

27 Missouri Youth Organizations to Receive Grants Totaling Close To a Quarter of a Million Dollars

The Optimist Club of St. Louis is granting youth community funds to 27 organizations in Missouri communities totaling nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

ST. LOUIS, MO, UNITED STATES, July 4, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Each year, The Optimist Club of St. Louis provides grants to organizations to improve communities and provide opportunities for youth of all ages.

The Optimist Club of St. Louis, is proud to announce the awarding of youth community grants to 27 deserving organizations across Missouri. These grants, combined with matching funds, total \$240,500.

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Organizations to receive grants - Flourish, Girls in the Know, Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis Inc., Almost Home, LitShop, Wings of Hope, Affinia Healthcare, A Million Stars, Inc. - College Bound, Ready Readers, Show Me The World Project, Gentlemen of Vision Rites of Passage, Infant Loss Resources, Safer Waters In Memory Of Nicholas - SWIM ON

Foundation, St. Louis County Library Foundation, The GCI, Inc., The Youth and Family Center The Little Bit Foundation, Wesley House Association, Boys Hope Girls Hope of St. Louis, City Academy,



Inc., Cultural Leadership, Inc. - LEAD STL, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, Twin City Area Optimist Club, Wentzville-Lake St. Louis Optimists Club .

For more than 108 years, the Optimist Club of St. Louis has stood as a cornerstone of community service, volunteerism, and grant support. Through these grants, the Club continues its legacy of fostering positive change and empowering the next generation, all in the name of Optimism. Since the Clubs beginnings in 1916 the the Optimist Club of St. Louis has been the home of many influential community leaders. Past Club Presidents include Cyrus Wilmore and H. B. Deal. St. Louis Cardinals general manager Branch Rickey was the club's president in 1928, just to name a few. Through community grants the Club has awarded over 2 million in youth community grants.

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