



# Community Foundation of the Ozarks

## A Way of Giving Back to the Community

### Fall 2007

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The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is committed to working with donors, Endowment Partners, and regional affiliate foundations to strengthen our region through asset development, grantmaking, public leadership, and collaboration.

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# COMMUNITY Focus 2007

## Report Released

**The Community Focus 2007: A Report for Springfield and Greene County was presented to the public on September 17 at a special event held at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Building on the work of the 2004 and 2005 editions, the latest report cited “red flags” and “blue ribbons” in eleven different subject areas: arts & culture; business & economic conditions; citizen participation; community health; early childhood; education; housing; natural environment; public order & safety; recreation, sports & leisure; and transportation.**

## Report Presentations Available

Representatives from the Community Focus 2007 steering committee and the report’s five sponsoring agencies will be making presentations to various agencies, organizations and community groups throughout the fall and winter. Presentations offer a further chance to examine the report’s findings and get an in-depth look at the community response, including how groups can be a part of that response.

If your organization or group would like to schedule a presentation, please call CFO at (417) 864-6199 or email us at [rvanbibber@cfozarks.org](mailto:rvanbibber@cfozarks.org).

Copies of the report are available at CFO, located at 425 E. Trafficway in Springfield, or can be downloaded online at: [www.SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org](http://www.SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org).

**This year’s report noted “blue ribbons” pointing to important strengths in the community:**

- Collaboration among public and private entities
- A strong local economy
- Growing parks, an active arts community, and efforts to preserve the natural environment make for a desirable quality of life in Springfield and Greene County

**The 2007 report also points to several “red flags” representing challenges our community must act to address:**

- Child abuse and neglect cases continue to exceed state averages
- Too many families are living in poverty
- Needs for essential services, such as education and crime prevention, outpace available financial support

Community response to findings in previous reports has been wide-ranging and significant. Initiatives such as Isabel’s House crisis nursery and the collaborative ECHO Project, a more than \$1 million dollar effort aimed at promoting childhood resiliency at two Title I elementary schools, are important long-term efforts to address children’s

issues identified in the Community Focus reports. Still, a “blue ribbon” for a strong economy and a “red flag” for an increasing number of children living in poverty present a troubling paradox that will require renewed zeal in our commitment to address community needs.

The report has been an important tool for the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Since 2005, CFO has made more than \$1 million in grants to local nonprofit organizations and area agencies to directly address red flags. All grant requests included in CFO’s metropolitan Springfield grantmaking program must address these issues. (See page four for more about CFO’s grantmaking program.) The report has also spawned similar projects in St. James and Crawford County, MO, communities with CFO affiliate foundations.

Community Focus is supported by the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, the Junior League of Springfield, the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield-Greene County Library District, and the United Way of the Ozarks.

You can read and download a copy of the 2007 Community Focus report at [www.SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org](http://www.SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org).

## Regional Foundations

Ash Grove  
 Aurora Area  
 Benton County  
 Bolivar Area  
 Bourbon  
 Butler County  
 Cassville  
 Crawford County  
 DACO  
 Dallas County  
 Dent County  
 Douglas County  
 El Dorado Springs  
 Eldon  
 Finley River  
 Hermann Area  
 Hickory County  
 Houston  
 Jacks Fork  
 Lockwood  
 Marshfield Area  
 Monett Area  
 Mount Vernon Area  
 Mountain Grove Area  
 Newburg  
 Nixa  
 Oregon County  
 Ozark County  
 Republic  
 Ripley County  
 Ste. Genevieve County  
 St. James Area  
 Seymour Area  
 Southwest Missouri  
 Springfield  
 Stockton  
 Table Rock Lake  
 Taney County  
 Truman Lake  
 West Plains  
 Willard  
 Willow Springs



CFO Chairman, Ron Neville

# Message from the Chairman

**In light of recent market volatility, I want to share some thoughts on the Community Foundation of the Ozarks' investment policy. As stewards of charitable funds, it is our responsibility to meet not only current needs, but also the long-term needs of the communities we serve.**

CFO's capacity to serve our communities is directly tied to its ability to preserve and enhance its financial assets. To ensure that the Foundation's goals are met, we have investment policies and guidelines that provide for prudent asset management.

