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YWCA McLean County Receives Grant to Better Language, Communication, and Education throughout Community

BLOOMINGTON, Ill, May 20, 2019 -- The Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, Inc. has awarded YWCA McClean County a grant to the amount of \$2,089 from the Ruth Carey Endowed Education Fund. The grant money will be used to support YWCA's Young Wonders Early Learning Spanish Education Project. The project will enhance the learning of the Spanish language and culture to enrolled children, their families, and the YWCA teachers. YWCA teachers will be implementing these teachings for future lessons and in their classroom environments.

YWCA Goals for the Project:

- ☒ **80% of their students participating in class**
- ☒ **85% of children increasing their language skills**
- ☒ **100% of the children and teachers increasing their knowledge of Spanish and confidence when using it in class**
- ☒ **Children will be language ready when entering kindergarten**

20% of the children enrolled in the Early Learning classes (ages 2-5) and their families speak Spanish as their primary language. Children exposed to a bilingual education in their early years, have shown an increase in cognitive, academic, cultural, and social thinking.

YWCA Association Name is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, stand up for social justice, help families and strengthen our community. YWCA Association Name is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For comprehensive information about this important work, go to: www.ywcaassociationname.org and www.ywca.org.

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