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SAA has a new building and new ways to engage the community

**ARTICLE AND PHOTOS
BY DAVID BLANCHETTE**

It's difficult for most nonprofits to survive year-to-year, so when an organization celebrates its 105th anniversary, you know it must be on to something.

"I can tell you what season it is based on what fundraiser I'm working on," said Springfield Art Association executive director Betsy Dollar. "We have something big about every other month. So we finish one and we don't miss a beat, we move into the next event."

Fundraising events, sponsorships, donations and revenue from the Art Association classes – 750 students enrolled in summer art camp last year – are what keep the organization running. Major fundraising drives like the ongoing centennial capital campaign help to improve and expand Art Association facilities. It's proven to be the right combination for the organization, but it's not easy.

"Every nonprofit will tell you that we are always fundraising, whether it's writing grants, seeking individual donors, or holding events,"

Dollar said. "That means that we are continually doing some kind of event to raise additional funds."

Fundraising events are the most visible way to garner financial support, but it's the behind-the-scenes efforts that attract the largest donations. That's where it gets tougher, according to Dollar.

"It's easy to volunteer for an event and make it a fun day. The not-so-fun part is finding the sponsorship dollars," Dollar said. "The events themselves don't make that much money. Where you make the money is finding a sponsor, or a variety of sponsors at a variety of levels."

"Fundraising is the biggest challenge with our 25-member board; it's something most people don't like to do," Dollar said. "But it's crucial. Our fundraising is what really covers most of the salaries and keeping the lights on or when the furnace blows up. We are this amazing patchwork of a very, very old structure, a middle-age structure, and now brand-new structures, so there's always something that needs attention."

Successful fundraising requires a strategy, especially in a community like Springfield where the same businesses and individuals are often asked to contribute to most of the nonprofit causes. The Art Association tracks contributors and what each one likes to support, and Dollar said they are careful not to keep asking the same people and businesses for money all of the time.

Selling memberships is another proven fundraising method. Art Association members

have access to a number of benefits and reduced-cost activities, and this gives the organization a list of known supporters who can be approached to contribute in other ways, such as event ticket purchases or sponsorships.

The millennial generation, however, doesn't

ward some end result," Dollar said. "So they will buy tickets, contribute toward planting a tree or doing a specific thing, but for the most part they don't want to be members."

"We know that they like the arts in general, they want to come and do a bourbon tasting in Edwards Place, or come to Roasted or Paint the Street," Dollar said. "But even with the discounts on classes, they are less interested in 'being a member.' So that requires some new thinking and approaches."

Those new approaches include giving people a one-night taste of an art medium with which they are less familiar, then signing them



The Smith and Nickelson Metals Studio.

seem to be as keen on joining organizations, so this has required a new fundraising school of thought for those 20-to-30-somethings.

"They would rather give you a chunk of money that they can see is going directly to-

up for a series of classes once they become interested. Family events appeal to millennials as well because they show that the Art Association has value for both parents and children.

The key is convincing the larger public that

COVER PHOTO

Springfield Art Association executive director Betsy Dollar with artwork she created at the organization.

PHOTO BY DAVID BLANCHETTE



A weaving class at the Springfield Art Association.

an arts organization has value. That task was easier for Dollar when she worked in St. Paul, Minnesota, where a much higher percentage of the citizens were “truly engaged” in the arts. People like physicians who are recruited from bigger cities to work in Springfield also bring a desire for cultural input.

“Because there is so much competition locally for funds, those people who were born and raised in Springfield have many demands on their charitable giving,” Dollar said.”

Art Association development coordinator Mary Beth Burke said that funding competition comes from some compelling sectors.

“We’re not feeding the hungry or finding

shelter for the homeless,” Burke said. “So it’s really, really hard to raise money for the arts.”

The Art Association has discovered that collaboration is the best fundraising strategy when human services and charitable organizations are vying for the same donated dollars. Burke said the Art Association has a program through Kumler Outreach Ministries to help families make Christmas presents with arts and craft supplies. The SAA also coordinates summer art camp scholarships with the Boys and Girls Club. Hope Institute students come to the SAA for art as therapy.

The Art Association also works with local hospitals to use art as therapy for Alzheimer’s,

dementia, brain injury and stroke patients.

“We are providing a service for the entire community, regardless of age or ability. Art is subjective, and if you’re creating art, that is successful,” Burke said. “There’s no wrong answer in art. It provides a positive outlet, a positive therapy, an enjoyable service for everybody.”



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Burke is coordinating the final stages of the Art Association's capital campaign, which officially launched on the organization's 100th anniversary on Sept. 28, 2013. The SAA has raised just over \$3 million to date and has approximately \$125,000 remaining to reach the goal, she said.

The centennial capital campaign has paid for a number of improvements to the Art Association's campus, which is bordered by Fourth, Fifth, Union and Dodge Streets. The improvements include the first and second story restoration of historic Edwards Place; the construction of the new Visual Art Center that contains the Prairie Earth and Fire Ceramics Studio, Smith and Nickelson Metals Studio and Baima

Glass Studio; updates to the existing Condell Studio, where the majority of the organization's painting, pastels and drawing are done; updates to the back studio, including a new climate control system, lights and wall treatments; and the remodeling of the M.G. Nelson Family Gallery.

"Before we even kicked off the campaign, we did about a year of fundraising in a quiet phase," Burke said. "We held various informational meetings and invited our members and friends of the Art Association. So we started with the people who already knew about us, were involved with us and had a history and connection to the Art Association."

"We tried to secure a large chunk of funding so when we opened it up to the public, it showed that this was a viable project," Burke said. "That is one of the biggest issues when you have a large capital campaign. Do people think it's really going to happen? They wait to donate until you have a significant amount already raised."

The Springfield Art Association's history began Sept. 30, 1913, when the members of a local art study club incorporated and moved into the house now known as Edwards Place, which had been offered to the group by the Edwards family. Today the Art Association provides low-cost, high-quality classes, exhibits and special events to more than 90,000 people each year through its art school facilities, galleries at its main campus, the Hoogland Center for the Arts and the Edwards Place historic house.

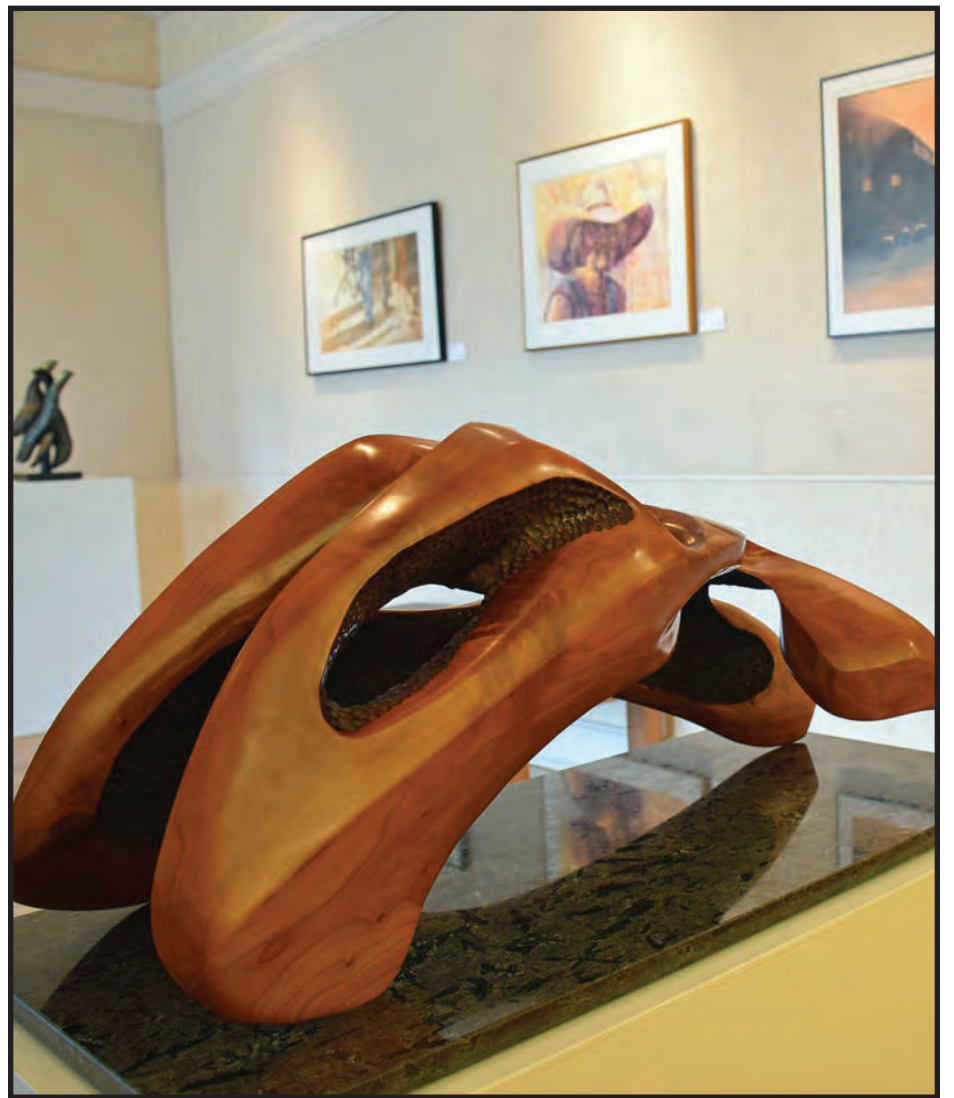
The Springfield Art Association joined forces with the Prairie Art Alliance in a 2016 merger, giving the local arts scene efforts an even broader focus, according to Dollar.

"I've been working very hard to create an environment where everybody who is interested is welcome. We want to share ideas and encourage imagination, creativity and flat-out weirdness," Dollar said. "If we are going to keep moving forward and come up with solutions to all of the things that are going on in the world,

we really have to keep thinking creatively and outside the box and encourage imagination."

"There's a need for a place like this in every community. I want to be the best at that

and just give everybody a chance," Dollar said. "We've made it 105 years, and if humanity makes it for another 105, we'll probably still be here." ♦



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Heritage Foundation announces winning bid for 312 E. Adams

BY CATHERINE O’CONNOR

Exciting new plans will soon be taking shape at 312 E. Adams St., a three-story building that was donated to the Downtown Springfield Heritage Foundation late last year by the previous owner, Gerry Hughes. The Foundation has just announced that Martin Haxel and his wife, Laurie, were the winning bidders, responding to an RFP which involved demonstrating financial ability to purchase and begin renovations within a year and a sound business plan for a project that will enhance the existing environment in Springfield’s downtown.

The Foundation used an RFP process to solicit proposals, which required a minimum bid of \$30,000, but also awarded points to bidders that showed the ability to execute a well-defined plan for the historic building on East Adams, which is located between Third and Fourth streets.

