

# News Makers

## Monett Name Change

This fall the board of the Monett Community Foundation voted to change the name of their affiliate to the Monett Area Community Foundation. The new moniker more accurately reflects the expanding impact the growing CFO regional affiliate is having in other Lawrence County communities such as Pierce City.

## Affiliate Tops \$4 million in Assets

The Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc. saw its total assets top \$4 million this winter. After being established in 1999, the Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri has grown exponentially. Just two years ago, CFSM crossed the \$1 million mark, and today their total assets stand at \$4,426,668.

## Mountain Grove Receives USDA Grant

Congratulations to the Mountain Grove Area Community Foundation for receiving a \$50,000 USDA grant to support community development.



*Judith Billings*

## New CFO Staff

Judith Billings joined the Community Foundation of the Ozarks on September 26, 2006, as the grants clerk. Judith helps facilitate the request and distribution process for all CFO grants as well as organizing and delivering all CFO scholarships.



*Ryan Van Bibber*

Ryan Van Bibber joined the Community Foundation of the Ozarks on December 11, 2006, as the communications coordinator. Ryan is responsible for the communications and public relations efforts of the Foundation and its various programs.

## Dates to Remember!

**April 19:** Donor Appreciation Luncheon – Clinton

**April 20:** Donor Appreciation Luncheon – West Plains

**May 2:** President's Luncheon – Springfield

**May 8:** Scholarship Award Banquet & Springfield Cardinals game – Springfield

**May 24:** Donor Appreciation Luncheon – Carthage

**August 2:** Planned Giving Luncheon

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# Community Foundation of the Ozarks Spring 2007 Newsletter

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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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## Grantmaker's Challenge for Children Update

As Springfield's Grantmaker's Challenge for Children enters its second year of a five-year commitment, pledges and grants have reached over \$7.88 million. Certainly, existing institutional and volunteer efforts provide countless resources for children, but research in our community clearly indicates that more support is needed. These resources address three "red flags" identified in *Community Focus: A Report for Springfield and Greene County*: education systems ill-equipped to educate growing numbers of impoverished children, at-risk children lacking access to appropriate health care, and domestic instability and its relationship to poverty.

The Challenge continues to gather participants in its second year as more organizations see the value in supporting children's issues in the Ozarks. Springfield Trust Company became the most recent new participant with a grant of \$9,166 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Springfield. Additionally, many organizations participating in the Challenge continue to increase their committed dollars. Over 25 different organizations, funds, and families have joined in the Challenge, and it is the sincere hope of all participating organizations and philanthropists that others who can make a difference will join the Challenge. Visit us on the web at [www.cfozarks.org](http://www.cfozarks.org) to learn more and see a list of participating organizations.

## CFO Launches Stewardship Ozarks Initiative

**The Community Foundation of the Ozarks has formally launched Stewardship Ozarks Initiative, an effort to strengthen regional organizations that are committed to conservation efforts in the Missouri Ozarks. This program is a direct response to the Foundation's board of directors' 2006-2007 action plan, and it will focus directly on the sustainability of conservation and environmental nonprofit groups. Stewardship Ozarks Initiative program includes targeted grantmaking, planned giving development, and an endowment building challenge.**



Enhanced conservation grantmaking is a focal point of the initiative. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks has committed \$100,000 per year to this effort. In fact, this year nine organizations have received more than \$130,000 in grant support from both the Metropolitan Springfield community grantmaking program and the Coover Regional Grantmaking Program, a partnership between Commerce Trust Company and CFO. Among those receiving major grants were Ozark Greenways, James River Basin Partnership, and Wonders of Wildlife, all of Springfield; and Joplin's Wildcat Glades Audubon Society as well as West Plain's Bryant Creek Watershed Group.

Strengthening planned giving cultivation for conservation groups is another important element of the Stewardship Ozarks Initiative. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is supporting this in two distinct ways. First, the Foundation is actively promoting the initiative and its participating nonprofits to the professional advisor community. Second, an education packet has been prepared that informs potential donors on how they can help sustain the work of these organizations through thoughtful estate planning. These efforts should better position conservation-oriented nonprofits to benefit from the ongoing transfer of wealth in the Missouri Ozarks.

