

## Spring 2022 Grant Awards

Organization Name	Program Summary	Committee Recommendation
Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry	<p>We are seeking funds for weekend backpack programs through schools in the Faulkner County area school systems. Often children, through no fault of their own, face the weekend with little or no food. Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry wishes to help by providing shelf stable wild game snack sticks. The snack sticks will provide some much needed protein and they are healthy and low fat.</p> <p>We have provided some snack sticks in the past a local Faulkner County School. They were vey well received.</p>	\$ 500.00
Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund	Just as the Faulkner County Community Foundation assists organizations to make a significant difference in the community, ASPSF of Faulkner County assists single-parent students in making significant life changes for themselves and their children. Your grant funds will be awarded within months in the form of non-traditional scholarships, helping to remove financial barriers that could otherwise cause a parent to drop out of school and forget the dream of a better job and a better life.	\$ 1,000.00
Boys & Girls Club of Faulkner County	The BGCFC will use the grant funds from the ARCF to purchase some new furniture for the teen area. We will also use some of the funds for our staff to be CPR trained by our local fire department, which is now a requirement from national Boys & Girls Clubs of America.	\$ 1,000.00
CAPCA	We will use the funds to purchase food and supplies for the youth that visit our Student Market.	\$ 3,000.00
Children's Advocacy Alliance	We will use grant funds to educate the partner agencies with work with as well as community members about child sex trafficking. Funds will be used to produce training materials as well as materials that can be placed in gas stations, hotels and other businesses, to inform potential victims of trafficking on how to report.	\$ 1,600.00
Community Connections	We will use the Spring 2022 Giving Tree grant to provide a monthly respite care program for families of children with special needs. Community Connections will use the grant funds to purchase supplies for arts and crafts, pay Larry's Pizza (rental space and discounted food), and provide an on-site nurse for each respite event. Our additional costs provide for 2 directors which Community Connections will pay from our annual budget.	\$ 2,000.00
Community Service Youth Foundation (Petit Jean Youth Foundation)	This grant will enhance our mentoring program by providing new curriculum, activities, and materials for youth referred to our mentoring program. We will use the funds for life skills education, coping tools, art supplies, and pro-social activities to give our clients a better path to a bright future.	\$ 1,000.00
Conway Alliance for the Arts	We will use the funds to purchase art supplies, entertainment, and venue space for Artsfest 2022.	\$ 1,000.00
Deliver Hope, Inc.	We will educate low income teenagers on how to successfully apply for and maintain a job in our community.	\$ 750.00
I Can! of Arkansas	We will use the funds for instructor fees and costumes for the dancers/buddies.	\$ 900.00
Milestones Services, Inc. (Faulkner County Day School)	Funding will be used to help supply new classrooms with the supplies they need to help the children with their developmental growth, increasing Milestones' capacity to serve an additional 25 infants and toddlers in Faulkner County.	\$ 1,000.00

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Ministry Center	<p>We are changing the homeless hub time back to afternoons. After spending some time assessing the program (mornings vs afternoons), we felt that we were meeting more significant needs of the unsheltered population when we served later in the day. Bethlehem House has begun serving a hot lunch again, but the need for nonperishable grocery items and outdoor living supplies remains a constant for this group. During Warming Station, even those that chose not to stay in the shelter continued to come for nonperishable food packs, drinking water, and other supplies.</p> <p>We are currently building up our first thousand food packs to distribute this season. They are mostly finished, except for a protein rich "main dish". We would like to use this grant to purchase cases of hearty soups, stews, and protein filled meals to add to our food packs.</p>	\$ 1,661.00
Prim N Proper, Inc./ Choosing to Excel	<p>The requested funds will assist in covering expenses that support the literacy components for 7-8 year old participants in the C2E Summer Impact Camp. The camp will occur from 8:30 AM-1:30 PM Monday-Thursday for five weeks throughout June and July, concluding with a closeout ceremony for campers to showcase projects and performances prepared throughout camp to their parents. The strategies and activities will include a daily rotation through group assembly, reading, art, character building, dance, and theme-based project rotations for intentional learning, the promotion of optimal health, and the development of outstanding character. Students will also participate in weekly outings for positive exposure and youth development. Each camp rotation is designed to be fun and engaging while reinforcing skills, character, and academic concepts learned during the school year.</p>	\$1,600.00
Renewal Ranch	<p>Renewal Ranch serves more than 60 men each year in our three-phase 12-month program, offering a unique blend of compassion, structure, consistency, and responsibility and we are requesting a grant of \$1,500 to support our efforts to provide shelter and food as an integral part of our overall program designed to heal and restore men battling substance abuse and addiction. We eliminate food insecurity for our men by providing three nutritious meals daily, healthy snacks, and other essentials.</p>	\$ 1,500.00
Salvation Army	<p>The \$5000 requested grant would be used for the purchase of Protein (Frozen) for our Food Boxes such as meat and cheese which is stored in the Refrigerator / Freezer which has been provided by the Faulkner County Community Foundation previously. In 2020 we provided services to to over 1,200 separate family units. In addition we provided case management, counseling and referrals for Rental, and Utility assistance.</p>	\$ 750.00
The CALL in Conway & Faulkner Counties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide Trauma &amp; TBRI training to our existing &amp; newly opened families that would include all training, materials and books required.</li> <li>2. Do a community awareness event promoting the need for more foster homes.</li> </ol>	\$ 750.00
UCA Foundation for Reynolds Performance Hall	<p>Grant will help bring back "The Magic of Kevin Spencer" an entertainer and autism expert Kevin Spencer, to community members who have differing abilities and are often underserved in all areas but especially with access to the arts. Ms Williams, Director Compass Academy emailed after attending the 2021 show. "...he truly knocked it out of the park when performing for our students. We are a school with 100% special needs students... he took extra time with each group..we would love to have him back"</p>	\$ 2,000.00
United Way of Central Arkansas	<p>The Community Foundation's Giving Tree grant will support the 2022 cost of our Charity Tracker Benevolence Program subscription. This is a program shared with 167 area nonprofits, churches, community and civic organizations to collectively provide assistance to individuals in times of crisis or unique need.</p>	\$ 2,500.00

