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# Press Release

## Unmet needs in our community

The Community Foundation of the Lake collects resource to help local charities with the unmet needs of our community. The CFL exists to make the services nonprofits provide in our community Easier, more Effective, and more Efficient. The mission of the CFL is to assist in building the educational, cultural, health and economic development of our community.

A community foundation is a builder and steward of permanent community resources and gives each of us a variety of planned charitable giving options and opportunities.

The following are a sampling of how your philanthropy dollars work harder through the Community Foundation of the Lake:

- We are building a permanent community resource that will provide endowment funds that will grow and benefit our community forever.
- We help donors create an individual or family legacy and offer a simple way to fulfill multiple charitable intents, making us a good alternative to private or family foundations.
- We offer personalized service. Including donor and family involvement and education in selecting charities.
- We help connect donors with strategic and high impact funding opportunities.
- We accept a wide variety of assets and offer maximum tax advantage.
- All our funds stay in the community and benefit local organizations who meet a broad range of local needs.
- We can preserve donor intent even when community needs and organizations change over time.
- All assets are subject to audit and annual confirmation by an external accounting firm.

The Community Foundation of the Lake has awarded more than 45 grants to lake-area non-profits in the five years that it has been established. We look forward to the upcoming year, partnering with more charities, and making a bigger impact in our community.

The Community Foundation of the Lake needs your help. Every year the Community Foundation receives more and more requests for ongoing support from local organizations. Last year 17 organizations requested about \$50,000 in funding. The Community Foundation was able to grant less than 50% of what was requested. Although this helped ease some of the financial burdens and allowed these organizations to continue the great work they do in our community, many needs were still unmet.

**Please consider a donation to help meet these needs.** Donations can be in any amount, unrestricted to benefit any community need or restricted by donor designation and used for a specific program or purpose as the donor identifies. **All funds stay in the lake area** where they benefit many organizations meeting a broad range of local community needs.

Groups, Individuals and businesses can participate in the Community Foundation of the Lake by contacting President, Marvin Silliman (573) 374-7128, or by emailing Alison Martin at

[alison@communityfoundationofthelake.com](mailto:alison@communityfoundationofthelake.com), or by mailing requests or contributions to Community Foundation of the Lake, PO Box 1413, Lake Ozark, MO, 65049.

You can also give on-line by visiting our website [www.communityfoundationofthelake.com](http://www.communityfoundationofthelake.com). Where it asks for "Gift Designation" select "other." In the box "Other Designation" type Community Foundation of the Lake.

Thank you in advance for your support!