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Kiwanis Club Gives Grant to help YWCA meet DCSF Standards

Bloomington, IL, May 20, 2019 -- The Kiwanis Club's Golden K - Bloomington has granted YWCA McClean County with \$1,400 to continue with their before and after-school day care and full-day summer camp programs. The grant money will go toward a seating and activity upgrade for each age group room to meet specific standards made by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). YWCA Youth Development is licensed by DCFS and is required to meet certain standards to continue to stay afloat.

The YWCA Young Wonders strives to allow every child who attends their program has the opportunity to fully develop cognitively and socially. The funds from the grant will make it possible for the YWCA to continue providing this service.

Children from the ages of 5-12 attend these programs and add up to 200 children total. The YWCA is in need of new seating arrangements for class rooms, learning materials, arts and crafts, books, and other stimulating toys and activities to supply the students with the best possible care. 50% of these children are from low income to impoverished families who rely on these programs and their elements.

The YWCA has been funded by the Kiwanis Cub before. They granted \$1,200 dollars to the YWCA for their infant and toddler class rooms. With that money the YWCA purchased sensory toys and stimulating activities to stay up to code with DCFS's standards. With this new grant of \$1,400, YWCA McClean County intends to do the same for their older students and make their learning center the best it can be and keep their doors open.

YWCA McClean County 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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