
Press Release

Unmet Needs in Our Community

One of the Community Foundation of the Lake is to strengthen local nonprofits by assisting in their development. In September the CFL held a Fundraising Institute with 53 attendees representing local nonprofits. The workshop emphasized how to build sustainable donations verses fundraising efforts that only maintain day to day operations and programs. In November the CFL held another workshop focused on "Board Training". The goal of this four hour workshop was to assist current board members of the local nonprofits on:

- the responsibilities of serving as a member and how to recruit effective, new board members
- how to set and accomplish program goals
- how to ask for financial support
- how to raise program awareness.

Another major goal of the Community Foundation of the Lake is give Grants to local not-for-profits to help them meet the needs of the people they serve. Since our organization relies on the generosity of individuals like you, we ask you to consider a donation to our Capacity Fund. **100% of the Community Foundation's Capacity Fund is used to fund charities in the lake area.** The CFL expects to receive more than 20 grant applications this year that represent a variety of needs, some we all know about, and other needs of which we are not aware.

For example, it has been a goal for Share the Harvest for the past several years to provide laundry detergent to the families they serve. There is not a single grant to fund a basic need like laundry detergent here in the United States. Think of the impact that having clean clothes makes on a school age child. For many not-for-profits it is very difficult to find a grant for specific local needs.

Your donations will help meet many similar needs here at the lake.

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

Remember that every donation makes a difference, regardless of size. Before the end of the year consider writing a check or make a simple transfer of appreciated stock to the CFL. Contacting your tax advisor or contact any CFL board member to learn of more options on giving to the Community Foundation! You can also give on-line by visiting our website www.communityfoundationofthelake.com. Where it asks for "Gift Designation" select "other." In the box "Other Designation" type Community Foundation of the Lake. THANK YOU!

Groups, Individuals and businesses can participate in the Community Foundation of the Lake by contacting President, Marvin Silliman (573) 374-7128, Alison Martin at alison@communityfoundationofthelake.com or by mailing requests or contributions to Community Foundation of the Lake, PO Box 1413, Lake Ozark, MO, 65049.