



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

2023 Highlights include:

\$56,000 in grants supporting 21 local nonprofits specific causes including wellness programs, veteran's programs, food banks, child advocacy organizations, individuals with disabilities, low-income families and children, arts programs and more

\$35,000 granted to area animal shelters for additional protected shelters, veterinary services and spay/neutering services

\$30,000 earned from assisting with other community projects

\$68,000 raised at the annual Champagne Campaign to support our annual grant round

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of the LAKE



Connecting Passion With Purpose

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us... This is where our love for each other must start."

– Mother Teresa

All I can say is "Boy, the people of the Lake of the Ozarks certainly got the memo on this one from Mother Teresa!" It is astounding how this community gives to those in need around them and shows their love in a big way from volunteering, to donating, to establishing endowments. As CFL moves into our 16th year having granted over \$662,577 to over 70 nonprofits in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties it becomes abundantly clear how giving the area we call home is. My father started coming to the Lake in 1955 and we made numerous trips to the Lake while I was growing up. I always said I was going to retire here, and I often joke that I made my red-headed, fair-skinned, can't swim and gets motion sick on a boat husband retire here with me. But I think he would agree that it was the right decision based on the amazing philanthropic endeavors and sense of community. We love the Lake, and we love each and every one of you who are so giving to those close to us.

- Stacy Pyrtle, President

THE FIVE PERCENT SOLUTION

At an annual CFO workshop, I heard about a very exciting idea. It is called Neighbors Helping Neighbors: The 5% Solution

For generations, people lived their entire lives close to their birthplace. Camden, Miller and Morgan County wealth passed from generation to generation but stayed local in our county. Today, many of the next generation no longer live in our county, and once wealth leaves our community, it may never return.

The largest transfer of wealth in history from one generation to the next is about to take place. \$1.9 billion is expected to transfer between generations in Camden, Miller and Morgan County in the next 10 years... \$22.1 billion over the next 50 years.

If we captured just 5% of that (keep it from leaving our community when it passes to the next generation), that could generate \$96.3 million for our community in just the next 10 years... a total of \$1.1 billion over the next 50 years.

CFL encourages community members to take care of their heirs (and Uncle Sam too), and then leave 5% of their estate to the Lake of the Ozarks. Doing so establishes a permanent legacy for the giver (or whomever he/she wishes to honor), provides long-term support for charities close to the giver's heart, and helps create a stronger community for future generations.

By becoming a legacy donor to the CFL's endowment fund, the donor can rest assured that his/her donation will be used in a very special way. The money donated stays with the CFL in the endowment fund, and only the interest accrued each year will be available to give back to our local 501c3 charities. In perpetuity!! It is not hard to imagine that if enough people work together on this project and we easily accumulate one million in assets in the endowment fund, that will create about \$50,000 annually to address community needs. And that does not even begin to capture 5% of the 1.9 billion expected to transfer from generations in the next 10 years in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties. Just imagine what that could mean for our hospital, schools and charitable organizations!

I became a legacy donor a few years ago by simply changing the TOD on a Roth IRA and filling out a form for CFL. Will the kids miss that money? My answer is no, they will inherit quite a bit and I can still leave something to my community that I love. So, I encourage you that the next time you update your will and trust, you consider the CFL endowment fund. You can rest assured that the money will stay local, that it will be used to help strengthen our community.

- Jane Wright, CFL past president, 2022-2023

Champagne Campaign ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



The community definitely helped us “Make the Magic Happen” at this year’s annual Champagne Campaign held at Shawnee Bluff Vineyard on September 30th with Rick Ball serving as the Honorary Chair by helping us raise over \$68,000.00 for our annual grant round. The record crowd of over 200 attendees again dined on a delicious meal provided by Chris “Pappo” and Melissa Galloway of Pappo’s Pizzeria & Pub and Mama Cita’s Mexican Cantina respectively. The Galloway’s are always so gracious to provide a delectable assortment of menu items as well as their amazing brown butter chocolate chip cookies!

Once again, the Galloway’s donated a private party for 20 at Mama Cita’s and teamed up with Gail Griswold donating a private party at the “Concrete House” for 20 from Pappo’s to the live auction. Other live auction items included an autographed Travis Kelce jersey donated by Total Lending Concepts, two tickets to any MU football game in the Presidents Suite provided by the University of Missouri, 12 months of Jan Amos’ famous homemade pies, two quarters of beef donated by JET Cattle Ranch and a Henry .22 Caliber Commemorative Edition rifle in a shadowbox complete with law enforcement patches donated by Snow Family Farms. Rick Bryant and the team from Bryant Auction did a stellar job as always getting the crowd vigorously bidding.