The final aspect of Stewardship Ozarks Initiative may be the most important. The initiative endowment building

challenge will provide \$500,000 in challenge grants to strengthen or establish endowment funds for environmental stewardship. This challenge is made possible by generous support from the Upper White River Basin Foundation, Community Foundation of the Ozarks Philanthropy Initiative, Gregg and Sheila Galbraith, Larry and Dr. Nancy O'Reilly, Todd and Betty Parnell and Dr. Tom Prater and Dr. Kim Prater. In the end, this effort should result in more than \$1 million in conservation endowment and promote organizational sustainability.

For more information on how you can participate in this effort, please contact the Community Foundation of the Ozarks at (417) 864-6199.

## Participating Organizations

- Bryant Watershed Project
- Discovery Center Conservation Education Fund
- Friends of the Zoo Education Fund
- Greene County Farmland Preservation Council
- James River Basin Partnership
- Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation
- Missouri Environmental Education Association
- Missouri Prairie Foundation
- Ozark Greenways
- Ozark Regional Land Trust
- Tumbling Creek Cave Foundation
- Upper White River Basin Foundation
- Watershed Committee of the Ozarks
- Wonders of Wildlife

## 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  
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, Todd Parnell

# Message from the Chairman

Every year the Community Foundation of the Ozarks board of directors adopts an action plan that drives the work of the Foundation for the next twelve months. This plan is based on a framework that was developed during the 2004–2005 long-range strategic planning process, **Charting the Course: 2015**. The 2006–2007 action plan (see below) includes eight key objectives that are important to the continued development of our organization; I want to take this opportunity to highlight three of them.

The Stewardship Ozarks Initiative is very close to my heart. Preserving our region's natural resources is of the utmost importance, and this Initiative endeavors to strengthen a number of nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to this purpose. Since November, CFO has awarded \$130,000 in grant awards to conservation groups in our region, and we will soon launch an endowment building challenge grant campaign for environmental groups from throughout the Missouri Ozarks (see page 1).

Another key objective for the Foundation was to explore the feasibility of a "Philanthropy Initiative Phase II" for our affiliated regional foundations. This issue emerged from the 2006 affiliate conference and was supported by the board for inclusion in this year's action plan. Leon Combs, board member and chair of the regional committee, has shepherded this process and he provided an update to regional foundation leaders at the 2007 affiliate conference held on March 7th (see page 5). The regional committee will present a formal proposal to the board of directors at its May

meeting. The primary focus of this effort will be to strengthen regional community foundations through the establishment of administrative endowments and the continued development of unrestricted community grantmaking funds.

Finally, I want to congratulate our board members, volunteers, donors, and staff on our continued success in the area of asset development. The board of directors set a lofty goal of reaching \$125 million in charitable assets by the end of this fiscal year, and I am pleased to report that we had surpassed this goal by the end of December! Again, the larger our asset base, the more good we can do in our communities.

Thank you for all that you do for the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Ours is a public foundation committed to improving the quality of life for all Ozarks' residents, and its future success will depend on your continued commitment and support.

## Community Foundation of the Ozarks 2006–07 Action Plan

1. Launch Stewardship Ozarks, an effort to build regional conservation organizational endowment funds through a challenge grant program and enhance the "conservation" grantmaking found in the Metropolitan Springfield community grantmaking program.
2. Strengthen asset development in Springfield and Greene County by the establishment of ten new significant funds.
3. Develop a strategic plan for a "Philanthropy Initiative Phase II," a longitudinal effort to build administrative endowments, unrestricted endowments, and provide board development for the affiliated community foundations.
4. Reconvene Community Focus Report steering committee and support the completion of community report cards in the Ozarks region.
5. Enhance board and public education on the Community Foundation of the Ozarks.
6. Revise CFO bylaws.
7. Reach the \$125,000,000 level in charitable assets.
8. Distribute more than \$8,000,000 in grants and distributions in the coming fiscal year.

