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SPECIAL FEATURES

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT 50

Throughout 2023, the CFO honored the events, programs and individuals that shaped our first 50 years. Now, as we enter 2024, we turn our sights to the next 50 — because we, after all, are in the “forever business.” These stories provide a glimpse to the future of place-based philanthropy in central and southern Missouri.

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Leadership

A Message from the Chair

THIS MAY RING FAMILIAR TO those who have served on boards for community organizations. Generally, officers progress through leadership to end up in the Chair's seat after three or four years. Little did I realize when I agreed to be the CFO board treasurer three years ago what would await me as Chair.

I did do the math to realize it would be exciting to share the 50th anniversary celebrations with Chair Emeritus Laurie Edmondson. What I didn't know at the time was that President and CEO Brian Fogle would announce his retirement plans this year. And that the CFO would seriously start hunting for new office space as we outgrow the current building in downtown Springfield. It's been a busy term for our board officers and members, to say the least.

While we aren't yet able to share a real estate update, I am very pleased to share that the Board of Directors has named Winter Kinne as the CFO's fourth president in its 50-year history. Winter is a homegrown talent with 18 years of experience at the CFO, primarily in development work. A Drury University graduate for both her bachelor's and master's degrees, Winter grew up in Mount Vernon, making her the second successive president from Lawrence County following Aurora Hall of Fame inductee Brian Fogle.

The CEO hiring committee, composed of board officers, conducted a national search supported by an executive search firm. The firm made some 400 contacts



to present a strong slate to the committee. Through that process, the hiring and executive committees grew confident that while we have appreciated Winter's talents for many years, she also stood out among a well-qualified field of candidates to emerge as the board's selection. She is the right choice to guide the CFO toward a century of philanthropic leadership for our region.

We often use the phrase here that successive generations of board and staff members stand on the shoulders of giants. Without the vision of the founders who went out to raise \$1,500

from local banks, the CFO wouldn't stand at more than \$400 million in assets today. Brian Fogle is among those giants. His nearly 15 years as president and CEO will be recorded as a time of substantial growth in assets, broad expansion of our nonprofit partnerships, development of our mission-related investment portfolio, and recognition of our leadership on a regional and national scale.

While I may have gotten more than I initially bargained for, it's been my honor to serve and lead the CFO through this time of celebration and transition on behalf of all of you, our donors, advisors, affiliate leaders and nonprofit partners invested in our mission of place-based philanthropy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dean F. Thompson".

—DEAN THOMPSON
FY24 BOARD CHAIR

Our Mission

The Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life in our region through resource development, community grantmaking, collaboration and public leadership. We are committed to excellence through exceptional service, built on the following core values:

Integrity: Stewardship you can trust.

Respect: Relationships matter.

Leadership: Collaboration creates solutions.

Vision: Our focus is forever.

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FY23 Action Plan Review

Complete Financial System Migration

The core migration from FIMS to CSuite took place on July 6, 2022. Since that time, staff has worked with fundholders to establish access to online portals and held training sessions for donors and agency partners. Meanwhile, internal processes have been revised to best align with the features of the new system, particularly as updates and enhancements of the robust platform occur.

Next-gen Implementation

This initiative has been branded as the Generosity Collective and is steered by the CFO's Development Committee. The giving circle, modeled on the Joplin Regional Community Foundation's successful Philanthropic Society, officially launched in October. In its first year, the goal is to reach 100 members, generally in the 35–55 age range, who will contribute \$2,500 each toward collective decision making on grant priorities. (For more information, see page 54 or visit cfozarks.org/genco.)

Nonprofit Services

The Network for Strong Communities, based in St. Louis, established an office in Springfield with support from the CFO as another value-added opportunity for CFO nonprofit partners. The NSC's services are intended to complement the CFO's. A scholarship program provided a jumpstart for nonprofit agencies to build capacity through NSC's programs and expertise.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Starting a year ago with the planting of 50,000 daffodils across the Ozarks, the CFO held events throughout 2023 tailored to our constituents. Starting with a reception to honor board leaders, the events included a popular AnniverSafari event for donors at the Dickerson Park Zoo; a luncheon with author Marni Jameson on planned giving; endowment-building challenge grants for nonprofit partners celebrated at a September luncheon (see pages 46 and 62); and marketing/media efforts throughout the year. (For more information, visit cfozarks.org/50years.)

Transfer of Wealth Study

The CFO partnered with the Alliance of Missouri Community Foundations to release the first update of the original 2013 study highlighting the huge intergenerational transfer of wealth across the state and nation. (For more information, visit cfozarks.org/transfer-of-wealth.)

New Strategic Plan

The CFO Board of Directors held a strategic retreat in June that resulted in a long-term framework to evolve to a more transformational approach to philanthropy in our region.

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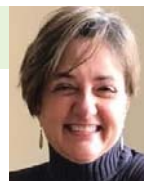
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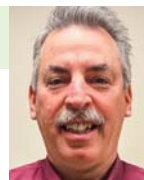
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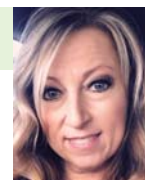
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The Community Foundation of the Ozarks wants to thank the members of our Professional Advisors Council who offer estate planning, financial and investment services. The PAC provides leadership in promoting planned charitable gifts to organizations and communities in our region. We share a common vision that planned charitable giving will keep vital capital in our communities and create significant future financial support for charitable causes. The CFO offers periodic professional development and networking events for members of the PAC. For more information, contact Winter Kinne at wkinne@cfozarks.org.

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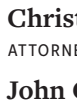
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Grantmaking

Discretionary Grants

The CFO offers a number of competitive grant cycles each year that are made possible by generous donors who make unrestricted or field-of-interest gifts. The CFO also administers grantmaking for the Louis L. and Julia Dorothy Coover Charitable Foundation, managed by Commerce Trust Company, and the Jeannette L. Musgrave Foundation, managed by U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management. In FY23, discretionary grantmaking through the CFO totaled \$2,459,735.

Advancing Mental Wellness Program

Burrell Inc.: \$100,000
Community Partnership of the Ozarks – Healthy Living Alliance: \$100,000

Heard Ambler Fund for Senior Centers Grant Program

Fair Grove Senior Center: \$2,000
Nixa Senior Center: \$2,000
Northview Center: \$2,344
Shell Knob Seniors Inc.: \$9,000

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grant Program

Better Together Playground: \$25,000
Community Partnership of the Ozarks: \$5,000
empower: abilities: \$3,000
Heart of the Ozarks United Way: \$22,000
History Museum on the Square: \$20,000
Ozarks New Hope Inc.: \$13,000
Springfield Little Theatre: \$22,000
Unity of Springfield: \$10,000

Coover Regional Celebration of Public Spaces Program

City of Ava: \$24,479
City of Buffalo: \$13,850
Coalition of Charities: \$25,000
Douglas County Council on Aging: \$22,070
Eleven Point Valley Community Center: \$25,000
Eminence R-I School District: \$25,000

Greenfield R-IV School District: \$21,722
Hammond Mill Camp Inc.: \$24,801
Niangua TLC: \$25,000
Oak Hill R-1 School District: \$25,000
Ozark Greenways: \$18,078

Inclusion & Belonging/ Celebrations of Belonging

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri: \$1,000
Branson Arts Council Inc.: \$1,000
Community Partnership of the Ozarks: \$7,500
Drew Lewis Foundation Inc.: \$3,000
Drury University: \$3,000
EastTown Dreams District: \$1,500
Freedom Encounter Inc.: \$3,000
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of the Ozarks: \$2,500
Missouri State University – TRIO: \$3,000
Missouri State University – GENERATIONS project: \$3,000
MLV Foundation: \$3,000
Nixa R-II School District: \$1,000
OTC Foundation: \$1,424
Ozark Trails Council, BSA: \$1,000
Ozarks Regional YMCA: \$3,000
PFLAG Poplar Bluff: \$1,500
Queen City Rock Camp: \$2,500
SET Ranch & Prosperity Club: \$1,500
Springfield Public Schools: \$3,000

Springfield Public Schools – Field Elementary: \$1,000
United Way of Pettis County: \$1,500

Let's Get to Work

City of Springfield Department of Workforce Development: \$75,000
Coalition of Charities: \$10,000
Community Outreach Ministries: \$10,000
Community Partnership of the Ozarks: \$25,000
Council of Churches: \$20,000
Drew Lewis Foundation Inc.: \$25,000
Elevate Lebanon: \$11,500
Flourish CDC: \$5,000
Help Give Hope: \$30,000
The Kitchen Inc.: \$10,000
Live 2 Give Hope: \$20,000
Missouri Ozarks Community Action Inc.: \$15,000
Missouri Works Initiative: \$10,000
Ozark Action Inc.: \$10,000
Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation: \$25,000
Springfield Dream Center: \$20,000
Texas County Food Pantry: \$10,000
West Central Missouri Community Action Agency: \$5,000

Musgrave Foundation Jerry Redfern Grant Program

American Red Cross of Southern Missouri: \$7,500
Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield: \$5,000

Care to Learn: \$10,000
CASA of Southwest Missouri: \$5,000
Cents of Pride: \$10,000
Child Advocacy Center: \$10,000
Council of Churches: \$7,500
Doula Foundation of Mid America: \$2,000
Drew Lewis Foundation Inc.: \$7,500
East Grand Community Services: \$5,000
Eden Village/The Gathering Tree: \$3,500
Friends of the Garden: \$4,000
Gay and Lesbian Community Center of the Ozarks: \$2,000
Habitat for Humanity of Springfield: \$7,500
Harmony House: \$10,000
Help Give Hope: \$5,000
Junior Achievement in Southwest Missouri: \$10,000
Lost and Found Grief Center: \$2,500
Mayor's Commission for Children: \$5,000
Newborns in Need: \$3,000
Ozark Trails Council, BSA: \$5,000
Ozarks Food Harvest: \$7,500
Ozarks Literacy Council: \$9,500
Ozarks Public Television: \$2,500
Salvation Army: \$5,500
Springfield Community Gardens: \$3,000
Springfield Regional Arts Council: \$7,500
Springfield Sister Cities Association: \$4,000
The Kitchen Inc.: \$7,500
Victim Center Inc.: \$10,000

Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks: \$6,000
Women's Medical Respite: \$10,000

Musgrave Foundation University Nursing Scholarship Grant Program

Cox Health Foundation: \$24,000
Drury University: \$24,000
Missouri State University Foundation: \$24,000
OTC Foundation: \$24,000
Southwest Baptist University: \$24,000

Musgrave Multi-Year Impact Grants: Change for Children

Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield: \$30,000
The Kitchen Inc.: \$41,097
OTC Foundation: \$50,000
Ozarks Food Harvest: \$25,000
Springfield-Greene County Park Board: \$15,000
Springfield Regional Arts Council: \$22,250
Ujima Language and Literacy: \$12,294

Musgrave Multi-Year Impact Grants: Foster Families

CASA of Southwest Missouri: \$13,046
Connecting Grounds: \$39,800
Council of Churches: \$50,000
FosterAdopt Connect Springfield: \$50,000
KVC Behavioral Healthcare Missouri: \$50,000

Musgrave Multi-Year Impact Grants: Student Citizenship

History Museum on the Square: \$72,500
Leadership Springfield: \$62,000
OTC Foundation: \$35,975
Springfield Daily Citizen: \$80,000

Jewell Schweitzer Collective Impact Program

Community Partnership of the Ozarks: \$40,000

Jordan Valley Community Health Center: \$40,000
KVC Behavioral Healthcare Missouri: \$35,000
Springfield Centers for Dyslexia and Learning: \$35,000

Springfield Regional Arts Council Arts Grant Partnership with Musgrave Foundation

AcompañARTE Cultural Center: \$5,200
American Indian Center of Springfield MO: \$6,694
Arrow Art Supply Inc.: \$500
Ava Art Guild: \$7,000

City of Springfield: \$6,501
Downtown Springfield Community Cinema (Moxie Cinema): \$5,000
History Museum on the Square: \$3,000
Marshfield R-1 School District: \$8,290
Missouri State University: \$4,860
Plotline: \$4,860
Queen City Rock Camp: \$2,000
Southern Missouri Arts Connection: \$1,800
Springfield Public Schools: \$300

Springfield Regional Opera (Ozarks Lyric Opera): \$6,500
Unite of Southwest Missouri Inc.: \$2,500

Support for Special Projects

Community DEI Director Partnership – Community Partnership of the Ozarks: \$65,000
Coover Foundation – Support for the CFO’s 50th Anniversary Daffodil Project: \$50,000

Greene County Senior Citizens’ Service Fund – Greene County Senior Board: \$40,000
Musgrave Foundation Multi-Year Commitment to Homeless Services – Community Partnership of the Ozarks: \$30,000
Nonprofit Services Center Launch – Network for Strong Communities: \$100,000
Restore SGF: \$20,000

Field-of-Interest Grants

Field-of-Interest funds, including specialty grants, are established by donors who want to make a positive impact on a specific area of philanthropic interest. Overall, grants from these funds cover a large spectrum of community needs, while specific in purpose. In FY23, these funds granted a total of \$2,659,619.80.

Animals & Environment

Jennifer Ailor and Don Alday Environmental Fund: \$652
John and Barbara Brooks Fund: \$15,000
Karen Jean Rudek Fund (Community Foundation of the Lake): \$34,000
The St. Francis Fund: \$1,500

Republic Rural Schools Arts Fund (Republic Community Foundation): \$600
The Ripley Butler Clay Fund (Ripley) (Ripley County Community Foundation): \$2,750

Community Development

William E. Eslick Fund: \$2,500
The Ruby Robins Trust for Preservation of Local History Capacity Building Fund (Ozark County Community Foundation): \$480
Ste. Genevieve County Community Development Endowment Fund (EDF) (Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation): \$153,000
Stockton Revolving Loan Fund – Capacity Building Fund (Stockton Community Foundation): \$25,000

Arts & Culture

Arts in Education Endowment Fund: \$1,681
Alan L. Bates Memorial Fund for the Arts: \$516
Martha R. Caywood Fund for the Arts: \$651
Jean Cossey Woodruff Performing Arts Fund: \$9,433
Vivian Leon Fund for the Musical Arts Fund (Carthage Community Foundation): \$8,400

Naylor Community Fund (Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation): \$100,000
Neighbors and Friends of Table Rock Lake Inc. Fund (Table Rock Lake Community Foundation): \$70,000

Disaster Relief

BPCARES Disaster Relief Direct Payment Fund \$21,476

Education

Caplan Family Holocaust Fund: \$6,727.08
Norma A. Carolla Scholarship Fund for Professional Hospice Caregivers: \$1,425.74
Carthage Rotary Scholarship (Carthage Community Foundation): \$8,160
Bill and Pat Delano Fund: \$4,056

The Do Something Fund: \$1,000
Early Childhood Education and Literacy Fund: \$80,000
The Leah Fund (Houston Community Foundation): \$500
Miller and Sanford Educational Enhancement Fund: \$668
Ralph and James Nattinger Fund: \$1,187
Ozark Boosters Club Fund (Finley River Community Foundation): \$1,200
Ozark School District Foundation Fund (Finley River Community Foundation): \$6,907.10
Nell Sewell Charitable Fund: \$7,211
Jessie C. Smith and Jan M. Atwell Fund: \$429
Southwest Cattleman’s Association Fund: \$12,150

Robert C. and Jeanne Strauss Kramer Holocaust Education Fund: \$479
Else Tagge Anthony Education Fund: \$4,037

Employee Benevolence

These funds are established by companies to assist employees and their families in the aftermath of emergencies such as natural disasters, fires or catastrophic health emergencies.

Bass Pro Cares Fund: \$522,778.27
Buchheit Family Foundation Community Assistance Fund (Perry County Community Foundation): \$14,242.54
Cabela’s Employee Foundation Fund: \$185,160.82

Field-of-Interest Grants, CONTINUED

Empire District Employee Assistance Fund (Joplin Regional Community Foundation): \$13,000	Carol Blackburn Charitable Fund #2: \$22,527	Gettin' Sauced Fund (Perry County Community Foundation): \$5,000	Mindful Matters Fund (Community Foundation of the Hermann Area): \$54	Youth Empowerment Project <i>These funds supported grantmaking or special projects for YEP chapters established by middle and high schools to encourage young people to participate in philanthropy.</i> Aurora Youth Empowerment Fund (Aurora Area Community Foundation): \$23,089.45 Carl Junction High School LAUNCH Fund (Joplin Regional Community Foundation): \$15,000 Gainesville YEP Backpack Fund (Ozark County Community Foundation): \$10,869.53 Joplin High School LAUNCH Fund (Joplin Regional Community Foundation): \$25,910.30 Seymour Elite YEP Endowment Fund (Greater Seymour Area Foundation): \$500 Seymour Youth Empowerment Project Capacity Building Fund (Greater Seymour Area Foundation): \$1,500 Webb City High School LAUNCH Fund (Joplin Regional Community Foundation): \$6,705 Youth Empowerment Project of Ozark Capacity Building Fund (Finley River Community Foundation): \$1,606.04 Youth Empowerment Project of Ozark Endowment Fund (Finley River Community Foundation): \$300
Guaranty Bank Employee Crisis Fund: \$500	John L. Bostwick Fund: \$1,016	Hollis Marjorie Gurley Young Fund in Memory of Alva E. and Inez Gurley: \$25,180	Musgrave Fund: \$23,736	
Hotel Vandivort Benevolence Fund: \$490.43	Julia A. Boyce Memorial Fund: \$11,927	Hailey's Heroes: American Legion Post 639 Charitable Fund: \$4,500	The Northwest Project Fund: \$291,593.45	
Jasper Products – Stremicks Heritage Foods Employee Benefit Fund (Joplin Regional Community Foundation): \$78,218.93	Loren and Mary E. Brunner Endowment Fund: \$2,952	Henry County Memory Fund (Truman Lake Community Foundation): \$11,878.19	Karen Overmiller Fund (Community Foundation of the Lake): \$5,180	
Legacy Cares Project Fund: \$3,224.82	Camp Fire Boys and Girls Ozark Council Endowment Fund: \$1,159	Hope for the Journey Fund: \$3,658.90	Ozark Cares Network Fund (Finley River Community Foundation): \$2,554.86	
Leggett & Platt We Rise Fund (Carthage Community Foundation): \$59,119.75	Chapter BG/MO of P.E.O. Fund: \$6,902	Impact 100 Crawford County Fund (Crawford County Foundation): \$35,000	Hazel and Christine Pauly Fund: \$930	
Mother's Industry Support Fund: \$4,000	Christian County Homeless Alliance Fund (Nixa Community Foundation): \$3,513.91	Impact 100 Ozark Fund (Finley River Community Foundation): \$49,000	Lloyd and Marceleta Ray Fund: \$57,264.89	
N191SF Memorial Training Fund: \$40	Christian County Optimists Club Charitable Fund (Nixa Community Foundation): \$3,000	Impact 100 Perry County Fund (Perry County Community Foundation): \$15,000	Republic Ministerial Alliance Fund (Republic Community Foundation): \$4,900	
The PMC2 Fund (Paul Mueller Company Cares): \$17,924.58	Lennie Cloud Fund for the Hearing Impaired: \$1,000	Harry S. Jewell, Charles McGregor and John McGregor Memorial Endowment Fund: \$2,391	Ida Rolf Fund: \$12,789.11	
Realtors' Benevolence Fund (Joplin Regional Community Foundation): \$1,067.62	Paisley Collins Memorial Foundation: \$11,029.93	The Legacy Fund (Community Foundation of the Lake): \$2,500	Colleen L. Rose Charitable Fund: \$1,829	
Robinson Employee Assistance Fund (Perry County Community Foundation): \$2,509.71	Jean Cossey Woodruff Fund: \$2,349	L.E.A.H. Fund: \$538.96	Shelly Sachs Foundation: \$56,309.36	
SRC Employee Emergency Assistance Fund: \$152,031.40	Jack and Helen Curtis FOI: \$977	Lending a Hand Cancer Fund: \$1,000	Edith M. Short Fund: \$11,156	
Human Services	DACO Hunger Fund (DACO Community Foundation): \$16,100	George Lipscomb Memorial Toy Ride Fund (Community Foundation of the Hermann Area): \$10,000	Show Me Wagyu Charities Lyla Adams Children with Disabilities Fund (Barton County Community Foundation): \$2,290	
100 Empowered Women of Eldon Fund (Eldon Community Foundation): \$18,364.95	DIVAS Fund (Dallas County Community Foundation): \$800	Christine A. Loetel Residential Fund: \$20,228.74	Southern Missouri Emergency Communications Fund: \$290	
100 Fold Fund: \$12,029.40	Patricia A. Downing Fund (Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation): \$49,012	LOTO Relief Fund (Community Foundation of the Lake): \$61,654.04	John J. Stamatis Memorial Fund: \$549	
100+ Women Who Care – Monett and Surrounding Area Fund (Monett Area Community Foundation): \$13,600	Brian Robert Duncan Children and Teens Fund: \$450	Marsh Family Foundation Food and Nutrition Fund (Carthage Community Foundation): \$4,267	Tri-Lakes Board of Realtors Good Neighbor Endowment Fund (Community Foundation of Taney County): \$4,300	
Hearld Ambler Fund for Senior Centers: \$6,836	Dorothy Lanora Evers and William Carl Evers Fund: \$438	McCroskey Family Fund (Nixa Community Foundation): \$2,197	Bonnie Elaine Van Benthusen Children's Fund: \$2,492	
The Beautiful Mind Fund: \$576	First Christian Church Endowment Fund (Aurora Area Community Foundation): \$3,685		Dr. Ambrose T. Walker and Rev. Carol Walker Fund: \$686	
	C.V. Freese and Fern K. Freese Memorial Charitable Fund 2: \$10,311		Bobbie L. Wilson Memorial Fund: \$602	
			Wounded War Veterans Fund: \$2,000	

Empowering Student Civic Engagement

Musgrave Multi-Year Impact Grants transform Springfield's future

A PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY IS ONE made up of engaged and caring residents who understand the roots of the issues affecting their community — and it's important to start good civics habits early. As we look to the next 50 years of philanthropy in the Ozarks, programs like Leadership Springfield's Youth Civil Leadership Access Institute, funded by a Musgrave Multi-Year Impact Grant, are essential philanthropic tools to building such a community.