The responsibility for managing the Foundation's investment portfolio is vested in the Foundation's board of directors through its investment advisory board. The investment advisory board, comprised of people knowledgeable in the investment field, oversees the investment activities of the Foundation. They are assisted by the national consulting firm of Prime, Bucholz and Associates.

The Foundation's primary investment goal is to maximize long-term total return within levels of risk set by the investment advisory board. Since 1994, the annualized total return

of CFO's investment portfolio is 11%. The five year annualized return is 12.9%, which places us in the upper quartile compared to foundations and endowments with assets less than \$1 billion.

Diversification of investments is one of the investment advisory board's primary strategies for fulfilling the Foundation's responsibilities. Since the selection and weighting of asset classes is one of the primary determinants of both investment return and volatility, our asset allocation is considered and monitored by the investment advisory board. The portfolio is rebalanced to the target percentages quarterly.

Please know that the board of directors, the investment advisory board, and the staff at Community Foundation of the Ozarks are wholly committed to the stewardship of our charitable funds.

### Peer Performance Comparison (% Rate of Return) – Periods Ended June 30, 2007

	Qrt Ended June 07	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	7 YR
<b>Total Fund</b>	4.8	20.2	14.4	12.9	9.9
<b>Community Foundations \$100MM–\$249.9MM</b>	4.8	17.9	12.6	11.7	6.9

*\* Periods greater than one year are annualized \*\* Standard deviations are based on quarterly observations*

## Community Foundation of the Ozarks 2007–2008 Action Plan

### 1. Stewardship Ozarks Initiative:

Launch all aspects of the Stewardship Ozarks Initiative program. Complete the initial phase of conservation endowment building challenge grants.

**2. Fund for Springfield:** The CFO Board of Directors will raise \$250,000 in response to Springfield Trust Company's \$100,000 challenge to build the Fund for Springfield.

**3. Philanthropy Initiative Phase II:** Launch the Philanthropy Initiative Phase II challenge for regional Community Foundations.

**4. Strengthening Grant Proposals:** Community Foundation of the Ozarks will initiate a concerted effort to strengthen grant proposals for Metropolitan Springfield grantmaking through public awareness,

grants committee development and site visits.

**5. \$50 Million:** The Community Foundation of the Ozarks will surpass \$50 million in total grants since its inception in 1973.

**6. Community Report Card:** The Community Foundation of the Ozarks will facilitate the release of the 2007 Community Focus: *A Report for Springfield and Greene County* and coordinate related public relations and community dialogue.

**7. Regional Visits:** The Community Foundation of the Ozarks will have 100% board participation in a regional visit.

**8. Social Profit:** The CFO Endowment Partners program will make a presentation on the social profit movement.

*\* Adopted August 15, 2007 by CFO board.*

# IRA Rollover



James Leon Combs, Secretary,  
CFO board of directors

## Offers Excellent Tool for Donors and Nonprofits

**The IRA charitable rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 has been a boon to charitable organizations across the nation, especially in their constant climb toward financial sustainability. The law allows individuals to rollover up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the qualifying charity as income.**

The Act uses the term qualified charitable distribution to describe an IRA charitable rollover. A qualified charitable distribution is a distribution from a traditional IRA of an individual who is 70 ½ or older to an eligible charitable organization. An individual may exclude up to \$100,000 from his/her gross income for each tax year for qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. There is currently no other way to remove assets tax-free from a qualified plan while the owners are still living.

This provision of the law has been a benefit to nonprofit agencies and other charitable organizations providing an important financial incentive for supporters in addition to the host of other factors driving charitable giving.

James Leon Combs, CFO Board of Directors secretary, and his wife Dot recently used the IRA provision to make a \$100,000 donation to the Skaggs Foundation, a CFO Endowment Partner.

“We believe that those blessed with more than they need should come forth and help those who are not so fortunate,” Combs told the Taney County Times, adding, “under this law, Skaggs Foundation gets

the full \$100,000 of our gift.”

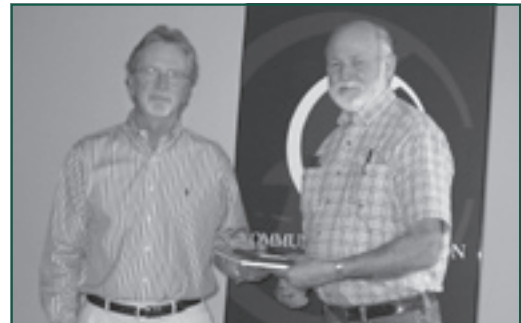
In November 2006, Curt Carter used the IRA charitable rollover provision to establish the Curtis Rex Carter Science Scholarship Fund. The scholarship awards a Jasper County high school student pursuing a college degree in the applied sciences with a \$5,000 scholarship renewable for up to four years. (See the Spring 2007 CFO newsletter for more on the Carter Scholarship.)

