

Greene County CARES Act Relief Fund Advisory Council

This year the U.S. Senate passed the Coronavirus Relief Fund to provide direct funding to states, territories and tribal governments. The goal is to promote recovery by funding programs and services that support the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. As part of this fund, Greene County has received \$34.4 million to be distributed back into our community to help support local coronavirus response efforts.

To help ensure equitable allocation of these funds locally, the Greene County Commission has appointed a citizen advisory council from a diverse number of sectors to bring their expertise to the County's CARES Act Relief Fund application review and approval process.

The CARES Act Relief Fund Advisory Council members are:



Candace Adams, Emergency Management Retiree and Educator

Adams is retired from both Greene County OEM and Missouri SEMA where she coordinated disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery planning for 18 counties. She currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at University of Central Missouri in the Crisis and Disaster Management Bachelor degree program.



Dr. Linda Barboa, Speech Language Pathologist

Dr. Barboa, of Battlefield, most recently worked as a speech language pathologist at Springfield Public Schools. She is also the founder and executive director of STARS for Autism, a non-profit educational organization. Dr. Barboa has published numerous children's books and is a sought after speaker and presenter on successful approaches to assisting children with autism.



Kristoffer Barefield, Attorney

Barefield has been practicing law for 17 years, the majority of that time dedicated to working in the juvenile courts assisting with children in foster care and adoptions. He serves as municipal judge in Willard, Walnut Grove and Marionville. He also serves on the board of directors for the AIDS Project of the Ozarks.



Dr. Jim Blaine, Physician

Dr. Blaine currently serves as the medical director of Digital Monitoring Products Family Clinic. He is also the past president of the Greene County Medical Society. He also chaired the Springfield DWI Task Force and he previously established the on-site medical clinic at Ozarks Technical Community College and Paul Mueller.



David Burton, University of Missouri Extension

Burton, of Republic, is the county engagement specialist for the MU Extension where he works with staff and members of the elected extension council to create impactful and sustainable educational programs in the community. He is also the past chair of the Greene County Historic Sites Board.



Dave Coonrod, Former Greene County Presiding Commissioner

Coonrod, of Bois D'Arc, served on the Greene County Commission beginning in 1989. He served as presiding commissioner from 1994 to 2010. He is a security and conservation consultant with decades of experience in land use management, conservation and water quality protection. He is currently president of the James River Basin Partnership and Ozark Health Advisory Foundation.



Rev. Saehee Duran, Pastor and Educator

Duran is the pastor at Life360 Church in addition to teaching at Evangel University and serving on the Evangel Alumni Board, AG U.S. Missions Board, Network of Women Ministers and the Korean-English Fellowship. She is also a police chaplain and has served on the Springfield Public Schools Diversity and Equity Committee.



Julie Germann, Professional Development Consultant

Germann is a professional development specialist at the Agency for Teaching, Leading and Learning at MSU. She brings extensive experience with writing and executing state and federal grant funds to ensure compliance with all rules and guidelines. Germann is former principal at two Willard Public Schools and later served as member and president of the Willard Board of Education.



Faith Giedd, Non-profit Executive

Giedd has more than 25 years in non-profit leadership including with the Mercy Foundation, MSU Foundation and 12 years serving with the Junior League of Springfield. She is currently the executive director of the Cook Family Foundation.

Yamil Gutierrez, Client Advisor



Gutierrez is senior client advisor for BMW of Springfield. In addition, he hosts The Gospel Truth on YouTube where he discusses biblical topics and doctrine. He is a member of several civic organizations. He previously served clients for AAA Insurance and Chase Bank.



Sam Hall, Inventor and Entrepreneur

Hall is part owner of Spire Solutions in Republic and is responsible for bringing to market medical support equipment designed to help patients who regularly use oxygen. He was recognized with the INPEX Excellence Award for his invention and is a 2018 Dorothy Bland Award Winner. Hall is a nationally recognized speaker/advocate for sarcoidosis awareness.



Barbara Rae Hughes, Investment Advisor

Hughes creates and manages portfolios for individuals and business owners in addition to retirement plans and estate planning. Her experience also includes the valuation and sales of privately held corporations. She currently advises clients for Stifel Nicholaus. Hughes is active in many civic organizations.



Daniel Imhof, Retired Associate Circuit Judge

Imhof was elected as an associate circuit judge for the 31st Judicial Circuit in 2006. He attended law school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He has served as a member of the Springfield Rotary Club, the board of the directors for Friends of the Zoo and the Easter Seals board.



Gordon Kinne, Insurance Professional

Kinne is the president of Med-Pay, Inc., an independently owned third party claims administrator. He is also a community volunteer, having volunteered his time with the Breast Cancer Foundation of the Ozarks, the Council of Churches of the Ozarks and serving on the board of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.



Camille Knowles, Human Resources Advisor

Knowles has over 20 years of experience in human resources and the insurance field. Her areas of expertise include addressing business challenges and personnel policies and procedures. She was the Greene County director of human resources from 2008-2017. Knowles serves on the board of directors of the Victim Center.