This two-phase program, funded by a \$62,000 grant from the Jeanette L. Musgrave Foundation in partnership with the CFO and U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management, was built in partnership with Parkview High School and has the goal of creating a greater sense of civic awareness and community responsibility among its participants. In the first phase, a group of Parkview students attend a three-day seminar in which they recognize and discuss problems affecting their local community and learn how a citizen might go about addressing those issues. In the second, the group will take a trip to Washington to see how these principles apply on a federal level.

"The method we use is to go from micro to macro," explains Carrie Richardson, executive director of Leadership Springfield. "We begin phase one by discussing individual experiences and problems, and what students

can do on the individual level. Then we expand out to local community, city community, state and finally, in phase two, the nation. Obviously, we discuss voting and the impact of that, but also running for office, running for city council and raising support for change in your neighborhood."

A big factor in engaging students is discussing barriers to voting. Richardson says that simple awareness is a key determinant of whether a young person registers to vote. "So many people aren't aware of the impact of a vote, especially in local elections," she says. "But if you begin by describing how their immediate communities and experiences are tied up in local politics, you can get them really excited to make those changes and be active."

The first cohort of the Youth Civil Leadership Access Institute completed phase one in early August; phase two — the trip to Washington — occurred Nov. 5-10, during which the students toured the Capitol, learned the processes of federal statecraft and extrapolated the localized lessons from the first phase to the national level. Richardson says that "with a lot of students, there's a need for dots to be connected, to be shown that their vote, their voice, their decisions, that these things have an impact on their lives."

—by Matthew Stewart

Brighter Futures through Grantmaking

For the past three years, the Jeannette L. Musgrave Foundation, in partnership with the CFO and U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management, has distributed nearly \$1.2 million in multi-year, high-impact grants to agencies creating a better and more engaged life for youth in the Springfield area.

Change for Children 2021

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield
- Care to Learn
- The Kitchen Inc.
- OTC Foundation
- Ozarks Food Harvest
- Springfield Greene County Park Board – SPARC
- Springfield Regional Arts Council
- Ujima Language and Literacy

Foster Families 2022

- CASA of Southwest Missouri
- The Connecting Grounds
- Council of Churches of the Ozarks
- FosterAdopt Connect
- KVC Missouri (formerly Great Circle)

Student Citizenship 2023

- History Museum on the Square
- Leadership Springfield
- OTC Foundation
- Springfield Daily Citizen



Parkview High School students participating in Leadership Springfield's Youth Civil Leadership Access Institute visited the U.S. Capitol and met Rep. Eric Burlison in November.

PROVIDED BY LEADERSHIP SPRINGFIELD

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Donor-Supported Grantmaking

Of the variety of fund options provided by the CFO to help donors achieve their charitable goals, they boil down to two basic categories. **Donor-advised funds** allow individuals, families and businesses to set aside charitable gifts to grant them as needs arise with their preferred nonprofit agencies and causes. With **designated endowments**, donors specify the benefitting agency up front, then the CFO manages distributions from the fund to ensure long-term support.

In FY23, donor-advised funds and designated endowments held by the CFO made

3,794

grants totalling

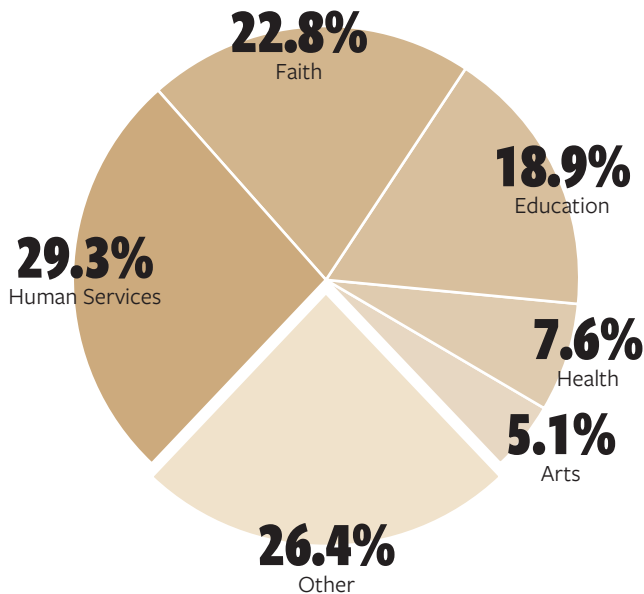
\$21,862,854

to support

1,326

nonprofits, 79% of which are located in Missouri.

Top 5 Interest Areas



Scholarships

Donors, schools and organizations often turn to the CFO to hold funds and administer **scholarship endowments** to help students from across the region achieve their goals of higher education. Donors work with the CFO to determine the amount and eligibility criteria for the scholarships they create, then the CFO manages the process on their behalf. Scholarships open for application every year on Jan. 1, with most closing in mid-March.

In FY23, scholarship endowments administered by the CFO awarded

881

scholarships totalling

\$1,677,519

to support the higher education of

683

students from central and southern Missouri.

Top 10 Destinations for CFO Scholarship Recipients

1. Missouri State University	\$281,323
2. University of Missouri-Columbia	\$181,749
3. Ozarks Technical College	\$98,425
4. Drury University	\$88,570
5. Southwest Baptist University	\$71,905
6. College of the Ozarks	\$71,200
7. Evangel University	\$61,775
8. Washington University in St. Louis	\$55,750
9. State Technical College of Missouri	\$53,850
10. Missouri Southern State University	\$44,815

Affiliate Community Grants

The following grants were made by the CFO's regional affiliate foundations as competitive, discretionary community grantmaking. In FY23, affiliate foundations granted a total of \$1,070,641.42.

Alton Community Foundation

Bright Beginnings: \$300

Ash Grove Area Community Foundation

AGHF Auxiliary: \$500

Ash Grove Community Garden: \$800

Ash Grove Diaper Bank: \$1,000

Ash Grove R-IV School District: \$1,000

City of Ash Grove: \$3,000

Drew Lewis Foundation Inc.: \$2,500

Aurora Area Community Foundation

Aurora Beautification Company: \$3,000

Aurora Martial Arts Outreach Inc.: \$500

Aurora Rural Fire Protection District: \$6,441

Aurora R-VIII School District: \$4,350

Aurora Youth Empowerment Project: \$2,000

Barnabas Foundation Inc.: \$1,000

Barry-Lawrence County Development Center Inc.: \$3,055

City of Aurora: \$3,700

Elm Branch Christian Church: \$500

First Baptist Church – Aurora: \$2,350

First Presbyterian Church – Aurora: \$2,977

For the Kids: \$5,000

Make Our Day: \$1,490

Marionville R-IX School District: \$1,000

Verona Community Center: \$750

Verona R-VII School District: \$865

Barton County Community Foundation

Area Agency on Aging Region X: \$4,000

DBLO Association: \$6,000

Girl Scouts of the Missouri

Heartland: \$1,500

Katie's House: \$3,000

Lamar United Methodist

Church: \$2,000

SonRise Christian Preschool: \$1,750

University of Missouri Extension – Barton County: \$300

Benton County Community Foundation

Antwiler Community Park: \$500

Benton County Community Foundation Scholarship Fund: \$1,000

Benton County Youth Coalition: \$1,000

Cole Camp Swimming Pool: \$500

First United Methodist Church – Warsaw: \$500

Meow Mission Inc.: \$500

Seniors of North Benton County: \$500

St. Paul's Lutheran Church: \$1,000

The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri: \$500

Bolivar Area Community Foundation

Bolivar United Methodist Church: \$2,000

Community Outreach Ministries: \$850

Polk County Cares: \$2,250

Polk County Christian Social Ministries: \$3,000

Polk County Community Connections: \$5,400

Polk County Genealogical Society: \$1,500

Bourbon Community Foundation

Bourbon Booster Club Inc.: \$2,325

Crawford County R-I School District: \$1,000

Cabool Community Foundation

Cabool Second Baptist Day-care: \$2,000

Christmas on Main: \$2,000

Ozark Action Inc.: \$2,000

Ozarks Family YMCA: \$2,000

STARS Foundation: \$2,000

Cape Area Community Foundation

City of Cape Girardeau: \$500

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland: \$700

Junior Achievement of Southeast Missouri: \$2,500

Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence: \$3,000

Uptown Jackson Revitalization Organization Inc.: \$500

Carthage Community Foundation

Boots Court Foundation: \$10,000

Bright Futures Carthage: \$4,258

Carthage Area United Way: \$600

Carthage Crisis Center Inc.: \$9,560

Carthage Crosslines Ministry: \$5,000

Carthage Historic Preservation Inc.: \$5,000

Carthage R-IX School District: \$2,500

Children's Haven of Southwest Missouri: \$7,520

Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri: \$7,500

Fair Acres Family YMCA Inc.: \$2,500

Family Literacy Council of Carthage (Eastern Jasper Co): \$1,000

Fostering Hope: \$5,000

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland: \$1,500

Salvation Army – Carthage: \$5,000

St. Lukes Nursing Center: \$4,000

The American Legion Missouri Boys State: \$2,400

Vision Carthage: \$8,129

Cassville Community Foundation

Cassville R-IV School District: \$2,000

Cassville United Methodist Church: \$3,000

City of Cassville: \$54,000

Community Faith Chapel: \$1,000

Crawford County Foundation Inc.

Crawford County Foundation Scholarship Fund: \$1,750

DACO Community Foundation

Dadeville R-II School District: \$800

Everton R-III School District: \$650

Greenfield Parent Teacher Organization: \$650

University of Missouri Extension Council – Dade County: \$300

Dallas County Community Foundation

Buffalo Downtown Association: \$250

Buffalo Rotary Club Davis and Mallory Memorial Scholarship Fund: \$200

City of Buffalo: \$1,000

Dallas County Economic Development Group: \$1,500

Dallas County Health Department: \$500

Dallas County Historical Society: \$500

Friends of Abilities First: \$1,000

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland: \$500

GRO Buffalo Fund: \$2,500

GRO Buffalo Transportation Fund: \$1,000

Haven Of Rest Ministries: \$1,000

Isaiah 58:7: \$500

Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation: \$1,000

Ozarks Regional YMCA: \$500

Senior Age Area Agency on Aging: \$500

Dent County Community Foundation

Salem R-80 Public Schools: \$1,000

Douglas County Community Foundation

Ava Animal Welfare League Jr.: \$2,000

Ava City Fire Department: \$4,000

Ava R-I School District: \$2,000

Birthday Blessings: \$2,000

Child Advocacy Center: \$2,000

Columbia Community Montessori: \$1,940

Discover the Ozarks: \$2,000

Options Pregnancy Clinic of Ava: \$1,780

Pioneer Heritage Festival of the Ozarks Inc.: \$4,000

Skyline R-II School District: \$2,000

University of Missouri Extension Center – Douglas County: \$1,000

El Dorado Springs Community Foundation

El Dorado Springs Community Foundation: \$1,000

Church of Christ: \$2,250

El Dorado Christian School: \$1,000

El Dorado Springs Preserving Our Past Society: \$500

El Dorado Springs R-II School District: \$9,700

Lighthouse Children's Theatre: \$800

Affiliate Community Grants, CONTINUED

Fair Grove Area Community Foundation

Fair Grove R-X Schools: \$5,000
Fair Grove Senior Center: \$2,000

Finley River Community Foundation

Care to Learn – Ozark: \$100
Christian County Elks Lodge #2777 Charitable Fund: \$1,000
Christian County Family Crisis Center – Freedom’s Rest: \$100
Historic River District: \$4,000
Impact 100 Ozark: \$100
James River Basin Partnership: \$2,700
K9s Supporting Veterans: \$100
Missouri State University Foundation: \$3,000
Ozark R-VI School District: \$1,300
Ozark Senior Center: \$4,000
Women in Need: \$100
Youth Empowerment Project of Ozark: \$100

Community Foundation of the Hermann Area

A Touch of Hope: \$3,000
Children’s Emergency Fund: \$9,000
Gasconade County R-I School District: \$1,746.26
Tri-County Levee District: \$10,000
University of Missouri Extension: \$500

Hickory County Community Wellness Foundation

Care Connection for Aging Services: \$2,000
Pomme de Terre United Methodist Church: \$1,000
St. Bernadette Catholic Church: \$2,000
University of Missouri Extension – Hickory County: \$300

Houston Community Foundation

Child Advocacy Center: \$1,000
City of Houston: \$350
Gold Silver Services of Houston Inc.: \$1,000
Houston R-I School District: \$3,100
Pregnancy Resource Center of South Central Missouri: \$1,000

Jacks Fork Community Foundation

Care To Learn – Mountain View-Birch Tree: \$3,000
Mountain View – Birch Tree R-III School District: \$5,400
Shannon County First Responders: \$6,000
Summersville R-II School District: \$400

Joplin Regional Community Foundation

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Missouri: \$50,000
Bright Futures Joplin: \$3,000
Carl Junction High School LAUNCH: \$12,650
Children’s Haven of Southwest Missouri: \$75,000
Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri: \$2,500
Crosslines Churches of the Joplin Area: \$1,678
FosterAdopt Connect Springfield: \$3,000
Higher Power Garage: \$50,000
Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation: \$1,500
Joplin Area Road Runners: \$1,500
Joplin High School LAUNCH: \$15,606.84
Missouri Southern State University: \$3,000
Morgan Joplin Humane Society Endowment Fund: \$2,000
Phil LAUNCH Program: \$10,000
Pro Musica: \$2,500
Rapha International: \$4,000
Southwest Missouri Community Alliance: \$2,500

Webb City High School LAUNCH: \$4,205

Community Foundation of the Lake

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lake Area: \$2,000
Branches for the Lake: \$7,400
Child Advocacy Council: \$1,000
Children’s Learning Center: \$1,983
Citizens Against Domestic Violence: \$4,000
Food for Morgan County: \$538
Heroes Outreach Program: \$3,500
Kids Harbor Inc.: \$4,000
Lake Area Industries: \$899
Lake Arts Council: \$2,000
Lake Ozark Fire Protection District: \$4,000
Local Area Needs Initiative: \$4,000
Magic Dragon Trails: \$3,372.25
Medical Missions for Christ: \$3,000
Osage Beach Senior Center Inc.: \$1,500
The Changing Table: \$4,000
The Dream Factory Inc.: \$2,000
The Healing Box Project: \$3,500
Tri-County YMCA of the Ozarks: \$500
Westlake Aquatic Center Inc.: \$1,000
Wonderland Camp: \$4,000

Lockwood Community Foundation

City of Lockwood: \$7,845.95
Singerhill Music & Arts Inc.: \$2,500

Marshfield Area Community Foundation

1st Kids: \$2,500
Choices Pregnancy Center: \$1,000
Destiny Church: \$1,500
Friends of Hidden Waters Inc.: \$1,000
Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland: \$1,000

Hidden Waters Nature Park: \$1,000

James River Basin Partnership: \$500
Laclede County R-I School District: \$1,000
Marshfield R1 School District: \$1,000
Marshfield Saddle Club: \$2,500
Marshfield Senior Center: \$2,500
Marshfield Senior Housing: \$500
Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation: \$2,500
Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Inc. – Marshfield Chapter: \$2,500
The Forgotten Initiative: \$1,000
TLC Student Fund: \$1,000
University of Missouri Extension – Webster County: \$2,000
WC Capeabilities Inc.: \$1,000
Webster County Treatment Court: \$1,000

Meramec Regional Community Foundation

Belle Community Betterment Association: \$500
City of Waynesville: \$500
Hope Alliance of Missouri: \$500
Maries County R-II School District: \$500
The Salvation Army: \$500

Monett Area Community Foundation

Barry-Lawrence County Development Center Inc.: \$10,000
Community Faith Chapel: \$10,000
Cox Health Foundation: \$10,000
For the Kids: \$5,000
Kings Prairie Community Association: \$500
Kiwanis Foundation of Monett: \$15,000

Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation

Care to Learn – Mountain Grove: \$1,000
City of Mountain Grove: \$4,500
First Baptist Church – Mountain Grove: \$500
FosterAdopt Connect: \$2,000
GAR Union Foot Soldier Monument: \$1,316
Mountain Grove R-III School District: \$1,000
Pregnancy Resource Center of Mountain Grove: \$1,300
South Street Church of God: \$1,000

Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation

First United Methodist Church: \$1,988
Miller Christian Service Center: \$7,000
Mt. Vernon School District: \$15,540
Mt. Vernon Senior Center: \$5,600

Nixa Community Foundation

Boy Scouts of America – Nixa Troop 200: \$2,277
Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks: \$5,000
Champion Athletes of the Ozarks: \$1,300
Child Advocacy Center: \$2,800
Children’s Smile Center: \$1,979.12
City of Nixa: \$6,731.10
Garden Gate Provisions: \$3,500
Girls on the Run Southwest Missouri: \$3,078
Least Of These Inc.: \$5,000
Nixa Amateur Radio Club: \$2,118.65
Nixa R-II School District: \$5,063.60
Project Birthday Bag: \$1,000

Owensville Area Community Foundation

City of Owensville: \$500
City of St. James: \$200

Ozark County Community Foundation

Bakersfield School District R-IV: \$250
 Dora R-III School District: \$250
 Gainesville R-V School District: \$250
 Lutie R-VI School District: \$250
 Ozark County Library: \$3,780
 Ozark County Sheriff's Department: \$3,500
 Senior Citizens of Ozark County Inc.: \$2,500

Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation

Current River Sheltered Workshop: \$200
 Doniphan Neighborhood Assistance Program: \$1,000
 Greenville R-II School District: \$200
 Lean on Me Ministries of Doniphan: \$1,000
 Naylor Nutrition Center: \$500
 Poplar Bluff Parks & Recreation: \$200
 Ripley County Resource Ministries: \$750
 The Timothy Foundation: \$750
 University of Missouri Extension Center of Carter County: \$200

Perry County Community Foundation

Gettin' Sauced: \$1,000
 Perry County Historical Society: \$1,000
 Perry County Services, Inc. dba Life Enrichment Center: \$1,000
 Perryville All Inclusive Playground: \$225

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis: \$1,000

Republic Community Foundation

Care to Learn – Republic: \$1,000
 City of Republic: \$1,028
 On Angels' Wings: \$500
 People Helping People: \$1,500
 Republic Historical Society: \$500
 Republic PTO: \$1,000
 Republic R-III School District: \$2,000
 The Community Kitchen: \$1,000
 TristensHope Foundation: \$3,000

Community Foundation of Rogersville

City of Rogersville: \$1,000
 Harmony Baptist Church: \$1,500
 Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District: \$6,600
 LRHS Project Graduation 2023 Fund: \$750
 Safe Haven Now: \$1,500

Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation

Foundation for Restoration of Ste. Genevieve: \$2,900
 Ste. Genevieve Art Guild: \$4,000
 Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation Scholarship Fund: \$16,000

St. James Area Community Foundation

Gardeners of the Forest City: \$300

Sarcoxie Community Foundation

Sarcoxie Area Senior Center: \$2,500
 Sarcoxie Chamber Historical Center Inc.: \$2,500
 Sarcoxie R-II School District: \$5,000

Greater Seymour Area Foundation

Care to Learn: \$1,000
 City of Fordland: \$634
 City of Seymour: \$2,000
 FosterAdopt Connect: \$500
 Friends of the Seymour Community Library: \$986.39
 Mansfield R-IV School District: \$868
 Ozark Trails Council, BSA: \$1,000
 Seymour Area Arts Council: \$1,000
 Seymour Nazarene Church: \$2,500
 Seymour R-II School District: \$1,700
 Seymour Senior Citizens Center: \$2,000
 Seymour Youth Empowerment Project: \$120

Stockton Community Foundation

Cedar County Library District: \$700
 City of Stockton: \$1,400
 Everyday Jesus Ministry: \$1,000
 Stockton Area Ministerial Alliance: \$100
 Stockton R-1 School District: \$1,400
 Stockton Trails Initiative Coalition: \$250

Table Rock Lake Community Foundation

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks: \$2,925
 Central Community United Methodist Church: \$3,000
 Central Crossing Fire Protection District: \$2,455
 Citizens in Action: \$3,000
 City of Galena: \$3,000
 His House Foundation: \$2,685.40
 Kimberling Area Library Association: \$3,000
 Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation: \$3,000
 Ozarks Water Watch: Upper White River Basin Foundation: \$3,000
 Shell Knob in the Spotlight: \$2,185
 Skaggs Foundation: \$2,000
 Tri-Lakes Humane Society: \$3,000
 University of Missouri Extension – Stone County Center: \$500

Community Foundation of Taney County

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks – Reeds Spring: \$2,000
 Faith Community Health Center Inc.: \$2,000
 Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation: \$2,000

Truman Lake Community Foundation

Appleton City Golden Apples: \$2,500
 Birthday Blessings: \$2,000
 Chilhowee R-IV School: \$5,000
 Clinton Christian Academy: \$5,983.86

Clinton Community of Christ Church: \$425
 Clinton Main Street Inc.: \$3,000
 Clinton Mid-Day Optimists: \$5,000
 Clinton School District: \$15,562
 First Christian Church – Windsor: \$2,500
 Golden Valley Memorial Hospital District: \$3,123
 Guardians of the Children Show-Me Midwest: \$1,000
 Henry County Historical Society: \$2,990
 Holy Rosary School: \$5,000
 Living Waters Foundation: \$1,360
 Sherwood Cass R-VIII School District: \$2,000
 Urich Community Historical Society: \$5,000

Community Foundation of West Plains Inc.

37th Judicial CASA: \$1,000
 Birthday Blessings: \$1,384
 Christos House Inc.: \$250
 Heart of the Ozarks United Way: \$2,016
 The Chaos Closet: \$600

Willard Children's Charitable Foundation

Jarvis Family Eye Center LLC: \$600
 Willard R-II School District: \$9,500

Financials

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Inc. & Supporting Organizations

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	June 30,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$75,280,207	\$61,821,609
Contributions receivable	375,625	1,378,901
Prepaid expenses	192,533	97,617
	<u>75,848,365</u>	<u>63,298,127</u>
Investments		
Diversified investment pool	268,134,578	245,441,717
Advisor-managed funds	65,635,654	45,018,082
Balanced investment pool	2,277,158	1,728,351
Mission-related investments	1,107,289	1,000,051
Program-related investments	1,543,533	2,416,247
Other investments	1,467,923	1,681,939
Land and real estate	8,445,908	10,988,731
	<u>348,612,043</u>	<u>308,275,118</u>
Split interest agreements		
Charitable trusts	685,938	1,186,289
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	459,982	518,177
	<u>1,145,920</u>	<u>1,704,466</u>
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>1,108,055</u>	<u>1,257,681</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$426,714,383</u>	<u>\$374,535,392</u>
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accrued liabilities and expenses	246,992	208,485
Notes payable	48,114	66,158
Annuities payable	285,324	713,610
Agency funds	107,286,046	98,430,292
	<u>107,866,476</u>	<u>99,418,545</u>
Net assets		
Without donor restriction	18,503,519	19,800,413
With donor restriction	300,344,388	255,316,434
Total net assets	<u>318,847,907</u>	<u>275,116,847</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$426,714,383</u>	<u>\$374,535,392</u>



The consolidated financial statements of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Inc. and supporting organizations for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, have been audited by The Whitlock Co., Certified Public Accountants.

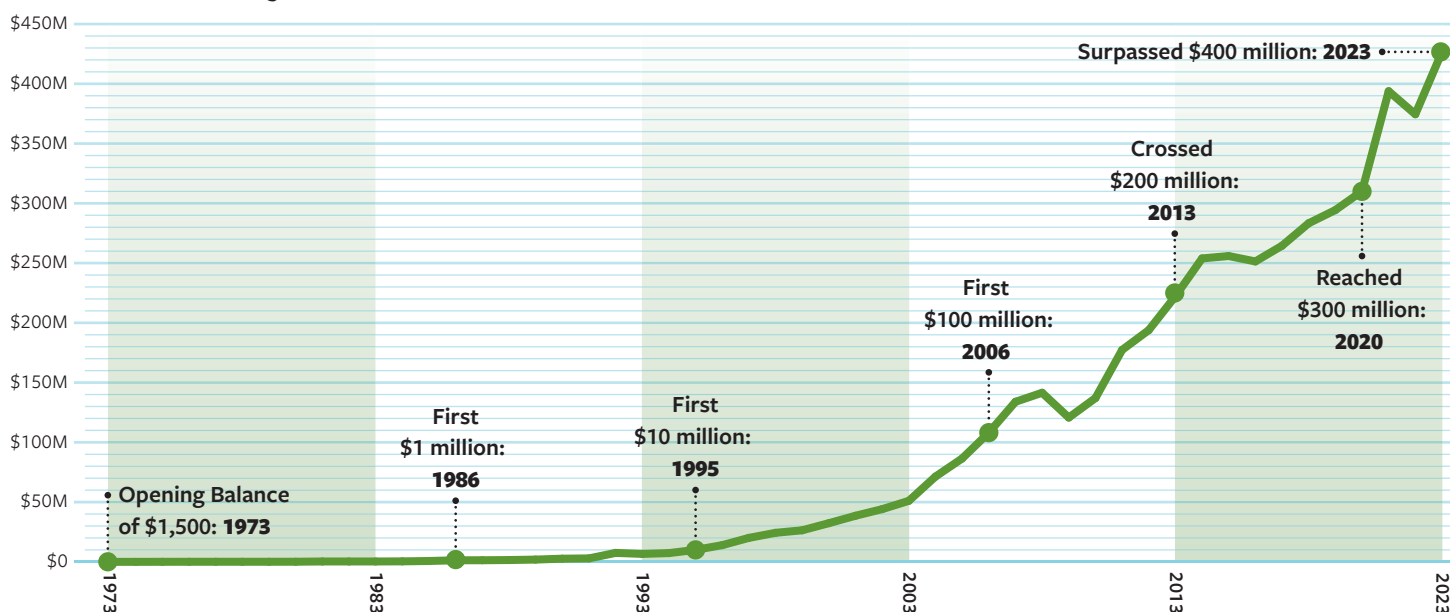
Copies of the report are available for review on the Foundation's website at cfozarks.org/finance-and-investments.

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Inc. & Supporting Organizations

Consolidated Statements of Activities

	Year Ended June 30, 2023			Year Ended
	Without donor restriction	With donor restriction	Total	June 30, 2022
Revenues				
Contributions	\$4,206,870	\$43,939,098	\$48,145,968	\$36,503,498
Contributions — nonfinancial	423,758	7,880	431,638	2,183,786
Net investment earnings	(429,692)	23,752,473	23,322,781	(30,289,206)
Management fees	941,209	-	941,209	765,541
Other revenues	120,198	51,628	171,826	112,146
Net assets released from restrictions	25,327,045	(25,327,045)	-	-
Total revenues	30,589,388	42,424,034	73,013,422	9,275,765
Expenses				
Grants and scholarships	24,337,612	-	24,337,612	20,629,658
Programs	1,580,852	-	1,580,852	1,304,238
Administrative	2,075,911	-	2,075,911	1,695,196
Development	1,249,668	-	1,249,668	945,631
Total expenses	29,244,043	-	29,244,043	24,574,723
Other changes				
Transfers (in) out	3,750,367	(3,781,195)	(30,828)	1,918,985
Split interest agreements	-	(193,348)	(193,348)	360,452
Total other changes	3,750,367	(3,974,543)	(224,176)	2,279,437
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(2,405,022)	46,398,577	43,993,555	(17,578,395)
Reclassifications	1,108,128	(1,370,623)	(262,495)	195,375
Net assets at beginning of year	19,800,413	255,316,434	275,116,847	292,499,867
Net assets at end of year	\$18,503,519	\$300,344,388	\$318,847,907	\$275,116,847

Total Assets by Year Since 1973



Affiliates

While the Community Foundation of the Ozarks commemorated its 50th anniversary in 2023, it also celebrated 30 years of the Affiliate Foundation program, which began when the Nixa Community Foundation was established in 1993. The following reports include highlights from the recent history of each regional affiliate foundation. For a deeper look at the role that the affiliates play in their communities, visit cfozarks.org/leading-locally for a special series of “Leading Locally” profiles by Kaitlyn McConnell, the CFO’s writer in residence.

Alton Community Foundation

Established: Aug. 17, 2007

Address: P.O. Box 261, Alton, MO 65606

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/alton

For More Information: Contact Brenda Ledgerwood, President, at 417-270-0244 or bjledgerwood@yahoo.com

FY23 Contribution: \$98,484.09

FY23 Distributions: \$37,835.30

Distributions since Inception: \$525,630.91

Total Assets: \$639,013.42

Highlights: ACF scholarship funds awarded nearly \$6,000 to local students seeking to further their education.



Barton County Community Foundation

Established: Sept. 10, 2015

Address: 2016 W. 10th St., Lamar, MO 64759

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/barton-county

For More Information: Contact Racheal Martin, Foundation Coordinator at 417-540-9024 or bartoncountycf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$3,104,541.99

FY23 Distributions: \$2,150,721

Distributions since Inception: \$3,801,991.84

Total Assets: \$8,684,825.45

Highlights: Chosen as a 2023 Affiliate of the Year for its efforts to extend help to other locations outside of the county seat of Lamar.



Ash Grove Area Community Foundation

Established: May 29, 2020

Address: 13207 W. Farm Road 94,

Ash Grove, MO 65604

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/ash-grove-area

For More Information: Contact Tyler Gunlock, President, at 970-316-1960 or ashgroveareacf@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$13,235

FY23 Distributions: \$67,288.30

Distributions since Inception: \$254,747

Total Assets: \$1,166,676.91

Highlights: AGACF's involvement in the Growth in the Rural Ozarks program resulted in the re-establishment of a local chamber of commerce, new lighting at a city park and the creation and funding of Project RISE in the community. For this community leadership, AGACF was selected as an Affiliate of the Year.



Benton County Community Foundation

Established: August 1999

Address: P.O. Box 787, Warsaw, MO 65355

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/benton-county

For More Information: Contact Dorcas Brethower at (660) 723-0061 or djbrethower@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$431,061.78

FY23 Distributions: \$70,608.66

Distributions since Inception: \$790,977.41

Total Assets: \$1,657,298.65

Highlights: Established the Benton County Philanthropic Society in September 2022. This giving circle allows Benton County residents to collectively give and impact organizations in the area. These funds were matched by a grant from the Patterson Family Foundation, allowing BCCF to grant out \$50,000 to three nonprofits in Benton County.



Aurora Area Community Foundation

Established: Sept. 11, 2006

Address: P.O. Box 940, Aurora, MO 65605

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/aurora-area

For More Information: Contact Michele Parbury, Foundation Coordinator, at 417-229-0499 or auroraarecf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$165,363.68

FY23 Distributions: \$196,597.61

Distributions since Inception: \$2,102,250.03

Total Assets: \$4,361,162.04

Highlights: Granted \$36,613 in January 2023 for a variety of local causes: diapers for babies in need; food, clothing and other items for area foster children; appliances for the Barry-Lawrence County Development Center; and a swift-water rescue boat for the fire department.



Bolivar Area Community Foundation

Established: April 4, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 996, Bolivar, MO 65613

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/bolivar-area

For More Information: Contact Kelly Parson, President, at 417-327-4480 or kparson@oakstarbank.com

FY23 Contribution: \$191,110.07

FY23 Distributions: \$187,655.59

Distributions since Inception: \$3,267,987.85

Total Assets: \$4,614,233.25

Highlights: Now holds more than 50 funds, covering causes from housing to outdoor spaces to scholarships and more.



Bootheel Regional Community Foundation

Established: Sept. 13, 2023

Address: 105 E. North Main St., Dexter,
MO 63841



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/bootheel-regional

For More Information: Contact Jim Grebing, Executive Director of the Bootheel Regional Planning Commission, at 573-614-5178 or jgrebing@bootrpc.com; or Melissa Combs, President, at mcombs@dunklincounty.org

FY23 Contribution: \$250

FY23 Distributions: \$0

Distributions since Inception: \$0

Total Assets: \$60,470.69

Highlights: Officially joined the CFO as its 54th regional affiliate foundation in September 2023. BRCF will serve as the charitable arm of the commission and will provide philanthropic resources to donors, nonprofits and communities in Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott and Stoddard counties.

Bourbon Community Foundation

Established: Oct. 3, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 747, Bourbon, MO 65441



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/bourbon

For More Information: Contact Mike Delashmit at 573-732-4148 or mike.delashmit@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$2,000.09

FY23 Distributions: \$3,575

Distributions since Inception: \$107,144.55

Total Assets: \$120,413.31

Highlights: Continued a long-standing partnership with the Bourbon Booster Club, a group established in 1948 to promote the city of Bourbon and the health and welfare of its citizens. Grants from the BCF to the Bourbon Booster Club total more than \$15,000. This year, the BCF supported banners for the city.

Cabool Community Foundation

Established: Dec. 15, 2020

Address: 618 Main St., Cabool, MO 65689



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/cabool

For More Information: Contact Dr. Karl Janson at 417-962-3153, ext. 401, or kjanson@cabool.k12.mo.us

FY23 Contribution: \$49,109.79

FY23 Distributions: \$90,169.29

Distributions since Inception: \$198,167.53

Total Assets: \$259,035.34

Highlights: Awarded total grants of \$10,000 to six nonprofit agencies for recovery needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. CCF also ran a health-related grant round that funded chairs at the local senior center, equipment for the YMCA, and hygiene stations in the middle school and high school.

Cape Area Community Foundation

Established: Aug. 26, 2015

Address: 980 N. Kingshighway, Ste. 103,
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/cape-area

For More Information: Contact Glenn (Skip) Smallwood, President, at 573-450-4944 or smallsouth@sbcglobal.net

FY23 Contribution: \$396,792.30

FY23 Distributions: \$350,331.96

Distributions since Inception: \$1,671,126.71

Total Assets: \$1,200,469.67

Highlights: Named an Affiliate of the Year due to the creation of seven new funds and the distribution of nearly \$200,000 in grants last year. CACF was engaged with city leadership to promote charitable causes, including the development of a disaster-recovery funding program.

Carthage Community Foundation

Established: May 24, 1999

Address: 221 W. Fourth St., Ste. 10, Carthage, MO
64836



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/carthage

For More Information: Contact Chanti Beckham, Foundation Coordinator, at 417-438-9970 or carthagecf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$2,031,044.20

FY23 Distributions: \$643,045.42

Distributions since Inception: \$10,442,599.08

Total Assets: \$14,716,764.58

Highlights: In addition to the grants from the CCF's endowment, the Ruth I. Kolpin Family Donor-Advised Fund recently distributed around \$50,000 to 13 local nonprofits. The CCF also holds funds for nearly 20 nonprofit partners.

Cassville Community Foundation

Established: Nov. 15, 2004

Address: 805 Main St., Cassville, MO 65625



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/cassville

For More Information: Contact Rachael Freeman, Foundation Coordinator, at 417-671-2291 or cassvillecf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$147,253.07

FY23 Distributions: \$205,469.52

Distributions since Inception: \$1,188,325.06

Total Assets: \$3,125,179.12

Highlights: Facilitated fundraising for a fish-cleaning station and installation of playground equipment at Roaring River State Park.

Cultivating Generosity Beyond the Ozarks

New affiliate brings philanthropic resources to Missouri's Bootheel

THE LANDSCAPE IS FLAT IN eastern Missouri, a contrast to the rolling hills of the Ozarks to its west. Local soil is so fertile that farming is a key industry — but it's not for livestock. Instead, row crops like rice, cotton, corn and soybeans meet the expanse of blue that, in the view of blending lines, takes viewers seamlessly from earth to sky.

It's also a world of contrasts in terms of resources, from significant wealth to great need. Efforts to improve life will now be supported by the Bootheel Regional Community Foundation, officially announced at an event on Sept. 13 at the Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission in Dexter, 250 miles east of Springfield.

As the newest regional affiliate with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, the BRCF will serve as the charitable arm of the Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission and will provide philanthropic resources to donors, nonprofits and communities in Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Scott and Stoddard counties.

"No matter where you go, there are people willing and able to donate, but maybe they don't know how to do that appropriately," says Melissa Combs, director of economic development for Dunklin County and president of the BRCF board of directors. "I hope that we're able to find donors throughout all of the six Bootheel counties to help make a greater impact."

"There are a lot of people in the Bootheel who have gone on to do great things, and a bunch of them have made a lot of money outside the area, but family ties are here," Jim Grebing, executive director of the BRPC and a board member of the BRCF, told those gathered for the

announcement. "This gives them an opportunity to pay back or honor their family, their heritage."

A similar connection helped momentum build for the BRCF's creation. Plans really began to materialize after a generous gift from Sam and June Hamra, Springfield business leaders and philanthropists, who contributed the initial \$30,000 requirement to form the new foundation's endowment.

Even though the Hamras have long lived and worked in Springfield, Sam Hamra hails from Steele, a community in southern Pemiscot County. Now in his 90s, Hamra recalls the area's support of his father, himself a success



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Founding board members of the Bootheel Regional Community Foundation and representatives of the CFO celebrated the launch of the new affiliate foundation on Sept. 13 in Dexter.

businessman who owned a farm and a store.

“They’re the ones that helped my dad,” Hamra says of the people around Steele. “He sold cotton and he would take that money and invest it in stocks, bonds and real estate. He would buy up real estate in Steele, buildings, housing, this type of thing off money he made off cotton sales. I felt that they helped Dad be successful, so I wanted to help them be successful.”