The Haxels, who already own the section of the block next door at 310 E. Adams St., will now have access to an additional 5000 square feet of space in the adjoining building, a portion of which will be used to expand Haxel Law Offices. In addition, Laurie Haxel operates a biotech consulting business out of the current building.

According to Laurie, “We had tried to purchase the building a few years ago, but the time was just not right.” Because their expansion needs will only require about half the ground floor of the new space, they are currently in the early stages of planning uses for the additional two upper floors.

Built in 1912, the building parcels that make up the 300 block of East Adams were constructed as traditional, elongated, tunnel-like, mirrored sections. From above, they look like a set of four identical twin sections, every two sharing a roof skylight that originally worked as an ingenious

way to bring natural lighting into the inner corridors of the upper floors.

Various sections of the block, which now houses a barbershop and real estate office, have been formerly occupied by commercial and retail companies throughout the years, including Illini Blueprint, a religious group and Illinois National Bank, with a portion of the building damaged by fire in the mid-1970s.

hotel to be built across the street from their office.

According to attorney Martin Haxel, his firm is thriving downtown. “We are not going anywhere,” he said. He added they are open to ideas for use of the upper floors of their new space.

Scott Troehler, president of the Heritage Foundation, said he hopes that the group will be

incentives that can be used by an owner who renovates the building per specific Secretary of the Interior guidelines.

“As a tax-exempt nonprofit, we accept donations of real estate in downtown Springfield with the intention of facilitating the preservation and rehabilitation of historic buildings,” he explained.



Haxel Law offices will expand into the adjacent building.

PHOTO BY CATHERINE O’CONNOR

The Haxels say they appreciate the design potential of the building, with its unique light-well, brick and wood architectural features and are pleased to be part of the vibrant downtown scene, where plans are taking shape for a new

able to help facilitate other redevelopment projects. The Heritage Foundation can also provide information about other incentives that may be available for redevelopers, including TIF funding through the City of Springfield and federal tax

Catherine O’Connor retired from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency in 2015 and enjoys seeing the revitalization of historic buildings in Springfield.

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Illinois Products Expo showcases wide variety of businesses

BY ASHLEY MEYER

There's more to agriculture in the Land of Lincoln than just corn and soybeans. Illinois leads the nation in food processing sales, generating \$186 billion dollars in sales annually. Over 2,000 companies, from small mom-and-pop operations making hot sauce and kettle corn to large-scale producers of canned pumpkin, support more than 70,000 jobs in Illinois.

These food processing businesses add value to raw agricultural products like grain, produce, milk and meat. For over 20 years, the Illinois Products Expo has been an opportunity for these producers to share their products with the public and foster business-to-business relationships.

"This was our 21st expo and it was our best sales year ever," said Erin Cleary, bureau chief of marketing, promotions, and grants with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, who organizes the Expo each year.

Approximately 7,200 visitors attended the two-day expo held in early March at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. While some attendees were there simply to enjoy samples of stone-ground mustard, hot sauce, popcorn, jerky and pizza, along with craft beer and Illinois wine, the Expo also served as an important showcase for buyers looking to use local products for their own business.

"County Market has found a lot of the items at the Expo that they now sell in their 'Illinois Product' aisle, and Humphrey's Market here in Springfield has picked up Mario Santino's pizza because of exposure they got at this year's Expo," Cleary said.

Some of these value-added businesses are associated with individual farms, such as the garlic grown by the Galena Garlic Company, which grows specialty garlic in northern Illinois and Tennessee and then uses that garlic to create signature spice rubs, infused olive oils and dried garlic products. Other companies, such as Mario Santino's Pizza, use Illinois suppliers for their ingredients. Santino's prepares frozen pizzas at their Normal, Illinois, facility to be distributed to local restaurants, bars and grocery stores. Santino's uses a proprietary seasoning blend in its pizza sauce that is produced by Excalibur Seasoning Company in Pekin, and the sausage is sourced from a family-owned company in Chicago.

"This was our first time at the Illinois Product Expo, so I didn't really know what to expect. I've been to other food shows, huge ones with over 100,000 people, but I'd never seen anything like this. We could barely keep up; I still don't know exactly how many pizzas we went through," remarked Mario Fillipponi, owner of Santino's. While serving up piping hot samples to hungry crowds, Fillipponi managed to form an alliance with an adjacent vendor, Nuthatch Hill BBQ Co. The Lincoln, Illinois-based business sells sauces and dry rubs in addition to catering and vending. Santino drizzled some of Nuthatch Hill's sauce on a slice of his pizza and it was a match made in munchie heaven. There are now plans in the works to distribute individual packets of Nuthatch Hill's tangy vinegar-based BBQ sauce alongside each Mario Santino's Pizza.

Illinois products that have positive social and environmental impacts were also on display at the fairgrounds. Sweet Beginnings is a company that makes BeeLove skincare products at their Lawndale facility on the west side of Chicago. They provide employment opportunities for previously incarcerated individuals who are struggling to find work. Participants are trained as beekeepers to care for their urban beehives. This honey and beeswax is sold as premium edible honey and is also used to make



Mario Santino of Mario Santino's Pizza.

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luxurious body balms, lotions and scrubs.

Another environmentally minded business at the Expo was Prairie Melody. This company grows non-GMO sunflower birdseed on land that is transitioning from conventional to organic agriculture. This helps to create a market for a product that, while not organic, is free from pesticides, herbicides and neonicotinoids that are damaging to bee populations and the environment.

The range of vendors displaying their wares at the 2019 Illinois Products Expo represented the variety of large and small food product businesses that call Illinois home, and plans for next year's event are already underway. When asked if he planned to return to the Expo the following year, Fillipponi replied, "Absolutely! We'll definitely make sure we get two spaces next year instead of one." ♦

Ashley Meyer is a Springfield-based food writer and cook. She previously worked as executive chef for genHkids, a nonprofit focused on empowering a generation of healthy kids and their families and is an ardent supporter of local, sustainable agriculture.



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How business can help education

BY CINDA ACKERMAN KLINKNA

One day, I was talking to a student about the limited choices of a career when I was in high school. In the late 60s, women mainly became secretaries, nurses or teachers. I commented that so many other fields had opened up for women – and men, too. The student said, “But there is so much; I don’t even know what might be possible or what really is out there.”

I recall another student who was told by her parents that they wanted her to go to medical school and become a doctor. She confided to me that she really didn’t want to be a doctor; she loved art and wanted to study that. After talking to someone in the medical community, she realized the field of medical illustration might be her pathway to both medicine and art.

In the mid-1990s the Springfield Education Association developed an annual Business Education Day. People in all types of careers spent a day in the classroom, helping students learn about career opportunities and the essential skills, classes and schooling needed.

Many years later, there is still a huge need to help educators help students on the pathway to success in school – and in a future career. With the support of business, we can help students find a career that captures their interest and passion.

Val Yazell, director of the Office of Planning and Economic Development for Springfield, says, “It is important to pair up schools and businesses to learn each other’s worlds. It

isn’t just educators who must be responsible to teach students about jobs and what’s needed. Business must open dialogue so that teachers know about skills needed, changes in technology and experiences in the work world.”

Helping students starts as early as kindergarten, even early childhood. Here are some ways businesses can support education.

Offer time for employees to attend parent teacher conferences each year.

Meeting teachers, hearing what the curriculum is, understanding a child’s progress and needs are all important to the success of a student. Elementary years help with the development of a child’s skills, and with a partnership between the teacher and parents, all working to help the student, there is greater success. When a child reaches high school, it is important for parents to understand what classes their child needs for graduation and either college or vocational opportunities after graduation.

Help support field trips for students and classes.

More and more financial difficulties are affecting schools’ ability to offer field trips and families being able to afford fees for a field

trip. Businesses can help defray the cost of a bus, entrance fee, etc. With the many museums here in Springfield, as well as the Lincoln and other historic sites, our students need to know the history in their backyard.

Participate in mentoring, reading, or volunteering at a school.

Adopt a school or allow employees time to go to their own children’s schools to read or volunteer. Schools are always looking for mentors. Groups in town seek out volunteers to work with students who need extra help.

Offer job shadowing and field trips to your business or speak at the schools about career possibilities.

So many students have no idea of the many opportunities for careers. Talented, skilled, dynamic people work every day in our businesses and state agencies throughout the community. Their expertise, knowledge and advice are often untapped resources for our youth.

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needed items for a school or classroom.

Remember the adult programs and students at Lawrence Education Center.

Many students are working to earn their GED and taking exams for certification; costs for the exams and even bus tokens to attend classes are often needed.

Chris Hembrough, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, says, “We encourage businesses to support education and help with career awareness and readiness.” Although the Chamber’s Business Education Advisory Board, which helped with programs and projects to bring business and education together, has been disbanded, the Chamber is partnering with Lincoln Land Community College in their program called Open Door Mentoring and with District 186 in helping to arrange professionals to visit classes and schools. ♦

Cinda Ackerman Klickna is a retired English teacher and served on the Business Education Advisory Board for many years.

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Since then the fund has granted more than \$40,000 toward preservation projects within the history-rich city of Springfield.

One of the grants was awarded to the Vachel Lindsay Association to help preserve the exterior of the Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, located just south of the Governor's Mansion. It is a home that hosted Abraham Lincoln and his family, it's where Vachel Lindsay was born and died, and with help from the CFLH Historic Preservation Fund grant, it can continue to host poets, artists, students, musicians, and the next generation of great minds.



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Raising taxes won't solve state's budget deficit

BY TODD MAISCH

The Illinois Chamber realizes that Governor J.B. Pritzker has inherited real and serious fiscal problems. Unfortunately, his plan for a new tax increase is very unlikely to solve them and will worsen our finances over time by saddling job creators with a crushing new tax burden.

Illinois currently enjoys the benefits of a flat tax rate that encourages investment and job growth. The governor's plan to move to a graduated income tax clearly targets job creators, entrepreneurs and success.

Earlier this month, the Pritzker administration finally released their proposed graduated income tax rates. The proposal claims it will reduce income taxes for 97 percent of Illinoisans and only increase taxes for businesses and those who make over \$250,000.

The problem is that even under the rosiest of scenarios, this proposal will generate only \$3.4 billion in new revenue, while the governor admits the real backlog and structural deficits are more than \$12 billion. Given that the math doesn't work, most Illinoisans know what is coming next, which is another major tax increase on the middle class.

Raising taxes and spending the money without taking measures to spur economic growth to make more money will worsen the problem, not solve it. We must get our financial house in order before we begin talking about new revenue.