# Pat Walker Named 2006 Humanitarian of the Year

**The Community Foundation of the Ozarks presented the 2006 Humanitarian of the Year Award to Pat Walker at the seventeenth annual Humanitarian Award Luncheon held at the Oasis Convention Center. An independent committee under the auspices of the Chairman-Elect of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Ann Marie Baker, selected Ms. Walker for her many years of philanthropic service to the Springfield area.**

Characterized by her selflessness, dedication and infectious enthusiasm, Ms. Walker has been an asset to the Springfield community

## Community Focus 2007 Underway

The New Year saw work begin on *Community Focus 2007: A Report for Springfield and Greene County*. After a brief delay because of the mid-January ice storm, the *Community Focus* steering committee held its initial meeting on Thursday, February 6. This year, Maura Taylor, a member of CFO's board of directors, is serving as the volunteer steering committee chairperson, and Ann Elwell is working as the project facilitator. Throughout the spring, subcommittees focused on eleven major subject areas will be conducting research and making reports to the steering committee. These findings will then be compiled into the larger report to be presented to the community in the fall.

The report provides an in-depth look at the major areas impacting quality of life in our community, and identifies both strengths to build upon and weaknesses to address. Since making its debut in 2004, the *Community Focus* has been a powerful tool in concentrating the efforts of the community to address the concerns identified in the report and make Springfield and the region an even better place to live and work.

*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. The 2007 edition represents the third iteration of the Community report. You can read the 2005 *Community Focus* report on the web at: [www.SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org](http://www.SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org).

and the Ozarks for more than 45 years. Her volunteer work in Springfield began when she started the Visiting Nurse Association, Meals on Wheels and Hospice. Founders Park stands as one of Walker's most visible efforts. She served for 11 years as the project director, driving the Park's creation. While serving as a Community Foundation of the Ozarks board member in the early 1990s, she initiated a large-scale tree-planting project for Park Central Square.

"The scope of her impact on our city over a number of decades has been enormous," said Sarah Muegge, one of those nominating Walker for the award. To date, Walker has served on more than 30 national, state and local boards of directors. Her community work includes the volunteer work with Ozarks' Public Television, Downtown Springfield Association, Community Health Center, Legal Aid of Southwest Missouri, Girl Scouts, Junior League of Springfield, and the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. Currently, she serves on the boards of Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation and the Springfield-Greene County Library Foundation. Last year, Ms. Walker was a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Public Affairs degree from Missouri State University.

The Junior League of Springfield nominated Pat Walker for this year's Humanitarian Award. It is their organization's belief that Ms. Walker's spirit of giving inspires others to work

hard as humanitarians. Her volunteer efforts will reach subsequent generations of Missourians.

"Pat is one of the most energetic, selfless volunteers I've had the pleasure of working with," said Judy Beisner, who also nominated Walker for the award. "Just like an energizer bunny, she keeps going and going and going," said Muegge.

On top of her own tireless commitment to community service, Walker is known for inspiring others to serve. The countless volunteers she has led through project after project can attest to the dedication she inspires. "When she takes something on, her enthusiasm infects others," said Jan Horton, CFO President Emeritus.

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 between the Humanitarian and charities of the individual's choice.

Ms. Walker directed the \$5,000 cash award be split equally between the Ozarks Health Advocacy Foundation Endowment Fund and the Springfield-Greene County Library Foundation Endowment Fund.



*Jewell Thompson Schweitzer (left) and CFO Chairman Todd Parnell (right) with Pat Walker, 2006 Humanitarian of the Year*



*Students from eight community YEP programs attended the regional YEP Conference in November.*

## CFO Hosts First Annual Youth Empowerment Project Regional Conference

Community Foundation of the Ozarks hosted the first annual Youth Empowerment Project (YEP) regional conference on November 28, 2006. More than 100 high school students gathered at the CFO offices to share their experiences as young philanthropists and explore ideas for building on the success of their projects. Eight community YEP programs and 14 high schools were represented at the conference: Ava, Lockwood, Logan-Rogersville, Monett, Nixa, Ozark, Seymour, and seven Springfield high schools (Catholic, Central, Glendale, Greenwood, Hillcrest, Kickapoo, and Parkview).