Currently, the provision is only effective through December 31, 2007; although, efforts are underway to extend the provision.

As noted by the Council on Foundations, the information provided is an analysis of the bill. The bill is quite complex and individuals need to consult with their professional advisors to determine their personal situation and the impact the Act poses. For more information and additional analyses, visit the Council’s H.R. 4 Resources web page or [govt@cof.org](mailto:govt@cof.org).

Please contact our office for more information.

## CFO Recognizes Endowment Partners



CFO Board Chairman Ron Neville presents a plaque to Thomas Aley of the Tumbling Creek Cave Foundation, one of CFO’s new Endowment Partners during the 2007 fiscal year.

CFO held its annual Endowment Partners Planned Giving Luncheon on Thursday, August 2 at the Wellington Place in Springfield. Julie Leeth, CFO vice president, and Ron Neville, CFO board chairman, recognized nine new Endowment Partners and nineteen new organizational funds at the event.

“This event is one way for CFO to say thank you and recognize the nonprofit organizations that serve Southwest Missouri,” said Leeth. “They’re an important part of our region-wide effort to better lives and seek solutions to the challenges communities face.”

New Endowment Partners received a plaque recognizing their association with the Community Foundation of the Ozarks along with a copy of the book *How Effective Nonprofits Work: A Guide for Donors, Board Members, and Foundation Officers*.

Existing Endowment Partners who established new funds were also recognized at the luncheon. Representatives from these organizations were presented with a special gift thanking them for their continued partnership with CFO.

Doug Nickell, of Lathrop and Gage, L.C., was the luncheon’s featured speaker. Nickell’s presentation titled “Three Crackerjack Planned Giving Techniques” highlighted key strategies that can be of significant benefit to nonprofits working toward long-term sustainability. A copy of Nickell’s presentation can be found on the Lathrop and Gage L.C. website at <http://lathropgage.com/plannedgivingoutline/>.

The Endowment Partners program supports endowment building and assists with capacity building for more than 260 charitable organizations throughout the Ozarks. In addition to wise, long-term investment management, CFO offers Endowment Partners a variety of endowment building training opportunities, an endowment building mini-grant program exclusive to partners, and the satisfaction of knowing their agency is part of a region-wide effort to improve and enrich the quality of life in Southern Missouri.

## Number of CFO Endowment Partners by Category

Arts.....37	Health .....27
Community Development ..... 20	History.....17
Education .....37	Library..... 12
Environment/Animals ..... 20	Social Services ..... 59
Faith .....16	Youth .....16
	<b>TOTAL.....261</b>

# CFO Sets \$250K Goal

## Fund for Springfield



*John Courtney, former CFO board chairman and STC founder, and J. W. Gibbs, CFO board of directors member and Springfield Trust Company CEO.*

**As grantmaking continues to grow and develop, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks will add significantly to its Springfield grantmaking program with the establishment of the Fund for Springfield. This unrestricted grantmaking fund will be developed through a challenge grant funded by a \$100,000 commitment from Springfield Trust Company (STC).**

“We wanted to call this the Fund for Springfield because it is truly a discretionary fund for the community,” said John Courtney, former CFO board chairman and STC founder. “A discretionary fund like this gives us the freedom to respond to real needs that the community faces now and the unforeseen needs the community has in the future.”

In the FY 2008 Annual Goals, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks’ Board of Directors charged the Asset Development Committee, chaired by Executive Committee member Dr. Nancy O’Reilly, with the task of matching STC’s commitment. Rather than simply matching STC’s \$100,000 pledge dollar for dollar, the Asset Development Committee established a goal of \$250,000, a big boost for a fund

that Courtney hopes will reach \$1 million. This will result in a \$350,000 unrestricted grantmaking fund.

“We are very excited John Courtney and Springfield Trust Company have taken the leadership role, stepping out in the community and knowing the great need Springfield has for unrestricted funds,” Dr. Nancy O’Reilly said. “Our board is 100% committed to that process. There is a great need from so many of our organizations, and we’ll be able to develop these unrestricted monies and offer more opportunities to fund Springfield grants.”