While it was a hot night for the end of September many attendees participated in the games provided by local businesses. Shawnee Bluff Winery again donated the wine for the wine toss game, Harmy’s cheese store awarded several prizes for their Corn Hole competition, Florida Direct Palm Tree demonstrated the Bulzi-Bucket game along with providing prizes, Nick’s True Value Hardware and the Tri-County YMCA teamed up for a disc golf game and Dierberg’s sponsored a guess the number of lemons and limes game providing the winner with a \$100 gift certificate.

A huge shout out to our venue sponsor Shawnee Bluff Vineyard and their amazing staff for hosting the 2023 Champagne Campaign and providing wine tastings throughout the evening. Diamond Sponsors were Scott’s Concrete and Tegethoff Development, and Gold sponsors were FASS Fuel and Lynn and Peg Griswold. They were joined by over 20 other local businesses and families who were sponsors at varying levels. Our media partners included Lake Expo, Lamar, L O Profile, Morgan County Statesman and Showcase Publishing.

Proceeds from the annual Champagne Campaign all stay local to help fund grants to nonprofits in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties.

AFFILIATE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Community Foundation of the Lake (CFL) was honored to receive an Affiliate of the Year award from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO) at the Rural Philanthropy Summit held in April in Springfield, MO. The award is judged from applications submitted by the 54 community foundations under the CFO’s umbrella. The affiliates were evaluated based on how the affiliate applies the principles of leadership and community collaborations as well as asset growth, new funds established, overall grantmaking and promoting planned or Legacy giving for the year and in the near future.

CFL received the second-place award this year in affiliates supported by staff. We would love to claim the first-place award in 2024. If you are interested in establishing a fund or establishing an endowment so that your giving continues in perpetuity, please contact us. We also love collaborating with other nonprofits and service agencies in the area so reach out and let’s see how we can partner!

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Connecting Passion With Purpose

Community Foundation of the Lake is honored to help our local non-profits via our grant rounds each year. These grants are available for all 501(c)(3) Non-Profits in Camden, Miller and Morgan Counties. We were able to grant \$56,000 to 21 different non-profits in 2023 and look forward to awarding another \$80,000 in 2024. The CFL has its annual grant round in January or February each year and carefully and caringly analyzes all grant requests to make the best decisions possible for all applicants. The grant committee is established and dedicated each year to truly understanding the grant applications and the many needs that we have in our area. When grants are awarded, the CFL follows up with each organization to see how the money has positively impacted the community and to ensure the grant money is being spent as projected which is to assist in building the educational, cultural, health and economic development of the Lake area.

Below are a few of the local non-profits we awarded grants to in 2023:

- Food for Morgan County
- Lake of Ozarks Idiots Club
- Dream Factory of Lake of the Ozarks
- Branches for the Lake
- The Healing Box Project
- Children's Learning Center
- Heroes Outreach Program
- Lake Arts Council
- Child Advocacy Council
- Lake Ozark Fire Protection District
- Osage Beach Senior Center
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lake Area
- Citizens Against Domestic Violence
- Wonderland Camp
- Local Area Needs initiative
- Kid's Harbor Inc.
- Lake Area Industries Inc
- Westlake Aquatic Center
- The Changing Table

2023 CFL GRANT ROUND



COLLABORATIONS-

WINGFEST

The Noon Lake Ozark Rotary Club annually organizes the Wingfest event held at the Regalia Hippo pool. All net proceeds are distributed to various charitable organizations including the Community Foundation of the Lake. CFL assisted by selling tickets and being in charge of admission. This has proven to be an extremely successful venue featuring a variety of restaurants in the Lake area each serving wings their own special way. Sixteen restaurants participated and patrons had an opportunity to vote on their favorite, for a People's Choice Award as well as First, Second and Third place awards determined by the judges. Mid Missouri Beverage Co. along with Macadoodles generously offered free drinks to everyone.

Wingfest is always one of the more popular events every year in our community and the Community Foundation of the Lake looks forward in helping every time. "We love helping with Wingfest!" said CFL president Stacy Pyrtle. "Lisa Coleman and the crew from Central Bank of the Ozarks always do a wonderful job organizing this event and we greatly appreciate CBOLO President Jim Judas and the Noon Rotary Group for allowing us to be a part of it."



BIKE CAMPS

The Magic Dragon Trails Committee of CFL was happy to partner with Branches for the Lake on their summer bike camps. Three camps were held at the Magic Dragon Skills Park located at the Tri-County YMCA. Participants ranged in age from age 2-18 years old and of the 31 participants we got 25 pedaling or gliding independently. This is in large part thanks to a donation of Strider balance bikes from Celebrate Differences non-profit of Camdenton. Unlike bicycles with training wheels balance bikes allow children to learn the core bicycling elements of balancing and steering. The kids start off walking on the bikes, then running, then pulling their feet up and gliding in a straight line and then gliding and turning. Then they learn to pedal, a much easier skill, on their own time.

