

# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

## 2022 Highlights include:

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**\$34,000** granted to five significant endeavors related to health and welfare of animals.

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**\$40,000** in grants supporting specific causes for 25 local not-for-profit agencies.

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**\$7,600** raised at Missouri Trap Association support the Trails Initiative.

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**\$80,000** raised at the annual Champagne Campaign to support our annual grant round.

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

John Adams once said "To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do." Doing good is what the lake does best! Whether it is our local Rotary groups, Elks, Chambers of Commerce, banks and business owners to individual organizations who organize and sponsor events with proceeds going to our local charities, there is no other place like the lake. And there is no other place that I would rather live. And just to let you know a personal fact, I speak three languages and could easily be happy in southern France. But this is truly my home. Ever since I was little and my parents built a house in Camelot Estates, every summer was at the lake water skiing, fishing, and swimming. I knew that I would some day call this my forever home. I did not realize until I became involved with the CFL how philanthropic the lake residents are. Kudos to all of you for caring and sharing your abilities and your wealth to allow all of us to be good and to do good.

-Jane Wright, President

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION *of the* LAKE



*Connecting Passion With Purpose*

## 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 Champagne Campaign, "Cocktails for a Cause" event, held September 24th at La Roca Club Event Venue & Cocktail Club featured honorary chair Brett Manire and raised money to be distributed to lake area charities in 2023. Chris "Pappo" & Melissa Galloway of Mama Cita's & Pappo's Pizzeria not only provided a delicious buffet, but also jumped in on the live auction to rev up the crowd with a donated pizza party, a private dinner party and of course those chocolate chip cookies. Special guest DJ Justin Farrell entertained the crowd as only Justin can do, and popular games, such as wine toss, guess number of olives in the martini glass and corn hole kept the guests busy.

Celebrity waiters included Jasen Jones, Mike Clayton, Trish Creach, Chris Wagner and Mike Harmison who competed to raise money for their designated charity. There were many silent auction items to bid on plus a raffle. The live auction, led by Rick Bryant who was on his game that night, helped garner top dollar for a custom doll house, a custom-engraved model 17 Illinois State Police 100th Anniversary Glock, and a meat bundle donated by Mead Farms, just to mention a few of the incredible auction items.

***"We are grateful for the support of our community. This year's Champagne Campaign was our best event yet," CFL President Jane Wright said. "We look forward to helping our community non-profits and continuing to develop our Trail Initiative project to be something the entire Lake Area can enjoy!"***

Since its inception in 2009, the Champagne Campaign has funded more than \$550,000 in grants to Wonderland Camp, the Children's Learning Center, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Kids' Harbor, Medical Missions for Christ, Share the Harvest Food Pantry, Lamb House, Buddy Packs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Westlake Aquatic Center, Lake Arts Council Children's Theater, lake area senior centers, and many more.

Many local businesses and families supported the cause this year. Platinum sponsor was Performance Boat Center. Gold Sponsors were Scott's Concrete, FASS Fuel Systems, Total Lending Concepts, Lynn and Peg Griswold Family Foundation and Shawnee Bluff Winery, as well as many Silver & Bronze sponsors. Media partners stepped up from LO Profile Magazine and LakeExpo.com.

All proceeds from CFL's Champagne Campaign stay local and are distributed as grants to non-profit organizations in Camden, Miller, & Morgan counties.



# BOARD MEMBER OF EXCELLENCE: STACY PYRTLE



At the annual Community Foundation of the Ozarks affiliate conference, CFL vice-president Stacy Pyrtle was honored as a board member of excellence. This prestigious award is very deserving as Stacy is truly a driving force behind the CFL and the Magic Dragon Trails Initiative. In the application, president Jane Wright stated "Stacy is a force to be reckoned with, as she does not back down from a challenge of hard work or difficult odds." Stacy, along with her husband Jan Pyrtle, were both instrumental in planning, organizing, and building the youth bike skills park at the YMCA. The success of the annual Champagne Campaign can also be contributed to her attention to detail and time-management. The CFL is blessed to have such a talented and dedicated board member.

## MAGIC DRAGON TRAILS DAFFODIL PROJECT

The Community Foundation of the Lake will beautify the Magic Dragon Skills Park with a mass planting of 1,000 daffodil bulbs to bloom in spring 2023 to commemorate the spirit of philanthropy across the region. The daffodil project is a joint effort between the CFL and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023 by providing 50,000 daffodil bulbs, which are being planted in more than 40 communities this fall.

Daffodils were selected for this anniversary project because they naturally spread and multiply over time as a symbol of the impact philanthropy and planned giving have on communities. "The CFL has commemorated 13 years of philanthropy growing stronger every year, thanks to our generous supporters and community partnerships." CFL president Jane Wright said. "We are blessed with volunteers who have donated their time and talent to build the skills park, and then to donate more time to mass plant these daffodil bulbs in the rocky clay soil of the Ozarks." It will be a beautiful spring indeed at the skills park.



# KAREN JEAN RUDEK GRANT ROUND

The CFL is pleased to announce grants have been awarded in our 4th 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 the Karen Jean Rudek Trust.

Karen 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 principle would be available for an annual grant. She bequeathed her estate to this fund upon 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 animal care were met in perpetuity. The 2022 recipients of this generous award are:

- Missouri Forget Me Not Horse Rescue & Sanctuary
- Ivy Bend Animal Rescue
- Caring Hearts Dog & Cat Rescue
- Ozarks Kat & K9 Shelter



## LAKE REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION AS AGENCY PARTNER

The CFL board is proud to announce that Lake Regional Health Foundation became an Agency Partner under the CFL this year.

