**NGAB 2017 Highlights**

* The 2017 NGAB members: Diana Bittner (chair), Christine Iovaldi (vice-chair), Kenzie Tracy (sect.), Ellie Stamerjohn, Kevin Bird, Natalie Tracy, Jenny Capestrain and Nikki Tracy
* Reviewed 10 formal funding grants totaling $81,945.00
* Special Impact Grant awarded $50,000 in funding to three organizations in the area of Families of Children with Special Needs/Disabilities:
  + The Rise School in Denver, CO - $15,000
  + Variety STL in St. Louis, MO - $13,000
  + Elizabeth Richardson Center in Fayetteville, AR - $22,000
* Boosted participation in 3/4G Grant Programs through personal outreach and follow up
  + Next Gen Grant Program – 91% Participation, 7% increase from last year
  + Matching Grant Program – 56% participation, 25% increase from last year
  + Family Invitation Grant - 55% participation, 15% increase from last year
  + Boosted participation
* 60 family members attended the 2017 Next Gen Ozark Meeting
* Three on-site Ozark service projects were set up in the clubhouse for the 2017 Volunteer Activity. Items were either donated by TFF or brought/purchased by family members.
  + - Osage Beach Elementary School (OBES) received 20 new backpacks filled with school supplies and four boxes of clothes for K-2
    - Socks of Love: 40 socks filled with personal care products for homeless teens
    - Operation Gratitude: 35 letters/pictures to military for care packages