The Fund for Springfield will add to the legacy of our community’s philanthropic efforts and enable the Community Foundation of the Ozarks to expand their role in meeting the current and future needs of the community.

## Springfield Grantmaking Addresses

# “Red Flags”

On October 2, Community Foundation of the Ozarks distributed \$175,000 in grants to local nonprofits addressing “red flag” issues in the area of Health and Social Services (see page 7 for the full list). The awards represented the first round of the 2007-2008 Metropolitan Springfield grantmaking program and CFO’s thirty-fourth year of returning donors’ charitable dollars for the benefit of the community.

The Springfield grantmaking program relies on unrestricted and field of interest funds established by CFO’s donors. The unrestricted fund’s value lies in its flexibility. By designating their funds as unrestricted, donors help ensure the Foundation can meet the diverse and evolving needs of the community through its grantmaking program.

Currently, there are 60 unrestricted and field-of-interest funds with more than \$14 million in assets that provide approximately \$725,000 for CFO’s discretionary grantmaking. The Springfield grantmaking program will get a considerable boost as

the Foundation works to fulfill the Board of Directors’ goal of raising \$250,000 for the Fund for Springfield (see above).

Since the publication of the first Community Focus report in 2004, all of the grants made through the Springfield grantmaking program have been required to address the “red flag” issues identified in the grass roots, collaborative report. To date, CFO has granted more than \$1 million dollars to efforts designed to reverse these challenges facing residents of the community.

CFO will distribute approximately \$725,000 through its Springfield grantmaking program for the 2008 fiscal year. Of that total, \$200,000 has been committed to the ECHO (Enhancing Children’s Healthy Opportunities) project. For more on the ECHO project see our Summer 2007 newsletter. The remaining \$525,000 will be used to fund the traditional three rounds of the Springfield grantmaking program: health and social services, arts/culture and environment, and education.



*Doug Thornsberry, co-chair of CFO’s grants committee, presents a check for \$26,817.19 to Andrea Vent of Boys and Girls Town of Missouri. The grant will be used in the organization’s effort to assist 165 young people dealing with abuse issues and learning resiliency skills.*

# Affiliate Grantmaking “Gives Back” to Ozarks Communities



*(Left to right) Roberta Walker, Crane Librarian, and Leah Estes, Crane City Clerk, accept a \$2,475 check for library improvements from John Johnson, Connie Johnson, and Chairman Jim Riddle of the Table Rock Lake Community Foundation.*

**A considerable amount of column inches in this fall’s newsletter have been devoted to the subject of grantmaking. This was not a coincidence; community grantmaking programs are a major part of Community Foundation of the Ozarks’ efforts to enhance the quality of life throughout the region. This is the most tangible way that CFO carries out its mission to “give something back to the community.”**

The same principles that shape the Springfield grantmaking program – unrestricted funds and the flexibility to respond to specific community needs – drive community grantmaking programs among several of CFO’s 41 affiliate foundations. Because each affiliate is in a unique position to evaluate the needs of their communities, each board conducts their own grant selection process drawing on the affiliate’s unrestricted and field-of-interest funds.

However, unrestricted funds can be among the most difficult funds to build, and a good grantmaking program is the best way to make a case for these kinds of funds, as well as build a foundation with popular community backing. Establishing a community grantmaking program has been a top priority in helping to establish affiliate foundations.

Since 2000, CFO has provided more than \$4 million in matching funds, challenge grants and leveraged funding to affiliate partners as part of this effort. Next year, CFO plans to launch phase two of the Philanthropy Initiative with the intention of building affiliate foundations unrestricted grantmaking programs and operational capacity with \$1 million in matching funds. (Stay tuned for more information on phase two of the Philanthropy Initiative.)

Several affiliate community foundations operate substantial community grantmaking programs. Each year, they award thousands of dollars in grants to assist local nonprofit organizations that meet essential community needs.

The Table Rock Lake Community Foundation is an alliance of small communities serving the western side of Table Rock Lake including the cities of Crane, Galena, Kimberling City and Shell Knob. In August, the Table Rock Community Foundation awarded more than \$23,000 in their third year of the community grantmaking program supported with charitable assets from the Charlotte Bostwick Endowment Fund.