After a brief session to welcome participants and make introductions, the young philanthropists rolled up their sleeves and went right to work. Students took part in six, ten minute presentations centered on peer learning, public awareness, grant selection criteria and event fundraising.

Presentations from three student YEP groups headlined the afternoon presentations. Members of Ozark's YEP discussed the advantages as well as the ins and outs of putting on a large-scale fundraising event, a talent show in this case. Cow pie bingo highlighted the session led by Seymour's YEP participants who discussed their approach to using a series of smaller events to raise money for their grantmaking and other expenses. The grantmaking process itself was the subject of Springfield's YEP collaboration,

as they explained their approach to grant identification and selection. Following the breakout sessions and a pizza lunch, students gathered again to share their new ideas and get feedback from their peers.

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks created the Youth Empowerment Project to give youth a way to positively impact their community. This is accomplished through education, service, grantmaking and fundraising. Students involved in Youth Empowerment Project organizations raise funds through projects and events and then grant those funds to worthy youth-related causes in their community. A primary component of the Youth Empowerment Project is providing financial support to youth-created and youth-driven service projects in their respective communities. The project began six years ago with the Springfield collaborative and has since grown to include seven additional regional communities.

The conference was a success, and student participants reported that it was a great learning experience. What ultimately made the conference a success was the enthusiasm possessed by the young philanthropists who left the event eager to expand the important role they serve in their community.

## Arts Endowment Partners Drive-In Conference

Leaders from area arts organizations gathered at CFO's drive-in conference for arts endowment partners on January 25 at the Creamery Arts Center. The meeting provided representatives from local arts organizations an informal networking opportunity to discuss partnerships between their organizations and CFO regarding fundraising and endowment building ideas.

After lunch, participants took a guided tour of the Creamery Arts Center. As part of the tour, participants met staff from the organizations that call the Creamery home and learned about plans for the building and the various resources it offers the community.

*Watch for more information about upcoming CFO drive-in conferences.*

## Pension Protection Act

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 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 70½ years 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.

The new IRA rollover is an exciting tool for qualified individuals, but the provision is only effective through December 31, 2007. We encourage you to carefully review information about the IRA Charitable Rollover and provide it to those who might be eligible and/or have an interest in the IRA Charitable Rollover.

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.

# Carthage Alum Establishes Scholarship with IRA Rollover

In November 2006, Mr. Curt Carter, a childhood resident of Carthage, MO, established the Curtis Rex Carter Science Scholarship Fund to honor his father and benefit students interested in the applied sciences from Jasper County. The fund was established with the Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc. (CFSM).

Establishing this scholarship fund seemed like a perfect fit for Carter. He believes in supporting applied sciences, like chemistry, electrical engineering, chemical engineering and computer engineering.

“My judgment is that we’re losing our technological edge in the world. Applied science is the engine that drives job creation and the wealth of our nation,” said Carter. “I don’t care about educating educators. I want to educate students who will create products and jobs in the United States.”

Carter also wanted to honor his father, Curtis Rex Carter. “Dad was enrolled in engineering at MU when the Great Depression hit and he had to drop out. Then he put me through college in engineering. I’m just returning the favor.”

The Curtis Rex Carter Scholarship fund will provide its first \$5,000 scholarship in the spring of 2007. The scholarship will be renewable for four years as long as the recipient maintains a 2.8 GPA. To apply, students must be graduating seniors from Jasper County and demonstrate financial need. Scholarship amounts may fluctuate depending on available funds.

Carter has a B.S. in engineering from the University of Missouri and attended the University of California at Berkeley but began work on the Apollo project before completing his own doctoral work. He is an engineer and an architect who worked on projects such as Large Liquid Propellant Rocket Engines, the Apollo space mission, and the Extra Vehicular Back Pack, later employed on the Gemini mission. Carter is now an artist working from California and Texas.

To finance this new scholarship fund, Carter used the IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals over the age of 70-1/2 to rollover up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the qualifying charity as income. The provision is effective through December 31, 2007.



*CFO board chairman Todd Parnell (left) presents Art Haseltine with the Bridge Builder Award.*

## Regional Leaders Meet Honor Haseltine

Community Foundation of the Ozarks held its annual Affiliate Conference March 7, 2007, at the CFO building in Springfield. More than 60 people representing 30 communities attended the event.