Whether you're a long-time resident or a seasonal visitor, you can count on Lake Regional for top-quality medical care. With a state-of-the-art hospital and network of clinics, therapy sites and pharmacies, Lake Regional offers a wide range of services to meet all health care needs.

Trish Creach stated, "Our 500,000-square-foot, 121-bed hospital features private patient rooms, a large Outpatient department and a 35-bed Emergency Department. Our Emergency Department is a state-designated Level III Trauma Center that treats nearly 31,000 patients annually. The hospital also features an 18-bed Intensive Care/Cardiac Care Unit and a 21-bed Progressive Care Unit. Our Family Birth Center includes a Level II Nursery. Lake Regional also is a state-designated Level II Stroke Center and Level II STEMI (heart attack) Center. "

Lake Regional Health System also includes seven primary care clinics; 20+ specialty clinics; four walk-in care clinics; four satellite physical and cardiac rehab therapy sites; five retail pharmacies; a skilled nursing facility; and home health and hospice services.

## 2022 CFL GRANT ROUND

xxxx 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
- Camden County Child Advocacy Council
- Camdenton RIII School Buddy Packs
- Citizens Against Domestic Violence
- Children's Learning Center
- Food for Morgan County
- Heroes Outreach Program
- Kids Harbor
- Lake Area Industries
- Lake Area Needs Initiative
- Lake Arts Council
- Lake of the Ozarks Stop Human Trafficking Coalition
- Medical Missions for Christ
- Royal Arts Council
- Wonderland Camp



## CENTRAL BANK DONATES PROCEEDS FROM WINGFEST

On September 21st, board members of the Community Foundation of the Lake (CFL) were at Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks accepting a generous check from President Jim Judas for the bank's portion of the 2022 Wingfest proceeds. CFL President Jane Wright stated "this event was so well organized which is a testament to Lisa Coleman and her team at Central Bank. Many other business sponsorships complemented the restaurants who participated, and the venue at the Regalia Hippo pool really made this year's event the best yet." A huge Thank You to Jim Judas and Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks for their partnership and support of CFL's mission to "assist in building the educational, cultural, health and economic development of our community."

This donation will be used to fund the annual grant round through the Community Foundation where all proceeds will go to help local nonprofits fulfill their needs and further their missions. Since 2009 CFL has granted through their grant process more than \$600,000 to deserving lake area charities in Miller, Morgan and Camden counties.



# MAGIC DRAGON TRAILS GRAND OPENING OF THE MAGIC DRAGON BICYCLE SKILLS PARK

The Magic Dragon Bicycle Skills Park Grand Opening and Fall Fest was held Sunday October 9th at the Tri-County YMCA of the Lake. This family-friendly event included demonstrations rides of the skills park, raffle for free bikes, face and pumpkin painting, a balloon artist, bike helmet fittings, food and more.

The new bicycle skills park, a joint initiative of the Community Foundation of the Lake (CFL), Magic Dragon Trails Committee, Branches for the Lake and the Tri-County YMCA, is located just southeast of the YMCA parking lot and will be open to the public. It is the inaugural project of the Magic Dragon Trails System, which is a plan to build world class recreational trails throughout the Lake Area. Jan Pyrtle, Chair of the Magic Dragon Trails Committee, stated "We formed this committee under the CFL about two years ago to develop

trails as another way to enjoy the natural beauty of the Lake. The topography, soil conditions and climate are perfect for multi-use trails for biking, hiking, trail running and even skating."

The new bicycle skills park was professionally designed but built by community volunteers. Jane Wright, president of CFL said "We believe the Magic Dragon Trails System will be an economic driver for the community. Stacy and Jan Pyrtle have done a significant amount of research on the benefits of trails for communities." A study funded by the Walton Family Foundation found in 2018 that their system of trails, which connect several communities in Northwest Arkansas, generate \$51 million annually to their economy with \$27 million of that coming from out of state visitors. Trails also increase property values and provide

health benefits for the community as a low-cost exercise option.

Following a successful Legacy Master campaign where individuals donated to fund development of a master plan, Progressive Trails Design (PTD) from Bentonville Arkansas was hired to develop a plan. Following site visits, stakeholder meetings and surveys of the area, PTD developed a master plan with approximately 70 miles of world class trails. The groups working in partnership will begin a capital campaign to help fund the trails. They have already begun writing grants for Federal and State Funds to assist with funding as well. Anyone interested in assisting with the Magic Dragon Trails System can visit their website [MagicDragonTrails.com](http://MagicDragonTrails.com) to volunteer or donate.



If you want to learn more about the Magic Dragon Trails, visit our website [www.communityfoundationoftheLake.com](http://www.communityfoundationoftheLake.com) and click on the Trail Initiative tab





## 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 Jan Amos at 321-258-5828 for more information.

## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT PLANNED GIVING:

- Planned giving is for old people. When they make their bequest decision, 65% of bequest donors were under the age of 65. About 17% were age 45 or less.
- Only wealthy people make bequests. When they made their bequest decision, 58% of bequest donors had income of less than \$75,000. Generally, bequest donors are people of modest means, who cannot afford to make large outright gifts.
- Giving to charity in an estate plan requires hiring an attorney. Donors should always be encouraged to seek counsel from their professional advisors before making decisions affecting their estate plans and finances. However, beneficiary designations can also be useful to make charitable gifts. Naming the CFL endowment fund as beneficiary of all or part of an IRA, retirement plan, life insurance policy or bank account can be done easily by updating the beneficiary form appropriate for the asset. (source: PPP, Planned Giving in the United States, 2001)

**100% of your contribution stays in your local lake area.** Please contact us if you have questions regarding the types of funds that 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 your contribution to P.O. Box 1413, Lake Ozark, Mo. 65049