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Women's Shelter of Central Arkansas	We will use this grant to purchase sensory toys and playroom items designed for children with autism and developmental delays. These items will be used in our child advocacy room where we host support groups for the children at the shelter.	\$ 750.00
Youth Advocate Resource Network Inc.	YARN a nonprofit organization proposes to continue successfully provide programs for daycares for children Pre-k – 3rd grade to improve literacy by encouraging students to enjoy reading by providing books to students that mirror their own families and family even. The literacy programs help prepare students for classroom readiness by encouraging reading and providing a fun way to help students recall what they have read or what they heard. As well as encourage healthy eating, good manners, family values, and family engagement. The literacy program “Let’s Make Reading Fun 2022” will encourage students to read and write their own stories as well as provide each child with a book.	\$1,000.00
Soul Food Cafe Mission	We have to procure all of our items that we give away. Doing this means we have to unload more than a dozen truck loads of food each week. A power pallet jack is necessary to unload and move around in our warehouse heavy pallets of canned goods, milk and other very heavy items that we procure from local retail businesses and the Arkansas Food Bank. Our volunteers are mostly in their 50's and older need to have power tools for them to be able to do their job effectively and prevent injury.	\$ 2,700.00
City of Hope Outreach	To optimize produce production during colder seasons, the COHO nutrition department will purchase three small greenhouses. These greenhouses will be placed in our community gardens.	\$ 1,300.00
Arkansas Imagination Library	Arkansas Imagination Library's (ARIL) goal is to increase the number of children enrolled in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL). ARIL respectfully requests \$2,520 to promote parental involvement, literacy, and education to children, ages 0 to 5, in Faulkner County. We will utilize requested funds, along with the 50% cost-matching grant from ARIL, to sustain and grow enrollment numbers, and provide 2,400 books to at least 200 children in Faulkner County. ARIL will partner with local Head Start and CAPCA early childhood centers to increase enrollment of Hispanic children. 100% of the requested grant will be used to purchase and mail books. Enrolled children will receive one new, high-quality, age-appropriate book per month until their fifth birthday, at no cost to families. Books are mailed directly to each child, with their name on the label, which makes the book gifting experience special.	\$2,500.00

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<p>Child Care Aware of Northcentral Arkansas (501c3)</p>	<p>Child Care Aware has a long history of supporting early care and education with resource materials and training and we would like to continue to do so with this project. Child Care Aware would like to strengthen the kindergarten readiness skills of our 3 and 4 year old children in these two focus areas: Social-Emotional Competencies and Early Literacy. It is well established that the foundations of kindergarten readiness happens within the quality preschool classroom. Our ask for this grant is to address the social-emotional competencies of managing feelings, self regulation, kindness and problem solving foundations and addressing emergent literacy concepts. Before a child's brain can be ready to learn there are basic concepts that must be in place. With this course and materials we will give classroom teachers the tools they need to teach the children how to manage feelings, learn self-regulation, respect for others and kindness for all things. Once these foundational competencies are in place, then the concepts of literacy, math, science, etc. can follow. For this project we will be partnering with Arkansas PBS to use their Little Children, Big Challenges social-emotional materials along with the Muttigrees curriculum that teaches acceptance, respect and kindness. Muttigrees was developed by Yale University and is recognized globally. We are also using the AR Kindergarten Readiness Checklist and the AR Early Learning Standards to support our project. CCA has already developed a kindergarten readiness component looking at language and emergent literacy and we will be using these tools as well to pull together a comprehensive unit for our teachers to use in the classroom. Laying the foundation of these basic life skills will lead to not only academic success, but success in all things.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$2,000.00</p>
<p>Cara McCollum's Birthday Book Project (Faulkner County)</p>	<p>The Cara McCollum Birthday Book Project is an independent non-profit organization providing books to 15,000 Arkansas children, ages 4 – 11, on their birthdays. Its purpose is to combat illiteracy in our state and to provide underprivileged children with a birthday gift. The books are brand new, age appropriate books, that are gift wrapped with a personal message to each child saying "Happy Birthday" and that we hope that they can enjoy the magic of reading. The organization believes that reading is critical to success, and that children who have books can more easily develop a love for reading.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">\$500.00</p>