



United Way  
of Central Missouri

## United Way of Central Missouri 2020 Community Support Grant Recipients

### **Anne Marie Project**

*Amount of grant: \$15,000*

This agency provides resources for youth and adults that will assist in navigating the early teen years through becoming an adult by addressing life struggles; issues such as prescription pain medicines, marijuana, and alcohol use; and trauma and its effects on youth and mental health challenges. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase Signs of Suicide portals for each middle school and high school. In addition, funding will be used for CHADS Coalition training and materials.

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jefferson City**

*Amount of grant: \$6,360*

This United Way partner agency provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring professionally-supported one-to-one relationships that change lives for the better forever. United Way grant funding will be used to cover the cost of finger print criminal screenings for their volunteers.

### **California Nutrition Center**

*Amount of grant: \$2,700*

This agency provides noon time meals and home bound meals to individuals 60 years of age and older. The Center also provides a place for seniors to find companionship and entertainment. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase a reach in freezer for both the congregate and home bound nutrition programs.

### **Capital City CASA**

*Amount of grant: \$734*

This United Way partner agency advocates for the best interest of abused and neglected children within the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Missouri (Cole County) based on the belief that children are entitled to a safe and permanent home. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase CASA notebooks for the children for support and encouragement.

### **Capital City Diaper Bank**

*Amount of grant: \$5,000*

This agency collaborates with partner agencies to provide diapers to those in our community experiencing diaper need. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase approximately 25,000 diapers.

### **CASA of South Central Missouri – 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit:**

*Amount of grant: \$12,325*

This agency advocates for the best interest of abused and neglected children within the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Missouri (Maries, Phelps, Pulaski & Texas Counties) based on the belief that children are entitled to a safe and permanent home. United Way grant funding will be used for Program Direct Service and Volunteer Recruitment.



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### **Central MO Foster Care & Adoption Association**

*Amount of grant: \$15,000*

This United Way partner agency educates, supports, and advocates for foster and adoptive children, youth and families in central Missouri by offering services and partnering with community and governmental agencies to develop healthy and self-sufficient individuals and families. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase a vehicle for the Community Connection Youth Program(CCYP) which provides streamlined services through case management for youth experiencing homelessness, substance abuse issues, financial struggles and other barriers.

### **Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition**

*Amount of grant: \$6,100*

This agency serves as the Central Missouri access point for victim-centered, trauma-informed support for survivors of trafficking and exploitation. They provide safe, temporary shelter, transitional housing, basic needs, medical and mental health services, transportation, and education services to support survivors on a path to self-sufficiency. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase Case Management Software to centralize client case management system.

### **Children's Learning Center of Camden County (CLC)**

*Amount of grant: \$5,976*

This agency was founded in 2002 when the Camden County Senate Bill 40 Board sought to provide comprehensive services that would benefit children, birth through 3 years of age, with developmental disability. In 2009, CLC began offering inclusive educational and collaborated therapeutic services to children 2-5 years. United Way grant funding will be used for scholarships and operations to allow children who need their services, be able to attend.

### **Citizens Against Domestic Violence**

*Amount of grant: \$7,500*

This agency strives to cultivate a culture of resiliency in which individuals experiencing abuse are empowered to thrive through advocacy services and community engagement and pursue an end to violence in the lake area. United Way grant funding will be used to help cover the cost of a contracted licensed mental health practitioner to provide therapy services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

### **Common Ground Community Building**

*Amount of grant: \$11,000*

This agency provides an innovative and relationship-focused approach to addressing the needs of individuals in poverty and helps individuals and families achieve sustainable freedom from poverty. United Way grant funding will support two families in The Families Forward Rapid Re-Housing Program. This program works to move families from homelessness to housing stability by providing graduated rental assistance for one year until the family is able to pay the full rent and remain in the apartment independently. Throughout the year, the family will work with a volunteer advocate who helps with budgeting, goal setting and financial planning.



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### **Council for Drug Free Youth (CDFY)**

*Amount of grant: \$19,000*

This United Way partner agency educates and informs the community about the problem of underage drug use and works to bring together parents, schools, law enforcement, businesses, churches, and teens to find ways to encourage teenagers to be drug and alcohol-free. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase the Mega Brain to enhance Council for Drug Free Youth programming. The Mega Brain is a medical inflatable device that demonstrates the effects of brain trauma and mental health disease, engaging youth in substance use and vaping prevention.

### **El Puente – Hispanic Ministry**

*Amount of grant: \$3,000*

This agency serves as a "bridge" between cultures for Hispanics in Cole and Moniteau counties and assists to overcome language, cultural, faith and social need barriers so our Hispanic neighbors will feel welcome and thrive in Church and society. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase desktop computers, school supplies and software programs for after school programming for Hispanic students.

### **First Chance for Children**

*Amount of grant: \$12,000*

This agency provides early childhood programs and family resources to foster healthy outcomes for children and families in Mid-Missouri. Their vision is "All children will arrive at school ready to learn and succeed in school and in life." United Way grant funding will support the CRIBS (Community Resources, Infant Beds and Support) program which provides safe cribs and other basic necessities for at-risk families who lack basic necessities for their children's wellbeing.

### **Gateway Industries of Eldon**

*Amount of grant: \$1,700*

This agency is a sheltered workshop. Their goal is "Finding the Ability in Disability" and maintain a place of productivity and socialization that many of their employees would not have without a sheltered workshop environment. They find their employees best abilities and build on that providing a sense of accomplishment and productivity. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase sewing machines for their textile recycling program.