It is important to note that the increase on the 2.7 percent of taxpayers the governor is targeting will pay much more than the \$3.4 billion net income the plan claims it will generate. They will also pay for the 'tax relief' afforded to other taxpayers. This sends exactly the wrong

message to job creators who are already questioning their commitment to Illinois. When they choose to move investment across state lines, government loses tax revenue and our communities take a hit.

While these factors and more are important to consider, the real question we must be asking is, how much do we trust our Illinois politicians? The Illinois Constitution currently forbids the imposition of a graduated income tax. To change our flat tax, a bill must be passed out of the General Assembly and an amendment to the state constitution must be passed by voters. Once the amendment is added to the constitution, it will not be limited to Pritzker's proposed tax rates.

As we have seen in other states such as Minnesota, where tax rates for a married couple filing jointly begin increasing at \$38,771, graduated income rates are not just relegated to the wealthy. An amendment would serve as a clean slate, allowing politicians to erase the rates and start again, lowering the income level required for graduated rates any time they need more money. In a state that is known worldwide for our political corruption, are we willing to give our elected officials free range to change the constitution to fill their coffers?

While the solution to Illinois' financial problems -- taking in more money than it puts out -- is simple, it isn't going to be this easy. We must restrain spending, spur economic growth and then engage the job creators in discussion about new revenue. Until then, hold on to your wallets. ♦

Todd Maisch is the president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.



Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

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2	Illinois Federation of Teachers 700 S. College Springfield, IL 62704	217-544-8562 217-544=1729 ift-aft.org	103,000	Daniel J. Montgomery	Members fighting powerfully for a strong union and the future we all deserve.	1936
3	Illinois REALTORS® 522 S. Fifth St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-529-2600 217-529=3904 IllinoisRealtors.org	50,000	Ed Neaves President-elect	We protect property rights and advance the real estate profession.	1916
4	Illinois State Bar Association 424 S. Second St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-525-1760 217-525=0712 isba.org	32,000	James F. McCluskey	Promote the interests of the legal profession and improve the administration of justice, the quality of members' professional lives, and their relations with the public.	1877
5	Illinois CPA Society 524 S. Second St., Suite 504 Springfield, IL 62701	217-789-7914 217-789=7924 icpas.org	24,500	Todd Shapiro	To enhance the value of the CPA profession.	1903
6	Illinois State Medical Society 600 S. Second St., Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62704	217-528-5609 217-525=3923 isms.org	12,000	Paul Pedersen, MD (effective Apr. 7, 2019)	Represents and unifies its physician members; represents the interests of member physicians; advocates for patients; promotes the doctor/patient relationship; the ethical practice of medicine; the betterment of the public health.	1840
7	Illinois State Dental Society 1010 S. Second St., P.O. Box 376 Springfield, IL 62704/62705	217-525-1406 217-525=8872 isds.org	6,600	Dr. Randall Markarian	To represent the members of the Society and the public we serve through communication, education and legislation.	1865
8	Illinois Principals Association 2940 Baker Drive Springfield, IL 62703	217-525-1383 217-525=7264 ilprincipals.org	5,200	Jeff Knapp	“The mission of the Illinois Principals Association is to develop, support, and advocate for innovative educational leaders.”	1971
9	AIA Illinois 201 East Adams Street, Suite 1A Springfield, IL 62701-1323	217-522-2309 aiail.org	4,250	Kimberly Kurtenbach, AIA	Empowering our members to create more vibrant and equitable communities through architecture.	1946
10	Illinois Manufacturers' Association 220 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-522-1240 ima-net.org	4,000	Mark Denzler	Strengthen the economic, social, environmental and governmental conditions for manufacturing and allied enterprises in Illinois.	1893
11	Mid-West Truckers Association 2727 N. Dirksen Parkway Springfield, IL 62702	217-525-0310 217-525=0342 midwesttruckers.com	3,983	Don Schaefer, Exec. VP	Provides a wide range of services to trucking companies and businesses that use trucks in their operation. Represent truck operators before federal, state and local governments and regulatory agencies. MTA seeks to promote the economic and safe operation of trucks and provides safety training, drug and alcohol testing, insurance, licensing and permit services.	1961
12	Illinois Nurses Association 911 S. Second St. Springfield, IL 62704	217-523-0783 217-523=0838 illinoisnurses.com	3,600	Terence Yee, RN	The mission of the INA is to work for the improvement of health standards and availability of health care services for all people in Illinois, foster high standards for nurses, stimulate and promote professional development of nurses, and advance their economic and general welfare.	1901
13	Illinois Chamber of Commerce 215 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-522-5512 217-522=5518 ilchamber.org	3,500	Todd Maisch	The unifying leaders of policies that support growth in Illinois' dynamic and diverse economy.	1919
14	Illinois Trial Lawyers Association 401 W. Edwards St. Springfield, IL 62704	217-789-0755 217-789=0810 ittla.com	2,000	Mark D. Prince	Achieve high standards of professional ethics; uphold laws; secure and protect the rights of those injured in their persons or civil rights.	1952
15	Home Builders Association of Illinois 112 W. Edwards St. Springfield, IL 62704	217-753-3963 217-670=1719 hbai.org	1,650	Mark Vogt	The voice for home building in Illinois.	1956
16	Illinois Society of Professional Engineers 100 E. Washington St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-544-7424 217-528=6545 illinoisengineer.com	1,600	Kristin Timmons, P.E.	Advance and promote the public welfare in connection with construction, environment, licensing, public health and transportation.	1886

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1	Hope 15 East Hazel Dell Lane Springfield, IL 62712	217-585-5104 217-553-2099 hope.us communicatinghope@hope.us	\$21,230,215	\$32,189,658	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Clint W. Paul, President /CEO	To provide state of the art services in the most inclusive environment to encourage persons to fulfill their individual potential though evidence-based treatment, advocacy and community education.	1957
2	Girl Scouts of Central Illinois 3020 Baker Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	217-523-8159 217-523=8321 getyourgirlpower.org	\$18,819,184	\$5,467,972	10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017	Pam Kovacevich, Chief Executive Officer	Builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.	1956
3	Central Counties Health Centers, Inc. 2239 E. Cook St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-788-2300 217-788=2340 centralcounties.org info@centralcounties.org	\$12,598,009	\$8,482,482	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Heather Burton, President and CEO	To provide high quality, affordable healthcare (primary medical, dental, behavioral health) to every person who enters our doors, including those most in need.	1999
4	YMCA of Springfield 701 S. 4th St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-544-9846 217-544=0004 springfielddymca.org	\$12,384,161	\$6,190,632	1/1/2017- 12/31/2017	Angie Sowle, CEO	To serve the community by reaching out to everyone in a spirit of inclusion and fellowship. YMCA programs focus on four core values-caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. We serve men, women and children of all ages, races, abilities, incomes.	1874
5	Sparc 232 Bruns Lane Springfield, IL 62702	217-793-2100 217-793=2127 spfldsparc.org	\$7,100,211	\$5,844,230	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Greg O'Connor, CEO	To help individuals with developmental disabilities improve the quality of their lives.	1951
6	Central Illinois Foodbank 1937 E. Cook Springfield, IL 62703	217-522-4022 217-522=6418 centralilfoodbank.org foodlist@centralilfoodbank.org	\$6,545,068	\$18,111,027	6/1/2017 - 5/31/2018	Pam Molitoris, Executive Director	Central Illinois Foodbank's mission is to provide food, and develop awareness of and creative solutions for food insecurity.	1982
7	Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois 610 N. Seventh St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-528-3314 217-528=6084 rmhc-centralillinois.org kthompson@rmhc-centralillinois.org	\$6,490,812	\$1,286,218	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	Kelly Thompson, CEO	Provides programs to support the well-being of children and provides a home away from home for families with children receiving medical care.	1986
8	Brother James Court 2508 Saint James Road Springfield, IL 62707	217-747-5905 217-747=5971 brotherjamescourt.com development@brotherjamescourt.com	\$3,952,431	\$4,645,281	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Sonia Bartels, Administrator	To serve, regardless of race, ethnic origin, creed, or ability, developmentally disabled men in need of intermediate care.	1975
9	Abraham Lincoln Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America 5231 Sixth St. Road Springfield, IL 62703	217-529-2727 217-529=5786 alincolnbsa.org askabe@scouting.org	\$3,572,108	\$1,105,748	1/1/2017- 12/31/2017	Daniel A. O'Brien, Scout Executive and CEO	To prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.	1920
10	Land of Lincoln Goodwill Industries, Inc. 1220 Outer Park Dr. Springfield, IL 62704	217-789-0400 llgi.org info@llgi.org	\$3,569,643	\$25,593,640	7/1/2016- 6/30/2017	Sharon Durbin, CEO	Providing people the skills and resources to become self-sufficient through the power of work.	1938
11	Midwest Mission Distribution Center 1001 Misson Dr. Pawnee, IL 62558	217-483-7911 midwestmission.org office@midwestmission.org	\$3,365,302	\$904,601	1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018	Chantel Corrie, Executive Director	Transforming the resources of God's people into humanitarian relief. Sending hope and empowerment around the world and around the corner.	1999
12	Animal Protective League of Springfield and Sangamon County 1001 E. Taintor Road Springfield, IL 62702	217-544-7387 217-525=5896 apl-shelter.org admin@apl-shelter.org	\$2,927,631	\$1,964,112	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	Deana Corbin, Executive Director	To care for ill, injured and abused homeless animals and coordinate the adoption of those animals by responsible pet owners and to end pet overpopulation by offering affordable, high-quality spay/neuter services.	1954
13	Senior Services of Central Illinois Inc. 701 W. Mason St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-528-4035 217-528=4537 ssoci.org	\$2,173,773	\$2,649,641	10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017	Carol Harms, Executive Director	Non-medical servies to the elderly; assisting them in remaining independent and in their own homes for as long as possible.	1976
14	United Cerebral Palsy of the Land of Lincoln 130 N. 16th St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-525-6522 217-525=9017 ucpll.org ucp@ucpll.org	\$2,052,891	\$5,360,240	7/1/2016- 6/30/2017	Kathy Leuelling, President and CEO	Provide innovative strategies to connect people with disabilities to their communities.	1968
15	Jewish Federation of Springfield, Illinois 1045 Outer Park Dr., Suite 320 Springfield, IL 62704	217-787-7223 217-787=7470 shalomspringfield.org sjf@shalomspringfield.org	\$1,856,429	\$389,772	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	Nancy Sage, Executive Director	To serve the Jewish people locally, in Israel, and throughout the world through coordinated fundraising, community-wide programming, services and educational activities.	1941
16	Sojourn Shelter & Services, Inc. 1800 Westchester Blvd. Springfield, IL 62704	217-726-5100 217-726=8664 sojournshelter.org sojdirector@gmail.com	\$1,592,505	\$1,525,767	7/1/2017- 6/30/2018	Angela Bertoni, CEO	A 32-bed emergency shelter, crisis management services, education and court advocacy for adult and child victims of domestic violence.	1975
17	Fifth Street Renaissance P.O. Box 5181 Springfield, IL 62705	217-544-5040 217-544=5045 fsr-sara.org	\$1,420,000	\$1,200,000	7/1/2017- 6/30/2018	Penny Harris-Powell, Executive Director	Assists individuals and families in difficult situations by providing transitional housing and opportunities to acquire education, employment and housing.	1979
18	Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County 2744 S. Sixth St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-523-2710 217-523=2790 habitatsangamon.com executivedirector@habitatsan-gamon.com	\$1,272,371	\$1,863,494	7/1/2016- 6/30/2017	Colleen Stone, Executive Director	A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicat-ed to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action.	1989
19	Contact Ministries 1100 E. Adams Springfield, IL 62703	217-753-3939 217-753=8643 contactministries.com	\$1,187,754	\$753,360	7/1/2016- 6/30/2017	Cindy Drum, Executive Director	To daily serve the greater Springfield community by providing emergency and transitional shelter with life skills and training, as well as food, clothing, financial assistance and referrals through Christ's love and compassion.	1979
20	Springfield Urban League, Inc. 100 N. 11th St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-789-0830 217-789=9838 springfieldul.org	\$866,665	\$11,585,871	7/1/2015- 6/30/2016	Nina Harris, President & CEO	The mission of the Springfield Urban League is to em-power African-Americans, other emerging ethnic groups and those who struggle to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.	1926