The morning kicked off with a welcome from Todd Parnell, CFO board chairman, and important updates concerning CFO business. Leon Combs, Regional Committee chair, and Gary Funk, CFO president, presented affiliate representatives with the proposed plan for phase two of the Philanthropy Initiative. Emerging from discussions held at last year’s affiliate conference, the plan calls for a comprehensive challenge grant program designed to strengthen CFO’s regional community foundations by establishing administrative endowments and expanding each affiliate’s unrestricted community grantmaking fund. Afternoon breakout sessions allowed representatives from regional affiliates to discuss the plan’s potential impact and how to ready their affiliate foundation for the initiative. The regional committee will present a formal proposal to the board of directors at its May meeting.

Three affiliate community foundations were honored for reaching the \$1 million mark in total assets. These included the Mt. Vernon Area Community Foundation, Table Rock Lake Community Foundation and Taney County Community Foundation.

**Art Haseltine** was awarded the 2007 Bridge Builder Award at the conference. Haseltine is just the third person to receive this award, which honors an individual who has supported the regional community foundation movement.

Haseltine served as CFO’s Chairman of the Board from 1993-1994. During that time, his vision and hard work led to the establishment of the regional affiliate foundation program to serve smaller, rural communities throughout the Ozarks. Following his term as board chairman, Haseltine continued to devote considerable energy to expanding CFO’s regional affiliate program. In 2000, he helped create the “Philanthropy Initiative,” a regional effort that raised \$3.8 million to expand the capacity of regional affiliate foundations and create new affiliates to serve even more communities within the Missouri Ozarks.

“The Community Foundation of the Ozarks’ regional affiliates are an essential part of our mission to help maintain sustainable Ozarks communities for current residents and future generations. Without Art’s vision and dedication, this would not have been possible,” said Gary Funk, CFO president.

## Top 12 Affiliate Foundations in Total Assets as of February 28, 2007:

1. Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc .....	\$4,443,462
2. Table Rock Lake Community Foundation.....	\$2,842,809
3. Dent County Community Foundation.....	\$2,208,143
4. Taney County Community Foundation .....	\$2,053,968
5. Willow Springs Community Foundation.....	\$1,906,239
6. Nixa Community Foundation .....	\$1,523,073
7. Monett Area Community Foundation .....	\$1,501,998
8. Truman Lake Community Foundation.....	\$1,351,460
9. Mt. Vernon Area Community Foundation.....	\$1,038,418
10. Crawford County Community Foundation, Inc. ....	\$836,688
11. Bolivar Area Community Foundation.....	\$825,061
12. Greater Seymour Area Foundation .....	\$813,787

# Outgoing and Incoming Affiliate Presidents

The Community Foundation of the Ozarks salutes outgoing affiliate foundation presidents



Rachel Andreasson

## Rachel Andreasson, Crawford County Foundation, Inc.

Rachel Andreasson was the Crawford County Foundation, Inc. president since its inception in 2001 and was a part of the foundation's smooth transition to affiliation with CFO. During this time, the Crawford County Foundation, Inc. raised funds for a licensed, state-of-the-art childcare facility called the All-Aboard Learning Center. Additionally Andreasson worked with the Barnett family to form the Academic Boosters Club, an organization that helps fund classroom projects that are 'beyond the basics'. Sharlene Walls is the incoming president of the Crawford County Foundation, Inc.



Galen Dody

## Galen Dody, Truman Lake Community Foundation

Galen Dody completed his two-year presidency for the Truman Lake Community Foundation at the end of the 2006 calendar year. During his time as president, over \$1 million was reached in assets, 6 new funds were added, and fund totals increased in assets by 31%. Additionally, under Dody's leadership, the Truman Lake Community Foundation started the \$100 Club to encourage donors to make annual donations of \$100 to the Quality of Life Fund. Sandie Sorbo is the new president of the Truman Lake Community Foundation.



