



## Make A Match



### A Message from the Board Chairman

Community Services Foundation (CSF) is honored to introduce the 16th Annual Make A Match Campaign, which will take place from November 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. Each year, our matching program brings increased donations and we hope our 2018 Campaign will be our most impactful yet.

This year, I am, again, proud to announce that CSF will match every contribution made to CTF ILLINOIS (CTF) dollar for dollar, up to \$1,000.00 for individual donations and up to \$500.00 for corporate donations. If you give \$100.00, CSF will match your contribution, adding \$100.00, resulting in a \$200.00 donation to CTF. Further, 100% of your donation will be devoted directly to programming for people supported at CTF (LifeStyles Academy is now a program of CTF). CTF plans to use their Make A Match contribution to make various program enhancements, such as supplies for our senior and arts programs, and to help fund community day trips, weekend trips, and vacations for the people supported at CTF.

We're also thrilled to announce that the Coleman Foundation is, again, providing matching contributions to CTF and has expanded their matching campaign to include the month of November. Through their program, if you give \$175.00 or more online between November 1 and November 27, The Coleman Foundation will graciously add \$175.00 to your gift. This match, in addition to the CSF match, will further multiply your impact – a \$175 donation becomes a \$525 gift.

This holiday season, I hope that you will consider supporting this worthy cause. In order to maximize our collective impact, we are asking that you make your donations online at [www.givegab.com](http://www.givegab.com) by searching for CTF ILLINOIS. You can also check our website and social media pages for the link as well as updates and stories about Make A Match. Thank you for continuing to support our mission.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season,

Chris Higgins

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## A Message from the Executive Director

Since its incorporation in 2013, LifeStyles Academy (LSA) has supported young adults with intellectual disabilities. After leaving high school, many adolescents with disabilities are left without the programs and services they need to transition effectively to adulthood, as state budget cuts continue to result in program cuts and long waiting lists. LSA was established in response to this glaring unmet need. For the past five years, LSA has provided outstanding, well-rounded community day programming to more than 30 individuals, including some who have received state funding.

However, the Foundation recognizes that, like many small organizations, LSA needs additional financial and business support in order to best fulfill its mission. Thus, on July 1, 2018, LSA formally merged with CTF ILLINOIS (CTF). By becoming an official program of CTF, LSA will benefit from CTF's many resources while maintaining their own programming, mission, and location. LSA participants have gained access to CTF's successful employment services program and efficient transportation system, while LSA staff has undergone professional development training with CTF's dedicated staff members.

Already, everyone at CTF is impressed with LSA's welcoming atmosphere and robust support of families and I can't agree more. On behalf of both CSF and CTF, I extend a huge welcome to LSA!



### Next Steps

During the next fiscal year, CSF and CTF leadership will focus on strengthening LSA's community day services even further. We will strive to provide each participant with person-centered support, a personalized program tailored to their specific developmental needs and goals as well as increased opportunities for community involvement.

We are currently making many exciting enhancements to LSA's programming and we can't wait to share all of our hard work in next spring's newsletter. As we make these transitions, we hope that you support us in our mission. We are confident that, as a program of CTF, LSA will be in the best position possible to help young adults with disabilities forge fulfilling futures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Mary Pat Ambrosino".

Mary Pat Ambrosino  
Executive Director

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## Fundraising in Action

Community Services Foundation (CSF) is proud to host several fundraising events, all of which benefit the people with disabilities supported at CTF ILLINOIS (CTF). Take a look at some of our recent events.

### Jerry Meyer Golf Classic

Unfortunately, due to weather, the 9th Annual Jerry Meyer Golf Classic has been rescheduled for Friday, June 28, 2019. We apologize for any inconvenience caused but are looking forward to what promises to be a great event at Midlothian Country Club in Midlothian, Illinois. All sponsorships and registrations will carry over to this new date. We still have registrations available for those who are interested in golfing. We thank you for your continued support. We would also like to recognize Chicago Event Management, this year's Business Leadership Award Recipient.



