

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 Highlights include:

\$30,000 granted to five significant endeavors related to health and welfare of animals.

\$32,000 in grants supporting specific causes for 25 local not-for-profit agencies.

\$16,000 raised on Giving Tuesday to support the Trails Initiative.

\$56,000 raised at the annual Champagne Campaign to support our annual grant round.



The CFL is thrilled to have the local chapter of the Dream Factory join as an agency partner. This nonprofit grants dreams to children ages three through eighteen who are critically or chronically ill. They believe that children with chronic conditions also suffer from both physical and emotional pain dealing with their day-to-day challenges. To be approved for a dream, the child's condition must be physical, not resulting from an accident, and not mental/emotional. It is also important that the dream be that of the child, and not of other family members. The child must be able to communicate his or her dream to the Dream Factory screening volunteers.

The local chapter raises their own funds and use those funds to grant the dreams of local children. Without a current corporate sponsor, they depend on donations from individuals and organizations. Two annual fundraisers are: The Clown Golf Tournament at Osage National in the Spring and the HyVee Halloween Hallow in October. They usually grant 8-10 dreams per year and to date have granted over 400 dreams. The average cost of each dream is \$5000-6000, depending on the dream and on the size of the family if travel is involved.

"When I grow up, I want to do what you do – make kids happy."



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AT WORK.

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

We Count on You! To continue the tradition of turning passion to purpose, we count on your support to our Capacity fund. Gifts to this fund support our yearly grant giving cycle, allowing us to respond to emerging community needs throughout the year as we partner with many of the local nonprofits. Through this grant making process, we can enhance efficient and effective charitable giving, taking the guesswork out of the equation for you.

Champagne Campaign

Annual Fundraiser

"The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention" Oscar Wilde



With the culmination of yet another incredible year of fundraising for our Lake Area non-profit organizations, the Community of the Lake (CFL) would like to take this opportunity to thank our generous sponsors for allowing us to achieve a record-breaking year regarding total donations gathered and funds raised.

"The CFL continues to build strong community and business relationships to better our community; both economically and philanthropically," said Jane Wright, Vice President. "The success of this year's Champagne Campaign is a testament to a committed CFL Board and a closely knit community, which is continuously connected to the needs of all who live here at the Lake of the Ozarks."

Donations raised by the CFL directly support the Tri-County Area and allow non-profit organizations like The Changing Table and Citizens Against Domestic Violence to keep our babies – regardless their caregivers' financial situation, diapered, or our abused citizens safe from further harm. These donations allow agencies like the Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association to give our communities' endangered children a voice, home, family, and future. These donations give developmentally disabled individuals the opportunity to enjoy life at Wonderland Camp while enjoying carefree activities like camping, arts & crafts, nature, singing, and even nightly dancing.



These donations change lives.

"The CFL is constantly striving to find new ways to support our Agency Partners (APs) by exploring fundraising avenues, and by seeking out grant opportunities," Jane continued. "The CFL grant rounds, Giving Tuesday, and Give Lake Day are events that allow us to work with our APs and meet our goals, while dispersing the funds raised from our annual fundraising events."

So from the bottom of our hearts, the CFL Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the generous sponsors of the 13th Annual Champagne Campaign for the Community Foundation of the Lake: Farmers Insurance, Scott's Concrete, FASS Fuel Systems, Re/Max Charitable Foundation, Shawnee Bluff Winery, Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks, Ameren Missouri, Janice & Barry Gentile, The Wagner Agency/WIA Marine Insurance, Carolyn & Joe Davinroy, Jane & Bill Wright, Stacy & Jan Pyrtle, Dave and Lydia Porter, and Ron & Dianne Long.



The CFL would also like to recognize and thank our in-kind sponsors: Chris "Pappo" and Melissa Galloway of

PaPPO's & MaMa CiTa's, who for the third year in a row graciously provided a full buffet of Italian and Mexican eats and treats typically available only at their restaurants. Amy Hernandez at La Roca Event Venue & Cocktail Club for offering her beautiful event space, LO Profile, Lake Expo, Lake TV, Lemar Advertising, Dierbergs, and Design & Print Co., along with our honorary chairs, Mike and Sandy Waggett, and to those who created a beautiful atmosphere either with their volunteer time or decorative abilities. It truly was a successful evening outside with live music, dancing, fun games, live auction items and inside with a fabulous silent auction and raffle. Many guests left with a wide assortment of generous gift baskets and game prizes.

We could not do what we do without you, and we truly appreciate you.