Community health is one of the first areas the BRCF will address through grantmaking. In addition to the \$30,000 contribution from the Hamras, \$30,000 has been granted from the Missouri Foundation for Health.

The MFH funding will support grantmaking for health-related needs over the next five years.

The launch of the BRCF is already paying dividends for the region. In November, two \$1 million gifts from the estate of James L. Byrd III established designated endowments that will forever benefit the City of Charleston and the Charleston R-1 School District in Mississippi County.

“The generous gifts from the estate of James L. Byrd illustrate the value of community foundations and why the Bootheel Regional Community Foundation has been formed,” Grebing says.

—by Kaitlyn McConnell

Affiliate Foundation Profiles, CONTINUED

Crawford County Foundation Inc.

Established: 2001

Address: P.O. Box 244, Cuba, MO 65453

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/crawford-county

For More Information: Contact Kathy Lasley, President, at 573-205-0345 or lasleydk@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$742,181.17

FY23 Distributions: \$289,803.56

Distributions since Inception: \$4,726,195.78

Total Assets: \$3,115,969.33

Highlights: Now in its seventh year, the Impact 100 Crawford County giving circle has supported local organizations with more than \$200,000 in grants.



Dent County Community Foundation

Established: Dec. 22, 1999

Address: P.O. Box 355, Salem, MO 65560

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/dent-county

For More Information: Contact Bernie Sirois, President, at 573-453-6091 or sirois.bernie@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$249,132.28

FY23 Distributions: \$180,211.23

Distributions since Inception: \$1,939,075.24

Total Assets: \$2,676,367.11

Highlights: The Salem R-80 Building and Construction Trades Fund continues to support the program at Salem R-80 Public Schools, with more than \$290,000 in grants since 2017.



DACO Community Foundation

Established: Aug. 14, 2006

Address: 34 N. Dade 145, Greenfield, MO 65661

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/daco

For More Information: Contact Randy Meents, President, at 417-224-2055 or consultpharmd@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$66,834.87

FY23 Distributions: \$50,314.31

Distributions since Inception: \$465,529.31

Total Assets: \$784,445.22

Highlights: Grants from the CFO's partnership with the Louis L. and Julia Dorothy Coover Charitable Foundation were made to improve the Dade County Senior Center and build a community garden space at the Greenfield elementary school.



Douglas County Community Foundation

Established: July 3, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 1082, Ava, MO 65608

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/douglas-county

For More Information: Contact Michelle Bristol, President, at 417-683-0585 or michelleb.doco@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$291,531.56

FY23 Distributions: \$42,863.78

Distributions since Inception: \$544,252.66

Total Assets: \$1,044,083.50

Highlights: The Douglas County Community Foundation was able to award grants to 13 local non-profit organizations this fiscal year, totaling \$24,720.



Dallas County Community Foundation

Established: Oct. 28, 1998

Address: 518 E. Madison St., Buffalo, MO 65622

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/dallas-county

For More Information: Contact Jazmyne Custer, President, at 417-733-2582 or jazmynebeamer@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$42,571.49

FY23 Distributions: \$39,885.23

Distributions since Inception: \$517,220.94

Total Assets: \$441,245.93

Highlights: Foundation leaders are excited for continued development at the Buffalo Municipal Airport, such as the availability of fuel, a next step in promoting the airport for public use.



Eldon Community Foundation

Established: Feb. 23, 2005

Address: 112 S. Pine, Eldon, MO 65026

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/eldon

For More Information: Contact Matt

Davis, President, at 573-392-8000 or matt.davis@eldonmustangs.org

FY23 Contribution: \$154,113.93

FY23 Distributions: \$96,509.67

Distributions since Inception: \$1,756,258.16

Total Assets: \$1,905,066.87

Highlights: Supported the building of the Rock Island Depot, providing a home for the Eldon Area Chamber of Commerce and a small museum highlighting local history.



El Dorado Springs Community Foundation

Established: May 22, 2001

Address: 5620 E. 350 Rd., El Dorado Springs, MO 64744



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/el-dorado-springs

For More Information: Contact Kay Forest, President, at 417-321-4815 or kforest2009@hotmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$14,188.77

FY23 Distributions: \$200,681.91

Distributions since Inception: \$999,996.31

Total Assets: \$1,009,160.39

Highlights: The Cedar County Library District opened its new facility in El Dorado Springs in February 2023 through funding with the EDSCF.

Fair Grove Area Community Foundation

Established: April 5, 2021

Address: P.O. Box 232, Fair Grove, MO 65648



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/fair-grove-area

For More Information: Contact Bradley Daniels, President, at 417-759-6000 or bdaniels@shelterinsurance.com

FY23 Contribution: \$45,219.64

FY23 Distributions: \$15,450

Distributions since Inception: \$80,570

Total Assets: \$266,764.16

Highlights: FGACF hosted its second annual grant round in early 2023 and awarded a total of \$7,000 to the Fair Grove Senior Center and Fair Grove School District.

Finley River Community Foundation

Established: May 17, 2001

Address: P.O. Box 1176, Ozark, MO 65721

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/finley-river



For More Information: Contact Elise Crain, President, at 417-693-8128 or frcfaffiliate@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$324,837.21

FY23 Distributions: \$1,148,282.36

Distributions since Inception: \$5,519,859.52

Total Assets: \$4,591,320.25

Highlights: With more than 80 funds under its umbrella for a wide variety of community projects, FRCF will distribute \$16,000 in community grants in 2023. With the support of FRCF over the last seven years, the Impact 100 Ozark giving circle granted \$358,000 to causes like education, water quality, local history, parks and libraries.

Community Foundation of the Hermann Area

Established: June 6, 2005

Address: P.O. Box 62, Hermann, MO 65041



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of the Hermann Area

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/hermann

For More Information: Contact Ron Kraettli, President, at 314-602-5656 or hermanncommunityfoundation@gmail.com; or Elise Bellefontaine, Foundation Coordinator, at 573-544-5425 or cfhermannarea@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$508,753.49

FY23 Distributions: \$350,484.95

Distributions since Inception: \$3,302,309.63

Total Assets: \$3,729,984.56

Highlights: Vice President Tom Jacquin was presented the Board Member Excellence Award at the 2023 Rural Philanthropy Summit for recognition of his work in many charitable activities in Hermann.

Hickory County Community Wellness Foundation

Established: Dec. 11, 1999

Address: 18376 New Hermitage Dr., Hermitage, MO 65668



Hickory County
COMMUNITY WELLNESS FOUNDATION

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/hickory-county

For More Information: Contact Gary Edwards, President, at 417-399-6034 or garymoedwards@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$100,473

FY23 Distributions: \$10,075

Distributions since Inception: \$228,904.67

Total Assets: \$489,575.71

Highlights: HCCWF is currently raising money to support the addition of a splash pad at the local health department.

Houston Community Foundation

Established: April 24, 2006

Address: P.O. Box 156, Houston, MO 65483



Houston
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/houston

For More Information: Contact Ross Richardson, President, at 817-403-7203 or rosslinda1981@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$20,885.64

FY23 Distributions: \$30,410.61

Distributions since Inception: \$719,658.48

Total Assets: \$1,298,552.98

Highlights: Currently supporting the construction of a new county library branch in Houston through collaboration with other entities and local nonprofits.

Affiliate Foundation Profiles, CONTINUED

Jacks Fork Community Foundation

Established: June 23, 2004

Address: P.O. Box 1030, Mountain View, MO 65548



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/jacks-fork

For More Information: Contact Charles Cantrell, President, at 417-934-2226 or mvlaw@centurytel.net

FY23 Contribution: \$13,380

FY23 Distributions: \$18,950.95

Distributions since Inception: \$415,884.49

Total Assets: \$294,889.57

Highlights: Granted to both the Mountain View-Birch Tree FFA program and Care to Learn program. Additionally, assisting in making the Mountain View Public Library more accessible for all.

Joplin Regional Community Foundation

Established: Dec. 16, 2006

Address: P.O. Box 471, Joplin, MO 64802



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/joplin-regional

For More Information: Contact Pete Ramsour, Foundation Manager, at 417-439-7328 or joplinrcf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$6,823,225.02

FY23 Distributions: \$6,713,208.03

Distributions since Inception: \$57,982,341.17

Total Assets: \$11,153,207.50

Highlights: The Philanthropic Society (“Phil”) of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation awarded three grants totaling \$175,000 through its high-impact grant round in spring 2023.

Community Foundation of the Lake

Established: Aug. 3, 2009

Address: P.O. Box 1413, Lake Ozark, MO 65049

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/lake-of-the-ozarks



For More Information: Contact Jan Amos, Foundation Coordinator, at 321-258-5828 or cflake@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$437,612.01

FY23 Distributions: \$544,948.33

Distributions since Inception: \$2,901,844.46

Total Assets: \$2,871,815.60

Highlights: Through its annual Champagne Campaign fundraiser, CFL has granted \$56,000 to local nonprofits.

Lockwood Community Foundation

Established: Feb. 25, 1998

Address: P.O. Box 1, Lockwood, MO 65682



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/lockwood

For More Information: Contact Renee Galer, President, at 417-232-4975 or renee Galer@prairiemountain.net

FY23 Contribution: \$851,143.29

FY23 Distributions: \$103,266.32

Distributions since Inception: \$3,440,214.16

Total Assets: \$9,479,664.36

Highlights: Grants supported improvements to the city pool and a concert program for the local nursing home.

Marshfield Area Community Foundation

Established: June 3, 2005

Address: P.O. Box 427, Marshfield, MO 65706



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/marshfield-area

For More Information: Contact Rachel Andrews, Foundation Coordinator, at 417-880-8984 or marshfieldareacf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$314,887.21

FY23 Distributions: \$293,741.50

Distributions since Inception: \$2,816,257.05

Total Assets: \$4,233,963.55

Highlights: Granted \$27,000 to local organizations this fiscal year through its annual grant program. Friends of Hidden Waters, an agency partner under the MACF, completed construction of the Dan and Zoann Beckner Welcome Center, which will house the Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce, offer a gathering space for meetings and events, and serve as a hub for park volunteers.

Meramec Regional Community Foundation

Established: June 4, 2010

Address: 4 Industrial Dr., St. James, MO 65559



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/meramec-regional

For More Information: Contact Bonnie Prigge, at 573-265-2993 or bprigge@meramecregion.org

FY23 Contribution: \$931,205.53

FY23 Distributions: \$511,167.60

Distributions since Inception: \$1,656,146.04

Total Assets: \$4,481,021.97

Highlights: Awarded 28 scholarships totaling \$66,850 for graduating seniors in Gasconade, Maries and Pulaski counties. Provided technical assistance and staff support to establish funds for the Phelps County Community Foundation.

Monett Area Community Foundation

Established: Sept. 3, 1998

Address: P.O. Box 362, Monett, MO 65708

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/monett-area



For More Information: Contact Beth Nation, President, at 417-489-4202 or rbdcnation@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$2,466,007.84

FY23 Distributions: \$524,837.55

Distributions since Inception: \$3,950,760.10

Total Assets: \$6,734,384.73

Highlights: Installation of more than 30 historical markers to mark places, people and events in the community were funded by a grant from the Rural Schools Collaborative, an agency partner of the CFO.

Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation

Established: Feb. 25, 2004

Address: P.O. Box 404, Mountain Grove, MO 65711

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/mountain-grove-area

For More Information: Contact Dr. David Barbe, President, at 417-926-6111 or dbarbe_md@yahoo.com

FY23 Contribution: \$68,329.89

FY23 Distributions: \$50,790.19

Distributions since Inception: \$937,791.50

Total Assets: \$3,077,858.68

Highlights: Granted more than \$12,000 to community organizations during its annual grant round.



Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation

Established: March 16, 2005

Address: P.O. Box 228, Mt. Vernon, MO 65712

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/mount-vernon-area

For More Information: Contact Bethany Patterson, President, at 417-466-3076 or bethlyn@hotmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$180,139.83

FY23 Distributions: \$139,692

Distributions since Inception: \$2,065,184.89

Total Assets: \$2,587,608.27

Highlights: The Patricia A. Downing Fund, established by a legacy gift, has surpassed \$290,000 in grants to area nonprofits since 2015.



Neosho Area Community Foundation

Established: March 16, 2011

Address: 312 S. Wood St, Neosho, MO 64850

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/neosho-area



For More Information: Contact Blake Hierholzer, President, at 417-451-2345 or bthierho@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$227,415.51

FY23 Distributions: \$324,703.90

Distributions since Inception: \$639,149.20

Total Assets: \$1,731,923.21

Highlights: The Neosho Newton County Library, an agency partner under the NCF, opened its Makerspace and STEAM Lab area in early 2023.

Nevada/Vernon County Community Foundation

Established: Oct. 12, 2020

Address: P.O. Box 411, Nevada, MO 64772

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/nevada-vernon-county

For More Information: Contact Amy Bishop, Foundation Coordinator, at 417-684-5309 or NevadaVernonCF@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$778,935.96

FY23 Distributions: \$172,106.62

Distributions since Inception: \$221,685.82

Total Assets: \$948,356.82

Highlights: Through the creation of “The Phil” giving circle, the NVCCF granted a total of \$30,000 to three organizations in Vernon County.



Nixa Community Foundation

Established: Nov. 18, 1993

Address: P.O. Box 1821, Nixa, MO 65714

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/nixa

For More Information: Contact Jimmy Liles, President, at 417-818-0706 or jliles@nixa.com; or Katy St. Clair, Foundation Coordinator, at nixacf@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$247,339.71

FY23 Distributions: \$577,549.60

Distributions since Inception: \$5,014,538.27

Total Assets: \$2,477,492.16

Highlights: Through about 60 funds, the NCF has supported many community needs, from local food pantries and Boy Scout Troop 200, to helping under-resourced students go to prom.



Affiliate Foundation Profiles, CONTINUED

Owensville Area Community Foundation

Established: March 27, 2015

Address: 236 Highway 50, Rosebud, MO 63091



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/owensville-area

For More Information: Contact Shannon Grus, President, at 573-764-4791 or shannon.grus@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$21,570.54

FY23 Distributions: \$10,760.35

Distributions since Inception: \$224,622.02

Total Assets: \$252,606.00

Highlights: Partnered with the City of Owensville and the Meramec Regional Community Foundation to plant daffodil bulbs to celebrate the CFO's 50th anniversary and its own place-based philanthropy.

Ozark County Community Foundation

Established: Jan. 23, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 68, Gainesville, MO 65655



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/ozark-county

For More Information: Contact Kerrie Zubrod, President, at 417-679-3321 or kerrie.zubrod@cbozarks.com

FY23 Contribution: \$38,042.98

FY23 Distributions: \$41,365.53

Distributions since Inception: \$1,066,408.66

Total Assets: \$1,070,000.20

Highlights: The Gainesville Hometown Makeover Fund, established in 2022, has helped with exterior home restoration and renovation work in town.

Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation

Established: Nov. 28, 2011

Address: 3019 Fair St., Poplar Bluff, MO 63901



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/ozark-foothills

For More Information: Contact Russell French, President, at 573-996-5001 or russfrench@boycommonline.com

FY23 Contribution: \$575,040.08

FY23 Distributions: \$197,297.61

Distributions since Inception: \$791,837.17

Total Assets: \$2,108,771.86

Highlights: The Naylor Community Fund Inc. was established in late 2022 as part of a matching incentive from an anonymous donor to support the City of Naylor and its schools and senior center. This fund has already granted \$2,000 to support the community.

Perry County Community Foundation

Established: Dec. 12, 2014

Address: 508 N. Main St., Ste. B, Perryville, MO 63775



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/perry-county

For More Information: Contact Angela Swan, President, at 573-547-1097 or pcpcferryvillemo@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$440,056.54

FY23 Distributions: \$128,118.81

Distributions since Inception: \$2,196,346.55

Total Assets: \$715,946.06

Highlights: PCCF Secretary Natalie Lorenz was presented with a Board Member of Excellence Award during the 2023 Rural Philanthropy Summit in recognition of her help establishing new funds and her work in other local charitable activities.

Republic Community Foundation

Established: Nov. 19, 2004

Address: P.O. Box 899, Republic, MO 65738

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/republic

For More Information: Contact Alexandria Holmes, President, at 417-732-5575 or alexandriapaige.od@gmail.com



FY23 Contribution: \$152,641.26

FY23 Distributions: \$176,357.10

Distributions since Inception: \$1,289,346.86

Total Assets: \$1,140,551.54

Highlights: Planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs in Owen Park, with support from the City of Republic Parks and Recreation Team and the Tristen's Hope Foundation, to celebrate the CFO's 50th anniversary and its own place-based philanthropy.

Ripley County Community Foundation

Established: June 26, 2003

Address: 1378 Bill Virdon Blvd., West Plains, MO 65775



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/ripley-county

For More Information: Contact Joe Kammerer, Central Region Manager, at 417-256-4725 or jkammerer@cfozarks.org

FY23 Contribution: \$585,432.45

FY23 Distributions: \$11,823

Distributions since Inception: \$1,289,346.86

Total Assets: \$1,628,723.47

Highlights: Received a \$1 million legacy gift for the Paul and Joe Anne Ripley Scholarship Fund, which will help Three Rivers College graduates from Ripley County continue their educations at four-year schools.

Leading Locally

SERIES

As part of the CFO's 50th anniversary — and the Affiliate Foundation program's 30th anniversary — Writer in Residence Kaitlyn McConnell tells the stories of our regional affiliate foundations and the leaders passionate about improving their communities through the **Leading Locally** series. These stories share the philanthropic work of our affiliate foundations while highlighting the history that gives each community its own character. The stories also ask one simple question:

Why Do *You* Serve?

"I love it. I was on the board 10 years before I retired from the chamber, and I remained on the board for three years after because I was passionate about it. **I think the foundation grows West Plains in all aspects**, whether it's nonprofit, whether it's governmental, whether it's people in general, it just grows the community."



—Joanne White
Former board member,
Community Foundation of West Plains Inc.

"I am a product of this community, this area, the people here and feel a strong compulsion to give back. **My life's success — whatever I've achieved — is largely because of this area.** And I would like to see that go forward in the future for other people."



— Martin Bunton
President, Barton County Community Foundation

"**I like to take the 'long-term' view of development.** I have friends and family and know of others who have worked for the betterment of our greater community for several generations. A big part of what a foundation can do is create a 'springboard' for sustainable development for and through future generations. In other words, it is a way of combining the past, present and future."



—Charles Cantrell
President, Jacks Fork Community Foundation

"I think over our 22 years now, **we've broadened the horizons of a lot of community people to understand and see a bigger picture than what's going on between now and dark.** We've expanded a lot of horizons of board members and helped them develop and grow and be significant parts of the community in other ways."



—Elise Crain
President, Finley River Community Foundation

"All of us who grew up here had a connection here. **I cherish our community because now we know how rare it is.**"



—Sue Ann Jones
Secretary, Ozark County Community Foundation

"It's fun to make things happen. It's not easy. There are a lot of roadblocks. **But overcoming those challenges is rewarding.** People here must surely all be cut from a little bit of the same cloth to have a tenacity because I think in a lot of small communities, people just give up way too soon."



—Sue Dyle
Treasurer, Dallas County Community Foundation

Read what other affiliate leaders have to say online at:

CFOZARKS.ORG/LEADING-LOCALLY

Affiliate Foundation Profiles, CONTINUED

Community Foundation of Rogersville

Established: Nov. 12, 2015

Address: P.O. Box 474, Rogersville, MO 65742



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/rogersville

For More Information: Contact Brian VanFosson, President, at 417-753-2836 or blv@cbofr.com

FY23 Contribution: \$296,328.47

FY23 Distributions: \$245,884.84

Distributions since Inception: \$827,664.93

Total Assets: \$1,371,395.44

Highlights: CFR's annual music festival, Rockin' Rogersville, has raised more than \$250,000 since 2015 for community needs.

