

CLARINDA FOUNDATION TO FUND EXPANSION OF LIED CENTER EXERCISE ROOM

The Clarinda Foundation Board of Directors recently completed their 2015 Grant Cycle and have chosen to award nearly \$79,000 to non-profit organizations and units of local government within the greater Clarinda area.

Pam Herzberg, Executive Director stated “The largest recipient of this year’s award goes to the Clarinda Lied Center receiving \$26,700 for the Phase I expansion of the exercise room. The funds for Phase I will retain the services of an engineer/architect, construct and finish the additional room, put new rubberized flooring in the current exercise room, provide flooring for the new room and purchase a complete set of dumbbells and a dumbbell rack for the new room. The weight machines will be moved to the new room. Our grantmaking work strives to strengthen our community today, tomorrow and forever. The Clarinda Foundation has the capacity to make these investments in the community due to the thoughtfulness of individuals through charitable giving and provisions made through estate planning.”

Herzberg invites the public to attend a Grant Recognition Event on Thursday, August 6th at the Clarinda Lied Library at 10:00 AM. Three of last year’s grant recipients will provide a short presentation on their completed projects, all of the 2015 recipients will be recognized and refreshments served.

Other grant awards include:

- Boy Scouts of America receiving \$525 to assist in the cost of the Take Flight Day Camp held at Schenk Field in Clarinda. The Boy Scouts explored airplanes on the runway, experienced the thrill of flight on a simulator, built kites, designed water bottle rockets, played with parachutes and did archery.
- Clarinda Area Volunteers (CAV) receiving \$1,000 to provide comprehensive local transportation for senior citizens. In the first quarter of 2015 CAV provided 911 rides to senior citizens, making it possible for them to attend health care appointments much needed.
- Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum receiving \$1,500 for the Kids Art Program Fall 2015. This will be an afternoon workshop awarded to twelve youth that will be presented as a fun kids “hands on” technique with regard to modern art. Each child will be supplied with an Art Kit.
- Clarinda Chamber of Commerce receiving \$2,000 for 50 new Welcome to Clarinda Banners to be displayed on both 16th and East Washington Streets welcoming visitors and tourists to the Clarinda Community.
- Clarinda Community Preschool receiving \$1,000 for new file cabinets that will replace damaged and outdated cabinets.

- Clarinda Fire Department receiving \$10,000 for refurbishing an existing brush truck. The Fire Department's goal is to extend the life of an existing truck by refurbishing it as opposed to purchasing a new more costly truck. The Clarinda Fire Department has had more grass fires year to date in 2015 than all of 2014.
- Clarinda Lied Library receiving \$1,800 for Games and More @ Your Library. This project will update, enhance and expand the library's collection of fun and educational toys and activities that it provides for youth and families to use while they visit the library as well as at special library events.
- Clarinda Senior Housing receiving \$1,000 for Senior Fellowship Meals for the tenants at both Clarhaven and Foster Manor that will encourage participation and fellowship with their neighbors and friends.
- Clarinda Police Department receiving \$1,700 for the Project Fatal Vision that will provide awareness through an interactive experience with the youth of our community concerning the dangers of impaired driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Coin Fire & Rescue receiving \$4,150 to install power door openers to the four bay doors at the Fire Station. The power openers will save valuable response time to each call.
- Glenn Miller Birthplace Society receiving \$9,600 to create a new special exhibit that will focus on what life in Clarinda and Page County looked like around the time that Glenn Miller lived here. This will include text and image panels, artifacts, and hands-on activities that will help tell the story. A school tour component will also be developed to educate students.
- Grandma's House Day Care receiving \$800 to purchase the Gold Assessment equipment materials to add to their Creative Curriculum.
- New Market Fire and Rescue receiving \$800 to purchase a new computer to run programs used for fire and EMS reports. The Iowa Department of Public Health requires the Fire Department to use a secure computer for the writing and submission of reports.
- Nodaway Valley Historical Museum receiving \$3,300 for the replacement of one of the three furnaces/air conditioning units that are over 25 years old and problematic for preserving and conserving historical artifacts.
- Page County Agricultural Fair Association receiving \$5,400 for the purchase of new round tables and chairs for Wibholm Hall.
- Porters Lake Lutheran Founders Inc. receiving \$2,500 for building siding that will prolong the life of the building. During 2014 there were 3,000 individuals that visited Porters Lake Skating Rink with 40% of those living within a 15 mile radius of Clarinda.
- Southwest Iowa Families, Inc. receiving \$2,000 for the expansion of therapy rooms. The agency has seen a 100% increase in counseling clients over the past two years.
- St. John Noah's Ark receiving \$3,200 to go toward the purchase of new indoor play structure that not only will replace their broken structure, but will provide additional physical, imaginary and multifunctional options for a broader age range of children.

Clarinda Foundation Grant Committee Chair and Board member Sandy Geer states “The Clarinda Foundation is dedicated to cultivating philanthropic resources that will nourish a healthy and vital community for all people of the greater Clarinda area. We can do this through encouraging private giving for public good, building and maintaining permanent endowments that will allow the Foundation to respond to changing community needs.”

Herzberg added “The Clarinda Foundation, Inc. is classified as a Section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service and all contributions to the Foundation are tax exempt to the extent of the law. I would like to encourage all individuals to give some thought to charitable giving no matter how big or small. It not only provides for our community, but will benefit the donor as a tax deductible contribution, it’s a win win.”

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