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Blue Grass Community Foundation awards \$100,000 to organizations focusing on family literacy and early childhood education

Blue Grass Community Foundation awarded \$100,000 through its Community Grant program to 16 nonprofit organizations serving Central Kentucky. Nonprofits applied for funding through a competitive grant-making program made possible by the MacAdam Early Childhood and Literacy Fund at the Community Foundation. Awards funded programs that focus on early childhood education and family literacy.

A complete list of 2014 Community Grants appears below.

Carnegie Center for Literacy & Learning, for the Authors & Books for Kids program.

Center for Family and Community Services, for a family literacy program and academic support.

Child Development Center of the Bluegrass, to fill literacy backpacks with themed books for children with and without disabilities.

Community Action Council, for the "Learning to Read and Write as a Family" program for culturally and linguistically diverse families in the Winburn neighborhood.

The Foster Care Council of Lexington, for tutoring services for at-risk foster children.

Hope's Wings, for a case manager to provide educational support groups for parents and to purchase books for mothers to read with their children.

Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc., for the Prime Time Family Reading Time program at the Madison County Public Library.

LexArts, to fund the "Dream Big Story Books" project, encouraging young students to write, illustrate, and present a story at the Arts Showcase Weekend.

Lexington Children's Theatre, to launch an early childhood literacy and arts program with William Wells Brown Elementary School that will tie in with the Spring 2015 "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat" performances.

Lexington Public Library Foundation, to fund professional performances for the Lexington Public Library's "Summer Reading Program".

Living Arts & Science Center, for the "Wonder on Wheels" educational outreach program.

Mentors & Meals, "Infinite Campus Night", "Read for Fun and Overnight at Life Adventure Center" and "World Book Night" family literacy programs.

The Nest Center for Women, Children & Families, for scholarships for The Nest's childcare program and Implementation of the "Itty-Bitty Bookworm" literature-based curriculum.

Parent and Family Enrichment Center, Inc., to support the "Learn and Play" program in both English and Spanish.

Reading Camp, to support two "Reading Camps" in Fayette or Jessamine County and incentives for a mini "Reading Camp" after school at Southern Elementary in Scott County.

Visually Impaired Preschool Services, to Purchase five brailers, one iPad and supplemental funding for early intervention to intervention to children to establish pre-literacy skills.

About Blue Grass Community Foundation

Blue Grass Community Foundation was founded in 1967 and serves as a philanthropic partner to individuals, families, nonprofit agencies and businesses, helping them to invest in the causes they care about. One of nearly 700 community foundations nationwide, Blue Grass Community Foundation holds assets of approximately \$71 million in over 450 charitable funds serving central and eastern Kentucky.

All charitable funds at Blue Grass Community Foundation are available to accept contributions at any time. To establish your own charitable fund or to learn more about Blue Grass Community Foundation, please call Allison Lankford at 859-225-3343 or visit our website at www.bgcf.org.