Sarcoxie Community Foundation

Established: Sept. 7, 2011

Address: P.O. Box 77, Sarcoxie, MO 64862



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/sarcoxie

For More Information: Contact Gary Turner, President, at 417-825-3036 or turner.gary.69@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$13,004.75

FY23 Distributions: \$41,998.07

Distributions since Inception: \$721,118.57

Total Assets: \$618,350.78

Highlights: In 2022, Sarcoxie R-II School District was granted nearly \$5,000 from the Louis L. and Julia Dorothy Coover Charitable Foundation to purchase exercise equipment for its teachers and staff.

Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation

Established: April 4, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 427, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/ste-genevieve-county

For More Information: Contact Sandra Cabot, President, at 314-517-4674 or sandracabot360@gmail.com

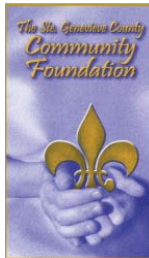
FY23 Contribution: \$64,244.25

FY23 Distributions: \$250,215.84

Distributions since Inception: \$4,824,105.04

Total Assets: \$1,021,941.29

Highlights: This fiscal year, funds under the SGCCF granted more than \$250,000 to support charitable organizations and scholarships.



Greater Seymour Area Foundation

Established: Aug. 13, 1998

Address: P.O. Box 232, Seymour, MO 65746

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/seymour-area

For More Information: Contact Renne Wallace, President, at 417-343-9171 or bubnay@yahoo.com

FY23 Contribution: \$16,149.22

FY23 Distributions: \$65,744.50

Distributions since Inception: \$1,179,163.40

Total Assets: \$1,745,504.24

Highlights: This year, scholarship funds under the GSAF distributed more than \$18,000 to local students seeking higher education.



St. James Area Community Foundation

Established: May 13, 2003

Address: P.O. Box 622, St. James, MO 65559

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/st-james-area

For More Information: Contact Jack Kearbey, President, at 573-263-1956 or jackok2@hotmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$1,423.11

FY23 Distributions: \$1,838

Distributions since Inception: \$260,061.43

Total Assets: \$162,846.58

Highlights: Partnered with the Gardeners of the Forest City to plan daffodil bulbs around the city to celebrate the CFO's 50th anniversary and its own place-based philanthropy.



Stockton Community Foundation

Established: May 2, 2002

Address: P.O. Box 105, Stockton, MO 65785

On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/stockton

For More Information: Contact Kim Jasper, President, at 417-276-4537 or kchismjasper77@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$68,528.08

FY23 Distributions: \$57,193.49

Distributions since Inception: \$1,164,000.06

Total Assets: \$1,052,075.44

Highlights: Granted nearly \$5,000 to local organizations for teacher projects, holiday baskets for those in need, playground equipment and public beautification.



Table Rock Lake Community Foundation

Established: March 31, 2004

Address: P.O. Box 1073, Branson West, MO 65737



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/table-rock-lake

For More Information: Contact Eric Chavez, President, at 417-739-1739 or attychavez@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$206,779.53

FY23 Distributions: \$917,928.71

Distributions since Inception: \$10,036,531

Total Assets: \$2,871,866.31

Highlights: Granted more than \$28,000 to local projects including equipment for law enforcement and first responders, assistance for cancer patients, and educational curriculum.

Community Foundation of Taney County

Established: April 23, 2002

Address: P.O. Box 8960, Springfield, MO 65801



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/taney-county

For More Information: Contact Rod Romine, President, at 417-546-7115 or r2romine@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$3,248,786.65

FY23 Distributions: \$1,312,869.51

Distributions since Inception: \$6,393,442.59

Total Assets: \$11,128,766.36

Highlights: Established six new funds this fiscal year.

Truman Lake Community Foundation

Established: May 15, 2000

Address: P.O. Box 463, Clinton, MO 64735



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/truman-lake

For More Information: Contact Jim Cook, President, at 660-351-4720 or trumanlakefoundation@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$330,026.25

FY23 Distributions: \$601,935.46

Distributions since Inception: \$6,259,784.02

Total Assets: \$11,247,155.45

Highlights: Scholarship funds under the TLCF awarded 68 scholarships, totaling more than \$100,000 to help local students continue their education.

Community Foundation of West Plains Inc.

Established: March 31, 2004

Address: 401 Jefferson Ave., West Plains, MO 65775



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/west-plains

For More Information: Contact Eric Gibson, President, at 417-204-5456 or cfofwestplains@gmail.com

FY23 Contribution: \$11,868,521.15

FY23 Distributions: \$134,832.95

Distributions since Inception: \$2,702,226.08

Total Assets: \$15,431,761.88

Highlights: Restoration of Howell County's Sadie Brown Cemetery, including new markers and benches for rest and reflection, was made possible partly by a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Grant from the CFO.

Willard Children's Charitable Foundation

Established: Aug. 24, 2005

Address: c/o Tammy Conner, 500 Kime St., Willard, MO 65781



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/willard

For More Information: Contact Rachel Griffin, President, at 417-742-2584 or rachel@wilsongriffin.com

FY23 Contribution: \$2,500

FY23 Distributions: \$25,198

Distributions since Inception: \$699,326.18

Total Assets: \$426,305.18

Highlights: Granted more than \$10,000 this year to support local students.

Willow Springs Community Foundation

Established: March 15, 2001

Address: 127 E. Main St., Willow Springs, MO 65793



On the Web: cfozarks.org/affiliates/willow-springs

For More Information: Contact Phil Chafin, President, at 417-469-1400 or willowspringscf@yahoo.com

FY23 Contribution: \$2,350

FY23 Distributions: \$4,522.08

Distributions since Inception: \$781,810.85

Total Assets: \$239,459.62

Highlights: Planted 1,000 daffodil bulbs around town to celebrate the CFO's 50th anniversary and its own place-based philanthropy.

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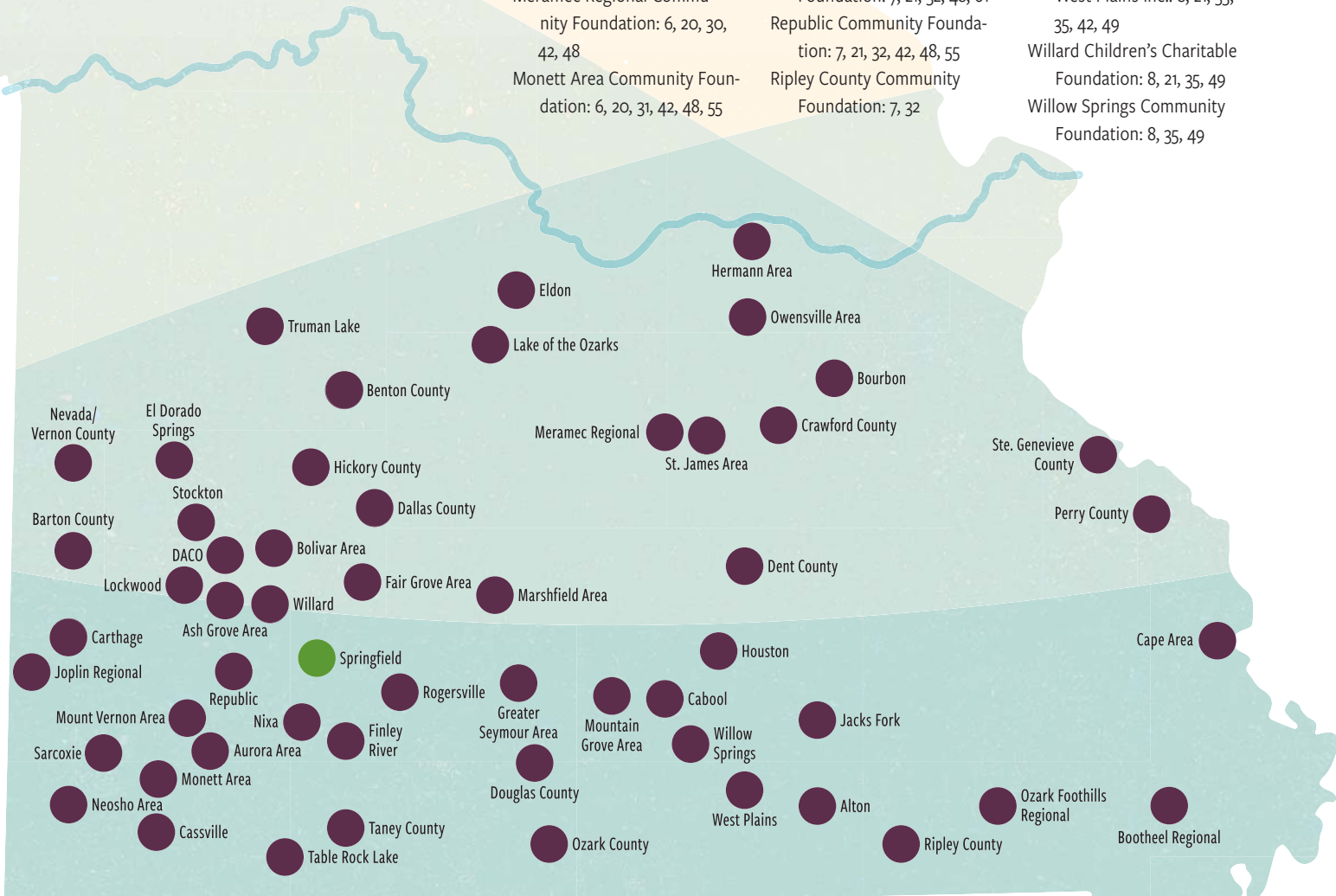
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- ▶ The AnniverSafari, an extra-special family friendly version of our annual donor-appreciation event, at the Dickerson Park Zoo—the recipient of the very first grant in our history.
- ▶ The Rural Philanthropy Summit in partnership with Philanthropy Missouri, the first statewide gathering of affiliates and other funders that all share a passion for improving the quality of life in rural communities.
- ▶ Hosting a luncheon with Marni Jameson, best-selling author of “What to Do with Everything You Own to Leave the Legacy You Want,” for donors and Professional Advisors Council members.
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Kim Lansford's Reverberating Legacy

A scholarship in memory of the late musician and educator preserves — and extends — the impact of her life's work

KIM LANSFORD'S LEGACY ECHOES THROUGH the Ozarks via the students she taught and the songs she sang.

For decades, Lansford and her late husband, Jim, shared old-time tunes through square and contra dances; their performances; and connecting new generations with an Ozarks style of song. She was known for her rhythm guitar and voice, which often brought old-time ballads to life.

In a different way, Lansford's effort to educate and enlighten translated to work at Reeds Spring School District, where she long was a teacher, reading specialist and grant writer.

Lansford died in June 2023, ending — in a way — a story that took her from northern Missouri in 1955 to Stone County, where she lived for many years. Even though the adopted Ozarker is gone, her work will continue to impact through a scholarship endowment with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and the Table Rock Lake Community Foundation.

"Kim was really pleased with how that came together," said Kevin Gerschefske, Lansford's brother, at her memorial gathering in September. "Her legacy will live on, and she'll help other students that are interested in music and in education."

He shared those thoughts at The Rock House in Reeds Spring, where dozens of Lansford's friends and family gathered to honor and remember Lansford's life.

"She always was a gracious person and a gracious host," said Jeanette Bair, a longtime friend of Lansford's who hosted the gathering. "That's kind of the spirit of tonight."

Over a potluck meal, they shared memories of the



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many moments, performances, gatherings, songs, meals — she loved to cook and often gathered friends for elaborate meals — and students that remain part of her legacy.

"Kim was a teacher like none other," said Cheryl Loftin, who worked as an aide in Lansford's classroom for five years before completing her certification to teach.

While she knew of Lansford's abilities as a teacher, she was not immediately familiar with her skill as a musician. But after seeing her perform and witnessing her talent, she asked Lansford why she didn't do music full-time.

"I asked her that day after she performed, 'Why do you put up with school? Why don't you just do this?' She said,



PROVIDED BY JEANETTE BAIR

In September, old-time musicians jammed in memory of Kim Lansford at The Rock House in Reeds Spring. She and her late husband, Jim, were highly regarded musicians who preserved traditional Ozarks tunes. Gifts from her estate established a scholarship endowment for graduates of the Reeds Spring School District, where she taught for many years.

“Because teaching people to read is a noble thing to do.”

But that music was always in the background, too. Lansford began her musical journey as a pianist, but her skill ultimately found a home in old-time music.

Before Jim Lansford’s death in 2012, they were long a package deal, performing throughout the region and beyond, even traveling to Japan in 2000 as part of a

musical exchange with Isesaki, a sister city of Springfield.

At her memorial, hard, black cases were lined up on the floor at the ready before their latches were opened, instruments taken in hand and used to play tunes that live and bring life. In one corner of the room, several of Lansford’s own instruments sat in a silent auction, their proceeds set to benefit the scholarship fund in her name.

“I take comfort that she and Jim are back together,” said Gerschefske. “They were a special team and my prayer is that they’re playing music together right now for those that have gone before.”

—by Kaitlyn McConnell

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Chuck and Tiffany Replogle

Meramec Regional Community Foundation

Maria and Shawn Bancroft
Richard and Jeanne
Cavender
Lucia Flaim
Mike* and Virgie Mahan
Joanne Zap

Monett Area Community Foundation

Mike Brownsberger
Gloria June Curbow*
Patricia W. Hall*
Mark E. Nelson

Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation

Anonymous*

Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation

John L. Hayes* and
Susanne M. Sickles
Winter Skelton Kinne

Nixa Community Foundation

Mitch Callicott
Mr.* and Mrs.* Jess Graham
Paul W. Johns
Betty Ann Rogers*
Mark Sellenriek*
Brian and Deanna Steele
Chris and Regina Thomas
Marc Truby
Sharon Whitehill*
Freddie and Melissa Young

Ozark County Community Foundation

Margo Murray
David and Michelle Pointer

Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation

Janet Brown
Russell French
Rev. Annette Joseph
L. Marie Obourn
Felicity Ray
Susan Skaggs
Matthew Winters

Republic Community Foundation

John L. Hayes* and
Susanne M. Sickles
Joshua and Faith
Mathews
Jane Gray Smith

Greater Seymour Area Foundation

Anonymous
Gary L. Childress and
Donna A.* Childress
Ron Giedd*

Stockton Community Foundation

Alisa Bough
Marilyn and Donnie Ellis
Gary and Jana Funk
Brian and Kim Hammons
R. Dwain Hammons
William Jenkins
Peter Lee
Larry and Kathie Rieder

Table Rock Lake Community Foundation

Nita Jane Ayres
Charlotte Bostwick*
Jack and Sherry Herschend
Jim and Linda Holt
John* and Connie Johnson

Community Foundation of Taney County

Anonymous
Iva M. Awberry*
James and Margie*
King Berry
William and Sylvia Cornette
Pat and Ransom* Davis
Doug and Gina Jordan
Donna Lee Moon
Mary L. Rigney

Truman Lake Community Foundation

Anonymous
Berry and Judy Beebe
John* and Betty* Brecht
Bryan Himes
J.C. Smith*
Doug and Sandra
Thomason
Robert Wheeler

Valle Schools, Ste. Genevieve

Mildred* and Leona*
Hoffman

Community Foundation of West Plains Inc.

Richard and Carol Silvey
Gene and Marcy Weinbeck

*Deceased

Agency Partners

Listed below are the nearly 700 agency partners of the CFO and its 54 regional affiliate foundations as of June 30, 2023. **Bolded names** indicate new agency partners that joined in FY23. Agency partners are 501(c)3 nonprofits or organizations with similar tax-exempt status, such as civic, educational and faith institutions, that have established funds with the CFO and its affiliates. To learn more, visit cfozarks.org/nonprofit-partners.

Springfield/Regional

Aids Project of the Ozarks
 All Saints Anglican Church
AMBUCS – Route 66 Chapter
 Arc of the Ozarks
 Askinosie Foundation
 The Association for the Blind
 Baptist Home
 BEST Foundation
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks
 Billings R-IV School District
 Borrow My Angel Foundation
 Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield
 Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks
 Brentwood Christian Church
 Bulldogs Wrestling Club
 Burrell Foundation
 Camp Barnabas
 Carbon Trace Productions
 Care Connection for Aging Services
 Care to Learn
 CASA of Southwest Missouri
 Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri
Center for Rural Strategies
 Cents of Pride
 Chadwick School Foundation
 Charleston R-1 School District
 Child Advocacy Center
 Christ Episcopal Church Foundation
 Christian Associates of Table Rock Lake
 Christian Campus Ministry
 City of Springfield
 City Utilities
 The Community Betterment Foundation Inc.
 Community Blood Center of the Ozarks
 Community Center Foundation of Ste Genevieve County
 Community Hospices of America Foundation Inc.
 Community Partnership of the Ozarks

Connecting Grounds
 Convoy of Hope
 Conway School Foundation
 Council of Churches
 Dent County Commons Association
 Developmental Center of the Ozarks
 Discovery Center of Springfield
 Discovery Garden Montessori School
 Don't Meth With Missouri
 Doula Foundation of Mid America
 Down Syndrome Group of the Ozarks
 Downtown Springfield Association
 Downtown Springfield Community Cinema
 DreamIT MakeIT
 Drew Lewis Foundation Inc.
 Dynamic Strides Therapy
 East Newton R-6 Charitable Foundation
 East Prairie R-II School District Foundation
 Eden Village/The Gathering Tree
 Eleven Point Valley Community Center
 Eminence Area Arts Council
 empower: abilities
 EnCompass Academy
 Epilepsy Foundation of Missouri and Kansas
 Family Life Community Services
 Farmers Market Of The Ozarks Inc.
 First Unitarian Universalist Church
 FosterAdopt Connect
 Foundation for Fair Grove Public Schools
Foundation for Food and Farm Connections
 Foundation for Springfield Public Schools

Friends Against Hunger
 Friends of Abilities First
 Friends of the Garden
 Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library District
 Friends of the Zoo
 Friends of Timmons Temple Inc.
 Gathering Friends for the Homeless Inc.
 Gay and Lesbian Community Center of the Ozarks
 The Geek Foundation
 Generations Village
 Gillioz Theatre
 Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland
 Girls on the Run Southwest Missouri
 Gloria Deo Academy
 Good Foundation International
 Good Samaritan Boys Ranch
 GRASP
 Gray-Campbell Farmstead
 Graydon Springs Outdoor Legacy
 Greater Ozarks Audubon Society
 Greene County 100 Club
 Greene County Extension Council
 Greene County Family Justice Center Alliance
 Greene County Historical Society
 Greene County Medical Society Alliance
 Greene County, Missouri
 Grupo Latinoamericano
 GYN Cancers Alliance
 Habitat for Humanity of Springfield
 Happy Hollow Bible Camp
 Harmony House
 Hartville R-II School District
 Hartville School Foundation
 Heart of the Ozarks Sertoma Club
 Help Give Hope

Historic Preservation Society
 History Museum on the Square
 Holcomb Education Foundation
 Holland Elementary School PTA
 Honor Flight of the Ozarks
 HOPE Foundation
 Hope of Exodus
 Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks Inc.
 Humane Society of Southwest Missouri
 I Pour Life
 In Time of Need Foundation Inc.
 International Institute of Metropolitan St. Louis
 Irish Festival Association
 Isabel's House
 Jacob's Ladder Care Services Inc.
 James River Basin Partnership
 Jefferson Franklin Community Action Corporation
 John Calvin Presbytery
 Johnny Morris Wonders of Wildlife Foundation
 Junior Achievement of the Ozarks Inc.
 Junior League of Springfield, Missouri
 K9s For Camo Inc.
 Kalee Squad Foundation
 Kidz 'n Power of the Ozarks Inc.
 Kimberling Area Library Association
 Kinetic Bridges
 The Kitchen Inc.
 Koshkonong School Betterment Foundation
 KVC Missouri
 Laura Ingalls Wilder Foundation
 Leadership Springfield
 Legal Services of Southern Missouri
 Life House Center
 Lift Up Someone Today

Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center
 Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch
L-Life Food Pantry
 Lost and Found Grief Center
 Lutheran Family & Children Services
 Marshall Senior Center
 The MASTERS
 McCauley Foundation
 Mercy Health Foundation
 Springfield
 Mid-America Performing Arts Foundation
 Mid-America Transplant Foundation
 Midtown Neighborhood Association
 Missouri Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries
 Missouri Budget Project
 Missouri College Access Network
 Missouri Community Development Society
 Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
 Missouri Environmental Education Association
 Missouri Fellowship of Christian Athletes
 Missouri Hospice & Palliative Care Association
 Missouri Jazz Orchestra
 Missouri Prairie Foundation
 Missouri Rock Island Trail Inc.
 Missouri Sports Hall of Fame
 Missouri Stream Team Watershed Coalition
 Missouri Veterinary Medical Foundation Inc.
 Missouri Youth Soccer Association
 MLPA Scholarship Foundation
 Music Monday of the Ozarks
 Music Therapy of the Ozarks
 NAMI of Southwest Missouri

Agency Partners, CONTINUED

National Council of Teachers of English
 OACAC
 On Angels' Wings
 OTC Foundation
 Ozark Greenways
 Ozark Land Trust
 Ozark Mountain Chapter – Sons of the American Revolution
 Ozark Society – Schoolcraft Chapter Fund
 Ozark Trails Council, BSA
 Ozarks Counseling Center
 Ozarks Food Harvest
 Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation
 Ozarks Healthcare Foundation
 Ozarks Literacy Council
 Ozarks Lyric Opera
 Ozarks Public Television
 Ozarks Regional YMCA
 Ozarks SySTEAMic Coalition
 Ozarks Water Watch: Upper White River Basin Foundation
 Parkinson's Group of the Ozarks
 Paws Pet Pantry
 PFLAG – Springfield
 Phelps County Family Crisis Services Inc.
 Plotline Film & Media Education
 Pregnancy Care Center
 Queen City Sertoma Club
 The Rebound Foundation
 Rescue One
 Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ozarks
 Rotary Club of Springfield Southeast Endowment Inc.
 Rural Schools Collaborative
 Safe and Sober Inc.
 Sculpture Walk Springfield
 Show Me Youth Ag Academy
 Simmering Center Inc.
 Southminster Presbyterian Church
 Southwest Missouri Museum Associates
 Southwest Missouri Volleyball Officials Association
 Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

Springfield Animal Advocacy Foundation
 Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
 Springfield Art Museum
 Springfield Ballet Inc.
 Springfield Black Tie
 Springfield Business Development Corporation
 Springfield Community Gardens
 Springfield Community Sports Development Program
 Springfield Compost Collective
 Springfield Contemporary Theatre Inc.
 Springfield Daily Citizen Inc.
 Springfield Dream Center
 Springfield Host Lions Club
 Springfield Innovation Inc.
 Springfield Little Theatre
 Springfield Regional Arts Council
 Springfield Rugby Football Club
 Springfield Sertoma Club
 Springfield Sister Cities Association
 Springfield Symphony Orchestra
 Springfield Urban Agriculture Coalition
 Springfield Victory Mission
 Springfield Visual Arts Alliance
 Springfield Youth Hockey Association
 Springfield-Greene County Library District
 Springfield-Greene County Park Board
 Springfield-Greene County Public Library Foundation
 Stars and Stripes Museum Library Association Inc.
 Stars for Autism
 Strafford School Foundation
Stronger Together Springfield
 Student African American Brotherhood
 Sullivan School District Education Foundation
 Summersville School Foundation

The Summit Preparatory School
 Temple Israel
 Three Rivers Endowment Trust
 Trails Regional Library Warrensburg Branch
 Trailspring Inc.
 Trinity Presbyterian Church
 Tumbling Creek Cave Foundation
 U.School
 United Ministries in Higher Education
 United Way of Pettis County
 United Way of the Ozarks
 Valle Schools Foundation Inc.
 Valley Springs Foundation
 Van Buren High School Scholarship Foundation
 Vanguard Marriage and Family Advocates
 Victim Center Inc.
 Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks
 Watching Over Whiskers Watershed (formerly Watershed Committee of the Ozarks)
 Waynesville R-VI School District
 Waynesville R-VI School District Foundation
 Wesley United Methodist Church
 West Central Missouri Community Action Agency
 West Plains Public Library Foundation
 West St. Francois County R-IV School District
 West Vue Retirement Community
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation
 Women's Medical Respite
 Workforce Vitality Foundation

Alton Community Foundation

Alton R-IV Public Schools Foundation
 Couch R-I School District

Koshkonong School District

Aurora Area Community Foundation

Aurora Beautification Company
 Aurora R-VIII School District
 City of Aurora Park Board
 Tri-County Pregnancy Resource Center

Barton County Community Foundation

About Our Kids
 City of Golden City
 Golden City Little League Inc.
 Peterson Outdoors Ministries

Benton County Community Foundation

Benton County Food Pantry
 Benton County Hospice
 Benton County Museum
 Cole Camp Community Center Inc.
 Cole Camp Library
 Warsaw Education Foundation
 Warsaw R-IX School District – Benton County

Bolivar Area Community Foundation

Abundance Ministries
 Bolivar R-I School District
 Community Outreach Ministries
 Crossroads Pet Breeders
 Eden Animal Haven
 North Ward Museum
 Polk County Fair Association
 Polk County Genealogical Society
 Polk County House of Hope
 Polk County Library
 Service Oriented Aviation Readiness
 Southwest Baptist University
 Zion Lutheran Church

Bourbon Community Foundation

Crawford County R-I School Foundation
 Mid-Ozarks CASA

Cabool Community Foundation

Cabool Development Foundation
 Cabool Education Foundation

Cape Area Community Foundation

Baptist Student Center of Southeast Missouri
 Cape Girardeau County
 Cape Girardeau County Extension Service
 Cape Girardeau County Sheriff's Office
 Cape Girardeau Fire Department
 Cape Girardeau Police Department
 Cape Girardeau Public Schools Foundation
 Cape Girardeau Regional Airport Foundation
 CASA of Southeast Missouri Inc.
 Community Counseling Center Foundation
 PORCH Initiative
 Southeast Missouri Council on the Arts
 Southeast Missouri Network Against Sexual Violence
 Trinity Lutheran School Foundation

Carthage Community Foundation

Art Feeds
 artCentral
 Boots Court Foundation
 Bright Futures Carthage
 Carthage Area United Way
 Carthage Council on the Arts
 Carthage Crisis Center Inc.
 Carthage Crosslines Ministry
 Carthage Historic Preservation
 Carthage Literacy Council
 Carthage Public Library Development Foundation
 Community Theatre for Southwest Missouri
 Episcopal Youth Group of Carthage
 Fair Acres Family YMCA Inc.

Frank Childress Reserve Properties Committee

Grace Episcopal Church
Kellogg Lake Nature Center & Preserve
McCune-Brooks Healthcare Foundation Inc.
Rapha International
St. Luke's Nursing Center
Vision Carthage

Cassville Community Foundation

Haven of the Ozarks Animal Sanctuary
Southwest R-V School District

Crawford County Foundation Inc.

All Aboard Learning Center
Crawford County 911 Emergency Services
Cuba Trinity Chapel
Friday Backpacks for Cuba
Steelville Arts Council
Viva Cuba Inc.

DACO Community Foundation

City of Greenfield
Dade County
Dade County Health Department

Dade County Senior Citizens Center

Greenfield R-IV School District

Dallas County Community Foundation

Dallas County Arts Council
Dallas County Economic Development Group
Dallas County Health Department
Dallas County R-I School District
OACAC-Dallas County Neighborhood Center

Dent County Community Foundation

Bonebrake Center of Nature and History
City of Salem

Council for a Healthy Dent County
Dent County Museum

Jadwin Church of Christ

Missouri Cybersecurity Center of Excellence
Ozark Riverways Foundation
Riverways Pregnancy Resource Center
Salem Area Community Betterment Association

Salem Memorial District Hospital Foundation

Salem Public Schools Foundation
Salem R-80 Public Schools

Douglas County Community Foundation

Ava Lions Foundation
Ava R-I School District
Ava United Methodist Church
Skyline School Foundation

Eldon Community Foundation

Eldon Boy Scout Troop 14
Eldon Friends of Music
Eldon R-I School District
First Christian Church of Eldon
Friends of Animals Humane Society

El Dorado Springs Community Foundation

Bright Futures Connections for Success – Joplin
Cedar County Library District
Cedar County Memorial Hospital
El Do Youth Incorporated
United Seniors of El Dorado Springs MO

Fair Grove Area Community Foundation

Fair Grove United Methodist Church

Finley River Community Foundation

Children's Smile Center
Christian County 100 Club
Christian County Museum and Historical Society

Freedom's Rest Family Violence Center

Friends of the Christian County Library
Historic River District
Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation
Ozark Parks Department
Ozark Presbyterian Church
Reasons Rescue Ranch
Sparta R-III School District
Women In Need

Community Foundation of the Hermann Area

Brush and Palette Club
Crusade Against Cancer
Deutschheim Association
Edwin P. and Mary Streck Educational Foundation
Gasconade County Historical Society
Gasconade County R-I School District
Hermann Area District Hospital Foundation
Hermann Fire Company No. 1
Hermann Food Pantry
Hermann Music Boosters
Historic Hermann Inc.
Just Call Me Ray
Showboat Community Theatre

Hickory County Community Wellness Foundation

Hickory County CARES

Houston Community Foundation

Downtown Houston Inc.
Houston Education Foundation
Houston R-1 Education Foundation
Texas County Food Pantry
Texas County Memorial Hospital Healthcare Foundation

Jacks Fork Community Foundation

Friends of the Mountain View Library
Good Samaritan Care Clinic

Joplin Regional Community Foundation

Ascent Recovery Residences
Aspire of Southwest Missouri
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Jasper and Newton Counties Inc.
Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Missouri
Bright Futures Joplin
Building Bridges (United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas)
Carl Junction Educational Foundation
Children's Center of Southwest Missouri
College Heights Christian School
Community Clinic of Southwest Missouri
Community Support Services of Missouri
Connect2Culture
Creative Learning Alliance Inc.
Crosslines Churches of the Joplin Area
Downtown Joplin Alliance
EastTown Dream District
Family Self Help Center Inc dba Lafayette House
First Presbyterian Church of Joplin
Fostering Hope
Frank Childress Reserve Properties Committee
Harry M. Cornell Arts & Entertainment Complex
Higher Power Garage
Hope City Church
Jasper County CASA
Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity
Joplin Family YMCA
Joplin Humane Society
Joplin Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action
Joplin Regional Medical School Alliance
Joplin Schools Foundation
Joplin Workshops Inc.
LifeChoices
Loving Grace

Missouri Southern Foundation
One Joplin (Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation)

Pro Musica
Redings Mill Fire Protection District

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Four States

SHINE Joplin
Solace House of the Ozarks
Southwest Missouri Community Alliance
Southwest Missouri Young Life
Spencer Jones Foundation
St. Paul's United Methodist Church of Joplin
Tri-State Area Contractors Association Inc.
Watered Gardens
Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center
Wildcat Glades Friends Group

Community Foundation of the Lake

Branches for the Lake
Camden County Child Advocacy Council
Can-Am Police Fire Games
Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association
Children's Learning Center
Citizens Against Domestic Violence
Dream Factory of Lake of the Ozarks
Food for Morgan County
Kids Harbor Inc.
Lake Area Big Brothers Big Sisters
Lake Area Industries
Lake Arts Council
Lake of the Ozarks Development Center Inc.
Lake of the Ozarks Idiots Club Inc.
Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition Inc.
Lake Regional Health Center Foundation
Live 2 Give Hope
Local Area Needs Initiative

Securing a Future for Child Advocacy

Jasper County CASA's new endowment lays the foundation of service for years to come

IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS of the CFO's grantmaking, and in the future of charitable giving itself, endowments will be increasingly essential tools for maintaining an organization's financial stability. Endowments are permanent funds that will provide annual income to support an organization. As of 2023, endowments pay out 4% of the fund's principal yearly, which means that an organization with a \$100,000 endowment will have \$4,000 of support each year. Invested for long-term growth, that amount ultimately increases over the years.

Jasper County Court Appointed Special Advocates offers an example of how endowments can be key to an organization's stability. A grant recipient of the CFO's Endowment Match Challenge, the recently established branch of CASA supports abused and neglected children in the Joplin and Carthage area. JasCo CASA began rather inauspiciously as a completely volunteer-run chapter in 2017, but thanks to a motivated board and staff and the support of local organizations and donors, JasCo CASA has become an essential asset for its community.

A successful capital campaign moved them from an obscure, windowless office in downtown Joplin to a much more visible (and well-lit) building on East 20th Street, and a grant from the Philanthropic Society, the Joplin Regional Community Foundation's giving circle (read more about giving circles on page 54) supported its first paid employee. But the organization had concerns about its long-term budgeting.

"A third of our income comes from the state, through the Victims of Crime Act," says Executive Director Debi Koelkebeck. "This funding is very unstable, unreliable. The rest is from donations and fundraisers." They knew they needed to secure more reliable funding.

"We got excited thinking about building an endowment that could eventually fund a big part of our budget, and the Endowment Match Challenge came at just the right time for us," Koelkebeck says. "We thought it could be a



Jasper County CASA, led by Executive Director Debi Koelkebeck, successfully completed the CFO's Endowment Match Challenge to seed its endowment.

PHOTO BY KAITLYN MCCONNELL

good test of the waters for a larger endowment-building project."

Despite fears that fundraising for an endowment would be a tougher ask than a capital campaign with a more visible result, Koelkebeck says it went encouragingly well.

"People jumped in on the endowment! The donors mentioned that they're so glad we're looking to the future and that we're building something that will sustain." By the end of the fundraiser, JasCo CASA had raised about double the \$15,000 it needed to meet the challenge.

Andy Perigo, JasCo CASA's first board president and a



current board member, says the success has inspired the board to make more ambitious plans: “We set a general fundraising goal of \$1 million in the next three years and \$5 million in five years.”

Since 2017, JasCo CASA has worked with more than 450 children who come from abusive or negligent situations and has helped place them in safer homes. Now, with an endowment that can grow and eventually provide a large part of their operational budget, JasCo CASA can continue its vital mission and ensure a brighter future for the most vulnerable members of its community.

—by Matthew Stewart



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Mission: Success

At the Agency Partner Appreciation Luncheon in September, the CFO recognized the recipients of a special Endowment Match Challenge for the CFO’s 50th anniversary. This challenge offered a grant of \$10,000 to participating organizations that could raise \$15,000 over the course of a month this summer. Because all 10 organizations met the goal, more than \$250,000 is now permanently endowed for the perpetual benefit of these agencies:

- Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks
- Cabool Education Foundation
- Cape Girardeau Public Schools Foundation
- Care to Learn
- Christos House Inc.
- Jasper County CASA
- Ozark Greenways
- Springfield Dream Center
- Springfield Sister Cities Association
- Watershed (formerly Watershed Committee of the Ozarks)

See more photos from the luncheon on page 62.

Agency Partners, CONTINUED

Medical Missions for Christ
Missouri Forget-Me-Not Horse
Rescue and Sanctuary
Osage Beach Senior Center Inc.
Red Slipper Warrior Project
Stover Animal Rescue Inc.
Westlake Aquatic Center Inc.
Wonderland Camp

Lockwood Community Foundation

LGL Inc.
Lockwood R-I School District
Lockwood United Methodist
Church
Restore Hope Against Addic-
tion

Marshfield Area Community Foundation

Conway Senior Services
Friends of Hidden Waters Inc.
Marshfield Community Theatre
Niangua Fire Protection Dis-
trict
Niangua TLC
TLC Student Fund
Vivian Stuber Memorial Library

Webster County 100 Club

Webster County Historical
Society
Webster County Victim Assis-
tance Program

Zuzu's House

Meramec Regional Community Foundation

CASA of South Central Mis-
souri
The Community Partnership
Hope Alliance of Missouri
Kaleidoscope Discovery Center
Maries County R-II Archery
Club
Maries County R-II School
District
Meramec Regional Planning
Commission
Osage County R-3 Fatima
Ozark Actors Theatre
Phelps Connections For
Seniors Inc.
Phelps County Animal Welfare
League

Phelps County Extension Council

Phelps County Humane Soci-
ety
Phelps County Public Housing
Agency
The Rolla Mission
Rolla Nutrition Site
Vichy Volunteer Fire Protec-
tion Association
Washington County Commu-
nity Partnership

Monett Area Community Foundation

Barry-Lawrence County Devel-
opment Center Inc.
Child Advocacy Center of the
Ozarks Inc.
City of Monett

Clark Community Mental Health Center

First Baptist Church – Pierce
City
First United Methodist Church
of Monett
Monett Area YMCA
Monett Chamber Foundation
Monett Historical Society
Monett R-I School District
Ozark Festival Orchestra
Pierce City R-VI School District
Southwest Missouri Lutheran
High School
Waymark Church – First Bap-
tist Church

Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation

City of Mountain Grove
Mountain Grove Lions Club
Foundation
Wright County Historical
Society

Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation

First Baptist Church of Mt.
Vernon
Lawrence County Historical
Society Inc.

Neosho Area Community Foundation

Faithful Friends Animal Advo-
cates
Friends of the Neosho Newton
County Library
Neosho Arts Council
Neosho Newton County
Library
Neosho R-5 Charitable Foun-
dation
New-Mac CASA
Teen Challenge International
Neosho MO

Nevada/Vernon County Community Foundation

City of Nevada
Nevada Regional Medical Cen-
ter Foundation
On My Own Inc.

Vernon County

Nixa Community Foundation

Family Through Faith Minis-
tries
Least Of These
Making Hope Fund
Nixa Christian Church
Nixa Downtown Revitalization
Committee
Nixa Education Foundation
Nixa Fire Protection District

Owensville Area Community Foundation

Art Works on Main Gallery
City of Owensville
Gasconade County Fair Foun-
dation
Mid-Missouri Outdoor Dream

Ozark County Community Foundation

Dora R-III School Foundation
First Christian Church of
Gainesville
Gainesville Industrial and
Community Development
Authority
Gainesville R-V School District
Gainesville R-V School Foun-
dation
Ozark County Historium Inc.

Ozark Foothills Regional Community Foundation

Animal Welfare Alliance of
Southeast Missouri
Boys and Girls Club of Poplar
Bluff Inc.
Butler County Community
Resource Council
Butler County Council on
Aging
Cape Arrowhead Inc.
Clearwater R-I School Foun-
dation
Friends of the Poplar Bluff
Public Library
Greenville R-II School Foun-
dation
Haven House Inc.

The Naylor Community Fund Inc.

Ozark Foothills Regional Plan-
ning Commission
Poplar Bluff Kiwanis Club Inc.
Poplar Bluff Museum Associ-
ation
Poplar Bluff Public School
Foundation
Ripley County Caring Commu-
nity Partnership

The Timothy Foundation

United Cancer Assistance
Network
Whole Kids Outreach

Perry County Community Foundation

City of Perryville
Hope Therapeutic Horseman-
ship Center Inc.
Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent
de Paul Parish
Missouri's National Veterans
Memorial

Perry County Historical Society

Perry County Military History
Museum Fund

Republic Community Foundation

People Helping People
Pharm Help
Republic Community Action
Team
TristensHope Foundation

Community Foundation of Rogersville

Dogwood Ranch
Logan-Rogersville Educational
Foundation
Webster County Library

Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation

City of Ste. Genevieve
Foundation for Restoration of
Ste. Genevieve
Ste. Genevieve County Library

Sarcoxie Community Foundation

Sarcoxie R-II School District

Greater Seymour Area Foundation

Fordland Clinic Inc.
Seymour Area Arts Council
Seymour Community Devel-
opment
Webster County Extension
Council

Stockton Community Foundation

Stockton Area Ministerial
Alliance
Stockton Public Schools Foun-
dation
Stockton United Methodist
Church Inc.

