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**YWCA McLean County Receives Grant from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation**

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.

"The Spanish program is meant to strengthen diversity in our community, build language development in the kids, and help Spanish speaking children identify themselves within the community," said Senior Director for Young Wonders, Melissa Breeden.

"I think the program will also increase the confidence of our staff when it comes to understanding languages and reaching out to the kids and their parents," she said.

The grant money will be used by YWCA's Young Wonders Early Learning and Youth Development Program, primarily for the Early Learning students, as the Early Learning Spanish Project starts in August 2019.

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