

2014 grant recipients announced by JCCF

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Each year, the Jennings County Community Foundation (JCCF) awards \$10,000 in local grants. The money is provided by the Lilly Endowment.

"We love to give money away!" exclaimed Dr. Bill Burnett, who serves on the organization's board of directors, and who had the distinction of explaining the program to those attending the **JCCF's** 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Burnett reported that \$21,000 was requested in this go-round from 15 local groups.

Committee members who went over the applications were Brad Bender, Darlene Bradshaw, Roger Crane, Adam Davis and Sandy Vance.

Vance and Bradshaw announced the following recipients.

Those picking up their grant follow as well as how the money will be used:

1. Veterans Services: Mike Eastman said the grant will go to help with transportation costs to area VA hospitals.
2. City of North Vernon: Joanne Campbell explained the money will help fund various Christmas in the City activities, including painting downtown windows and coloring sheets for local children.
3. Geneva Recreation Center: Myra Fischvogt said the non-profit hopes to purchase lighting for one of their ballfields.
4. Gleaners: No one was present. The funding will be used to provide food for the hungry.
5. JC Chamber: Marie Shepherd plans to purchase new computers for her office. "We appreciate the foundation!" she said.
6. Council on Domestic Violence: Sally Woods' goal is to establish training for new victim assistance mentors.
7. JC Historical Society: Brad Bender announced the grant will help publish book two of railroad history.
8. JC Youth Foundation: Kelly Hatton and Sunshine Galliher report the grant will help open an affordable and low cost toy store.
9. NV Senior Housing: Frances Gwin noted new benches along the sidewalks and a new television for the activities room are needed.
10. Salvation Army: Ginger Miller will purchase gifts for nursing home residents and use some money for utility bills for low income residents and for fire victims.
11. Senior Resource Center: Ruth Bosch reports she will purchase a back-up generator for the food pantry, just in case electricity goes out. "I have a feeling we're gonna need it!" she predicted.
12. FLASH Program: "This money will be very well spent," said Debbie Mahon-Smith, representative of this free food program targeting children.
13. Women's Giving Circle: Debby Jackson reported the grant will help fund the annual REACH conference.
14. JC Extension Homemakers: Atina Rozhon will purchase books for kindergartners, some of whom have no books in their homes.



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JCCF staff and volunteers gather with their grant recipients. Seated are the JCCF's Sandy Vance, staffer Ruth Adrian and executive director Barb Shaw; JC Youth Foundation volunteers Shannon Palmer and Kelly Hatton; and NV Senior Housing's Frances Gwin. Standing, l to r, are Veterans Service Officer Mike Eastman; Salvation Army's Ginger Miller, Women's Giving Circle's Deb Jackson; FLASH program's Debbie Mahon-Smith; Council on Domestic Violence director Sally Woods; Extension Homemakers' Atina Rozhon; Christmas in the City's Joanne Campbell; Senior Center director Ruth Bosch; JC Youth Foundation's Sunshine Galliher; JC Chamber's Marie Shepherd; and JC Historical Society's Brad Bender.—Staff Photo by B. King