Building board diversity

Learn how to diversify your nonprofit's board of directors

BY SARAH TAPSCOTT

Through my work as the director of statewide partnerships at Forefront, I've seen firsthand that a governing board with diverse perspectives is critically important for nonprofits in Springfield. Forefront is the nation's only statewide membership association for nonprofits and grantmakers, and we know from years of experience that when nonprofit boards reflect the diversity of their communities, organizations will be better able to harness the support of potential donors and collaborate with partners and policy makers.

Promoting collective action through advancing racial equity is a critical issue for Springfield's nonprofit community, and we are excited to partner with an incredible group of local leaders to strengthen our total impact. Last fall, Forefront partnered with John Kelker, president and CEO at United Way, and W.G. Robinson-McNeese, M.D., system executive director for diversity initiatives for SIU School of Medicine, to introduce a new effort to increase diversity among board members at our local nonprofit organizations: the Building Board Diversity (BBD) initiative. Raychel Yokem, a member of the corporate social responsibility committee at Horace Mann, is serving as the chair.

The purpose of BBD is twofold. First, to help the nonprofit community by providing the training and resources needed to ensure board leadership is a reflection of our community. Secondly, BBD wants to provide board governance training to prospective new board members to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and un-

derstanding of boardroom fundamentals.

One of the initial goals of BBD was to provide our nonprofit executive directors with a series of trainings on unconscious biases, micro-aggressions, and looking at diversity through an asset-based lens versus a deficit one. Future trainings and discussions will get into the mechanics of looking at the culture of their current boards and conducting assessments to measure a board's strengths and where it needs help to improve.

By sparking these conversations in the boardroom, organizations can discuss and prioritize what the board should look like in the future, considering a variety of qualities, skills, spectrum of life experiences, contacts and professional and personal backgrounds that will be most helpful to the organization.

BBD is looking to have a meaningful conversation about what is happening in our community, the current representation of our boards and a commitment to act toward progress. There is still a lot of work to be done to determine the overall

goals of BBD, but the group is moving in the right direction. We encourage all executive directors of Springfield nonprofits to join us for our monthly meetings where these issues and more are discussed and tackled. ♦

Sarah Tapscott is the director of statewide partnerships at Forefront, overseeing the central Illinois offices, including Springfield. Sarah leads Forefront's statewide work by organizing education and training for local nonprofits, promoting partnerships and collaborations within the region's nonprofit and philanthropy sector.



Sarah Tapscott, director of statewide partnerships at Forefront
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Forefront's meetings are free and open to anyone leading a nonprofit agency. The meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

For more information, call Sarah Tapscott, director of statewide partnerships at Forefront at 217-572-1866 or email stapscott@myforefront.org.

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21	Springfield Center for Independent Living Inc. 330 South Grand Ave. West Springfield, IL 62704	217-523-2587 scil.org scil@scil.org	\$823,039	\$587,311	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Pete Roberts, Executive Director	SCIL is a service and advocacy organization for anyone with a disability.	1985
22	Helping Hands of Springfield, Inc. 1023 E. Washington St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-522-0048 helpinghandsofspringfield.org	\$740,479	\$796,129	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Erica Smith, Executive Director	To identify problems facing the poor and homeless in Springfield, IL and to implement and coordinate services to help address those problems.	1989
23	The James Project 907 Clocktower Dr. Springfield, IL 62704	(217) 546-3532 thejamesproject127.com info@thejamesproject.com	\$706,366	\$177,778	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	Janice Williams, President	Support for fostering families by establishing foster homes for children in need, partnering with local churches to provide quality houses, mature Christian house parents, financial support, and to provide a loving, permanent and Christ-centered home.	2012
24	Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland, Inc. 3100 Montvale Dr. Springfield, IL 62704	217-787-9234 aginglinc.org	\$660,201	\$3,907,978	10/1/2016 - 9/30/2017	Carolyn Austin, Executive Director	Funding for services for the elderly.	1974
25	Youth Service Bureau 2901 Normandy Road Springfield, IL 62703	217-529-8300 ysbi.com	\$610,170	\$1,037,058	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Kathleen M. Wright, Executive Director	Provides services to at risk youth who are, or are at risk of becoming, runaway, abused, neglected and/or homeless. Services are also available to their family members.	1977
26	Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery 1011 N. Seventh St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-525-6800 miniobeirne.org	\$520,572	\$469,230	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Tamara Doyle, Executive Director	Prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing emergency respite care free of charge to children and their families involved in a crisis situation.	1988
27	Community Connection Point 901 S. Spring St., Suite B Springfield, IL 62704	217-525-2805 ccpoint.org	\$497,535	\$1,812,426	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Erica Romines, Executive Director	Assisting families in obtaining the community resources and quality, affordable child care to help children reach their greatest potential.	1994
28	M.E.R.C.Y. Communities, Inc. 1344 N. Fifth St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-753-1358 217-753=1360 mercycommunities.org info@mercycommunities.org	\$492,236	\$662,754	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Amy Voils, Executive Director	M.E.R.C.Y. (Mentors, Empowerment and Resources for Change in Young families) Communities provides housing and supportive services to foster the independence of homeless and at-risk families.	1999
29	Rutledge Youth Foundation, Inc. 151 N. Bruns Lane Springfield, IL 62702	217-525-7757 rutledgeyouthfoundation.com	\$490,707	\$2,886,497	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Martin Michelson, Executive Director	To assist abused and neglected youth in becoming productive, independent members of society.	1953
30	The Parent Place 314 South Grand Ave. West Springfield, IL 62704	217-753-8730 tppos.org bhammen@tppos.org	\$462,085	\$283,322	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Bridgett Hammen, Executive Director	To prevent child abuse and neglect by teaching positive parenting skills and techniques to nurture families in our community.	1974
31	Compass for Kids 501 S. 4th St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-691-8103 compass4kids.org molly@compass4kids.org	\$373,556	\$597,458	6/1/2017 - 5/31/2018	Molly Berendt, Executive Director	To provide academic and social-emotional support to empower at-risk children and families. To this end, Compass for Kids has school year and summer programs to support at-risk children in Springfield School District 186.	2016
32	Phoenix Center 109 E. Lawrence Ave. Springfield IL 62704	217-528-5253 217-528=5260 springfieldpride.org	\$327,691	\$395,685	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2017	Jonna J. Cooley, PhD, Executive Director	To support Central Illinois' LGBT Community with programming for promoting equality, health and well-being, and social and educational growth.	2001
33	Family Service Center of Sangamon County 730 E. Vine St. Springfield, IL 62703	217-528-8406 service2families.com fsc@service2families.com	\$306,850	\$1,485,498	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Karen Cox, Executive Director	Family Service Center is committed to improving the lives of families in central Illinois through foster care, adoption and counseling services.	1863
34	Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region, Inc. 928 S. Spring St. Springfield, IL 62704	217-753-1216 bbbscapitalregion.org	\$303,421	\$505,647	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	TBA	To help children reach their full potential through life-changing, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships.	1972
35	Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault 3 West Old State Capitol Plaza, Ste. 206 Springfield, IL 62701	217-744-2560 prairiecasa.org	\$214,249	\$536,959	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	Shelley Vaughn, Executive Director	To alleviate the suffering of sexual assault victims and to prevent sexual violence against men, women, children and families by providing emergency room response, medical advocacy and trauma counseling.	1978
36	NAMI Illinois, Inc. 218 W. Lawrence Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-522-1403 namiillinois.org namiil@sbcglobal.net	\$170,641	\$156,572	7/1/2016 - 6/30/2017	TBA	Dedicated to the eradication of mental illness and improving the lives of persons with mental illness and their families.	1984
37	Inner City Mission, Inc. 714 N. Seventh St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-525-3940 innercitymission.net	\$135,705	\$667,829	1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017	Scott Payne, Executive Director	To help the homeless find their way home.	1984
38	Prevent Child Abuse Illinois 528 S. 5th St. Springfield, IL 62701	522-1129 522=0655 preventchildabuseillinois.org	\$55,921	\$702,314	7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018	Denise McCaffrey, Executive Director	The mission of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois is to prevent child abuse by providing statewide leadership through education, support for community initiatives and advocacy.	1990
39	Elizabeth Ann Seton Program 700 N. 7th St., Suite C Springfield, IL 62702	217-757-6025 elizabethannsetonprogram.org info@elizabethannsetonprogram.org	\$40,581	\$101,601	1/1/2016 - 12/31/2016	Allison Buzick, Executive Director	To embrace the sanctity and dignity of life by nurturing pregnant and parenting women. EAS partners with multi-faith congregations and community organizations to provide support, education, and practical assistance to women and their children.	1996

New health clinic serves Hope and city

BY ZACH ROTH

For over 60 years, Hope has provided care for children with various disabilities. In Springfield, Hope has a residential campus and school on East Hazel Dell Lane, in addition to offering outpatient services at the Hope Pavilion in the former Doctors Hospital building on South Sixth Street. Working with these children requires a loyal, resourceful and dedicated staff, those who can nurture and soothe, and be a calming presence in a life that for many is not so calm.

As a way of offering additional support to staff members, Hope has teamed up with HSHS Medical Group and the City of Springfield to open a new clinic through HSHS's LeadWell initiative.

The new clinic, which opened in early March, will provide basic care for those on Hope's and the city's insurance plans. For Hope, an organization dedicated to treating those with the most sophisticated needs, the idea to open a primary care office for its employees was a natural fit.