The Kent Kehr Challenge for Eldon has been a boon for the Eldon Community Foundation. The 2006 \$500,000 challenge grant gave the young community foundation a significant infusion of unrestricted dollars to build their community grantmaking program. Eldon made its first series of community grants in July.

See page 7 for a list of the most recent community grants made by these two affiliates and the other regional foundations.



*Kent and Joan Kehr*

# Oregon County

## Establishes Community Foundation

The Oregon County Community Foundation became the Community Foundation of the Ozarks newest regional affiliate this summer. Gary Cross of Alton, MO will serve as the foundation's president. In addition to Cross, the foundation's board members include: Tom Clary, David Crews, Joe Crider, Stacy Hamblen, Jim Hart, and Ed Hatten.

The Oregon County Community Foundation is the 41st independent community foundation to join CFO's network of regional affiliate foundations serving communities throughout the Missouri Ozarks. The Oregon County Community Foundation can utilize the technical, administrative and educational support CFO offers through its regional affiliate foundation program.

The Oregon County Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity that allows people to establish charitable funds that are professionally managed and continue to grow over time. Grants are awarded from the funds to support local nonprofits, schools and

government entities.

Every Ozarks community is a unique place. Independent regional foundations led by members of the local community work to enhance the quality of life by addressing the issues and circumstances that make their community one-of-a-kind. The Oregon County Community Foundation carries out this mission through endowment building and asset development, community-based grantmaking, organizational collaboration, and public leadership.

"We are very excited to partner with the new Oregon County Community Foundation," said Gary Funk, CFO president. "We have seen tremendous growth in our regional development, and our rural community foundations combined now have more than 500 charitable funds with total assets of over \$30 million! We look forward to including Oregon County in this important process."

## Salute to Outgoing Affiliate Presidents

**Dennis Bond** has concluded a term as president of the Eldon Community Foundation that began with the organization's establishment in February 2005. During his time as president, the Eldon Community Foundation has moved from inception to a \$1 million plus organization.

Bond oversaw the implementation and eventual completion of the Kent Kehr Challenge, a challenge that brought in a significant amount of assets to the organization. Bond also was instrumental in the development of over 25 funds affiliated with the Eldon Community Foundation.

Replacing Dennis Bond as Eldon Community Foundation president is Chalee Crouch.

**Sam Auxier, Jr.** served a one-year term as St. James Area Community Foundation president. The St. James Area Community Foundation has \$75,013 in assets and six funds. It was established in May 2003. Mr. Auxier began his commitment to the St. James Area Community Foundation as a board member in addition to a one-year term as president. Replacing Sam Auxier, Jr. as St. James Area Community Foundation president is Candace Connell.



Dennis Bond,  
Eldon Community Foundation

## 15 Largest Affiliate Foundations in Total Assets As of September 30, 2007

1. Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc.....	\$5,432,069
2. Truman Lake Community Foundation .....	\$3,486,975
3. Table Rock Lake Community Foundation .....	\$2,707,596
4. Taney County Community Foundation .....	\$2,475,120
5. Dent County Community Foundation .....	\$2,228,525
6. Willow Springs Community Foundation .....	\$1,909,424
7. Monett Area Community Foundation.....	\$1,624,039
8. Nixa Community Foundation.....	\$1,573,881
9. Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation .....	\$1,066,039
10. Eldon Community Foundation .....	\$1,009,108
11. Bolivar Area Community Foundation .....	\$963,846
12. Crawford County Foundation, Inc. ....	\$949,308
13. Aurora Area Community Foundation .....	\$885,669
14. Greater Seymour Area Foundation.....	\$842,102
15. Finley River Community Foundation .....	\$736,028

# Foundation Community Grant Report

The ongoing, discretionary community grantmaking programs of the Community Foundation of the Ozarks and its regional affiliate foundations are funded with distributions from unrestricted and field-of-interest funds that are earmarked for specific communities or foundations. Grants listed below were made from July 1, 2007 through October 1, 2007.