Susan Krieger, Former Mayor of Strafford



Krieger is the former owner/operator of Rainbow Connection Child Care Facility in Strafford from which she retired in 2019. In addition, she brings 18 years as an elected official for the City of Strafford. Krieger was previously chair of the Strafford Park Committee. She is also active with the Strafford Historical Society and the Danforth Cemetery Association.



Tai Li, International Project Consultant and Architect

Li is an architect and international project consultant with Tracker Marine Group Asia Pacific Expansion where he works to develop sport fishing and waterfront resort developments in China, Japan and Korea. He is active in several civic organizations and has served as an interpreter for Springfield Public Schools.



Keith Ray Mackie, KRM Counseling and Consulting

Mackie is the owner of KRM Counseling and Consulting, a private practice that works with children and families with acute emotional, behavioral and psychiatric needs. He spent 15 years as a counselor at Boys & Girls Town of Missouri/Great Circle. Mackie is involved in numerous community organizations and is a board member for Missouri Kids First.



Dr. Mark Maynard Sr., Business Consultant and Retired Educator

Dr. Maynard is an international professional speaker, business consultant and travel host. He has led 20 international business/service trips and has extensive experience in development, entrepreneurship and social enterprise. Maynard serves on the board for Adult and Teen Challenge USA and is a volunteer with Convoy of Hope. He is a retired professor of business, having served at both Evangel and Drury Universities.



Kyle McClure, City Utilities

McClure prepares and coordinates the implementation of governmental relations plans for CU as well as facilitates the public policy agenda and community relations plans by representing CU in community, state and regional activities and organizations. He has previously serves as chair of the Jordan Valley Community Health Center and is involved in many local and state organizations, including Missouri Chamber of Commerce.



Terri McQueary, Interior Planning Consultant

McQueary is past partner of Interior Planning and Consultants and has an extensive background in community affairs, including service to numerous organizations such as Ozarks Counseling Center, Junior League of Springfield, The Arc of the Ozarks and Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

Juan Meraz, Missouri State University

Meraz serves as the assistant vice president for Diversity and Inclusion at MSU where he provides leadership and support for the establishment and administration of diversity and professional development initiatives. Meraz holds several certificates from Harvard Kennedy School. He is active in Minorities in Business, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Sister Cities of Springfield.



Jennifer Martin, Assistant City Clerk, Ash Grove

Martin is the assistant city clerk of Ash Grove, Mo., with a background in record administration and financial management including grant writing. She also volunteers with Springfield Victory Mission, Gathering Friends and Connecting Grounds, as well as the Ash Grove Food Pantry. Martin also has a background in health care.



Anthony Miller, IT Professional/Former Mayor of Fair Grove

Miller is IT Manager for Ozarks Coca-Cola/Dr. Pepper Bottling Company. He is active in the Fair Grove community, having served as chair of the Emergency Management and Police Committees, president of the board of aldermen and most recently as mayor.



Justyn Pippins, Small Business Manager

Pippins currently manages Big Momma's Coffee & Espresso Bar. He also owns Vision Group Development. Pippins is active in Minorities in Business, Big Brothers Big Sisters, North Springfield Betterment Association and NAACP.



Becky Scofield, Municipal Court Clerk, Walnut Grove

Scofield prepares municipal violation tickets for court and is working with the local offices to convert from manual court to being online. In addition she brings extensive experience working to maintain a functioning and efficient court. Scofield retired in 2015 after a long career with the State of New Hampshire including service roles in the Department of Labor, Board of Veterinary Medicine, Employment Security and Workers' Compensation.



Dr. Karen Scott, Retired Educator and Non-profit Professional

Dr. Scott is the co-founder of Lost & Found, the non-profit grief center that offers a full range of support for the bereaved and those dealing with terminal illness. She also has 31 years of experience in public education as teacher, counselor and director of Student Services at Springfield Public Schools. Scott is a successful advocate for children at the state level and is a frequent speaker/trainer at professional conferences for educators and mental health professionals



Win Stevens Jr., Retired Deputy Sheriff

Stevens has 39 years of experience in civilian and military investigations, including fraud and e-commerce investigations as well as accident reconstruction. He is a retired deputy sheriff, having served both Franklin and Camden Counties. Stevens is a retired U.S. Army veteran and has had meritorious commendations. He is active with many community and civic organizations.



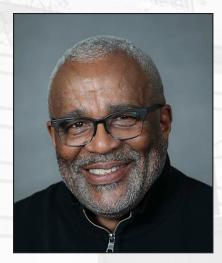
Jill Stoner, Business Owner, Turners

Stoner has been the owner/operator of Turners Station Mercantile for 26 years. She has served on the board of directors of the Logan-Rogersville Fire Protection District for 20 years and is a member of the 4-H Foundation. Stoner is an active participant and organizer of events that benefit the citizens of rural Greene County.



Cindy Waites, Retired Non-profit Professional

During her time as director of administration at Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, Waites was responsible for human resources, homeless prevention programming, grants management and performance and quality improvement initiatives. She has been highly involved with Junior League of Springfield, Isabel's House, Council of Churches of the Ozarks and Community Partnership of the Ozarks.



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