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## Record Funds Raised for Local Charities

*O'Reilly Auto Parts distributes \$750K to 34 Springfield-area charities*

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (Nov. 21, 2024)** – More than 30 Springfield-area nonprofits have more of what they need to provide services in our community, thanks to record-setting grants totaling \$750,000 from O'Reilly Auto Parts.

The company hosts two charity golf tournaments each year, an effort that began in 1999 with one small tournament and a single charity. In 2017, The Community Foundation of the Ozarks began facilitating the grant applications and holding the awards. Since then, O'Reilly Charity Golf Classic tournaments have raised and distributed more than \$4.1 million dollars.

“We know this money is impactful for our community’s nonprofits and the people they serve, and we’re so happy to help,” said Tracie Patton, O'Reilly director of Travel and Internal Events. “But even with everything we were able to give out today, there are unmet needs in the grant applications that we couldn’t fund. We hope our neighbors will remember these nonprofits and others in our community, and consider giving.”

On Thursday, Nov. 21, O'Reilly Auto Parts handed out these grants:

- **The Arc of the Ozarks**  
\$10,000 to support its curriculum needs at Rivendale Institute for Learning and Autism Services, which offers education to children with special needs.
- **The Betty and Bobby Allison Ozarks Counseling Center**  
\$25,000 in operational funds for its work in providing low-cost mental health services to those in need.
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks**  
\$20,000 in operational funds as it matches volunteer adults with children for one-to-one mentoring programs.
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield**  
\$20,000 in operational support for its Academic Success Program, which provides guidance and tutoring to students in both one-on-one and group formats.
- **Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks**  
\$17,000 to support the organization’s financial help for patients going through active breast cancer treatment, and \$13,000 to purchase a used box truck to pick up donations for its Neat Repeats thrift stores.

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- **Care to Learn**  
\$25,000 in operational funds to support its efforts to meet kids' emergent needs in 46 area school districts and communities.
- **Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri**  
\$20,000 for operational support of LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home, a round-the-clock shelter for pregnant women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- **The Child Advocacy Center**  
\$35,000 for program support and the purchase of a vehicle for travel to provide abuse prevention programming at 25 area schools.
- **Children's Smile Center**  
\$10,000 in operational support for the center, which operates dental clinics that serve low-income children who live in rural areas near Springfield.
- **Community Partnership of the Ozarks**  
\$20,000 for operational expenses at the O'Reilly Center for Hope, which brings together 20 partner agencies to help clients with everything from employment to housing, legal aid, budgeting and health care.
- **Council of Churches of the Ozarks**  
\$25,000 for operational expenses and to purchase diapers for Diaper Bank of the Ozarks, which provides diapers to families in need throughout the Ozarks.
- **CASA of Southwest Missouri (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**  
\$25,000 to pay for HVAC replacement and repairs at its Clubhouse, a trauma-informed, activity center where foster children can access services and support.
- **Developmental Center of the Ozarks**  
\$25,000 in operational funding for its programs that serve children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.
- **The Doula Foundation of Mid-America**  
\$15,000 in operational funds for maternal mental health programs and resources for newborns, moms and families in need.
- **The Drew Lewis Foundation**  
\$10,000 in operational funds for programs that focus on financial education, self-advocacy, employment and community-building initiatives for underserved communities.
- **Dynamic Strides Therapy**  
\$17,000 for the purchase of a TheraSuit Universal Exercise Unit and training for staff. The Therasuit enables trained therapists to use counter weights, bungees and support equipment to improve balance and coordination in children with special needs.

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- **FosterAdopt Connect**  
\$20,000 in operational support for Sammy's Window and Sharehouse services, a clothing bank and food pantry that support foster children and their families.
- **GYN Cancers Alliance**  
\$20,000 for building improvements to accommodate growing support group attendance, including adding more disabled parking and kitchen improvements.
- **Harmony House**  
\$25,000 in program support for domestic violence prevention education, including the creation of a blog and podcast designed to reach younger people.
- **In Time of Need Foundation**  
\$10,000 to assist grieving families who cannot pay for a loved one's funeral expenses.
- **Isabel's House**  
\$30,000 in operational funds for the crisis nursery and replacement costs of a privacy fence around the playground.
- **The Kitchen**  
\$20,000 in operational funds for the Rare Breed Drop-In Center, which provides services to homeless youth, as well as Franciscan Villa, which offers affordable housing.
- **Kiwanis Club of Ozark Empire**  
\$15,000 to provide more than 1,100 Springfield-area kids with high-quality new shoes.
- **Least of These**  
\$25,000 to buy more than 125,000 pounds of food to stock its Christian County food pantry, and \$25,000 to build an enclosed shelter for its self-select area, where families can choose their food.
- **Lost and Found Grief Center**  
\$25,000 for operational funds to support its grief support services. This includes holiday programming, which can be a particularly difficult time for families experiencing loss.
- **Lutheran Family and Children's Services**  
\$15,000 for a mental health counseling service, in addition to its work with adoption and parenting services for pregnant women and parents of young children.
- **Ozarks Food Harvest**  
\$25,000 to support its Weekend Backpack Program, which sends nutritious meals home with dozens of children on Fridays. Also, \$25,000 to help offset the increase

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cost of food and reduction in federal commodities, resulting in the purchasing of more than 21,700 additional meals.

- **Ozarks Literacy Council**  
\$10,000 to buy books for Springfield-area schools to support literacy development by ensuring children have access to high-quality, relevant and engaging books.
- **Ozarks Regional YMCA**  
\$25,000 to enhance accessibility at Camp Wakonda, including essential upgrades to roads and cabins so that campers of different abilities can fully participate in camp activities.
- **Rebound Foundation**  
\$18,000 for its efforts to provide housing to families transitioning out of domestic violence shelters, including privacy fencing for security at Marda's Homes.
- **Ronald McDonald House Tooth Truck**  
\$10,000 for supplies needed to complete the dental treatment plans for 605 children.
- **Springfield Dream Center**  
\$25,000 in program support, including a van to transport children to and from the center for its no-cost after-school care.
- **The Victim Center**  
\$20,000 for crisis response, advocacy and counseling for people who have survived a violent or sexual crime.
- **Victory Mission and Ministry**  
\$15,000 to buy two refrigerators and two freezers for a new program to assist people who struggle to afford food by offering them "store credit" in exchange for completing tasks that help them gain practical skills. Also, \$15,000 in operational funding to support its 160-bed men's shelter.

"These organizations do incredible work in our community, and their hard work is what makes this annual grant awards ceremony a highlight for us," said Julie Gray, O'Reilly vice president of Corporate Services. "We want to thank the organizations for all they do each and every day, our suppliers and vendors who sponsor our tournaments, our golfers and all the team members who work diligently to make the tournaments a success."

### **About O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.**

Since 1957, O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., has grown from a family-owned company to a leader in the automotive replacement parts industry. It supplies equipment, tools, parts, and accessories to professional service providers and do-it-yourself customers across the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Canada. With more than 6,200 store locations and growing, the O'Reilly Professional Parts People deliver excellent customer service, knowledge and value to the communities they serve.