## Dallas County Community Foundation

Dallas County Health Department  
Bright Smiles program ..... \$1,000

## Douglas County Community Foundation

Ava Art Guild  
Honeybee Singers ..... \$1,000

## Eldon Community Foundation

Eldon Area Community Betterment Association  
HEART/Project Paper Trail ..... \$1,100  
Light Up Safely Project ..... \$998.19  
PAVE AmeriCorps tutoring and volunteer program ..... \$584.59  
The Eldon Community Food Pantry  
Maintenance and food purchase project ..... \$4,500  
Eldon Project Prom  
Food and artist for Project Prom ..... \$900  
Eldon Senior Center/Meals on Wheels  
Porch Project ..... \$3,200  
Friends of Animals Humane Society, Inc.  
Building Project ..... \$4,500  
Lake Area Arts Council  
Various art projects ..... \$1,000  
Miller County Child Advocacy Council  
Art in the Park for Children ..... \$2,080  
Miller County Health Center  
Curriculum for the Great Body Shop health project ..... \$2,849

## Finley River Community Foundation

Youth Empowerment Project of Ozark  
Ozark High School  
Warm Ups ..... \$300  
Debate camp/conference ..... \$300  
Ozark Junior High School  
Behavior incentives ..... \$100  
Mixers/cookie suppliers ..... \$400  
Ozark North Elementary  
CD players and books on CD ..... \$300  
Ozark West Elementary  
Pillows & rug for reading center ..... \$100

## Community Foundation of the Hermann Area, Inc.

Berlener Pharmacy  
Medication for patient ..... \$107.85  
Medication for patient ..... \$110.02  
Capitol One Auto Finance  
Payment for patient ..... \$316.41  
CentruyTel  
Payment for cancer patient ..... \$79.93  
Chrysler Financial  
Payment for cancer patient ..... \$933.87  
Conoco Phillips  
Gas cards for cancer patients ..... \$1,960  
GMAC Mortgage  
Payment for cancer patient ..... \$1,273.79  
Hermann Area District Hospital  
Hospice care ..... \$2,948.40  
Hermann Pharmacy  
Grant for medication ..... \$195.10

Medication for cancer patient ..... \$148.35  
Medication for cancer patient ..... \$148.35  
Medication for cancer patient ..... \$148.20  
Three Rivers Electric Cooperative  
Payment for cancer patient ..... \$396

## Hickory County Community Improvement Foundation

Dollywood Foundation  
Books ..... \$2,557.64  
Hickory County Community Improvement Foundation  
Weather alert radios ..... \$3,000

## Monett Area Community Foundation

BLAST  
Dental work for abused women ..... \$2,500  
Monett Area Community Foundation  
FBLA Grant ..... \$500  
Monett Chamber of Commerce  
Fourth of July Celebration ..... \$1,000

## Ozark County Community Foundation

Visages, Inc.  
Website fees for local history ..... \$495  
Bookshelves for library ..... \$600

## Greater Seymour Area Foundation

Dollywood Foundation  
Books for Seymour Imagination Library ..... \$196.46  
Books for Seymour Imagination Library ..... \$198.41  
Books for Fordland Imagination Library ..... \$61.92  
Books for Fordland Imagination Library ..... \$47.76  
Books for Mansfield Imagination Library ..... \$53.03  
Books for Mansfield Imagination Library ..... \$52.33  
Greater Seymour Area Foundation  
Reimbursement for books ..... \$348

## Metropolitan Springfield

Boys and Girls Club of Springfield  
Childhood obesity program ..... \$2,500\*  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Ozarks  
Volunteer recruitment materials ..... \$916.62  
Boys and Girls Town of MO  
Program for abused youth ..... \$26,817.19\*  
Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks  
Breast cancer awareness and free mammograms ..... \$10,217.19  
CASA of Southwest Missouri  
Trainings for volunteers ..... \$15,850\*  
Family Violence Center  
Expanded restroom facilities for abuse victims ..... \$13,600\*  
The Kitchen  
Renovate Kitchen Dental Clinic ..... \$33,000\*  
National Alliance for Mental Illness of Southwest MO  
Replace computer system ..... \$1,000

Ozarks Food Harvest  
Food for Thought program ..... \$30,430\*  
Ozarks Regional YMCA  
Play for Life program ..... \$2,500\*  
Parenting Life Skills Center  
Renovate facilities for Grace Project of the Ozarks ..... \$35,169\*  
The Victim Center  
Software for clinical staff ..... \$3,000

## Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation

American Legion  
Generator for emergency center ..... \$27,479.84  
Bloomsdale Volunteer Fire Department  
Defibrillators ..... \$1,148

## Stockton Community Foundation

Church of God Holiness  
Unrestricted ..... \$750  
Stockton Public Schools  
SHS National Honor Society ..... \$400  
Stockton Senior Center  
Unrestricted ..... \$400

