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More than \$260,000 in Grants Available in 2017 **Approximately \$143k in Community Grants** **Approximately \$123k from the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment**

EASTERN JACKSON COUNTY, MO. (February 24, 2017) – Truman Heartland Community Foundation (THCF) welcomes nonprofit organizations located in or serving citizens of Eastern Jackson County to request funding for 2017. Approximately \$143,000 is available through the annual Community Grants Process with an additional \$123,000 from the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education Fund.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation works in partnership with nonprofits that share our passion and vision of improving area communities. THCF’s community grants are considered investments in our community and proposals should reflect the most positive impact on the community to our grants committee which consists of representatives from THCF’s Board of Directors and Advisory Boards.

Community Grant seekers must submit an initial letter of interest by Thursday, April 6, 2017. Finalists for all grant programs will be invited to submit a full proposal due the fourth Thursday in May.

Jelley Family Foundation grant seekers must submit their applications by Thursday, May 25, 2017.

Applicants may apply in both the Community Grants Program and the Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education, but not for the same program. Complete application guidelines can be downloaded and letters submitted online at <http://www.thcf.org/Grant-Scholarship-Seekers/Grants>.

In 2016, through the Community Grants Program, THCF issued grants totaling more than \$294,000 to 51 nonprofit organizations. An entire list of grant recipients can be found at <http://www.thcf.org/Grant-Scholarship-Seekers/Grants-Recipients-2016>.

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Community Grants Program Guidelines:

Programs considered for funding must address one or more of the following issues which are not listed in order of importance.

- Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
- Building Stronger Neighborhoods
- Education
- Fostering a Sense of Community Spirit
- Health Needs for the Community
- Leadership Development for Youth and Adults
- Programs for Seniors
- Positive Youth Development
- Transportation
- Violence Prevention

Jelley Family Foundation Endowment for Children’s Education Guidelines:

Proposals considered for funding must address one or more of the following issues focusing on educational programming.

- New and innovative ideas focused on assisting at-risk children and youth to succeed.
- Evidence of promising and collaborative support programs.
- Leverage of additional funding and resources to maximize the grant’s impact across the region.
- Organizations and partnerships emphasizing early childhood education, family literacy, educational advocacy, innovative educational practices, policy reform, whole child development including the arts, healthy living, and lifelong learning.

The Jelley Family Foundation endowment originated when long-time resident of Blue Springs, Dr. Carl Jelley entrusted the Truman Heartland Community Foundation with a substantial gift upon his passing to support children’s education in Eastern Jackson County. The first grants in his honor to support children’s education were made in 2014.

Truman Heartland Community Foundation is a public charity committed to “improving area communities by promoting private giving for the public good.” Founded in 1982, THCF continues to serve the region with assets reaching \$38 million and annual grants surpassing \$3.3 million. THCF provides a wide range of services to donors and grant seekers alike. For more information on charitable giving, visit www.thcf.org or call 816.836.8189.

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