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### Cinco de Mile

On May 5, 2018, CSF hosted its first annual Cinco de Mile 5K Walk/Run. We were thrilled to welcome 100 runners, walkers, and community members on a gorgeous spring morning made for running. The participants ran or walked along Frankfort's Old Plank Trail, with people supported by CTF cheering them on with handmade signs. Afterward, they enjoyed an awards ceremony and party complete with treats, trophies, and more. We were overjoyed by the community's response to our first race and are very grateful to all of the staff, sponsors, volunteers, and participants who made it possible. We're already lacing up our shoes for next spring's race in 2019.



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### The 3rd Annual ACT Bowl

On Sunday, February 24, 2018, Advocates Coming Together (ACT), the Young Professionals Group for CSF, hosted their 3rd Annual ACT Bowl at Orland Bowl. For the third year in a row, ACT sold out of tickets and bowlers enjoyed two hours of bowling, lunch, a raffle, and a silent auction featuring sports memorabilia and other fun gifts. ACT would like to thank its sponsors for supporting the event, with special mention to our Presenting Sponsor, Integrity Trade Services. To learn more about how you can get involved with ACT, or to sponsor or volunteer for an upcoming event, please contact Shelley Maxwell at [mmaxwell@csfil.org](mailto:mmaxwell@csfil.org).



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For information on how you can help further our mission or get involved in future events, please contact Kathi Peterocelli, Director of Development, at (708)429-1260 ext. 3342 or [kpeterocelli@csfil.org](mailto:kpeterocelli@csfil.org).



# CSF Awards New Grants to CTF ILLINOIS



Every year, Community Services Foundation (CSF) provides funding through grants administered to CTF ILLINOIS (CTF), allowing the staff of CTF to dedicate more time and resources to direct supports for people with disabilities. This fiscal year, CSF was pleased to award CTF with three new grants to be used for staff development, improved operational systems, and the expansion of arts programming. Below is an overview of the grants recently awarded to CTF:

We have devoted one grant to staff development. With these funds, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) employed at CTF will participate in full-day trainings centered on how to better support people with disabilities. It is our hope that the training will give staff additional resources and confidence they need to work with those we support every day. Be on the lookout for updates to these trainings in our Spring newsletter!

The improved operational systems grant will be used to install an efficient MITC biometric timekeeping system in every training location and residential home. This will reduce the time and expense of record-keeping and payroll, thus increasing CTF's operational efficiency. Lastly, the arts program grant will be used to establish a new arts curriculum featuring fine arts, dance, music, and drama courses. We believe that the arts provide a means of self-expression, emotional management, and relaxation for people with disabilities, and we are thrilled to expand this initiative.

We are honored to support CTF in their mission to serve people with disabilities and hope that these grants will result in even greater outcomes for the people we support.



## Welcome Kathleen!

In October 2017, Community Services Foundation (CSF) welcomed Kathleen McAuliffe as a Research and Communications Associate. Kathleen graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Journalism. As a graduate journalism student, she worked as a freelance reporter, with publications in Runner's World, Fast Company, Inc, and other outlets. Kathleen is excited to help CSF through marketing communications, social media, and grant research. Outside of work, Kathleen enjoys marathon running, hiking, and spending time with friends and family. Welcome, Kathleen!



## Welcome Kathi!

In September, Community Services Foundation (CSF) welcomed Kathi Peterocelli as our Director of Development. Kathi has over 15 years of experience in higher education enrollment and marketing with a proven track record of assisting organizations in accomplishing their goals. She will leverage that experience to help CSF increase donor engagement, promote donor retention, and spearhead our new home sponsorship program, Honored Society. A graduate of the University of Phoenix and Lewis University, Kathi was born and raised in the Orland and Tinley Park community, and she is extremely excited to begin a new journey with CSF. Welcome, Kathi!



## MISSION STATEMENT

To develop and create opportunities for individuals with disabilities that will support and inspire independence.

