

2016 Savanna Oaks Cultural Center



Pam DuBorg, Joyce Abegglen, Judy Robbins, & Dennis Buchda representing Savanna Oaks Cultural Center, recipient of a \$1,000 grant for general support, with CAE President Jason Lietha

2016 Boy Scout Troop 99



Roger Greathead representing Boy Scout Troop 99, recipient of a \$1000 grant for tent upgrades, with CAE President Jason Lietha

2016 Columbus Area Senior Center



Kim Lang representing the Columbus Area Senior Center, recipient of a \$1000 grant for fitness-center upgrades, with CAE President Jason Lietha

2016 Rotary Club of Columbus /Fall River



Ilse Esveld representing the Rotary Club of Columbus /Fall River, recipient of a \$1000 grant for a dock project in Rotary Park, with CAE President Jason Lietha

2016 Red Bud Players



Ann Taurick, Arlene Kianovsky and Gary Taurick, representing the Redbud Players, recipient of a \$1,000 grant for general support, with CAE President Jason Lietha

2015 Olivet Church



(l. to r.) Olivet Church Board Member Alice Schmidt, CAE President Cailin Lueders, Olivet Church Board Member Carol Black

A local computer bank was added to assist all residents who need to borrow a computer. Also, beehives were added to aid pollination in the community gardens.

2015 Columbus Public Library



CPL Associate Librarian Katrina Dombrowsky & CAE President Cailin Lueders

Columbus Public Library added circulating e-readers to their collection. Nooks are high-demand items; Library patrons repeatedly express appreciation for their availability.

2015 Columbus Literacy Council

The Columbus Literacy Council sent an English as a Second Language tutor for training through the Madison Literacy Network organization. He trained existing tutors and a new batch of tutors on basics like unit and lesson planning.

2015 Columbus High School Sound System



CHS Musical Director Marc Lefeber & CAE President Cailin Lueders

The Music / Theatre Department upgraded its sound system with a larger board, wiring, and wireless microphones. These upgrades improve the sound quality at high school shows., choral and instrumental programs. Additionally, the Redbud Players frequently collaborate with the CHS Theatre Department by borrowing and lending items as needed. These upgrades benefit that any other that uses sound in the high school.

2014 & 2015 Columbus Senior Center



The Columbus Area Senior Center was awarded two \$500 grants from the Columbus Area Endowment for a new attendance and event tracking system. The center promotes activities and services for adults ages 50 and up. The Columbus Area Endowment reinvests the contributions of its many donors into the community. Shown are (l.to r.) Bob Black, vice-president of the Columbus Area Endowment; Cailin Lueders, director of the Columbus Area Senior Center; and Dale Gessler, chair of the Columbus Area Senior Center Advisory Board.

2014 American Legion Post #62



(l. to r. Post Commander Jeff Krakow, CAE Board members Dale Gessler, Cailin Lueders & Bob Black)

The purpose of Post 62 is to help veterans and their families. It is very involved in the community as well. Its mission, besides veterans and their families, is to help the community in any way possible with emphasis on patriotism. Their project was to enhance their building that they rent to businesses, groups, and individuals. To improve the curb appeal, they installed a high quality sign. It helps the community make use of a very accessible and useful building and lets them know that Post 62 is there for them.

2014 Transition House



(l. to r.) Carol Black & Alice Schmidt, Olivet Church Board; Cailin Lueders, CAE President

Carol Black and Alice Schmidt, Olivet Church Board members, and CAE President Cailin Lueders celebrate a CAE grant to the Columbus School District's Transition House Program.

Columbus School District purchased a residence near the middle school. This house needed to be updated and refurbished. With assistance from the Olivet Church, Columbus Transitional School students used their CAE grant and other monies to make small repairs, and work with the school custodians or parents, to repair and then paint the rooms. The addition of a sewing machine enabled the students to update their window treatments, or make decorations for the house. Gardening supplies enabled them to plant and tend a garden in the backyard and at a special plot in the community gardens.

2014 Columbus Public Library Wi-Fi Garden



(standing, l. to r.: Library Board members Jenny Perkins, Bryan Davis (also CAE Board), Trina Reid, Pete Kalin, Cindy Fesemyer (also CAE Board), Bill O'Donnelli; seated, l. to r.: Library Board Member Marylou Sharpee, CAE President Cailin Lueders)

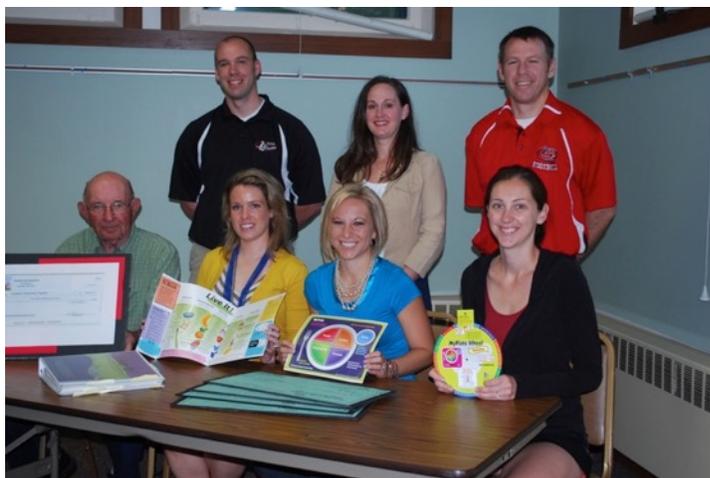
The Columbus Public Library added a Wi-Fi Garden, an outdoor seating area that connects the parking lot to the front doors. With the help of a professional landscape architect, the Columbus Department of Public Works and volunteer master gardeners, a peaceful city-scape adds outdoor seating and space for work and play. Fixed seating and tables have been added.

