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Junior League to Award \$14,980.00 in grants for 2003

Springfield-The Junior League of Springfield, Inc. will award \$14,980.00 in grants for 2003. The Projects & Grants Committee in conjunction with the Finance Committee have selected, and the Board has approved, the following nine organizations to receive funding. Grant checks will be awarded at the February 11th Meeting, at 7:00 PM in the library of the Vachel Lindsay School.

1. **Springfield Area Reading is Fundamental** to purchase and distribute quality paperback books to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students in Springfield, Rochester, Chatham, Riverton, and Pleasant Plains. - \$1,000.00
2. **Prevent Child Abuse**, Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention Campaign Springfield Initiative” to provide brochures, posters and billboards, to educate the Public to the Shaken Baby crisis and prevention. - \$2,332.00
3. **St. John’s Children’s Oncology** “DREAM Support Program” to provide support and information to families whose children have been diagnosed with cancer. - \$2,000.00
4. **Central Illinois Food Bank’s** “Kid’s Café Project”, where funds will be used for project enrichment, and to provide take home groceries to impoverished, undernourished children. - \$2,200.00
5. **Harvard Park School’s**, “You Can Get There From Here”, a highly research-based program to educate Harvard Park School 5th graders on education and language requirements necessary to compete in the job market. - \$1,348.00
6. **MERCY Communities’** “Transitional Living Program”, where funds will be used to add ten beds to their program of mentoring and empowering young families to become independent working families. - \$800.00
7. **United Cerebral Palsy’s** UCP Playground and Recreational Area where funds will be used for establishing a fully handicapped accessible playground. - \$1,500.00
8. **Illinois WINGS’** Breast Healthcare Services, to help this start-up agency pay for treatment services for un-insured or underinsured working women with breast cancer. - \$1,000.00
9. **Camp Care-A-Lot’s** “Summer Camping Program”, where funds will be used to sponsor a weeklong camping experience for 6-10 year old children from low and no-income families. The camp provides positive role modeling, a loving environment and educational experiences. - \$2,800.00

For more information the public may call the Junior League headquarters at (217)787-7802, Genelle Iocca (217)546-4268, Jennifer Dietrich (217)525-3628, or visit the Junior League website at www.jlsil.org.