Table Rock Lake Community Foundation

City of Reeds Spring
Pregnancy Life Line
Reeds Spring R-IV School Foun-
dation
Shell Knob Senior Center
Tri-Lakes Humane Society

Community Foundation of Taney County

Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks
Bradleyville Education Foun-
dation
Bradleyville R-I School District
Branson Arts Council
Branson Parks Department
Branson R-IV School District
Branson Senior Center

Child Abuse Prevention and Elimination Foundation Inc.
 Christian Action Ministries
 Dignity Now
 Elevate Branson

Faith Community Health Center Inc.

Forsyth Community Presbyterian Church
 Forsyth Library Friends
 Hollister R-V School District
 Hollister Schools Foundation
 Junior Auxiliary of Taney County

My Neighbor's Charitable Pharmacy

National Tiger Sanctuary
 Ozarks Wellness Network
 Ozarks Womens Association

Senior Friendship Site
 Skaggs Foundation
 Taney County 100 Club
 Women's Crisis Center of Taney County

Truman Lake Community Foundation

Clinton Animal Rescue Endeavor
 Clinton Area Arts Council
 Clinton Christian Academy
 Clinton Main Street
 Clinton Scout Center Inc.
 Clinton United Methodist Church
 Education Foundation for Clinton Students Inc.
 First Baptist Church – Clinton

First Baptist Church of Windsor
 Golden Valley Memorial Hospital Foundation Inc.
 Henry County Extension (University of MO Extension Council)
 Henry County Historical Society
 Henry County Library
 Sagrada Scholarship Bible Camp Inc.
 Samaritan Center
 Seeds of Faith Preschool

Community Foundation of West Plains Inc.

37th Judicial CASA
Always a Future for Kids
 Arts on Avenue Inc.

Birthday Blessings
 Boys and Girls Club of the West Plains Area
 Christos House Inc.
 City of West Plains
 Fairview School Foundation Inc.
 Genesis General Baptist
 Glenwood R-VIII School Foundation
 Harlin Museum
 Howell County Sheriff
 Howell County University Extension Council
 Howell Valley School Foundation
 Media Arts Center
 Ozark Independent Living
 Richards R-V School District

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of West Plains
 West Plains Christian Clinic
 West Plains Council on the Arts
 West Plains R-7 Concert Choir
 West Plains R-7 Education Foundation
 Whetstone Boys Ranch

Willard Children's Charitable Foundation

Willard R-II School District

Willow Springs Community Foundation

Willow Springs Arts Council
 Willow Springs R-IV School District

Funds Established at the CFO

The following are charitable funds established during FY23 with the CFO and its 54 regional affiliate foundations by individuals, families and organizations across central and southern Missouri. A full list of funds established at the CFO is available at cfozarks.org/fundslist.

AGENCY PARTNERS

Endowments

Permanent funds managed by the CFO. Provides permanent long-term funding for an organization. Endowments are invested and intended to help sustain an organization for years. The historic contributions to the fund are never spent and remains endowed.

338

TOTAL NUMBER
OF FUNDS

\$39,956,463

TOTAL ASSET VALUE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

AGENCY PARTNERS

Non-endowed Funds

Allows the agency flexibility in distributions. Completely liquid and can be withdrawn by the organization at any time. Often used for capital campaigns or reserves, or to take advantage of improved interest earning over a standard checking account.

1,081

TOTAL NUMBER
OF FUNDS

\$99,978,601

TOTAL ASSET VALUE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

Charitable Annuities

Provides a means for donors to make charitable gifts and receive incomes for themselves or heirs.

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TOTAL NUMBER
OF FUNDS

\$400,592

TOTAL ASSET VALUE
AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

Cara Clare Compton Charitable Remainder Trust: Kent A. Compton and Bernardine C. Compton established this fund to provide for their daughter

and ultimately benefit education and literacy needs, food insecurity, and dental services for low-income and at-risk individuals.

Cristin Allton Compton Charitable Remainder Trust: Kent A. Compton and Bernardine C. Compton established this fund to provide for their

daughter and ultimately benefit education and literacy needs, food insecurity, and dental services for low-income and at-risk individuals.

Designated

Provides a steady income source for a particular nonprofit or program; may have more than one grantee beneficiary if the donor chooses. The CFO's oversight ensures grants go to proper location. Short-term, more project-based funds also are available.

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OF FUNDS

\$55,545,728

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Dr. John Ashley Memorial Scholarship Fund: The family of Dr. John Ashley established this fund to benefit students of the University of Missouri Medical School at the Springfield campus.

Whispering Willows Senior Dog Sanctuary.

Evelyn Marie Dieckhaus Creative Center Fund: Houston Community Foundation established this fund to support the center in the new Houston library. Component of the Houston Community Foundation.

Elizabeth R. Davis Fund: Elizabeth R. Davis established this endowment to benefit the Southwest Missouri Humane Society Inc.

Enloe Family Fund: Kelly and Annette Enloe established this endowment to support National Heights Baptist Church.

Devas Fund: Kristen Williams established this endowment to benefit Rescue One, Haven of the Ozarks, CARE and

James and Teresa Evans Designated Fund: James and Teresa Evans established this fund to support Care to Learn, Moxie Cinema, Friends of the Zoo, Isabel's House, Ozarks Food Harvest, Ozarks Public Television and Springfield Contemporary Theatre.

Alison Quinn Fry Fund: Mary Fry established this endowment to support Developmental Center of the Ozarks with a priority on family needs such as camps, trips and activities.

GAR Union Foot Soldier Monument Fund: Dale Crandall established this fund to restore the GAR Union Foot Soldier Monument, as collaborative effort of the American Legion Post 30, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Camp 66 and the City of Mountain Grove. Component of the Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation.

Raymond and Maureen Hamby Scholarship: Maureen Hamby established this

endowment to support the OTC Foundation scholarships. **Karsh Memorial Fund in Memory of S. Harry Karsh, Rebecca B. Karsh, Morton A. Karsh and Frieda Karsh Fund:** Morton A. Karsh and the Frieda Memorial Trust established this endowment to benefit National Jewish Health, City of Hope, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Las Vegas, Salvation Army/USA Western Territorial Headquarters, Juvenile

Diabetes Foundation and Temple Beth Shalom.

Keep Lockwood Beautiful Fund: The City of Lockwood established this fund to improve the Lockwood Downtown District. Component of the Lockwood Community Foundation

Mary Major Designated Scholarship Fund: Volentz Foundation established this fund to provide scholarships for Steeleville seniors seeking

degrees in the healthcare field. Component of the Crawford County Foundation Inc.

Phil and Mary Rigney Scholarship Fund: Mary L. Rigney established this endowment to support the Bacone College General Scholarship Fund. Component of the Community Foundation of Taney County.

Terry and Amanda Steele Fund: Terry and Amanda Steele established this endowment to support Humane

Society of Southwest Missouri, Student Conservation Association and Convoy of Hope.

Jody Stiers-Herbst Designated Memorial Scholarship Fund: Wanda Ruediger established this endowment to support educational scholarships of Gasconade County R-I School District. Component of the Community Foundation of the Hermann Area.

Carol A. Taylor Endowed Charitable Fund: Dr. Carol

Taylor established this endowment to support Evangel University and several charities.

Denny Wayne Scholarship Fund: Conrad Griggs established this fund in memory of Denny Wayne, a long-time city council member and civil rights activist in Springfield, and to support Missouri State University and Missouri State University Foundation through scholarships for Central High School students.

Brian and Gabrielle White Charitable Fund: Brian and Gabrielle White established this endowment to benefit Phelps Grove Park of Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

Yeakley Cemetery Fund: Yeakley Cemetery Association established this fund for historic preservation and public beautification.

DONOR-ADVISED

Corporate Grantmaking

Donor-advised option tailored for businesses that wish to streamline their charitable giving.



S & H Schnelle Family Foundation: Eric H. Schnelle established this fund to support the charitable giving of S & H Farm Supply Inc. Component fund of the Lockwood Community Foundation.

DONOR-ADVISED

Endowments

One charitable deduction for the year or many years. CFO staff handles distributions of grant and serves as liaison between donors and grantees. May name successor advisors or convert fund to another type upon death. Good alternative to a private foundation.



Harold, Velma and Ron Maples Fund: Matt Maples and Sally Campbell established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Aurora Area Community Foundation.

Funds Established at the CFO, CONTINUED

DONOR-ADVISED

Non-endowed Funds

Recommended for donors that need maximum flexibility. Requires a minimum balance of \$2,500 before grants can be distributed. May be spent down to a zero balance through grantmaking.

The AKD Fund: Diane Lipscomb established this fund to support a variety of nonprofits.

Alex's Assist Fund: Ashley and Adam Finley established this fund to support youth sports needs in memory of their son. Component of the Nixa Community Foundation.

Andrews Giving Fund: John and Rachel Andrews established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

Barton County Youth, Civic and Religious Organization Support Fund: Danny and Jewell Little established this fund to support youth, civic and religious organizations that serve Barton County. Component of the Barton County Community Foundation.

Beadle Family Fund: Holly and Bill Beadle established this fund to support a variety of charitable causes.

Blue Flower Fund: Philip and Jennifer Rothschild established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Brewer Donor Advised Fund: The T&T Foundation established this fund to provide grants to nonprofit organizations in the Perry County area. Component of the Perry County Community Foundation.

Raymond and Bernice Brysch Family Fund: Regina Bowsher established this fund to support various qualified, charitable organizations. Component of the Monett Area Community Foundation.

Mike and Cathy Bunton Charitable Fund: Michael and Cathy Bunton established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Barton County Community Foundation.

Emily Carter and Jim Barnett III Family Fund: Jim Barnett III and Emily Carter established this fund to support their charitable giving, with a focus on organizations in Crawford County and the surrounding areas. Component of Crawford County Foundation Inc.

Darren and Heather Collier Family Fund: Darren and Heather Collier established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Carthage Community Foundation.

Deruyter's Schenken Fund: Rebecca Deruyter established this fund to support her charitable giving. Component of the Monett Area Community Foundation.

Jeremy and Tiffany Drinkwitz Family Fund: Jeremy and Tiffany Drinkwitz established this fund to support various nonprofit organizations. Component of Joplin Regional Community Foundation

Betsy K. and David B. Flanigan Fund: Col. David B. Flanigan and Betsy K. Flanigan established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Carthage Community Foundation.

Fogle Sunshine Fund: Andrew G. Fogle, Elizabeth A. Fogle and Ellen G. Fogle

established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Hagale Family Charitable Foundation: James A. and Mary Martha Hagale established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Havel Fund for Local and International Charities: John E. Havel established this fund to support his charitable giving.

Wes and Jan Houser Family Fund: Wesley and Jan Houser established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Kallmeyer Family Fund: Dustin Kallmeyer, Danielle Conley and Linda Kallmeyer established this fund to support community needs. Component of the Community Foundation of the Hermann Area.

Kinne Family Fund: Gordon and Laura Kinne established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Douglas and Cynthia Lawson Charitable Fund:

Douglas and Cynthia Lawson established this fund to support various nonprofits. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Terry and Trudy Lee Donor Advised Fund: Terry and Trudy Lee established this fund to support their charitable interests. Component of the Cape Area Community Foundation.

Leon Family Fund: Luis and Cassi Leon established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Lile Family Foundation:

James Lile established this fund to support his charitable giving.

Quincy London Memorial

Fund: The family of Quincy London established this fund to support causes that were important to him and his family. Component of the Aurora Area Community Foundation.

M4M Fund: Roger Wasson established this fund to support his charitable giving.

Marion Family Foundation

Fund: Cary Marion and Veronica Marion established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Dallas Martin Memorial

Fund: Cindy and Russell Martin established this fund in memory of Dallas Martin and to support the family's charitable giving. Component of the Community Foundation of the Lake.

Abram and Viola McGull

Foundation: Abram McGull II established this fund to support charitable giving, with a focus on the growth of a diverse legal profession, minority-owned organizations and businesses, and inclusive media.

Moon Family Fund: Donna Lee Moon established this fund for her charitable giving, with a focus on public education, workforce development and support for individuals with diabetes. Component of the Community Foundation of Taney County.

\$73,030,444

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TOTAL NUMBER
OF FUNDS

Kim and June Moore Family

Fund: Kim and June Moore established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Perry County Community Foundation.

New Life Branson Fund: An anonymous donor established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Dr. Robert L. Norton Family

Fund: Andrea McKinney and Nicole Devlin established this fund in memory of Dr. Robert L. Norton and to support charitable giving.

Carol and Brad Oliver

Family Fund: Carol and Brad Oliver established this fund to support their charitable giving, specifically educational and health organizations.

Pace Family Fund: Elizabeth Mitchell Pace established this fund to support her charitable giving. Component of the Bolivar Area Community Foundation.

The Pearl Fund: Ashley and Justin Fleming established this fund to support their charitable giving.

PecanGap Foundation: Lou Thelen Kemp established this fund to support charitable organizations.

Andy and Courtney Peebles

Family Fund: Andrew and Courtney Peebles established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Craig and Vivian Pendergrass Charitable Fund:

Dr. Craig Pendergrass and Vivian Pendergrass established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component fund of

the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Peter Ramsour Family Fund: Peter and Mary Susan Ramsour established this fund to support their family’s charitable giving. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Officer Jake Reed Memorial Fund: Robert G. Reed and Melissa L. Reed established this fund to support their charitable giving, with a particular interest in providing resources and support to families of first responders killed or severely injured in the line of duty. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Revving It Up for Awareness Fund: Heather Bond established this fund to support her charitable giving.

Component of the Community Foundation of Rogersville.

Richards Family Generosity Fund: Troy and Jenny Richards established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Catrina Runyan Scholarship Fund: Rita and Sonny Runyan established this fund in memory of their daughter and to support their charitable giving with a focus on education. Component of the Eldon Community Foundation.

Eric and Mary Schnelle Foundation: Eric H. Schnelle and Mary E. Schnelle established this fund to support their personal charitable giving. Component fund of the Lockwood Community Foundation.

Millie and Eric Schuchmann Family Fund: Millie and Eric

Schuchmann established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Sexton-Lonardo Family Fund: Michele D. Sexton, Matthew D. Lonardo and Deandra R. Sexton established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Jim and Nancy Shaddy Fund: Nancy Shaddy established this fund to support her charitable giving.

Silva Family Fund: Ashley and Jordan Silva established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Gail and Clif Smart Charitable Fund: Gail and Clif Smart established this fund to their charitable giving.

Strickland Family Fund: Jeffrey and Tracey Strickland established this fund to

support charitable organizations. Component of the Dallas County Community Foundation.

Sunny Day Fund: Aaron Scott and Hayley Budd established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Tempus Fugit Fund: Scott Cragin established this fund to support his charitable giving. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Tiedt Family Fund: Barbara Tiedt established this fund to support her charitable giving.

Trinca Family Fund: Dr. Peter and Heather Trinca established this fund to support their charitable giving.

Republic Turner Family Charitable Fund: William V. Turner and Julie Brown established this fund to support charitable giving to and

through the Republic Community Foundation. Component of the RCF.

Walker Family Fund: D. Robin Walker and Tammie Phillips Walker established this fund to support their charitable giving. Component of the Monett Area Community Foundation.

Dr. Thomas R. Whitty Memorial Fund: Susan Whitty and family established this fund in memory of husband and father, Dr. Thomas R. Whitty.

Kevin Wilson Memorial Fund: Kay Wilson established this fund to support non-profits important to the Wilson family. Component of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

Field-of-Interest

Gives CFO flexibility to address future needs while still remaining in the donors’ area of interest; e.g., all grants must address educational needs, senior services or the environment.

Raymond and Maureen Hamby Fund: Maureen Hamby established this fund to support agencies in Springfield that assist abused women

and children, and provide veterans services including homelessness support and Honor Flight.

JDH Field of Interest Fund: The trust of an anonymous donor established this fund to assist the homeless population in Springfield.



Collaborative Philanthropy for a New Generation

The Generosity Collective offers a high-impact opportunity for Springfield's emerging leaders

IN THE LATE AFTERNOON OF Oct. 17, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks hosted an event that marked the birth of the Generosity Collective, a new giving circle for Springfield. Amid the crowd gathered at the Barley House at Moon Town Crossing, Winter Kinne, incoming president and CEO of the CFO, and Emily Kembell, a CFO board member, introduced the Generosity Collective as “the next generation of givers and thinkers.”

Springfield resident and business owner Aaron Schekorra spoke for many in the room when he stated that he was there “to be part of something larger than myself and to have a greater impact on the local community.” If the success of other regional giving circles is an indication, Schekorra and like-minded residents can make quite a difference through the Generosity Collective.

Giving circles, though not a novel concept, have been gaining momentum among younger donors seeking inclusive and democratic ways to engage in charitable work. The Generosity Collective exemplifies the concept: Groups of individuals come together, pool their donations in a fund at the CFO and collectively determine their grant recipients. This approach empowers participants to play an active role in confronting pressing local issues, giving them

a direct say in how their financial contributions are distributed. The collaborative approach not only enhances the effectiveness of the work, but also facilitates the exchange of ideas, expertise and a more comprehensive understanding of the issues the circle aims to address.

The Joplin Philanthropic Society, or the Phil, offers an example of the impact that giving circles can have. The Phil has granted about \$800,000 to nonprofits serving Joplin, Webb City and Carl Junction since its inception in 2018 by the Joplin Regional Community Foundation. The circle comprises 100 members who donate at least \$2,500 in annual dues to the Phil's fund. Earlier this year, the



Potential members of the Generosity Collective, a new giving circle in Springfield, gathered in October to learn about the new opportunity for collaborative grantmaking.

PHOTO BY AARON SCOTT



PROVIDED BY NVCCF

In August, the NVCCF Phil presented its first grants totaling of \$30,000 to three agencies serving Nevada and Vernon County.

Expanding Circles

While the CFO and its affiliates hold nearly 60 funds for giving circles, it has been only recently that CFO affiliates have been establishing and managing their own giving circles. Inspired by the success of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation’s Philanthropic Society, affiliates have started these giving circles in the past year:

- Benton County Philanthropic Society (Benton County Community Foundation)
- Carthage 365 (Carthage Community Foundation)
- Hometown Partners (Aurora Area Community Foundation)
- NVCCF Phil (Nevada/Vernon County Community Foundation)
- The Phil and Friends (Monett Area Community Foundation)
- RepMo Philanthropic Society (Republic Community Foundation)

Phil distributed \$175,000 to three organizations in the Joplin area.

“This is an exciting way to engage the next generation of donors,” Kembell says. “Giving circles, such as the Generosity Collective, provide impactful giving by grouping smaller gifts into larger ones.” Like Joplin’s Phil, the Generosity Collective is aiming to acquire 100 members in its first year. It plans to begin making grants in late 2024.

With its potential for inclusivity, collaboration and adaptability, the Generosity Collective is poised to leave a mark on the philanthropic landscape of Springfield.

—by Matthew Stewart

Funds Established at the CFO, CONTINUED

Fiscal Sponsorships

Extends the CFO's nonprofit designation to community projects and newly formed agencies seeking nonprofit status, allowing for charitable gifts and distributions.

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 TOTAL NUMBER
OF FUNDS

\$2,299,249

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ELF Fund: Dana Gray & Leslie Bertolino established this fund to support Eagles Landing Feeding Fordland Families program.

Friends of Springfield Fire Fund: Friends of Springfield Fire established this fund to support the work of the Springfield Fire Department.

Hermann Pickleballers Fund: Dan Niederhelm and Judy LeBrell established this fund to support the City of Hermann Pickleball Courts. Component of the Community Foundation of the Hermann Area.

Perry County Imagination Library Fund: Glenda Gremond, Angie Brewer and Chris Wibbenmeyer established this fund to support the Dollywood Foundation Imagination Library in Perry County. Component of the Perry County Community Foundation.