"It's a service and a benefit that we can provide to our employees," Clint Paul, the president and CEO of Hope said. "We want to provide benefits to our employees that are meaningful and worthwhile." He noted there was space available at Hope Pavilion, close to where many of the employees are housed, which would make it convenient for them to receive services. "I think it's a benefit that our employees will enjoy."

Another benefit that they will share with their partners from the City of Springfield is a lower cost for the care that they will receive at this clinic.

"For our employees, they can go to these clinics at either no cost or a significantly reduced cost, depending on what health insurance plan

they are on with us," Paul said.

While the employees of Hope are excited about the new possibilities, the city is also enjoying the many perks that come with a new health facility, not the least of which is the lower cost of services for their insured employees.

"The overall purpose of doing all of this is trying to control the cost, the escalating cost, of our city health plan," Bill McCarty, director of the city's Office of Budget and Management, said. "That has worked out really, really well for everyone. The employees love the clinic and the city and the employees themselves have seen more of a flat (movement) in terms of cost over the years, rather than the escalation that we were seeing before."

This is not the first LeadWell clinic that the city has collaborated with an outside source on. Another clinic, with help from St. John's and Horace Mann, is also available to employees in HSHS's building on East Madison Street.

The LeadWell initiative was designed with businesses and groups like Hope in mind. It provides a variety of health care services, including the primary care offices, not to mention

corporate wellness checkups that help employees through a wide range of medical issues, such as stress and family related problems. It's an initiative that HSHS president Dr. Loren Hughes

In addition to the many unique services that the clinics provide, Hughes also said that the clinics fill a need for many employees and workers.

"For the businesses that we worked for, we found as high as 30 percent of the employees don't have a primary care doctor," Hughes said. "They would do without primary care or even wellness services at all if it wasn't for this clinic."

The relationship between Hope, the city and HSHS is already off to a smooth start. It's been so smooth, in fact, that others have been reaching out to get a piece of the services that these clinics provide.

"Our HR team, and I know the City of Springfield as well, has reached out to some other employers in this general area on this side of town for their interest," Paul said. "There's a couple that have interest and are looking at it, so we kind of give those leads to LeadWell to talk to them, because it's really up to LeadWell to show them how they can save money on their insurance plans."

If all goes well, other groups will get on board, allowing for more people to use the services, and creating an entirely new set of partnerships. Hughes hopes that the LeadWell initiative has helped create a new paradigm when it comes to treating people throughout the Springfield area.

"We're trying to meet the patient and the people that we are trying to take care of where they are," Hughes said. "It's almost like a house call. I think it's going to catch on. If you look nationally, these employer-based clinics like what we're doing, these are really catching on everywhere, and with the cost of care spiraling out of control, this is a way for us to try to put some reins on it." ♦



Mayor Jim Langfelder speaks at the ribbon cutting for the new health clinic on March 12.

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has been excited to show off.

"The entire LeadWell product, we're just providing the care that businesses need," Hughes said. "We just show them the a la carte buffet and they can choose what they want to do for their employees, and then we do everything we can to make sure it happens at the lowest cost possible."

The clinics are adjusted to the partners' specifications. For instance, Hughes said that the city wanted biometric screenings of their employees, something that HSHS was more than willing to provide.

COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Sources: The individual Service Organizations. + - Junior League of Springfield's meeting location varies month to month, address listed is for their office. * - Location of Altrusa's first Tuesday dinner/speaker meetings vary. Ranked by numbers of members.

	NAME / MEETING ADDRESS	PHONE / FAX (=) / WEBSITE / EMAIL	MEETING TIME(S)	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	CONTACT	DUES	MISSION STATEMENT	YEAR EST'D
1	King's Daughters Organization 205 S. Fifth St., Suite 530 Springfield, IL 62701	217-789-4431 kdospringfield.org	Once a month	357	Brenda Staab	Varies by circle	To aid the elderly in our community through both direct volunteering and financial support by way of our grant program.	1893
2	American Business Club of Springfield Inn at 835 835 S. 2nd St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-836-2082 abcspringfield.com davekelm@hotmail.com	First & Third Thursdays, Noon	230	Dave Kelm	\$360/annually includes lunches	Inspiring mobility and independence.	1925
3	Junior League of Springfield Varies + 2800 Montvale Dr. Springfield, IL 62704 (Main office)	217-544-5557 jlsil.org admin@jlsil.org	Second Tuesday of the Month, Sept. - May	120	Megan Nelson	\$135/annually for Active, \$100/annually for Sustainers	An organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.	1939
4	Rotary Club of Springfield Maldaner's Restaurant (2nd Floor) 222 S. Sixth St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-566-4326 springfieldilrotary.org	Mondays, 5:30 p.m.	65	Dave Fowler	\$360/annually	Service Above Self - Projects that promote literacy and combat hunger in our community; working with Rutledge Youth and sponsoring student participation in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program; and providing grants to numerous nonprofits; and international projects.	1913
5	Springfield Noon Lions Club Golden Corral 1038 LeJune Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	springfieldnoonlionsclub.com spfnoonlionsclub@gmail.com	Tuesdays, Noon	48	Larry Werline	\$100/annually, plus meals	Mary Bryant Home for the blind and visually impaired, Heartland Lions Eye Bank, St. Clare's Health Clinic, Camp Lions for Blind and Deaf Youth.	1919
6	Rotary Club of Springfield - South Engrained Brewing Co. 1120 W. Lincolnshire Blvd. Springfield, IL 62711	217-370-4677 rotarysouth-spi.org dop.ehrhardt@gmail.com	Thursdays, Noon	36	Brian Schutz	\$140/annually, plus meals	Service above self. Youth literacy and health.	1966
6	Sertoma Club of Springfield Hibachi Grill Town & Country Shopping Center Springfield, IL 62704	217-546-2782 www.sertoma.org album1@aol.com	First and Third Mondays, Noon	36	Cheryl Pence	\$160/annually plus meals	SERTOMA = SERvice TO Mankind. Areas of service: Projects to benefit hearing impaired in the Springfield including annual "Celebrate Sound" walk for hearing health; Boys & Girls Club; national heritage projects, Golden Laurel Awards.	1954
7	Springfield Frontiers International Chesapeake Seafood House 3045 E. Clearlake Ave. Springfield, IL 62702	217-899-0800 springfieldfrontiers.org asrandolphjr@att.net	Fridays, Noon	35	Austin Randolph, Jr.	\$165/annually, plus meals	"Advancement through Service" by harnessing the cooperative influence and energy of the members and directing that influence and energy towards solutions to major issues which are civic, social, educational and racial in nature.	1953

Women for Women

Improving the lives of women and children in the Land of Lincoln

BY KAREN ACKERMAN WITTER

Collectively, philanthropic women in the Springfield area are having a big impact. Thirteen years ago, at the impetus of Karen Hasara, a small group of women banded together to form the Women for Women giving circle through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. Women pledged to commit \$1,000 annually to pool their money to create a permanent endowment fund and provide grants for programs that improve the lives of women and children. Now, there are 107 active members of Women for Women. The endowment fund has grown to over \$700,000, and more than \$275,000 has been awarded in grants.

This demonstrates the power of a giving circle. Women for Women brings together like-minded people who make giving back a part of their lives through compassion, knowledge, friendship and philanthropy. By pooling and leveraging resources, there is greater community impact.

The grants are highly competitive. A dedicated group of Women for Women members administers a rigorous process to select the grant recipients. The 2019 grant awards will be announced at a reception on May 2. Up to \$50,000 will be awarded, and this is the first year multi-year funding requests will be considered.

The first grant in 2008 provided \$10,000 to the University of Illinois Springfield for a mentoring program between UIS female athletes and students in Springfield's public schools. Last year, three grants were awarded

totaling \$50,000. Compass for Kids received \$20,000 for Camp Compass, an academic and enrichment-based summer camp for at-risk and homeless elementary students in Springfield. The Jacksonville Area Center for Independent Living received \$20,000 to begin Deaf Wings, a multi-pronged initiative to help women report and survive domestic violence, involving training for ASL interpreters and law enforcement. Wooden It Be Lovely received \$10,000 to implement a comprehensive enhancement program to support mothers healing from lives of poverty, addiction and abuse through transitional employment and mentoring.


Each year, 25 percent of member contributions are allocated for grants, and 75 percent is invested in The Women's Fund endowment. Earnings from the endowment add to the annual grant-making total. Women for Women strives to have a more significant impact by awarding fewer, larger grants.

Other organizations that have received grants include Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region, Contact Ministries, Girls on the Run, Lincoln Land Community College, Matthew Project, Memorial Behavioral Health, Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois, Sojourn Shelter and Services and The Parent Place.

Women for Women is led by a steering committee. Committee chair Sarah Beuning says, "By joining together, we have become more thoughtful and impactful philanthropists, and we are able to do much more to support our community collectively than we each could do on our own." ♦

After retiring from a 35-year in Illinois state government, Karen Ackerman Witter started freelance writing about an eclectic range of topics. Her goal is to connect people, organizations

and ideas to achieve greater results. She is a member of Women for Women and serves on the steering committee.



Women for Women awards grants to innovative, collaborative programs that address the most pressing issues facing women and children in our community. Over time, we have learned that sometimes it takes longer than a year for an organization to get an innovative project off the ground. That is why we decided to offer applicants the option of requesting multi-year grants this year.

What makes Women for Women different is that we expect our grant recipients to send us quarterly updates about the success of the programs we've funded. That gives our membership feedback about how their charitable contributions are being used. For me, it's exciting and humbling to learn about so many worthy charitable organizations.

