

Foundation Holds Annual Grant Breakfast



The Boone County Community Foundation (BCCF) held their annual Belvidere Area Chamber of Commerce Grant Breakfast on November 3, 2016. The foundation has grown to more than \$4.5 million in total assets, as of the end of September 2016. Including distributions made at the Grant Breakfast, BCCF has distributed over \$616,000 in grants, since 2011.

This year's grants are part of the Community Grant program which consists of grants from the Wilbur and William Cummings fund and the Melvin and Mildred Banks grant fund. At the breakfast, BCCF distributed total grants of \$88,850 to 16 different non-profit organizations. Organizations receiving grants were Belvidere Boone County Food Pantry, Belvidere Park District/NASR, Parks & Conservation Foundation – Stone School Project, Boone County Historical Museum, Illinois 4-H Foundation – Flaming Monkeys, Boone County Arts Council, Habitat for Humanity, Boone County Fair – 4H, RAMP, Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau, Capron Lions, University of Illinois Extension, CASA, Rockford Work Camps Program, Immanuel Lutheran School, and Boone County Conservation District.

The Boone County Conservation District received a special grant from the Melvin and Mildred Banks Conservation District fund. The amount of the grant was \$60,000. Melvin Banks was a founding member of the Boone County Conservation District and donated \$2 million for the startup of the fund.

BCCF would like to congratulate all of the grant recipients and wish them well in all of their future endeavors.