Dr. Pam Hedgpeth

## Dr. Pam Hedgpeth, Republic Community Foundation

Dr. Pam Hedgpeth was one of the founding members of the Republic Community Foundation and is stepping down as president after completing many achievements. Under Hedgpeth's leadership, the Republic Community Foundation hosted an Alumni Celebration, solicited for Grant Recipients for \$4000 (will award in April), and planned and began implementation to host a Community Service Banquet to honor and recognize those who have given back to the Republic community. Replacing Dr. Hedgpeth as Republic Community Foundation president is Stanley Coggin.



Bill Lee

## Bill Lee, Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation

Bill Lee has been the Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation president since its establishment in March 2005. During his time as the president, the Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation has begun managing the Mount Vernon License Office. Additionally, the Mount Vernon Area Community Foundation successfully raised over \$25,000 in an unrestricted grantmaking fund to better the Mount Vernon community. Replacing Bill Lee is Steve Fairchild.

*The Community Foundation of the Ozarks is very grateful to all outgoing presidents and their commitment to local communities.*



Robin Robeson (left), Senior Vice President, Commerce Trust Company presents a check to Vivian León, Director, Missouri Southern International Piano Competition

## Coover Program Awards \$230,000

In February, the Louis and Dorothy Coover Regional Grantmaking Program, a partnership between Community Foundation of the Ozarks and Commerce Trust Company, awarded \$230,000 to eleven agencies that address regional needs in the areas of the arts, culture, education, the environment, and health and social services. Representatives from each organization were presented a check at a ceremony and reception held on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

The Louis and Dorothy Coover Regional Grantmaking Program supports new and innovative programs or projects that address regional needs through advocacy, public education or capacity building. This year's grant recipients were:

### All Creatures Animal Rescue & Sanctuary – Buffalo, MO, \$20,000

Funds from this grant will be used to spay/neuter and vaccinate animals before they are adopted, conduct repair and maintenance and address other needs at the non-profit, licensed no-kill animal shelter.

### Boys & Girls Club of the Ozarks – Branson, MO, \$14,447

The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Ozarks will use this money to expand and enhance arts programs that provide children creative outlets and help them build positive self-esteem.

### Bryant Watershed Project – West Plains, MO, \$21,055

This grant will be used to create hands-on, place based learning opportunities focused on the natural environment and the region's culture for students from area schools.

### Child Advocacy Center – Springfield, MO, \$30,000

This money will allow the Center to cover the difference between the cost and insurance reimbursement for sexual assault forensic exams (SAFE) of children residing outside of Greene County.

### Community Health Clinic of Joplin – Joplin, MO, \$10,000

This grant will help bring medical and dental service to approximately 2500 uninsured patients in Barry, Barton, Dade, Jasper, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, and Vernon counties.

### Hand in Hand Ministries/Multicultural Center – Springfield, MO, \$30,000

This grant will provide consultation, curriculum materials, training, mentoring, and program incentives for the Homemakers Organizing and Parenting Effectiveness (HOPE) program which helps at-risk children develop healthy social and emotional habits.

### Missouri Southern International Piano Competition – Joplin, MO, \$30,000

These funds will be used for artistic services to bring this biennial project and related programs to schools & communities in Southwest Missouri.

### Ozarks Literacy Council – Springfield, MO, \$15,277

The Ozarks Literacy Council will utilize this grant to deliver the Abundant Books for Children (ABC) Project to families in Stone County.

### Safety Council of the Ozarks/Safe Kids – Springfield, MO, \$18,500

This grant will fund the Safety Council of the Ozarks' "Safe from the Start" program that provides safety education to expectant parents.

### National Kidney Foundation of Western Missouri – Springfield, MO, \$30,000

This money will be used to implement a project designed to reduce the incidence and risk factors for kidney disease throughout Southwest Missouri.

### Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center – Joplin, MO, \$10,000

Funds will be used in the development and construction of the Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center that will help protect existing natural resources through a comprehensive public education program.

# 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 October 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007.