**– Susan White,
Women for Women grants committee chair**

8	Springfield Jaycees Bernie and Betty's Pizzeria 1101 S. Spring St. Springfield, IL 62704	618-920-1476 springfieldjaycees.net spfldjaycees@gmail.com	Third Wed., 6:30 p.m.	33	Danielle C. Hartman	\$68/1st year \$63/annually	A young leadership organization for individuals between the ages of 18 and 40, that empower young active citizens to create positive change focusing on five different areas of opportunity including: individual development, community development, business development, international development and management development.	1939
9	Rotary Club of Springfield - Sunrise Hoogland Center for the Arts 420 S. Sixth St. Springfield, IL 62701	217-254-6054 midtownspringfield.org info@midtownspringfield.org	Wednesdays, 7 a.m.	30	Bill Wheelhouse	\$100/quarterly plus meals	Service above self. Grants to local non-profits that serve youth. Literacy projects at Graham School. This I Believe essay contest for high school youth in collaboration with WUIS - NPR IL. Rotary Youth Exchange. Support for Rotary Foundation efforts to eradicate polio and fund other international projects that change lives.	1987
9	Rotary Club of Springfield - Midtown Inn at 835 835 S. Second St. Springfield, IL 62704	217-523-4466 midtownspringfield.rotary-clubs.org dmiwort@hotmail.com	Tuesdays, Noon	30	David Wortman	\$140/annually plus meals	Service Above Self. Youth, literacy and diversity-focused club. Washington Middle School Partner. Organizer of Springfield Marathon.	2003
10	Kiwanis Club of Springfield - Downtown Red Roof State House Inn 101 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701	217- 553-4710 kiwanis.org provest@aol.com	Wednesdays, Noon	25	Ron Provart	\$140/annually, plus meals	Playground for All Kids at Southwind Park, Key Clubs in High Schools, Builders Clubs in Middle Schools, Kiwanis Kids in Elementary Schools, St. John's Children's Hospital K-Kart Program.	1922
10	Altrusa International of Springfield Laurel United Methodist Church 631 South Grand Ave. W. Springfield, IL 62704	217-622-5597 altrusa.org nancydogs3@yahoo.com	First and third Tuesday, 6p.m.*	25	Nancy Easum	\$90/annually	Provides community service, develops leadership, fosters international understanding and encourages fellowship by an international network of executives and professionals in diverse career classifications.	1948
11	The Zonta Club of Springfield Illini Country Club 1601 S. Illini Rd. Springfield, IL 62704	217-787-8680 zonta.org facebook.com/zontaclub-springfield springfield@zontadistrict6.org	Second Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., August-June	20	Carol Borecky	\$138/annually, plus meals	Works to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide through service and advocacy. Local projects reflect that mission.	1939
12	Springfield Breakfast Optimist Club Peace Lutheran Church 2800 W. Jefferson St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-546-5021 dmc14444@gmail.com	Fridays, 7 a.m.	16	Dick McLane	\$40/semi- annually	Friend of Youth. By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.	1960
13	Rotary Club of Springfield - Westside Brickhouse Grill & Pub 3136 Iles Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-836-6024 facebook.com/Springfield-WestsideRotary hilliard.mark@comcast.net	Wednesdays, Noon	15	Mark Hilliard	\$155/quarterly, plus meals	Service above self - focusing on children and literacy.	2008
14	Springfield Luncheon Optimist Club MCL Restaurant 2151 W. Wabash Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-415-2424	6 p.m. on the third Monday	9	Harold Olsen	\$120/year	Friend of Youth. By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids.	1956

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1	Sacred Heart-Griffin High School 1200 W. Washington St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-787-1595 217-787=9856	shg.org	608	Sr. Katherine O'Connor, O.P., President, Kara Rapacz, Principal	9-12	Catholic	1895
2	Blessed Sacrament Elementary 748 W. Laurel Ave. Springfield, IL 62704	217-522-7534 217-522=7542	bssbruins.org	541	Dawn Klinner	Preschool-8	Catholic	1925
3	Springfield Christian School 2850 Cider Mill Lane Springfield, IL 62702	217-698-1933 217-698=1931 217-787-7673 (Preschool)	scs.school scs@scs.school	483	Sonya Sims, K-4 Principal; Dr. Melanie Stivers, 5-8 Principal	Preschool-8	Christian	1951
4	Christ the King Elementary 1920 Barberry Dr. Springfield, IL 62704	217-546-3527 217-546=2159	ctkcougars.com	414	Pam Fahey	Preschool-8	Catholic	1957
5	Our Saviour School 455 E. State St. Jacksonville, IL 62650	217-243-8621 217-245=9981	oursaviourshamrocks.com	326	Stephanie VanDeVelde	Preschool-8	Catholic	1860
6	Calvary Academy 1730 W. Jefferson St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-546-5987 217-321=1063	caspringfield.org	300	Dr. Jay Hinckley, Principal; Donna Squires, Education Director	Preschool-12	Christian Non-Denominational	1977
7	St. Agnes Elementary 251 N. Amos Ave. Springfield, IL 62702	217-793-1370 217-793=1238	stagnescatholicsschool.org	280	Rachel Cunningham	Preschool-8	Catholic	1897
8	Our Savior's Lutheran School 2645 Old Jacksonville Road Springfield, IL 62704	217-546-4531	oursaviors-school.org	240	Jill Gerberding	Preschool-8	Lutheran	1962

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9	Little Flower Catholic School 900 Stevenson Dr. Springfield, IL 62703	217-529-4511 217-529=0405	little-flower.org	227	Dr. Wm. Moredock	Preschool-8	Catholic	1948
10	Trinity Lutheran School & Preschool 515 S. MacArthur Blvd. Springfield, IL 62704	217-787-2323 217-787=1145	trinity-lutheran.com	200	Zachary Klug	Preschool-8	Lutheran	1860
11	St. Aloysius Elementary 2125 N. 21st St. Springfield, IL 62702	217-544-4553 217-544=1680	saintalloysius.org	150	Fr. Clinton Honkamp	Preschool-8	Catholic	1928
12	Lutheran High School 3500 W. Washington St. Springfield, IL 62711	217-546-6363 217-546=6489	spiluhi.org	140	Glenn Rollins	9-12	Lutheran	1979
13	Routt Catholic High School 500 E. College Ave. Jacksonville, IL 62650	217-243-8563 217-243=3138	routtcatholic.com	133	Nick Roscetti	9-12	Catholic	1902
14	Montessori Children's House 4147 Sand Hill Road Springfield, IL 62702	217-544-7702 217-544=5502	montessorispringfield.org	67	Sue Harris	Preschool-6	Nonsectarian	1977
15	St. Patrick Catholic School 1800 South Grand Ave. E. Springfield, IL 62703	217-523-7670 217-523=0760	st-patrick.org	57	Jan Williams	Preschool-4	Catholic	1910
16	Concordia Lutheran School 2300 Wilshire Road Springfield, IL 62703	217-529-3309 217-529=3096	concordiacares.org school@concordiaspfld.org	48	Janet Burmeister	Preschool-8	Lutheran Church Missouri Synod	1931

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Compass and District 186 join forces to serve at-risk students

BY KAREN ACKERMAN WITTER

“Compass for Kids has a model that works and data to back it up,” says founder and executive director Molly Berendt. This summer, for the first time, summer school program for elementary students from Springfield Public School District 186 will be folded into Camp Compass.

Jennifer Gill, superintendent for District 186, says “The combined Camp Compass summer program is a community collaboration that will increase the time that enrolled students can have in a cohesive summer experience. It gives students who are in the greatest need the opportunity for academic growth opportunities as well as hands-on experiential learning. It is the best of both worlds. This is a creative approach, which provides a fresh summer experience and also provides a bridge between two previously successful programs.”

Compass for Kids and District 186 have actually been partnering to serve at-risk students for many years since Compass operates after-school programs at five elementary schools, and both summer programs target low-income, at-risk students with the goal to prevent summer learning loss. The new agreement will allow Compass to ramp-up from serving 100 students in previous years to 300 students this summer through a six-week full day summer academic and enrichment camp.

Larry McVey coordinates Title 1 funds for District 186, which are federal dollars provided to school districts for academic programs in schools with the highest concentration of students in poverty. While at a conference last spring, McVey learned how other Title 1 practitioners were partnering with organizations for summer programs, while meeting require-

ments for use of the funds. He also heard enthusiastic reports about Camp Compass from Black Hawk Elementary School principal Terrance Jordan, who served as acting principal at Camp Compass.

McVey reached out to Berendt to propose

as art, sports, STEM and healthy living. McVey believes the enrichment opportunities and fun activities will generate more interest and excitement by students and parental support.

“What children need is someone or something that’s consistent. That’s what Molly and

Compass for Kids raises money through grants and fundraising and United Way is its largest funder. “United Way is very pleased to be one of Camp Compass’s original and continued funder. We know the program works very hard to document and track measurable outcomes for their participants to ensure program success,” says John Kelker, president of the United Way of Central Illinois.

Jay Cook is senior vice president of commercial lending at Marine Bank and has been involved with community-based service organizations for many years. “As a pragmatic business-person, I appreciate the interaction of compassion and logic with respect to the benefits of this program. We are truly blessed to have people like Molly Berendt and others like her who work tirelessly to improve and change peoples’ lives through Compass for Kids and other organizations here in Springfield,” says Cook.

Compass for Kids serves students who do not have access to the same opportunities that their counterparts do in more affluent areas. They are providing academic, social and emotional support to our elementary students who are at an age where they are most vulnerable to developing harmful habits and rituals that could impede them for the rest of their lives. At a time in their lives when positive intervention is most impactful, this program works with the most vulnerable people in our community – our children,” Cook explained. ♦

Karen Ackerman Witter started freelance writing after retiring from a 35-year career in Illinois state government. Her goal is to connect people, organizations and ideas to achieve greater results.



Students at Camp Compass in 2018.

PHOTO COURTESY COMPASS FOR KIDS

merging the District’s program into Camp Compass. Compass and District 186 will pool resources, with the District’s Title 1 funds restricted to help fund the academic components of Camp Compass. Licensed teachers instruct students in math and reading each morning. Afternoons are devoted to a variety of activities and field trips with themes such

Compass bring,” says Shelia Boozer, director of teaching and learning for District 186. Boozer points to the benefits of these relationships being carried over during the summer, along with the academics will help offset summer learning loss. Positive outcomes have benefits far beyond individual students. “When schools thrive, our community thrives,” says Boozer.



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Private school tax credits on the chopping block

BY HOLLY WHISLER

To find the \$1 billion in new revenue needed to fund his first budget proposal, Governor J.B. Pritzker has proposed gaining tax revenue from legalizing recreational marijuana and sports betting, making adjustments to Medicaid, taxing tobacco products and phasing out a program that gives private school donors a 75 percent income tax credit. This program is called the Invest in Kids Act and will amount to about \$6 million toward Pritzker's budget shortfall, but some say the potential impact is not worth the relatively modest savings.

The Invest in Kids Act tax credit scholarship program is less than two years old and was the first of its kind in Illinois. It has the potential to provide up to \$1 million in K-12 scholarships to children from low-income and working-class families. Proponents say this scholarship fund affords Illinois families the ability to choose the type of instruction that best suits their needs.

The tax credit scholarship program offers individuals and businesses a 75 percent income tax credit for the amount contributed to a qualified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). The SGO provides the scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend non-public schools in Illinois. The tax credit scholarship will cover up to 100 percent of private school tuition, up to a maximum of the average Illinois cost to educate, which is \$13,000.

Empower Illinois is a nonprofit, independent SGO responsible for serving approximately 80 percent of participating private schools in the state. Empower Illinois processes donations, accepts scholarship applications and distributes scholarships to eligible students and families in.

Locally, Springfield has 16 independent pri-

vate schools, both parochial and non-sectarian. Some of these schools have benefited from the Invest in Kids Act tuition scholarships.

