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Awarding \$290,000+ in Community Grants

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY, MO. (October 23, 2015) – Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) is pleased to announce more than \$290,000 in grants to 55 nonprofits serving the community on November 13, 2015, at its Annual Grants Luncheon. The luncheon, held in honor of Community Foundation week, will be held at the Adam’s Mark Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Representatives from all grant recipient organizations are invited to attend.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation awards community grants annually that fit in its four interest areas: Arts and Humanities, Education, Community Betterment, and Health and Welfare. Grant awards range from \$1,000 to \$23,000, and will be awarded from various endowed Foundation funds as well as funds from THCF’s Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and the Junior Service League of Independence. Additional contributions from multiple Donor Advised Funds at the Foundation will also be announced.

The following organizations will receive grant awards from Truman Heartland Community Foundation:

- Baptist Trinity Lutheran Legacy Foundation
- Blue Springs Downtown Alive!
- Blue Springs School of Economics
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Kansas City
- Cancer Action, Inc.
- Cave Spring Association
- CAPA
- Children’s Center for the Visually Impaired
- Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics
- City of Grain Valley, MO
- Coldwater of Lee’s Summit
- Developing Potential
- Downtown Lee’s Summit Main Street, Inc.
- Friends of Rice-Tremonti Home Association
- Happy Bottoms
- Harvesters
- Heartland Outreach Providers
- Hillcrest Transitional Housing
- Independence Symphony dba Heritage Philharmonic
- Jewish Family Services
- JobOne
- Junior Achievement of Middle America, Inc.
- Kansas City Ballet
- KC Hospice
- Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences
- Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts
- Lee’s Summit CARES
- Lee’s Summit Christian Church
- Lee’s Summit Social Services
- Lee’s Summit Symphony
- Marian Hope Center

- Marillac
- Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault
- Midwest Foster Care & Adoption Association
- Missouri College Advising Corps
- Mother's Refuge
- Music-Arts Institute
- Play to Learn Ministries
- Puppetry Arts Institute
- Rainbow Center for Communicative Disorders
- Raytown Christian Church
- Raytown Emergency Assistance Program
- Salvation Army
- Shepherd's Center of KC Central
- Southeast Enterprises
- Special Neighbors, Inc.
- Summit Art
- Summit Theatre Group
- The Family Conservancy
- Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity
- Uplift Independence
- Blue Springs School District
- Drumm Farm Center for Children, Inc.
- ProDeo Youth Center
- University of Missouri – Jackson County Extension

At the Annual Grants Luncheon, Truman Heartland Community Foundation will join more than 700 community foundations across America celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation is a public charity committed to improving area communities by promoting and serving private giving for the public good. Founded in 1982, THCF serves the region with assets reaching nearly \$37 million and annual grants surpassing \$3.5 million. THCF serves individuals who, through their private giving, wish to support the public good and help them do it in the most tax-wise and effective manner. Through the Community Foundation, donors can set up their own family foundations, scholarship funds, field of interest funds, endowment funds, charitable gift annuities and many other charitable vehicles which utilize shared resources of the foundation to maximize the impact of their philanthropic dollars. In addition to donor services, the Community Foundation provides asset development for nonprofit organizations, gives grants to nonprofits, assists organizations in planned giving and serves as a leader in addressing community issues. For more information on charitable giving, visit www.thcf.org or call THCF at 816.836.8189.

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