Phelps County Community Foundation Administrative Fund: Richard Cavender and Marla Stevenson established this fund to support a red flag report for the area. Component of the Meramec Regional Community Foundation.

RDBA Historic Foundation Plaza Fund: Rolla Downtown Business Association established this fund to support construction of a new community fountain and plaza with historic tribute panel displays. Component of the Meramec Regional Community Foundation.

RestoreSpiva LLC Fund: Dr. E. Scott Cragin and Ms. Gay Cragin Currence established this fund to support the renovation of Spiva Park in Joplin. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

The Rex Rust Dance of Life Project Fund: Sherry M. Rust and Stephen Daiker established this fund to support the creation of the Dance of Life sculpture. Component of the Cape Area Community Foundation.

SGF Honors Roy Blunt Fund: Ken McClure established this fund to raise money to recognize Senator Roy Blunt's work.

Tee 1 D Foundation: Andy and Trey Watson established this fund to support people affected by diabetes.

Vernon County Farmers Market Fund: Kelly Ast and Deb Benner established this fund to support projects of the farmers market. Component of the Nevada/Vernon County Community Foundation.

YBees Fund: Dan Chiles and Mark McNay established this fund to support projects of YMCA Camp Wakonda.

Giving Circles

Allows groups of like-minded individuals to come together to support charitable organizations. CFO staff handles grant distribution. Requires \$2,500 to make grants.

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 TOTAL NUMBER
OF FUNDS

\$1,019,563

 TOTAL ASSET VALUE
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Benton County Philanthropic Society Fund: The Benton County Community Foundation established this fund to support nonprofit organizations in Benton County. Component of the BCCF.

Carlin Team Fund: Jennifer Hocker established this fund to support charities in the community. Component of the Joplin Regional Community Foundation.

Carthage 365 Fund: The Carthage Community Foundation established this fund to support qualified charitable entities. Component of the CCF.

Carthage Rotary Club Charitable Fund: Carthage Rotary Club established this endowment to benefit the Carthage community. Component of the Carthage Community Foundation.

German American Club Fund: The German American Club established this fund to support nonprofits. Component of the Community Foundation of the Hermann Area.

Humansville School Foundation Fund: Kenneth Murray and Mike Spowls established this fund to support charitable giving to the community and to Humansville School. Component of the Bolivar Area Community Foundation.

LOTO Relief Fund: Dawn Busick, Rebecca Jennings and Barbara Bunch established this fund to support relief efforts. Component of the Community Foundation of the Lake.

Phelps County Community Foundation Grantmaking Fund: Richard Cavender, Marla Stevenson and Bonnie Prigge established this fund to support nonprofit organizations in Phelps County. Component of the Meramec Regional Community Foundation.

The Phil and Friends Fund: The Monett Area Community Foundation established this fund to support the needs of the Monett area. Component of the MACF.

RepMo Philanthropic Society Fund: The Republic Community Foundation established this fund to support the community of Republic. Component of the RCF.

Scholarships

Assists students with higher-education costs. CFO staff handles all the paperwork and administrative functions in accordance with the IRS. Donors help shape criteria. Minimum to establish is \$25,000.

480 <small>TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS</small>	\$51,846,814 <small>TOTAL ASSET VALUE AS OF JUNE 30, 2023</small>
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Walter “Shorty” Acker Memorial Scholarship Fund:

The Windsor High School Master Scholarship Endowment Fund Inc. established this fund funds to support students of Windsor High School. Component of Truman Lake Community Foundation.

Jerald L. Andrews Missouri Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund:

The Missouri Sports Hall of Fame established this fund to provide financial assistance to a graduating student-athlete from a Missouri high school.

Matt Bushey Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Amy Bushey established this fund to provide financial assistance to teachers within the Polk County League who are seeking a graduate-level degree. Component of the DACO Community Foundation.

Jack Gold Memorial Scholarship:

The Windsor High School Master Scholarship Endowment Fund Inc. established this fund funds to support students of Windsor High School. Component of Truman Lake Community Foundation.

Ruby Ayla Griffin Scholarship Fund:

Nichole McMillan, Mike Rozell and Renee Rozell established this fund to support scholarships for seniors graduating from Wheatland and Dadeville High Schools. Component of the Bolivar Area Community Foundation.

Tom Kellogg Scholarship Fund:

Ava R-I School District established this endowment to support graduating seniors from Ava High School. Component of the Douglas County Community Foundation.

Kennett Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund:

Rob McFadden and Bob Davis established this fund to support a graduating senior from Kennett High School.

James M. Payne and Frances A. Payne Scholarship Fund:

Anonymous donors established this fund to provide scholarships to graduating seniors from Conway High School. Component of the Marshfield Area Community Foundation.

Jack Michael Thach Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Aurora Houn Dawg Football Alumni established this endowment to benefit Aurora High School graduates. Component of the Aurora Area Community Foundation.

Unrestricted

Provides greatest flexibility to address future needs. Generally used for competitive grant processes with applications that are reviewed by volunteer committees.

278 <small>TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDS</small>	\$38,484,125 <small>TOTAL ASSET VALUE AS OF JUNE 30, 2023</small>
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Patty Brooks Fund: The estate of Patricia A. Brooks established this fund to support the Community Foundation of the Ozarks’ grantmaking.

FRCF Partnership Fund: The Finley River Community Foundation established this fund to receive gifts for their annual partnership campaign and to support FRCF’s administration and grantmaking. Component of the FRCF.

A Hand Up Fund: The estate of Judith Ann Irwin established this endowment to support the Community Foundation of the Ozarks’ grantmaking for Springfield-Greene County.

James and Dona Key Fund: James and Dona Key established this fund to support the grantmaking and work of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.

Danny and Jewell Little Grantmaking Fund: Danny and Jewell Little established this fund to support the Barton County Community Foundation’s community grantmaking. Component of the Barton County Community Foundation.

Al and Donna Moon Unrestricted Fund: Al and Donna Moon established this endowment to support grantmaking in Taney County. Component of the Community Foundation of Taney County.

In Memoriam

We honor those who served in leadership roles for the CFO or in their communities, along with members of the Legacy Society, with appreciation for their shared commitment to place-based philanthropy.

Dr. John T. Ashley

JAN. 5, 1942–JAN. 9, 2023

As one of 10 kids in an energetic Springfield family, Dr. Ashley, a U.S. Marine veteran, became the first person in the nation to receive his medical and MBA degrees on the same day at the University of Missouri. Specializing in preventative medicine and public health, he led hospitals and public health systems in Missouri, Idaho, Louisiana, North Carolina and Virginia. His family established the Dr. John Ashley Scholarship Fund to benefit students at the MU Medical School's Springfield campus.

Margie King Berry

APRIL 7, 1944–FEB. 26, 2023

Mrs. Berry helped found the Forsyth Community Foundation, now the Community Foundation of Taney County; she also served on the CFO's Board of Directors. Bringing energy, humor and enthusiasm to her roles, she served many other organizations in the Forsyth area. Based on her passion for youth and the work of the Boys & Girls Club, the James and Margie Berry King Fund for Taney County Youth supported those services.

Dr. John D. Bentley

OCT. 28, 1934–MARCH 10, 2023

Dr. John, as he was affectionately known, received the CFO's Humanitarian Award in 2002 for his passion for improving access to medical care, including serving as medical director of the Kitchen Clinic and pushing to establish Springfield's first federally qualified health center, Jordan Valley Community Health Center. A Navy aviator and recipient of many other honors, his most cherished moments were doting on his large family with his wife and fellow Humanitarian, Roseann.

Newton Clyde Brill Jr.

MARCH 10, 1936–OCT. 2, 2023

A career-long commitment to what is now known as Ozarks Healthcare Foundation led Newt Brill to establish an endowed fund to support these services for the West Plains area, where he spent much of his life outside of his University of Missouri education and service in the U.S. Marine Corps. His civic activities extended to numerous civic and educational boards and First Baptist Church where he was a lifelong member.

Donna Childress

AUG. 20, 1942–SEPT. 23, 2023

Donna and her husband, Gary, left a legacy through the Greater Seymour Area Foundation with a "forever fund," the Gary & Donna Childress Seymour Library Endowment Fund. The gift intends to support the library in acquiring, supplementing and maintaining its permanent collections and programs. Donna and Gary were partners in business, as well as life, with a retail store that sold leather goods in the Kansas City area.

Rick Flores

AUG. 29, 1980–JUNE 6, 2023

A financial advisor through StrongPath Financial, Flores was a member of the CFO's Professional Advisors Council. With the support of his wife, Christa, and three kids, Flores also served as a cub master and scout master for Boy Scouts of America where his family directed memorial contributions.

John Harlin

JAN. 8, 1937–MARCH 15, 2023

An icon in the Ozark County seat of Gainesville, Harlin was a self-described "country banker" as president of Century Bank of the Ozarks. His broad community involvement ranged from civic boards to participating in the annual Hootin an Hollarin festival and parade. Early supporters of the Ozark County Community Foundation, John and his wife, Linda, succeeded by son Chris, established a family foundation fund to support their interests.

Jack Hood

OCT. 9, 1933–OCT. 12, 2023

One doesn't have to look very far around Springfield to see the many projects that Jack Hood designed as an architect and founding partner of Hood-Rich, Inc. The Hammons Tower, for one, where the CFO's first office was located ... before the CFO moved into its own building designed by Hood's daughter, Jana, whose husband, Gary, served as the CFO's second president. Jack and his wife, Fran, established a donor-advised fund to support the family's charitable interests.

Melissa Howard

NOV. 27, 1955–OCT. 17, 2023

Her love of teaching led Melissa to a career in northwest Missouri before she and her husband, Randy, moved to Aurora and became active church and community members, including Randy's service as president of the Aurora Area Community Foundation. The Melissa Howard Pate School Support Fund carries on her desire to help kids by supporting school supplies for elementary teachers and students.

Ruth Martin

SEPT. 12, 1932–JAN. 17, 2023

As secretary-treasurer of the E.A. Martin Company, Ruth Martin also served as administrator for the family foundation by making grants to better the community where they lived and worked in commercial real estate. In addition to her and Don's deep faith and love of travel, Ruth's interests ranged from playing the organ and attending the Springfield Symphony as a guild member to Cardinals baseball and Missouri State Bears basketball.

Dayton Mackey

MARCH 22, 1932–AUG. 24, 2023

Synonymous with Monett's civic life throughout his 91 years, Dayton Mackey's influence was reflected in his long banking career, service for civic organizations, the sports league, church cemetery, American Legion, Shriners and elected office. His service in the Missouri National Guard led him to establish a chapter of the JROTC. He and his wife, Pearl, practiced their philanthropy quietly, but their beloved community has been, and will be, enriched by their charitable giving for many years to come.

N.L. "Mac" McCartney

OCT. 12, 1923–NOV. 18, 2022

A former Mayor of Springfield and proud U.S. Army veteran with three Purple Hearts and French and Greek Legions of Honor among his many recognitions, "Mac" spent more than 50 years as a businessman and leader for many civic organizations. He and his wife, Helen, married for 65 years before she pre-deceased him, established The McCartney Fund as a designated fund to support cancer and heart research.

Ovia McGinnis

NOV. 25, 1933–JAN. 11, 2023

The matriarch of the McGinnis family, Ovia also worked with her husband of 72 years, Leroy, at their family business, McGinnis Wood Products, in the central Missouri city of Cuba. The family chose to give back to the community through the McGinnis Family Foundation, established through the Crawford County Foundation, which supports their faith, community groups and activities.

Carolyn Phelps

JAN. 24, 1939–MARCH 25, 2023

John O. Phelps

FEB. 28, 1938–NOV. 20, 2022

Carolyn and John were married for 62 years before they died just a few months apart. Stalwarts of the Carthage community, they supported historic preservation of the Jasper County seat where their family's roots run deep. Through their donor-advised fund under the Carthage Community Foundation, they supported their church, Missouri Southern State University and a number of civic organizations.

Dr. Lewis Rauch

DEC. 28, 1948–NOV. 18, 2022

A graduate of Billings High School, Lew's story came full circle when he and his wife, Carol, established a scholarship fund for Billings students to pursue vocational training. It's that type of training that led Rauch from the family farm to the Missouri National Guard and eventually to a career in compliance services for federal and state agencies and manufacturing and environmental companies. They also opened designated funds to support Billings' parks, library, fire department and museum.

John Schmidt

AUG. 28, 1947–APRIL 25, 2023

An attorney and founding partner of the Springfield firm, Schmidt, Kirby & Sullivan, John supported the CFO as a member of the Professional Advisors Council whose work in estate planning helped clients plan their charitable legacies. A U.S. Army veteran, he graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law and loved the MU Tigers, St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues. His son, Matt, also a member of the PAC, carries on John's name in the firm.

Gene Summers

MARCH 8, 1941–OCT. 29, 2023

Gene and Patsy Summers have been familiar faces at the CFO's educational and social events for many years of involvement as donors and establishers of a family foundation to support their charitable interests. They also established the Super Star Scholarship Fund for Parkview High School students. They were devoted to Drury University, lifelong learning, travel, their family and mostly to each other.

Jeanne Toombs

SEPT. 26, 1927–DEC. 26, 2022

Jeanne's giving spirit manifested in her long volunteer service for her church guild, the Junior League of Springfield and the Next-to-New shop. She and her late husband, Dave, together supported a number of community and educational groups during their 60 years of marriage. They established a family foundation that supports work to end food insecurity.

Pat Walker

AUG. 24, 1932–MARCH 6, 2023

The 2006 Humanitarian was honored for her lifelong commitment to community improvement. That includes starting the Visiting Nurse Association, the local Meals on Wheels chapter and Springfield's first hospice program. She also was instrumental in the CFO's early growth, along with serving on dozens of non-profit boards. Walker helped create Founders Park, located near the CFO where Springfield was settled.

Sharon Whitehill

JAN. 31, 1956–OCT. 4, 2023

Sharon is synonymous with Nixa's growth and success, having served as Mayor and later president of the Chamber of Commerce, along with a multitude of other civic roles. She served as president and a board member of the Nixa Community Foundation for most of its history as the CFO's first affiliate foundation established in 1993. Her charitable legacy will honor causes close to her children.

Ronald Wingo

APRIL 10, 1950–FEB. 4, 2023

A Springfield native and Central High School graduate, Ron was passionate about his insurance business, but even more for the love of baseball he developed in childhood and went on to share with his two children. Ron and his wife, Alice, the CFO's vice president of affiliates, established the Oakwood Legacy Fund, with which their family jointly decides the causes they want to support.

Marilyn Wright

OCT. 6, 1927–FEB. 1, 2023

While she spent her professional career in the insurance industry, Marilyn's passions extended to her deep faith and a talent for knitting that led her to volunteer for Newborns in Need, knitting many blankets for babies of families facing hardships. She also was a proud member of the P.E.O. sisterhood. Marilyn and her late husband, William, established a donor-advised fund to support their broad range of charitable interests.

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Parting Shots



The CFO finished out our 50th year with a variety of events celebrating our agency partners, our Legacy Society members and the empowerment of an upcoming generation of philanthropically minded young people.

- ◀ At the **Agency Partner Appreciation Luncheon** in September, C.J. Huff, who served as superintendent of Joplin Schools during its recovery from the 2011 tornado, recounted his experience in disaster-recovery leadership: “In all our lives, there are significant challenges we have to overcome; when we think about the work in rebuilding, we must rebuild stronger, with an intentional rhythm of recovery.”
- ▼ The event culminated with a special honor for outgoing President and CEO Brian Fogle ahead of his retirement, with nonprofit leaders sporting his signature accessory, the bowtie. From left: Brandi VanAntwerp, FosterAdopt Connect; Shelby Butler, empower: abilities; Danielle Wise, Ozarks Regional YMCA; Shannon Porter, empower: abilities; Leslie Manor, Arc of the Ozarks; and Jaydin Lee, Arc of the Ozarks.



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◀ Jaylen Smith, mayor of Earle, Arkansas, and the youngest Black person elected to the office of mayor in the country, spoke to a group of students from several local high schools and colleges at the **Youth Empowerment Project Conference** in October. “It’s possible for anything to happen in your smaller community — it just takes a visionary leader to see it,” said Mayor Smith in the keynote address.

▶ Attendees also heard from a panel discussing how to advocate for philanthropy in their communities. From left: Kim McCully-Mobley, Aurora High School; Daniel Ogunyemi, formerly of Ozarks Technical Community College; Brandy Harris, Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield; and Brandon Jenson, Springfield City Council.



◀ In November, we celebrated our **Legacy Society** at the Moxie Cinema in downtown Springfield. Attendees were treated to an exclusive screening of the coming-of-age classic “American Graffiti” — released originally in 1973, the same year of the CFO’s founding — complete with a vintage Ford Thunderbird and diner-themed snacks.

▶ Randy Russell, Board Chair Emeritus Laurie Edmondson and her husband Ben were among the Legacy Society members who joined in the fun.



Toward a Century ...

While reflecting on the last 50 years, Brian Fogle considers the CFO's ongoing role in promoting place-based philanthropy

I FIRST MET JAN HORTON in the mid-1980s as we served on a nonprofit board together, and a friendship formed. A few years after that, I heard she had gone to work for something called a “community foundation.” I had not really heard of such a thing, and wondered why she did that? A few years later, I was at a luncheon hosted by the community foundation ... invited by Jan. They had a keynote speaker from a community foundation in Michigan, and I remember him saying they held more than \$10 million in assets. “Jan,” I remember asking, “Do you think we can ever be that big here?” The other thing I remember was the announcement of Nixa as the first affiliate. That event would have been 30 years ago.

Since that time, we have continued to grow, prosper and pursue our mission of enhancing the quality of life of all people in our region. That region now includes 62 Missouri counties with 54 affiliate foundations, about 700 nonprofit partners and a peak of more than \$430 million in charitable assets in 3,600 funds. I'm not sure any of us in that room in 1993 could have fathomed that. We are truly standing on the shoulders of those prior board members who made the decisions and provided the building blocks for this growth.

One of those prescient decisions in 1993 was to create the first affiliate, but not create a separate one for Springfield. I think that decision has guided us that we are all one foundation ... not urban versus rural, not southwest versus southeast, but together as one. We serve our entire region and reflect the diversity of people within it. In short, we are place-based, rooted in the southern half of Missouri. That has been a strength.

Thanks to our broad geography, we've also been well positioned over this past year to help lead a movement toward a more cohesive regional vision that draws on shared economic, cultural, recreational and other attributes — a model that proven successful in other areas of



the country including nearby northwest Arkansas. In a parallel initiative, the CFO has supported development of a rural anchor organization to foster rural places by focusing on specific areas including broadband access, workforce development and housing. My experience working across such a large region has shown me, as we say in Missouri, that we will succeed by uniting for mutual benefit without sacrificing the special characteristics that define our places.

I have had the distinct privilege of being only the third president and chief executive officer of the Community

Foundation of the Ozarks, following Jan and Dr. Gary Funk, who reached out to me back in 2007 with that crazy idea of me — a banker — to come over to CFO. As I've shared with him many times, I am grateful he saw something in me I didn't see in myself. Although I loved being a banker, I have cherished my role at the CFO for these past 15 years. The success we've seen over that time has been the direct result of an incredibly talented and passionate staff, strong volunteer leadership in our boards and committees, generous and committed donors, and our nonprofit partners who do the direct work of enhancing the quality of life.

As we wrap up our 50th anniversary here for the CFO, I cannot help but fondly reflect on those many champions of our region that set the course for this journey. I also look toward the future with much hope and promise, and unlike 1993 will no longer ask: “Do you think we can ever...” What the CFO will do for the next half-century, and the century after that, will no doubt amaze those who reflect on that moment in time, too. Our time horizon is perpetuity, and as a colleague of mine once said, “that's a long time.”

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Brian Fogle".

—BRIAN FOGLE
OUTGOING PRESIDENT & CEO



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