For more than 20 years Planned Parenthood of Springfield has had an endowment fund. Now, it believes it’s time for a change. And to do that, Planned Parenthood has established the **Planned Parenthood Springfield Endowment Fund** through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln.

“We want to build it for future generations,” Planned Parenthood Springfield president Judith Barringer said. “The fund has not grown very well, especially in the last eight to 10 years. I thought this was a wonderful opportunity. I’m seeing this as an opportunity to let others know about the fund.”

Planned Parenthood hopes the affiliation with the Community Foundation will reverse a decade long stagnation through increased exposure of the organization’s work and the fund’s existence.

“What we would do with the money would depend on how fast the money grows,” Barringer said. “The purpose of an endowment fund is to get it big enough that it will support itself. I’m hoping (the establishment of this fund) would give it a boost.”

Barringer was aware of the Community Foundation’s work throughout the community and felt that it was easily the best choice in helping increase awareness about the fund and enabling it to grow.

“I never thought about going anywhere else,” Barringer said. “A lot of our supporters have been a part of the Foundation. I respect their board greatly.”