



See what the Foundation has been doing

Your August Update from President, Dr. Julie Gaddie

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STEAM Camp participant smiles as he plays the video game he created during TYNKER Coding.

STEAM Camp participant carefully chooses a LEGO piece as she constructs her WeDo 2.0 robot.

STEAM Camps 2019

Heartland Foundation welcomed 156 students grades 3-8 to participate in this summer's STEAM Camps.

Five exciting camps were held at emPowerU in St. Joseph and Think Ahead Works in King City: LEGO WeDo 2.0 Robotics, LEGO EV3 Robotics, LEGO Powered Machines, TYNKER Coding and Virtual Reality Explorers.

Our summer camps are designed to create and develop an interest in science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. All sessions feature hands-on activities led by trained facilitators.

STEAM Camp participant, Chase, said he was able to do things he wouldn't be able to do at home with Virtual Reality.

"With this Virtual Reality, we get to go to places in the world and go to space," he said. "We

can interact with surroundings."

Thank you to everyone who brought their camper to participate. Please complete the following [survey](#) to help us plan for next year. It was a great week!



CollaborACTION

Heartland Foundation is now accepting proposals for 2020 CollaborACTION grant funding.

Innovative project proposals need to be a collaboration between two or more partnering organizations. Projects may focus on one community or serve neighboring communities throughout the region.

In order to apply, you must attend an informational session prior to submitting proposal. Sessions will be held August 26-30 and September 3-6.

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emPowerU facilitators are the foundation of our programming. Our facilitators focus on success-building assets that ensure every child has the resources needed to prepare them to be healthy, resilient and responsible adults.

Apply today if you want to help empower youth in our community. We are accepting applications for this part-time opportunity.

We would love to have you be a part of our team!

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Foundation's Newest Employee

Heartland Foundation has welcomed Jerry Pickman as vice president of Philanthropy Operations.

Pickman was formerly the vice president for university advancement and executive director of the Missouri Western State University Foundation. He has helped raise funds for many renovation and construction projects at MWSU and guided the University's Centennial Capital Campaign. Since 2015, the campaign has raised more than \$30 million for endowments, facilities and programs.



Dr. Julie Gaddie said she appreciates Jerry's energy and devotion to the St. Joseph community.

"We welcome his involvement as Heartland Foundation and Mosaic Life Care work together to build healthy communities," Dr. Gaddie said.

ignite Caterer Highlight



Heartland Foundation is excited to continue working with Cowtown Mini Donuts. Cowtown is one of the caterers for our Sept. 20 Patron Party at Room 108 following the Ignite Annual Fundraiser.

Cowtown offers mini donuts in a variety of flavors made to order. You may have tried them out at our Big Muddy Mini Maker Faire or at our emPowerU Open House.

Cowtown Mini Donuts is based out of Kansas City, Missouri.

ONLINE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



September 20

ignite Annual Fundraiser
Rooftop Garden Party
Mosaic Life Care Downtown Parking Garage

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, US Bank.

Event Features: Regional Food Presentations * Live Music * Cash Bar * Fireworks * Patron Party at Room 108 * and a **BIG** Announcement!

Reservations

Heartland Foundation is a think ahead organization focused on building healthy and thriving communities through educational empowerment.

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