In addition, for kids who already knew how to ride a bicycle we offered basic mountain biking skills training on the skills park and the two-thirds of a mile natural surface trail just south of the skills park. "There's a universal look of joy and surprise on kid's faces when they learn to glide and pedal a bicycle we want to bring to every child in the Lake area." shared Magic Dragon Trails volunteer Jan Pyrtle.

The partnerships that help us connect passions with purpose.

THE SHOOTOUT



The Magic Dragon Trails Committee, Community Foundation of the Lake and Branches for the Lake volunteers joined forces to help with traffic control during the Lake of the Ozarks Shootout Street Party in August. We are thrilled for Magic Dragon Trails to be a charitable organization under Lake of the Ozarks Shootout and Shootout Offshore! We also helped with post-Shootout inventory and the Christmas Tree Lot at Santa Monkey.

LAKE REGION AGENCY PARTNER MEETING



Millie

Ashley

Alice

CFO PRESENTERS



In October CFL hosted a Lake Region Agency Partner meeting at The Church of Osage Hills. The 27 attendees heard from CFL president Stacy Pyrtle about local affiliate priorities, funding opportunities and grants as well as learning from Community Foundation of the Ozarks staff about CFO services, nonprofit agency partner benefits and services, the Network for Strong Communities initiative, Youth Empowerment Project and Rural Schools Partnerships. It was a wonderful networking opportunity for all those in attendance. Stay tuned for our next Agency partner meeting coming in May on grant writing!

CFL PRESENTATIONS



CFL loves to share our message with a variety of civic and governmental organizations. This year we had the privilege of talking about our mission and project with several organizations including Camdenton Rotary, Daybreak Rotary, Lake Ozarks Noon Rotary, Camden County Commissioners, Osage Beach Board of Aldermen, Lake Regional Hospital executives and at the CFO Rural Philanthropy Summit. In addition, we met with several financial advisors providing information on how establishing a CFL fund may be of assistance to their clients.

If you or your organization would like to learn more about CFL's mission and projects, please reach out. We love to share our story! You can contact Jan Amos by email at cflake@cfozarks.org.

Karen Jean Rudek Grant for Dog and Horse Sanctuaries

The CFL was pleased to present \$34,000 in our 2023 annual grant round earmarked for funding of horse and dog shelters, sanctuaries, and rescue facilities. This grant is available thanks to a field of interest fund created by Karen Jean Rudek trust.

Karen Jean Rudek was a long-time resident of the area who loved her dogs and horses. Working with her estate planner, Karen set up this fund under the Community Foundation of the Lake where only the interest earned on the principal would be available for an annual grant. She bequeathed her estate to this fund on her death to support horse and dog care in the local communities of Camden, Miller and Morgan counties.

She entrusted stewardship of the fund to the CFL to ensure her long-term wishes of horse and dog care were met in perpetuity.

The 2023 recipients of Karen Jean Rudek's generous gift are:

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

Congratulations to the awardees! The Community Foundation of the Lake board members would like to thank all those in our community who devote themselves to this labor of love. To these animals, you are their heroes-AND OURS TOO!





VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

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



AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

CFL couldn't do what we do without a dedicated corps of volunteers including our board members and ambassadors. We appreciate all of them! One of our dedicated ambassadors is Jessica Bockoven who does social media for both CFL and Magic Dragon Trails, is our resident photographer, and all around "what can I do to help" person.

A native of the Lake area and graduate of Camdenton High School, Jessica shared she is passionate about the community and giving back. She wants to bring better opportunities to those in need, especially projects that benefit kids and families.

Jessica and her husband Travis own and operate On Time Guarantee, a fiber optic installation company where she serves as the office manager, scheduler, and bookkeeper. They have one son, 9-year-old Trenton. Jessica is passionate about bicycling, anything outdoorsy and yoga. She is currently studying to become a certified yoga instructor in her spare time. We say, "what spare time?".

Jessica spends about 10-15 hours a week ensuring our social media is engaging, informational, and increasing our potential reach. We can't thank her enough for the dramatic increase we have seen in followers, engagement and content published!

If you're interested in becoming more involved in the community but don't have a lot of time or don't want a long-term commitment, reach out to us about our ambassador program. While most of our ambassadors don't spend the amount of time Jessica does, they help us set up and run the Champagne Campaign, volunteer to create flyers and mailings, help with outreach and numerous other charitable endeavors. Contact us at CFLake@cfoozarks.org or click on our volunteer tab on communityfoundationofthelake.org.

16TH ANNUAL
Champagne Campaign

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GENERAL ADMISSION
\$100

LIVE & SILENT
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SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM

MEMORY LANE EVENTS

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