## Table Rock Lake Community Foundation

Humane Society of the Branson Tri-Lakes Area  
Equipment ..... \$1,962.93  
Jenkins Rural Fire Department  
Hose ..... \$1,248  
Kimberling Area Library Association  
Books ..... \$1,500  
Kornerstone, Inc.  
Supplies and operations ..... \$4,000  
Pregnancy Lifeline, Inc.  
Acer notebook/printer ..... \$1,600  
Shell Knob Senior Center  
Door opener/awning ..... \$5,340  
Southern Stone Betterment Association  
Supplies/operations ..... \$5,000  
Wooley Creek Community Association  
Materials for repairs to school ..... \$2,500

## Community Foundation of West Plains, Inc.

Adult Learning Center  
South Central Literacy Council ..... \$500  
Bryant Watershed Project  
Unrestricted ..... \$750  
City of West Plains Parks and Recreation  
Youth swim program ..... \$500  
MSU-WP  
Literacy awareness campaign ..... \$500  
Scenic Rivers Dogwood Trails Council  
Scenic Rivers hut fund ..... \$1,500  
West Plains Council on the Arts  
MAAA program ..... \$300  
Unrestricted ..... \$500

\* Indicates that grants are part of CFO's \$1.5 million Grantmakers' Challenge for Children.

# News Makers

## Excitement in Ozark County

Exciting, great things are transpiring in the hills of Ozark County as the Ozark County Community Foundation (OCCF) enters their fourth year of existence.

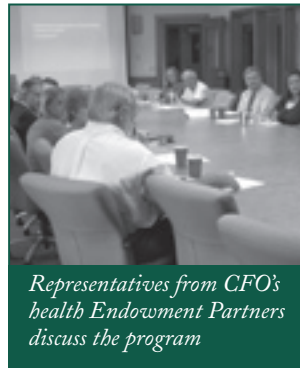
Leroy and Ova Marie McGinnis created the McGinnis Family Fund and Benton Breeding created the Benton and Genelle Breeding Fund in memory of his wife. Both funds will count toward their unrestricted fundraising goals as part of phase two of the Philanthropy Initiative offered to CFO affiliates. The Ozark County Community Foundation will be able to use these endowment dollars in their community grantmaking program.

In addition, the OCCF is organizing a youth empowerment program (YEP) to continue the tradition of giving and philanthropy in the Ozark hills.

The OCCF is also developing plans for a community center for the county, which will include: a library, walking trails, racquetball area, fitness room, museum, meeting rooms and a theater. The center is planned for close proximity to the school to better serve students and adults.

Ozark County Community Foundation and their donors continue to make a difference in the lives of current residents and future generations.

## Health Networking Lunch



CFO held a networking lunch for Endowment Partners in the health field on August 21 at CFO. The informal meeting gave representatives from a variety of health related organizations the opportunity to discuss endowment

building activities and other strategies crucial to the success of health-focused nonprofit organizations. CFO staff members were available to answer questions, offer advice and discuss additional opportunities provided by CFO's Endowment Partners program.

On November 15, CFO will host a brown bag lunch seminar for all Endowment Partners. Andy Thomas, Vice President and Chairman of the Board for the Ozarks Regional Land Trust, will be on hand to discuss Charitable Gift Annuities and how ORLT has leveraged land gifts through their mission to protect natural features and green space in the Ozarks. The conversation will be a useful one for nonprofit agencies utilizing planned giving to build sustainability. The seminar will run from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 15 at CFO.**

## 2007 Annual Report Coming Soon

Keep an eye on your mailbox in the coming weeks. The 2007 CFO Annual Report is nearing completion and should be arriving during the winter giving season. Stewardship is the theme of this year's report, as we look back on a monumental 34th year of operation.

## Humanitarian of the Year

The eighteenth annual Humanitarian of the Year Luncheon will be held at **Noon on Tuesday, December 4 at the University Plaza Convention Center.** The Humanitarian of the Year award was established by Springfield's Jewell Thompson Schweitzer to "honor someone in our community who has, at great personal sacrifice, extended services, time and resources towards helping others, and to recognize the cause and work of such individuals." Annually, the fund makes possible a cash award of \$5,000 to be divided equally among the humanitarian and charities of the individual's choice. Nominations are due to the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce by Oct. 31.

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