Walter Lynn paid close attention to the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln the past several years. He watched who was involved, what the Foundation accomplished and how it connected local philanthropists with worthy causes. He liked what he learned and recently established the Lynn Family Fund through CFLL.

“I've been on the edge of people involved in it. I saw several people I respect setting up funds with Community Foundation. What people gave back to the community in funds in 2012 was more than what the fund was worth 10 years ago. That’s a great message,” Lynn said. “I'm just very positive about the Community Foundation. There are trying to make a difference in Springfield. This is a great way to arrange it and help organizations that people believe in.”

As a Certified Public Accountant, Lynn is often asked for advice on potential donations. He also wanted to be able to provide first-hand knowledge of the CFLL’s efforts.

“As a CPA, I want to use it as a starting point for something to recommend to clients,” Lynn said. “We get a lot of farmers and small business. We would like to show them that we are supporting the community.”

The fund will focus on a variety of issues, beginning with Lynn’s longtime interest in conservation and the environment. His roots in conservation were planted throughout his childhood on the family farm in Mason County. His Easton High School classmates pegged him in the senior yearbook as a future forest ranger. While that didn’t come true, he remains active in conservation issues. He currently serves as Treasurer of the Izaak Walton League of America, a national conservation group originating in 1922. The League’s focus is restoring watersheds, reducing air pollution, fighting litter, protecting wildlife habitats and open spaces and instilling conservation ethics in outdoor recreationists.
“I’ve always had the interest in conservation,” Lynn said. “I want to use the Fund to support those causes.”

Lynn also plans on supporting several local causes throughout the Springfield area, including Midwest Mission Distribution Center and Helping Hands. He will rely upon his work with affiliation with the Methodist Church and the CFFL’s ability to locate worthy causes to guide his decisions.

“Funds like this can be involved in providing funds to make positive changes in the community. (The Community Foundation) is great at finding out what the issues are in the area,” Lynn said.

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