Pam Fahey, principal of Christ the King School, said she was elated to learn about the Invest in Kids Act and believes it would help families explore options for attending schools more suited to their needs. Fahey said, "The Invest in

tions are pooled by region and divided up among private schools accredited by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Fahey was particularly excited that individual donors could designate a school of their choice to receive scholarships. She said, "Last year, after educating our community of the tax benefits for donating to this scholarship program,

crashed the day it opened."

Rapacz went on to say that SHG hosted an open house for families to use available computers to complete applications, and there were about 30 individuals sitting in the computer lab who were frustrated when the website went down. After that, many families decided they were no longer interested in applying for the scholarships. Those who did apply were disappointed to find that they either didn't qualify or there were not enough funds donated. According to Rapacz, "After all donations came in, SHG was granted enough funds to support one student in the 2018-2019 school year. Families and staff were extremely disappointed because the potential of the scholarship program is incredible, but the full benefit was not seen in this area."

However, the Illinois Education Association is opposed to continuing the tax credit plan, arguing that it takes money away from public schools. In a written statement, the IEA said, "Instead of taking away funds from our public schools and handing them over to private schools, we should get serious about doing what works and invest in our neighborhood schools so that students have, for example, inviting classrooms, a well-rounded curriculum, class sizes small enough for one-on-one attention and support services such as health care, nutrition and after-school programs for students who need them. Regardless of what they're called, vouchers, education savings accounts and tuition tax credits rob public schools of vital funding and resources. Ultimately, diverting funds in this way reduces the revenue available for the public schools that educate nine out of 10 students."

The Invest in Kids Act contains a five-year sunset provision, but Pritzker wants to begin limiting contributions as soon as this calendar year. ♦



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Kids Act gives families the courage to explore a culture of education they might not otherwise explore, simply because it is out of reach financially. The tax credit scholarship program is an important tool in extending school choice so students can experience faith in their academic culture. This program is a win/win for donors and scholarship recipients."

The Invest in Kids Act stipulates that individual donors are allowed to direct their donations to a particular school, but not particular students. On the other hand, business donors are not allowed to direct their money to a particular school. Donations from business and corpora-

\$24,250 was designated by donors to come to Christ the King School for scholarships. The Invest in Kids scholarships made it possible for even more students to receive a Catholic education in a faith-based community. Empower Illinois worked with me to grant scholarships for nine students."

Kara Rapacz, principal of Sacred Heart-Griffin High School (SHG) said, "Empower Illinois scholarships are a great initiative for private schools in Illinois. Unfortunately, for students in our area, we haven't had the best experience with the scholarship program. The implementation last year started rocky when the application website

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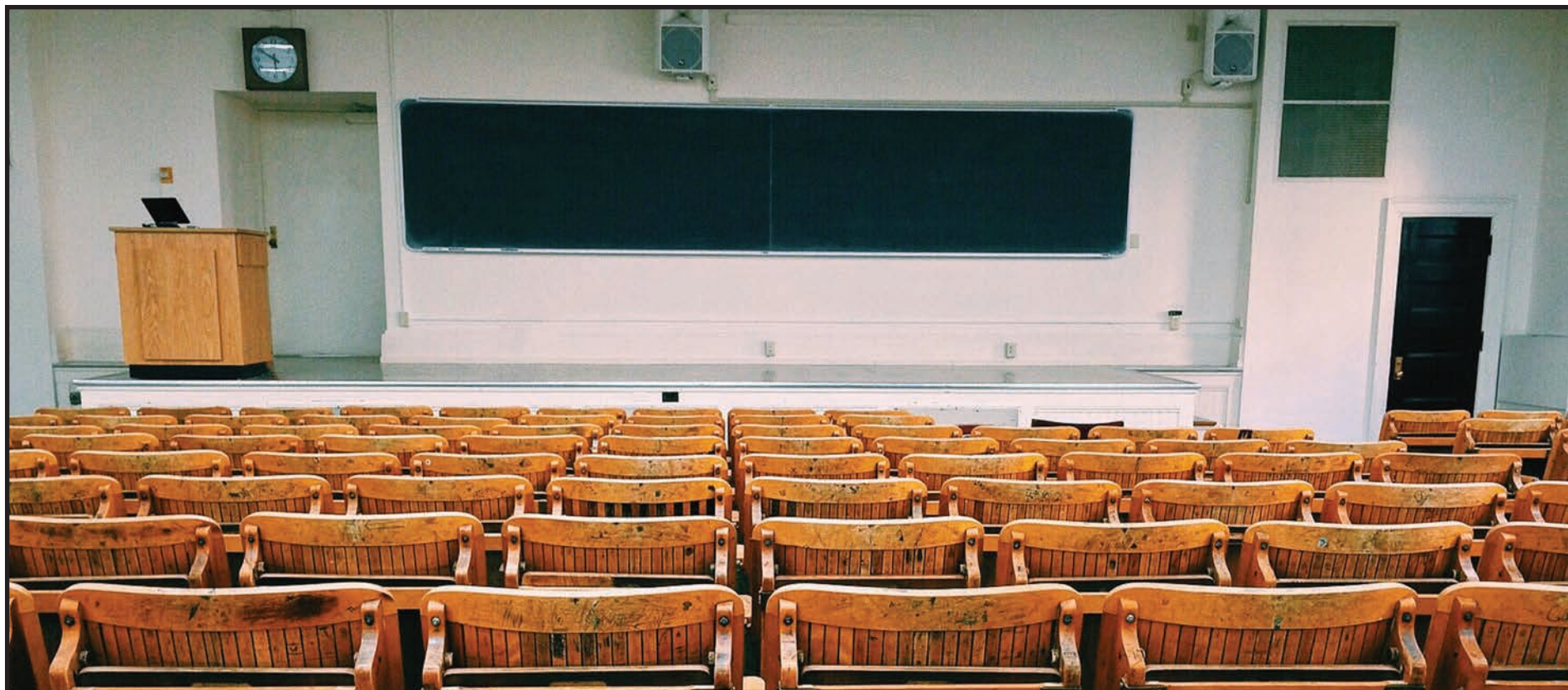
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Crossing the line on college admissions

BY SARAH DELANO PAVLIK

Recently, there has been a great deal of media coverage about parents paying large sums of money to professional test takers and athletic coaches to get their children admitted into elite universities across the country. While the parents were presumably trying to give their children the best chance to succeed in life, their conduct could result in jail time.

The parents who were recently indicted in the college admissions scandal probably didn't think that giving their kids an academic boost would inevitably lead to federal conspiracy charges filed against them. Chances are that Felicity Huffman did not consider that her parenting efforts would take her from a desperate housewife on TV to a real-world desperate housewife looking at a \$250,000 bail bond.

Most of us understand that if a wealthy alum has been making generous donations to her former school over the years, the alum can tug on a few strings to help coax her descendants' admission into her alma mater when the time comes around. That's just a fact of life. So, why is that sort of thing OK in the eyes of the law, but Huffman's conduct is considered criminal? It all comes down to how the student's college admission was secured. Some students' admissions are gained by increasing a school's assets by a rich relative,

but the university arguably rationalizes this by pointing out that it's doing more good than harm by giving other students access to resources they wouldn't have otherwise enjoyed. However, it becomes illegal when collegiate spots are secured by defrauding the school itself.

In the recent college admissions scandal, the 50-or-so individuals who have been caught are facing federal charges of conspiracy to commit mail fraud and conspiracy to commit wire fraud. These charges might seem confusing because, after all, the issue is about cheating the college admissions process.

This, too, can result in a large fine of and/or penalty of up to 20 years in prison. The reason these are federal crimes (as opposed to state crimes) mostly has to do with the fact that the lines of communication – the U.S. Postal Service, telephone lines and the internet – involve crossing state lines.

When at least two parties have a conversation about committing fraud over the phone or internet, or do anything over the phone or internet to promote any fraudulent activities, they could be facing federal charges. This is because of how federal law enforcement charges conspiracy as a crime.

A review of the actual indictment filed by the FBI in the admissions scandal shows

that many of the charges stem from recorded phone calls, email correspondence and text messages between parents and informants. This is why the criminal charges in the scandal are conspiracy to commit fraud via communications rather than something more specific about defrauding the college admissions process. As far as the prosecution goes, all that will need to be shown by the federal government is that these individuals coordinated with at least one other conspirator over the phone and/or internet to perpetrate a fraudulent act – namely, to provide false information on university applications.

So, how can federal prosecutors charge a group of strangers across the country with the same conspiracy even when the conspirators don't all know each other, and didn't all speak to one another? As Illinois' own Seventh Circuit of Appeals has explained:

While the parties to an agreement must know of each other's existence, they need not know each other's identity nor need there be direct contact. The agreement may continue for a long period of time and include the performance of many transactions. New parties may join the agreement at any time while others may terminate their relationship. The parties are not always identical, but this does not mean that there are separate conspiracies.

This means that not all parties to a con-

spiracy need to know one another, or even continue their participation in an ongoing conspiracy, to be guilty in the same conspiracy. The only thing that matters is that they are part of a collective group that has the same common goal of committing the same crime.

When it comes to the college admissions scandal, since both Huffman and Lori Laughlin were each in contact with the same federal informant, and the informant relayed to each that other parents had used or were using the informant to give their children an academic leg-up, each has found themselves answering to law enforcement for the same conspiracy.

Currently, the indicted parents in the college admissions scandal are looking at accusations of using the U.S. Postal Service, the internet, and telephone communications to conspire to: (1) bribe college entrance exam administrators to facilitate cheating on college entrance exams; (2) bribe university coaches and administrators to designate certain applicants as recruited athletes or as other favored candidates; and (3) use a facade of a charitable organization to conceal the nature and source of the bribe payments. Even though not all of the conspiring parents may have participated in all of these illegal activities, the federal prosecutor has the ability to charge all of the crimes against all of the parents. ♦

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MEDICAL NEWS

10th annual Women’s Power Lunch Against Cancer

BY KAREN ACKERMAN WITTER

The Women’s Power Lunch Against Cancer, sponsored by the Simmons Cancer Institute at SIU Medicine, inspires and celebrates while raising funds for cancer research. Nearly 500 people are expected to attend the 10th annual event on Friday, April 12 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in downtown Springfield.

Courtney Clark, a motivational speaker and author from Austin, Texas, is the featured speaker. A survivor of melanoma and three brain surgeries to remove an aneurysm, she knows from personal experience that resilience in the face of major stress is possible.

Participants will also be inspired by the stories of local people who are cancer survivors and those currently battling cancer. Information will be presented about promising research being carried out at the Simmons Cancer Institute. Research at the Simmons Cancer Institute is focused on novel findings in cancer biology leading to better detection, treatment and prevention.