## Benton County Community Foundation

Benton County Family Services Baby bundles to low income parents .....	\$350
Benton County Human Services Council Benton County Fitness program .....	\$400
Benton County Outreach Food Pantry Tires for food truck .....	\$1,100
Warsaw Branch Boonslick Regional Library Display rack for new library .....	\$411
Warsaw Main Street, Inc. Web page assistance .....	\$750

## Bolivar Area Community Foundation

Bolivar Area Salvation Army Food for clients with special dietary needs .....	\$500
Bolivar Primary School Reading is Fundamental program .....	\$500
Community Connections Lice control .....	\$500
Exodus Ministries of Missouri, Inc. Repairs on duplex for prison ministry .....	\$500
Polk County Christian Social Ministries Unrestricted .....	\$500

## Community Foundation of Southwest Missouri, Inc.

Carthage roundabout .....	\$246
Carthage R-9 School Foundation Carthage Community Clinic kids area .....	\$1,000

## DACO Community Foundation

Dade County Neighborhood Center Medications and medical attention .....	\$2,500
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## Dallas County Community Foundation

Dallas County Betterment Association Ice storm damage .....	\$3,000
Dallas County Health Department Safe Crib Program .....	\$1,500

## Dent County Community Foundation

Lifeway Center Food pantry .....	\$577
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## Douglas County Community Foundation

Girls Scouts of Dogwood Trails Council Unrestricted .....	\$1,525
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## El Dorado Springs Community Foundation

Boy Scouts of America El Dorado Springs Boy Scout efforts .....	\$250
Citizens Memorial Healthcare Foundation Unrestricted .....	\$5,000
Community Food basket Project Christmas basket project .....	\$150
Crosslines Center of El Dorado Springs Unrestricted .....	\$100
El Dorado Springs R-2 Schools Foundation Stock trailer for Agriculture Department and elementary school reading programs .....	\$6,649
Girl Scouts of Dogwood Trails Council El Dorado Springs area Girl Scout efforts .....	\$250
LIA House Unrestricted .....	\$100
Ministerial Alliance Unrestricted .....	\$332
Spring City Revitalization Group Unrestricted .....	\$880

## Finley River Community Foundation

Christian County Animal Shelter Help to build animal shelter .....	\$285
Christian County Child Welfare Advocacy Extracurricular activities for foster kids .....	\$750
Least of These Purchase necessary disposable items .....	\$1,000
Ozark High School Purchase sewing machine and OHS publication .....	\$750
Ozark Junior High School Equipment for yearbook and newspaper class .....	\$500
Ozark North Elementary 1st grade class activities .....	\$250
Ozark Public Schools Purchase SPIRE program for deaf/hearing impaired .....	\$351
Ozark South Elementary Discovery Center outreach program for 2nd grade .....	\$350
Ozark Upper Elementary Program needs .....	\$775

## Community Foundation of the Hermann Area, Inc.

Berlener Pharmacy Scripts for cancer patients and equipment .....	\$629
Community Foundation of the Hermann Area, Inc. Gas cards for cancer patients and survivors .....	\$3,000
Hermann Pharmacy Prescriptions for cancer patients, related cancer services, cancer treatment reimbursements, cranial prosthesis .....	\$5,815

## Houston Community Foundation

Texas County Library Unrestricted .....	\$200
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## Lockwood Community Foundation

Lockwood Youth Empowerment Program Start up grant .....	\$500
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## Monett Area Community Foundation

Cub Scout Pack 140 Scout work .....	\$96
Monett High School FFA project .....	\$50
Blast project .....	\$100
St. Lawrence Catholic Church Class project .....	\$100

## Nixa Community Foundation

Century Elementary School Leveled books for K-2 .....	\$1,228
Christian County 4-H 4-H Butterfly Gardens .....	\$1,000
Christian County Animal Shelter Build animal shelter .....	\$1,000
Christian County Child Welfare Advocacy Basic needs .....	\$1,000
Christian County Family Crisis Center Building repairs .....	\$2,259
Christian County Sheriff Department Finger printing program .....	\$5,000
Developmental Center of the Ozarks Building furniture .....	\$750
Espy Elementary School I Can Read books .....	\$1,460
Girl Scouts of Dogwood Trails Council Various needs .....	\$1,000
Inman Elementary Schools SMART Board and library books .....	\$2,050
Least of These Purchase needed items .....	\$3,000
Matthews Elementary School SMART Board and accessories .....	\$3,000
Nixa Fire Protection District 911 call boxes .....	\$2,400
Nixa Police Department Laptop for school crisis .....	\$1,250
Nixa High School 2-way radios for all floors .....	\$935
Nixa Junior High School Lumens document camera .....	\$1,000
Greenhouse furnace .....	\$2,000
Defibrillator .....	\$2,500
Ozark Public Schools SPIRE program for deaf/hearing impaired .....	\$1,000
Purity, Passion and Pearls 8th grade female values program .....	\$2,500
SCORE Alternative School Supplies for home building class .....	\$1,500
Thomas School Equipment & specific program needs .....	\$4,145