## Request for Art Supplies

As Community Services Foundation (CSF) supports CTF ILLINOIS (CTF) in expanding program and support options, we are asking for donations of the following supplies. If you have items to give, or know of a place that might be willing to donate any of these items, please contact Meg Simmerling at [megsimmerling@ctfillinois.org](mailto:megsimmerling@ctfillinois.org). We are very excited for the future of our arts programming and appreciate your help!

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:

- Brass instruments (trumpet, sax, tuba, French horn, etc)
- Percussion (xylophone, marimba, glockenspiel)
- Drums (steel, kettle, conga, hapi, tongue, drum set, sticks)
- Recorders, tin whistles, flutes
- Tambourines, shakers, maracas, triangles, castanets, bells
- Guitars, banjos, ukuleles, bass
- Violins, cellos, or any string instruments
- Keyboards
- Piano in good working condition

### ART ROOM TOOLS:

- Pottery wheel and kiln
- Screen printing kit
- Paper cutter, drying rack
- Easels (tabletop and floor)

### DANCE & DRAMA ACCESSORIES:

- Interesting hats, crowns, headbands, tiaras
- Loose fitting uniforms
- Artificial flowers
- Capes, furs, feather boas, shawls
- Tap shoes (adult)
- Dancing ribbons and folding fans

### REUSABLE ART/CRAFT SUPPLIES:

- Rolling pins
- Assorted paint brushes
- Spray bottles
- Paint palettes and trays
- Glue guns, glue sticks
- Drill, blender, mixer
- Heat gun, hair dryer
- Dust buster
- Rubber rollers for printing
- Aprons

### ART/CRAFT SUPPLIES:

- Tempera and acrylic paint
- Printing ink

- Watercolor trays
- Colored pencils
- Markers, crayons, and glue
- Yarn, craft wire, pipe cleaners, ribbon
- Oil pastels, chalk pastels
- Air dry clay, ceramic clay
- Drawing and construction paper
- Fabric scraps
- Beads, feathers, buttons



## Band Together Talent Show and Benefit Concert

People supported by CTF rocked the house at last fall's talent show. This year, they're ready for an even bigger stage.

On Friday, November 9, 2018, Advocates Coming Together (ACT), CSF's Young Professionals Group, will host the Band Together Talent Show and Benefit Concert. At the 1000-seat Forge Concert Hall in Joliet, people supported by CTF and local artists will perform onstage, both together and independently. This one-of-a-kind concert experience will allow the people we serve to share their talents with an even wider audience while raising necessary funds for people with disabilities. Our talent show participants are already rehearsing their songs and can't wait to show off their songs, dance moves, and more on November 9!

Performances will start at 5:30 pm and continue throughout the night. General admission tickets cost \$20 and are currently on sale. All proceeds will benefit CTF.





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## Honored Society Sponsorship Program

Community Services Foundation (CSF) is accepting sponsorships for our new home sponsorship program, Honored Society, that connects people with disabilities with caring community members. Through this program, individuals and businesses can sponsor one of CTF ILLINOIS' (CTF) thirty-four CILA (Community-Integrated Living Arrangement) homes, located throughout Illinois. Three to eight people with diverse disabilities live in each of these homes and all are individualized to meet each residents' needs and personalities.



An annual sponsorship costs \$3,000.00, and you will be matched up with a home based on your choice and the home's need. Not only will you be able to financially support people with disabilities, you'll have an opportunity to form friendships with them. You can spend time with residents at annual cookouts and other gatherings, receive monthly updates, and even schedule your own get-togethers! You'll see just where your gift is going--- and the impact it is having on the lives of the people we support.

We are currently accepting sponsorships from individuals, neighbors, businesses, and anyone else who wants to make a difference for people with disabilities. For more information on Honored Society, please contact Kathi Peterocelli at [kpeterocelli@csfil.org](mailto:kpeterocelli@csfil.org) or at (708) 429-1260, ext. 3342.

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