supplement Missoula Children's Theatre program
- The Healing Box Project to purchase 10 guitars and music books for veterans
- Camden RII schools to purchase smart board and projection unit, and for Buddy pack food
- Citizens Against Domestic Violence for automatic door opener to make it wheel chair accessible

## Senior Health and Welfare

The CFL wrote and received a grant from **Summit Natural Gas** for **\$700** to assist senior citizens with nutritional needs. A check was presented to Osage Beach Senior Center, where they feed 248 and deliver 84 meals to home bounds weekly. A check was also presented to Share the Harvest Food Pantry to assist seniors with commodities from their food bank. Faced with growing health and financial needs, seniors often do not have the resources to eat a well-balanced diet. The CFL is committed to helping our Agency Partners in any way possible and it is often in small increments that we can make a big difference.



## Our 4-legged residents of the Lake

The CFL announced a new annual grant round earmarked for funding of horse and dog shelters, sanctuaries, and rescue facilities. This new grant is available thanks to a field of interest fund created by the **Karen Jean Rudek Trust**. Karen Rudek was a long-time resident of the area who loved her dogs and horses. She bequeathed her estate to set up a foundation to support horse and dog shelters, sanctuaries and rescues in the local communities of Camden, Miller and Morgan counties. She entrusted stewardship of the fund to the CFL to ensure her long term wishes of animal care were met in perpetuity. The first recipients of this generous award of the inaugural grant round are:

- Ozark Kat and K9
- Dogwood Animal Shelter
- Ivy Bend Animal Rescue
- Blue Moon Animal Sanctuary
- Forget Me Not Horse Rescue

The next grant making round will open next fall and can be found on the CFL website.

## Volunteer Recruitment

CFL is currently recruiting volunteers to help with just one event during the year. Whether you have a passion for serving on a grant round or serving on a fund-raising committee, or simply being available for a one-time event, we could use your help and expertise. Donating funds is not the only way to help. Time put in from generous people of our community is the pure basis of what has made the CFL so successful for over ten years. Whether it be you have minimal time but have a place in your heart to help by giving an hour here and there, or you have several hours to serve continuously, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our President, Amy Hernandez at (573) 480-9973 or Jan Amos at 321-258-5828 for more information.

## CFO Board Member of Excellence Award

Amy Hernandez, who serves as President on the CFL Board of Governors, received a Board Member Award of Excellence from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Hernandez was one of four board leaders within the CFO's 49-member affiliate network honored at the annual Affiliate Conference on Nov. 8 in Springfield.



She was cited for her work on the board to support the CFL's mission of building the educational, cultural, health and economic development of the community. Amy is currently serving her ninth year on the CFL board. She was instrumental in the organization of the 2019 annual fundraiser and has participated on the grant committee for several years. She generously offers La Roca Club and Event Venue for fundraisers, board meetings and other events put on by CFL.

"Our leaders at the local level hold the key to the success of our affiliate network," CFO President Brian Fogle said. "They understand their communities and they are in the best position to respond in the ways philanthropy can provide leadership and resource development for local needs and priorities."



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The 2020 Champagne Campaign Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 12 at La Roca. The theme is **All That Jazz**. We are planning even more games, another raffle and adding a live auction. And of course, we will have lots of live jazz music!!

**Thank you to our generous donors and benefactors for a successful 2019**

**Farmers Insurance, Ameren Missouri, Oakstar Bank, Central Bank and Trust, Scott's Concrete, Pappo's, Mama Cita's, Summerset Boat Lifts, McDuffey Law Firm, La Roca Club, LO Profile, LakeExpo, Lake Lifestyles, The Marvin and Lucy Silliman Family Foundation, Van Gorp Consulting, Heart of the Ozarks PBW, KMET Consulting LLC, Lake Bloomers Garden Club, LOSHTC, Network For Good, Laurie Sunrise Beach Rotary, Stifel Nicolaus, The Benevity Community Impact Fund, The Butcher Shop, Charles A Hapke Attorney, RE/MAX Lake of the Ozarks Charitable Foundation, Rick and Jane Kruse Trust, Lyn & Peg Griswold, Janice & Barry Gentile, Carolyn & Joe Davinroy, Gagnon Family, Mix 92.7 & Mike Clayton, KRMS Live 2 Give Hope, and many who chose to remain anonymous for their participation in the fundraiser.**

**Please consider Community Foundation of the Lake for your year-end tax-deductible donation! 100% of your contribution stays in our local lake area.**

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*The Community Foundation of the Lake makes it easy for each of us to make a difference...today!*

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