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**KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY FUND OPENS 2018 GRANT CYCLE**

KNOXVILLE, Ill. (June 4, 2018) – The Knoxville Community Fund, a fund of Galesburg Community Foundation, is pleased to announce their 2018 grant cycle. This grant opportunity funds projects that shape the future and promote the well-being of the Knoxville community.

Peg Bivens, member of the Knoxville Community Fund Advisory Board said, “We challenge our community nonprofit partners to join us in making Knoxville an even better community to call home. We look forward to receiving applications that improve our community and enrich the lives of our neighbors.”

The Knoxville Community Fund will award grants to nonprofit organizations that contribute to the Knoxville community. All Knoxville 501(c)(3) nonprofit or public charities, including churches, schools, and government agencies are eligible to apply. Applicants must submit projects that will be completed by the end of 2019. Organizations may submit one application this grant cycle. Projects must have a tangible and visible public outcome.

Applications are available online at Galesburg Community Foundation’s website, www.ahealthycommunity.org. Applications must be submitted electronically to Peg Bivens via email at peg@leag.biz. The deadline to apply is July 30, 2018.

The Knoxville Community Fund is an endowment fund that was established in 2015 through a challenge grant from Galesburg Community Foundation and gifts from friends interested in helping Knoxville now and for the future. Annually, the fund makes grants available to qualifying nonprofit organizations. Previous grant recipients include the Knoxville Community Band, anti-bullying programs at Knoxville CUSD #202, Knoxville Police and Fire Departments and the Knoxville Food Pantry.

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