NEW BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: DAVID BOYD



I am a proud Father of my beautiful 21-year-old daughter Haley Nasim. I am a business owner and have had my own Farmers insurance agency in the lake area (Camdenton) for 2 years now. Prior to that I was a District manager (and business owner) for Farmers Insurance for a little over 10 years in the Springfield area. I, my parents and 3 siblings, have lived in many areas within the US as well as several countries overseas and feel blessed to have experienced many incredible and different cultures, lands, and people throughout my life. I was lucky enough to grow up speaking both Spanish and English and given the opportunity to learn how important perspective is as we live our daily lives.

Living here is refreshing and encouraging because everyone is very friendly and positive. The geography and weather are quite appealing with all the different terrain, outdoor activity potential, and opportunity to experience all 4 seasons each year. You can't beat that. I feel honored to have been allowed to participate on the CFL board this past year. It's goals and successes are quite impressive. This is a wonderful organization supporting and creating needed avenues toward the improvement of the surrounding communities. I have already seen tremendous positive impact and look forward to seeing and helping the CFL continue to grow in years to come.



GIVING TUESDAY EVENT AT THE RESERVE

On November 30, thanks to our sponsors, 1932 Reserve and Evergreen, CFL was able to raise more than \$16,000 towards the construction of a youth bike skills park, which will be located at the YMCA. Nearly 90 guests were regaled with delicious hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, as they raised their glasses to toast the Magic Dragon Trails System. Jason and Natalie Whittle, Shawn and Ashton Hill and Mark and McCarten Spears were gracious hosts who so kindly offered CFL such an elegant space for the Giving Tuesday event. With the donation of a beautifully decorated nine-foot Christmas tree from Tim Mensendiek and the team at Evergreen, the evening was topped off by a robust bidding war to purchase the tree.



Pictured is an example of a skills park, which we will soon begin building with volunteer labor next to the YMCA. Donations can still be made by going to the www.cfozarks.org/magicdragonskillspark and select a feature, bench, or landscaping items you would like to donate

THE CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER RECEIVES \$30,000 GRANT.

Working with grant chair Jane Wright, the center's Executive Director, Adrienne Anderson, successfully applied for a grant to enhance and expand the Children's Learning Center, located in Camdenton. As part of the Ozarks Early Childhood Support Grant Program Fall 2021, this grant will allow the facility to purchase a room system to combine supervisory space in three different rooms of the facility. The system comes complete with room dividers, shelving, ADA approved gates, mirrors, and a blackboard. The center will also be able to purchase tables to seat more children, a new play kitchen and dramatic play center for an expanded classroom, a new sensory table, additional cots for napping, and support additional outdoor play equipment that will allow for better use of the facility's space. As an Agency Partner of the CFL, the Children's Learning Center has access to these grant opportunities.



Adrienne stated "I am excited to use this grant to break down the partition walls that we currently have in our motor room! This new wall system will allow for increased supervision of the lunch/art room, motor room, and classroom all at the same time. Floor space will be maximized and allow for more seating and space for activities and free play." These wonderful ladies at Children's Center were also kind enough to volunteer at the Champagne Campaign to help support the CFL. A guest at the event was so impressed by their volunteerism, she wrote a check for \$500 to the CLC. Now there is connecting passion to purpose!!

SOME 2021 HIGHLIGHTS.

GIVE LAKE DAY

Give Lake Day, presented by the Community Foundation of the Lake, the CFO and Bass Pro Shops, kicked off at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, March 24. As part of Give Ozarks Day: Rally for Recovery, the special Lake of the Ozarks event featured six agency partners raising funds and awareness in a virtual event. Along with Mike Clayton at 92.7 radio station, these non-profits were able to capitalize on their donor base to help raise funds during the Pandemic.

- Children's Learning Center
- Kid's Harbor
- Food for Morgan County
- Citizens Against Domestic Violence
- Wonderland Camp
- Medical Missions for Christ

OUR 4-LEGGED RESIDENTS OF THE LAKE

The CFL announced **\$30,000** in grant funding of horse and dog shelters, sanctuaries, and rescue facilities. This grant is available thanks to a field of interest fund created by the Karen Jean Rudek Trust. Karen Rudek was a long-time resident of the area who loved her dogs and horses. She bequeathed her estate to set up a foundation to support horse and dog shelters, sanctuaries, and rescues in the local communities of Camden, Miller and Morgan counties. She entrusted stewardship of the fund to the CFL to ensure her long term wishes of animal care were met in perpetuity. The 2021 recipients of this generous award are:

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

2021 CFL GRANT ROUND

\$32,000 was granted out to local non-profits at the end of January, thanks to our benefactors and local business owners who have supported CFL for many years. CFL carefully vets grant requests and follows up with a 6-month grant review to guarantee that grant money is correctly spent as intended. CFL coordinates and collaborates with many non-profit agency partners throughout the year. We offer free seminars, we help with grant writing, and most importantly CFL has a non-profit link on our website where a donor can find a local non-profit and donate directly from the CFL website.