### **Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland**

*Amount of grant: \$2,000*

This United Way partner agency provides Girl Scout Leadership Experience programs for girls ages 5-17. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. United Way grant funding will be used to offset the cost of a virtual platform for programs – Girl Scout Leadership Experience due to COVID.



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### **Great Circle**

*Amount of grant: \$5,000*

This agency offers a comprehensive spectrum of nationally accredited services for individuals and families, including community-based services, such as in-home counseling, crisis intervention, foster care services, education, and 24-hour specialized care. United Way grant funding will be used for Parent Cafes which are safe, supported spaces where activities specifically designed to assist parents in a variety of behavioral health and community support areas to decrease the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

### **HALO**

*Amount of grant: \$22,587*

This agency has both a Girls and Boys Program. HALO provides the foundation of a family to girls in need of a home, they reside at the HALO Girls Home. The HALO Jefferson City Boys program is a safe place of healing and hope and puts at-risk and homeless teen boys on a path to a positive future. Through tutoring, connecting with male role models, life skill development, healthy relationship building, and recreational activities, these boys have the potential to do great things in our community. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase a van for the HALO Boys program.

### **Healing Horses Therapeutic Riding Program**

*Amount of grant: \$5,400*

This agency provides equine assisted therapy to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages and needs, in a safe and healthy environment. Clients served include individuals with disabilities, veterans with PTSD and/or physical disabilities, and children in the foster care system to give them the chance to discover how equine assisted activities can improve and inspire their lives. United Way grant funding will be used for therapeutic riding lessons for children in foster care. Equine assisted activities have been shown to address issues such as social avoidance and depression by promoting self-awareness and control, establishing healthy boundaries, creating meaningful bonds, trust building and healthy exercise for mind and body.

### **Jefferson City Rape & Abuse Crisis Service (RACS)**

*Amount of grant: \$7,000*

This United Way partner agency provides services to help victims of domestic violence and sexual assault find ways to live their lives independent of abuse. United Way grant funding will provide offsite alternative housing for the month of June for RACS clients as they transition clients back to shelter while practicing social distancing, establish new safety procedures and equip clients and staff with appropriate PPE.



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### **Little Explorers Discovery Center**

*Amount of grant: \$8,125*

This United partner agency provides quality early childhood education services to children ages birth to eight years of age for low and middle income working families. United Way grant funding will be used to support Conscious Discipline training and parenting classes, and supplies to use in the classroom which will aid the staff in coaching children through social emotional conflicts, as well as teach children methods of self-regulation. Conscious Discipline provides a proven and comprehensive approach to discipline that empowers parents with the self-awareness, brain information, developmental knowledge and usable skills necessary to create safe, connected, problem-solving skills.

### **Missouri Mental Health Foundation**

*Amount of grant: \$10,000*

This agency's mission is to raise awareness and public understanding of issues impacting individuals and families living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. Their efforts battle stigma and discrimination, promote care and treatment and foster inclusion in the community and the workforce. United Way grant funding will be used for their billboard campaign to facilitate awareness and battle the stigma of mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. This will be part of a comprehensive anti-stigma campaign.

### **Osage Beach Senior Center**

*Amount of grant: \$12,000*

This agency provides nutritious meals to home bound seniors to allow them to stay in their homes longer. For seniors able to leave their homes, the Senior Center provides congregate meals and social activities for seniors to enhance their quality of life. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase food to support their Food4U program which provides nutritious home bound meals to seniors.

### **Prevention Consultants of Missouri**

*Amount of grant: \$1,543*

This agency promotes healthy lifestyles while providing professional prevention and empowerment services to school, agencies, business and industry, community groups and other organizations in need. Promotion of healthy lifestyles will be done through educational programming, individualized training, expert programming and technical assistance, and other awareness services that are designed and based on the current research on effective prevention strategies. United Way grant funding will be used for supplies and materials for their mentoring program.

### **River City Habitat for Humanity**

*Amount of grant: \$8,400*

This agency brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Their vision is a community where everyone has a decent place to live. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase shingles, starter strips, drip edges, roof vents and roofing nails to install on four brand new homes. This will be part of the Blitz Build for survivors of the 2019 tornado disaster.



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### **St. James Caring Center**

*Amount of grant: \$10,000*

This agency's mission is to provide the St. James community with services and programs which promote well-being, support independence, and encourage their elderly to have involvement in their community life. United Way grant funding will be used to fund deliveries of food and essential supplies to homebound individuals with priority given to seniors and other medically fragile persons. This grant will help with COVID-19 related crisis relief.

### **The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri**

*Amount of grant: \$15,000*

This United Way partner agency brings together community resources to feed people in need. The Food Bank provides food for a variety of programs such as food pantries, buddy packs, congregate meals, mobile food pantries, Veteran boxes and senior boxes. The Food Bank's need for food has increased due to COVID-19. United Way grant funding will be used to purchase the equivalent of one truckload of food to distribute in the nine counties within the United Way of Central Missouri service area.

### **Jefferson City Area YMCA Child Development Center**

*Amount of grant: \$4,550*

This United Way partner agency helps children become independent, self-confident, and active learners. The activities at the center enable children to gain a strong self-concept through emotional, social, cognitive, and physical growth and development through Conscious Discipline principals. United Way grant funding will be used to provide Conscious Discipline training, materials and supplies for parents and teachers. Conscious Discipline provides a proven and comprehensive approach to discipline that empowers parents with the self-awareness, brain information, developmental knowledge and usable skills necessary to create safe, connected, problem-solving skills.