## Ozark County Community Foundation

Ozark County Library Internet services and copier .....	\$1,783
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## Metropolitan Springfield

Boys and Girls Club of Springfield Fine arts and Power of Music programs .....	\$10,000
Commercial Club of Springfield Artrain USA traveling exhibit .....	\$2,500
Discovery Center of Springfield "World Wise" exhibit .....	\$13,500
Greater Ozarks Audubon Society Equipment for Ozark Greenway trail and McDaniel Park .....	\$762
James River Basin Partnership Public education campaign .....	\$25,000

Jordan Valley Marketing Council 2007 "Evening at Artsfest" .....	\$8,500
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MSU Department of Music Equipment for service-learning program in music therapy .....	\$1,600
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Missouri Film Alliance Show-Me Missouri International Film Festival .....	\$2,500
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New Growth Centers Minority Youth Conference .....	\$8,000
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Ozark Greenways Linear park & Safe Route to School .....	\$30,000
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Springfield Ballet "Dance Chance" and CUSP children's programs .....	\$7,758
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Springfield Regional Arts Council Renovation of visual art and guest-artist spaces at The Creamery .....	\$12,979
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Springfield Regional Opera "Sleeping Beauty" touring production for schools .....	\$7,663
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Urban Districts Alliance Downtown beautification .....	\$11,950
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Watershed Committee of the Ozarks Wetland education programs .....	\$22,288
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Wonders of Wildlife "Wonders Down Under" program .....	\$10,000
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## Ste. Genevieve County Community Foundation

911 Center of Ste. Genevieve County Recording system for 911 calls .....	\$18,739
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American Legion Generator for emergency rescue .....	\$69,125
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Big River Fire Protection Rescue and turnout gear .....	\$10,000
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City of Ste. Genevieve Police Department Video recorders for cars .....	\$8,050
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Friends of Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital ER equipment .....	\$16,637
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Ste. Genevieve Community Center Water heater and installation .....	\$6,708
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Ste. Genevieve County Ambulance District Electronic field data/GIS system .....	\$19,831
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Ste. Genevieve County Circuit Court Digital equipment and software .....	\$9,577
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Ste. Genevieve County Committee Staff person to prepare grant .....	\$1,500
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Ste. Genevieve County Memorial Hospital Hospice of Ste. Genevieve County .....	\$500
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Ste. Genevieve County Nutrition Center Supplies .....	\$10,000
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Ste. Genevieve Parish St. Vincent de Paul Unrestricted .....	\$2,000
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Ste. Genevieve Sheriff's Department Vehicle and emergency equipment .....	\$36,102
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## Stockton Community Foundation

Cedar County Library Summer reading program .....	\$300
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Stockton Ministerial Alliance Food pantry equipment .....	\$325
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Stockton Public Schools Foundation Start up for alumni association database .....	\$250
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Stockton R-1 School District Accelerated reading program .....	\$500
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## Truman Lake Community Foundation

Henry County Historical Society Repairs to Brown Cemetery .....	\$2,000
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Literacy Council of Clinton Books for kids and Santa on the Square .....	\$1,600
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Lowry City Community Betterment, Inc. New sidewalks on Main Street .....	\$2,500
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## Willard Charitable Foundation

Willard Intermediate School Library Sharp copier .....	\$899
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Willard R-2 School District Wrestling program .....	\$500
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## Willow Springs Community Foundation

Willow Spring Public Schools JAG program .....	\$500
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