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

- Big Brothers Big Sisters for two matches
- Children's Learning Center for tuition assistance
- Camdenton RII schools to purchase Buddy pack food
- Hero's Outreach for program gatherings and meals
- Food for Morgan County for emergency food kits
- Ivy Bend Community Food Pantry for kitchen wiring update
- Lake Area Industries for positive behavior reinforcement program
- Lake Area Arts Council to supplement Missoula Children's Theatre program
- The Healing Box Project to purchase 10 guitars and music books for veterans
- Wonderland Camp for Training and Certification of Technicians and supplies
- Lake of the Ozarks Development Center for Accessible Recreation Swing Project
- Central MO Foster Care and Adoption Agency towards Lake Area Odyssey respite care project



SPORTING CLAY EVENT ON JUNE 11

Coming this spring is an opportunity to support the Trails Initiative and enjoy a sporting clay shoot at the Missouri Trapshooters Association in Linn Creek. On June 11, you can either do a morning or an afternoon sporting clay shoot. Both include lunch, ammo and live and silent auctions. The day promises to be a great way to enjoy this sport and help raise money for the Trails Project. Please go to our website to download a registration form, or perhaps become a sponsor. **For questions, please call Jane at 636-219-6892.**

Multi-Surface Trails Development Update

We shared in our newsletter last year that CFL had formed an exploratory committee to investigate the feasibility of developing recreational trails in the Lake area. After much research, discussion with community leaders, and visits to communities with extensive trail systems, we are pleased to announce we are moving forward with development of the Magic Dragon Trail Project. The committee found that development of world-class recreational trails can increase property values, promote year-round tourism, improve community health, re-vitalize existing businesses, bring new businesses to

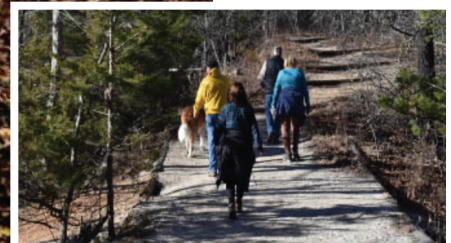
the area and provide family-friendly activities all while enjoying the natural beauty of the Lake Area.

Thanks to our Legacy Master donors, we have hired a professional design firm to develop a Master Plan for both hard-surface and soft-surface trails for walking, jogging, biking, mountain biking and trail running. Jan Pyrtle, co-chair of the committee stated "We truly appreciate the community leaders who have stepped up in support of the Magic Dragon Trail project either by providing monetary donations or volunteering to provide in-kind assistance. They truly embraced the vision of recreational

trails as just another great way to continue the lake tradition of multi-generational family entertainment."

The first phase of the Magic Dragon Trails will likely be on the west side of the Grand Glaize bridge and will provide connectivity to businesses and area attractions. We are also partnering with the Tri-County YMCA to build a bike skills park and half mile of nature trail on their property. We hope to develop trail hubs across the entire Lake Area and eventually have a spur from the Rock Island bike trail in Eldon to the Lake.

If you want to learn more about the Magic Dragon Trails, visit our website www.communityfoundationoftheLake.com and click on the Trail Initiative tab



CFL Board President Amy Hernandez stated, "This is just another way the Community Foundation of the Lake can give back to our community. We envision this trail system to not only showcase the beauty of the Lake area, but also generate additional tourism dollars and bring jobs and even new businesses to the area."



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 ten years. Whether it be you have minimal time but have a place in your heart to help by giving an hour here and there, or you have several hours to serve continuously, we would love to hear from you. Please contact our President, Amy Hernandez at (573) 480-9973 or Jan Amos at 321-258-5828 for more information.

GIVING TO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE LAKE

Please contact us if you have questions regarding the types of funds and what might fit your charitable goals. As always, the CFL does not give tax or legal advice, so please consult your advisor. We encourage you to follow the CFL's leadership work throughout the year by visiting our website or by contacting one of our board members or by mailing requests or contributions to Community Foundation of the Lake.

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



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