All funds raised at the event through sponsorships and ticket sales support the Simmons Cancer Institute’s Team Science grant program. Researchers apply through a peer review process for cutting-edge cancer research proj-

ects. The Team Science grants are intended to generate results that will enable researchers to apply for larger, competitive federal research grants.

Dr. Andrea Braundmeier-Fleming received a Team Science grant to investigate whether changes in the microbiome can be a tool for earlier detection and treatment of ovarian and endometrial cancer. Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths, and most diagnoses are late-stage, as there are no effective screenings for early detection. Dr. Andrew Wilber received a Team Science grant focused on boosting the red blood cells of people undergoing treatment for leukemia. Maintenance of healthy numbers of red blood cells can significantly improve quality of life for patients undergoing treatment for this and other cancers.

For information about tickets or sponsorship opportunities, call 217-545-2955 or register online at siumed.edu/cancer. ♦

Karen Ackerman Witter is a freelance writer whose goal is to connect people, organizations and ideas to achieve greater results. She is a member of the steering committee for the Women’s Power Lunch Against Cancer.




Attendees at the 2018 Power Lunch.

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(L-R) Board chair Bob Scott, executive director John Kelker and 2019 campaign chair Ginny Conlee at the community breakfast.

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United Way unites local nonprofits

BY JANET SEITZ

The United Way of Central Illinois announced the results of its 2018 campaign at the organization's community report and awards breakfast on March 8 at the Crowne Plaza Springfield.

United Way's CEO, John Kelker, addressed some 400 guests by reviewing the organization's role as a convener, connector, fundraiser and community impact change agent. He remarked, "Each of you is a hero. A hero because you are helping individuals and families in your community who you will never know. A hero because you choose to invest your gift with the gifts of others, allowing United Way to be the largest private funder of human services in Sangamon and Menard Counties. And United Way takes the responsibility of stewarding your gifts very seriously."

This year's campaign raised \$2,472,200, an increase of 1.7 percent over last year's final campaign results, and for the first time in four years, an increase in donors by 5.5 percent. The campaign fueled the Community Fund to support 38 programs covering basic needs, education, financial stability and health initiatives, as well as donor-directed gifts to 320 additional nonprofits, including other local United Ways. United Way of Central Illinois' fundraising and administrative costs are underwritten by the United Way endowment and the support of seven local companies, insuring that 100 percent of every gift goes to the designated charity or program services.

Among those many nonprofit organizations is Helping Hands of Springfield, which provides shelter, housing and support services for people who are homeless. According to Helping Hands' executive director Erica Smith, United Way is a long-time financial supporter of two of its programs. Those include the emergency shelter fund, to provide shelter and meals for people who are homeless, and the representative payee program, to keep people housed and stable, particularly those who have a disability and may not have friends or family who can meet all their needs. Those two programs alone serve about 550 people annually.

"We also have found the staff at United Way to be an essential resource as we develop strategic approaches to ending homelessness," said Smith. "Having someone who understands the issues, but sees them from a broader perspective, is vital as we look at our own vision and opportunities as an organization."

"We also have, as the Heartland Continuum of Care," Smith continued, "received a lot of technical advice and assistance that benefited our agencies as a collective and advanced community education and resources about services for people who are homeless. The United Way helped us coordinate a press conference during National Hunger and Homelessness Week, establish a Continuum Facebook page and make much-needed updates to our website. So, United Way is much more than just a funder of Helping Hands and many agencies in the Heartland Continuum of Care. They are a community partner that we rely on."

At the event, Kelker reported the growth among volunteers and ways for people to get involved. That includes a spring and fall Day of Action as "a great way to engage employees through service projects helping community organizations while building team morale. In the past five years, 3,092 volunteers have participated in 279 projects with a total economic value of more than

\$236,000," he said.

The event showcased several success stories focused on individuals directly impacted by the agencies' program services. It also acknowledged the contributions of business teams, donors, volunteers and leaders, including the 2018 campaign leadership of Hy and Bob Bunn of BUNN and BUNN Gourmet.

Hy Bunn noted, "There's so much great work being done here." The 2019 campaign chair title was turned over to Ginny Conlee, who has been involved with United Way since 2016.

"What most excites me about this opportunity," she said after the event, "is being able to share that United Way is focused on tackling our community's toughest challenges. There are many ways people can get involved. And when people make a gift to United Way, 100 percent of those dollars go to programs right here in our community."

"While everyone recognizes the United Way name, many people don't realize the importance of the work we do to make sure that local services are available to help make our community a better place to live, work and raise a family. I hope everyone considers taking a moment to learn more about the organization and the many ways they can help make Springfield a better place," Conlee said. ♦

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CoreLife Eatery employees prepare each meal to individual specifications.

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CoreLife Eatery: A different kind of fast food

BY ASHLEY MEYER

I was determined not to be *too* snarky as I walked into CoreLife Eatery, Wabash Avenue's newest fast-casual dining spot. A quick perusal of the restaurant's website had inundated me with buzzwords like 'clean eating,' 'bone broth,' and 'gluten-free.' The menu promised to be made-from-scratch, using sustainably sourced ('local when and where we can'), non-GMO ingredients and no artificial colors, flavors, or high-fructose corn syrup. The prospect of such a dining experience was exciting, but I was cynical. It's difficult to run a scratch-cooking operation and put out a consistent product on a large scale. Fresh, local ingredients are time-consuming to source and require skilled staff to prepare. Could this fast-growing chain have cracked the code to fresh, streamlined goodness?

The Syracuse-based franchise opened its 52nd location in Springfield on a blustery day in mid-March. In spite of the cloudy sky the restaurant interior was bright, with décor that managed to be minimalist and modern, yet still warm. Long communal tables ran through the middle of the dining area, flanked by tables and booths. The counter service restaurant offers various combinations of 'bowls,' with a base of nutrient-dense purple rice, quinoa, greens, broth or noodles. Toppings like steak, chicken, tofu or braised pork are added to each order along with an array of toppings including house-made kimchi, freshly made hummus and falafel. Essentially, it's a hip salad bar.

I met with a PR representative to learn more about the brand and she told me, "CoreLife isn't just an eatery, it's a lifestyle." Indeed, the Core-

Life concept seems to fully embrace all the latest 'instagrammable' diet trends, from Paleo to Keto and Whole30. Everything is gluten-free, although if you must have a slice of the forbidden grain there is a box of bread in a high security vault by the register. When asked about sourcing local ingredients, the PR rep said that maybe the chicken was local but she wasn't sure, and promised to email me a list of farms they work with. I later learned from another staff member that the grass-fed beef they use comes from Australia, and when I asked about the chicken I was told, "It all comes off a big truck." This was disappointing as, based on their marketing, I was hoping for more focus on locally sourced products.

I returned later that day for an early dinner with my kids. My daughter eventually decided on the kid's power pasta (\$4.95) and I went with the ranch flank steak rice bowl (\$8.95/\$11.95).

They were out of rice, so I agreed to substitute quinoa salad. The order taker marked a sheet, then placed it in a mixing bowl, passing it down the line where it stopped along the way to be finished with my choice of corresponding toppings. The bed of quinoa was layered with arugula, diced steak, pickled jalapeños and red onion, little balls of falafel, roasted sweet potatoes and beets, then doused with a ladle of broth and drizzled with herby ranch dressing.

CoreLife doesn't serve soda products, which is just fine by me. Instead, there's a refreshing selection of lemonade, tea and coffee, and sampling is encouraged. I chose honey-ginger lemonade and my daughter poured a cup of magenta-colored beet lemonade before we settled down in a booth. The sauce on my daughter's pasta was tasty, though the cheese had become slightly grainy and the diced chicken on top was dry.

Each individual component of my steak bowl was well-seasoned and flavorful, and I enjoyed the tangy pickled vegetables and herby dressing. However, the ladleful of broth, while richly flavored, made it all a little soupy and difficult to eat.

I returned a few days later, baby in tow, to meet a friend for lunch. This time I ordered the Korean BBQ pork rice bowl (\$8.95/\$10.95) with a side of sweet potatoes and beets, and my companion chose the chicken Cobb salad (\$8.45/\$10.45). While the baby stuffed warm cinnamon and cumin-spiced sweet potatoes into her mouth, I devoured the Korean BBQ pork bowl. Warm purple rice with fiery broccoli, kimchi and a perfectly fried egg were drizzled in sweet-spicy Korean chili sauce. I would happily order it again and again. The chicken Cobb greens bowl was good also, rendered acceptable by the creamy blue cheese dressing's salvation of dry chicken.

CoreLife Eatery is doing many things right. Peering through the doors into the kitchen, I saw cooks preparing real, whole ingredients. I do wish that more of those ingredients came from farmers in my community. Still, in a nation where 30 percent of the population eats fast food at least once per day, I hope that CoreLife can help bring the concept of simple, wholesome food into the chain restaurant mainstream and create a new model for how we eat. ♦

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Larry Hutcherson and Pauline DiGiorgia presenting a Southwest Grilled Chicken and Purple Rice

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Springfield Carriage Co. restaurant reopening

BY MICHELLE OWNBEY

The Springfield Carriage Co. building at 724 E. Edwards will soon house a restaurant once again, although both the property and the business have new owners.

The historic home, which sits just south of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site, was constructed in 1840. In recent years, the property had fallen into disrepair until Chris Bollinger and Peggy Raabe extensively renovated the building in 2007. The spouses operated a restaurant called The Chuckwagon at the Springfield Carriage Co. along with a horse-drawn carriage business out of the location until 2011.

In January of this year, the building was purchased by Tony Libri, who has now restored a total of eight properties in the Lincoln Home neighborhood. He and his wife, Ann, were recognized by the Historic Sites Commission in 2016 for their preservation efforts in the area.

"I bought it because I always thought it was a nice historic building and deserved to be saved," Libri said. "We're trying to restore that block to what it looked like in the 1800s."



The Springfield Carriage Co. building.

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After buying the property, Libri began having conversations with Kelly Batley, one of his tenants who lives in the area and has a background in the restaurant industry. She and her partner, Jerry "Jay" Miller, are now leasing the space from Libri, who said he was glad to find someone who could put the building to good use.

"I'm not a restaurateur, but I welcome the addition to the neighborhood," Libri said. "I think it will be great for tourists and locals."

Batley will serve as the front of house manager, while Miller will oversee the kitchen. The restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner and Miller hopes to have menu items that fit with the historic theme. "I plan to serve corn fritters, I know Lincoln liked those," he said. "And we'll have local favorites like horseshoes; I'd like to do the original Leland Hotel cheese sauce."

Miller said he and Batley are in the process of cleaning and painting the interior of the building and plan to have the restaurant open in May. ♦



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S & T Illinois Contractors, 1963 Converse St. 206-0455. Aaron Solomon, Tyler Thean and Christopher Solomon.
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