The Library serves over 5,000 Columbus residents and another 4,000 people outside the city limits. Of those 9,000 users, more than 4,800 of hold library cards. All of these folks benefit from the Wi-Fi Garden. In more rural parts of our community, Internet connections are still very slow. The Columbus Public Library goal is to provide the fastest possible Internet connection for all citizens, free of charge, so they can apply for jobs and health care, find child care for their little ones, catch up with grandkids on Face Book or simply explore what the Internet has to offer. For about half of the year the Wi-Fi Garden accommodates wireless Internet users in a comfortable and pretty setting.

2013 & 2015 Columbus Community Hospital Live It! Program

CAE presented a grant to the Live It! program which works to reduce risks of obesity and improve wellness in area youth. Dieticians at Columbus Community Hospital (CCH) and students from the University of Wisconsin Department of Nutritional Sciences and Food Sciences are teaching middle school-age children to make nutrient-rich food choices and the importance of physical activity.

Emily Dilley, CCH Foundation Executive Director, said, “Whether it was information about proper nutrition, how to read labels, or great ways to get out and exercise, the students are able to bring that knowledge home with them and apply it to everyday living. This gives them the power to make life-changing, healthy choices at an early age that they can continue throughout their lives.”



Pictured (back l. to r.); Paul Ihde, Principal of Zion Lutheran; Renee Davis, RD, CDE Diabetes Services Coordinator at CCH; Bryan Davis, Superintendent of Columbus Schools; (front l. to r.): Joe Conlin, President Columbus Area Endowment; Emily Briggs, MS, RD, CD, SCO, Manager of Food and Nutrition Services at CCH; Emily Dilley, CCH Executive Foundation Director; Maria Kutzler, Health Teacher at Fall River Schools.

2013 Early Literacy

CAE presented the Columbus Public Library with a check for \$1,000 to support their new early literacy program. Partnering with the Columbus Community Hospital (CCH), the library will share with brand new parents the importance of developing very early literacy skills.



Pictured (back, l. to r): Joe Conlin, CAE president; Kelsey Johnson, Children's Librarian; Peter Kaland, President Library Board of Trustees; Bryan Davis, School Superintendent, member of the Library and CAE Boards; Cindy Fesemyer, Library Director; (front, l. to r.): Rachel Svendsen, CCH Women's and Childbirth Services Manager; Jenny Perkins, Library Liaison to the City Council; Mary Roche, CAE board member.

2012 TOT LOT AT FIREMAN'S PARK

The purpose of the project was to provide new play equipment that would be targeted specifically for children ages 2-5; also some of this new equipment would meet ADA guidelines for children with disabilities. Cost was \$30,000 for this project with all funds coming from generous dona-



tions from businesses, civic groups, individuals and a CAE grant. Special thanks to our Department of Public Works for an awesome job of getting the Tot Lot laid out and in the ground.

2012 COLUMBUS SENIOR CENTER



The Columbus Area Senior Center received a \$1000 challenge grant to raise funds for converting the Gift Room to a computer lab. Over \$3,000 was raised to develop a public computer lab for seniors with four computers and a laptop station. The Lab is being used daily.

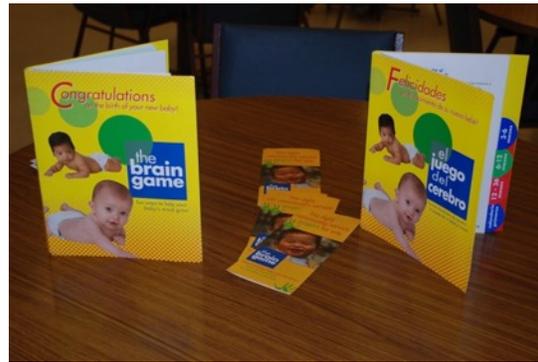
2012 KITCHEN APPLIANCES FOR REST-HAVEN AT FIREMAN'S PARK

Columbus Historical Landmarks and Preservation Commission received a \$400 grant from the CAE to use toward the purchase of appliances to refurbish the kitchen in the Rest-Haven building. The Rest-Haven was built in 1923 to provide sanitation and cooking facilities for park users. It is a popular and well used building today.



2011 BRAIN GAME BOOKS

This was a joint grant from the Columbus & Fall River Rotary and the CAE. Columbus Community Hospital was able to purchase 100 books (a mixture of English and Spanish) The book aids parents in carrying out fun and creative ways to develop a baby's mental growth from newborn to 36 months and educates parents on what to expect as their new baby develops mentally and physically. Parents who deliver at Columbus Community Hospital are given a copy of the book before they leave the hospital.



2011 COLUMBUS FIREMENS' SERVICE CORPORATION

The Columbus Fireman's Service Corp. received a \$250.00 grant from the Columbus Area Endowment Fund to implement a carbon monoxide detector program. With the law for co detectors having recently changed this program supplies detectors for those who meet the criteria and for whatever reason are unable to comply. The Fireman's Service Corp. matched the funds and vowed to fund the program once the initial detectors have been used.

2011 COLUMBUS SENIOR CENTER

The Columbus Area Senior Center purchased a wheelchair that is kept at the Center to help participants who have mobility difficulties. In the past we used an office chair with wheels to help people move about, but that was definitely not ideal! We also experienced occurrences when it was difficult for someone to transfer their bulky wheelchair from home to the center for use.

2011 COLUMBUS CLUB HOUSE

The Columbus Club House is a before and after school program for kids. It is also open in the summer. They were recipients of a grant to purchase materials for their programs.