

OUTREACH LIST

Prospective Sponsors

A working list of companies and institutions to approach in the greater St. Louis area.

The Dr. Aleta Grimes Mitchell
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HOW TO USE THIS LIST

A working outreach plan

This list is grouped by sector and ordered, within each group, by the company most likely to engage as an anchor sponsor. World Wide Technology is the recommended first call for the Title sponsorship. Each company is matched to a recommended tier based on size, civic posture, and existing philanthropic activity in the St. Louis region. Contact details listed are the publicly available corporate headquarters or community/corporate-giving lines; the committee should verify before outreach.

TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES

Technology & Services

World Wide Technology (WWT)

HQ	1 World Wide Way, St. Louis, MO 63146
Recommended tier	Title — Presenting Sponsor
Why approach	Largest Black-owned business in the U.S., St. Louis-headquartered, deep founder story (David Steward), active in civic and entrepreneurship causes.
Public contact	(314) 569-7000 · wwt.com · community@wwt.com

Square / Block, Inc. (St. Louis Hub)

HQ	1100 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63101
Recommended tier	Founder's Circle (Platinum)
Why approach	Major employer in downtown St. Louis with a strong founder/entrepreneur narrative.
Public contact	block.xyz · press@block.xyz

Daugherty Business Solutions

HQ	Two CityPlace Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Founder-led St. Louis consulting firm with active civic engagement.
Public contact	(314) 432-8200 · daugherty.com

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner

HQ	211 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	St. Louis-founded global law firm; longstanding civic and arts sponsorships.
Public contact	(314) 259-2000 · bclplaw.com

FINANCIAL SERVICES & BANKING

Financial Services & Banking

Edward Jones

HQ	12555 Manchester Road, St. Louis, MO 63131
Recommended tier	Founder's Circle (Platinum)
Why approach	Largest financial-services employer in the region; strong record of underwriting civic recognition events.
Public contact	(314) 515-2000 · edwardjones.com · community.relations@edwardjones.com

Stifel Financial Corp.

HQ	501 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Headquartered downtown; active in entrepreneurial and civic sponsorships.
Public contact	(314) 342-2000 · stifel.com

Commerce Bancshares

HQ	8000 Forsyth Boulevard, Clayton, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Regional banking leader with consistent civic giving.
Public contact	(314) 746-3300 · commercebank.com

Enterprise Bank & Trust

HQ	150 N. Meramec Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	St. Louis-based commercial bank focused on privately held businesses — natural fit.
Public contact	(314) 725-5500 · enterprisebank.com

First Bank

HQ	11901 Olive Boulevard, Creve Coeur, MO 63141
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Privately held, family-led St. Louis bank.
Public contact	(314) 995-8700 · first.bank

MOBILITY, HOSPITALITY & CONSUMER

Mobility, Hospitality & Consumer

Enterprise Mobility (Enterprise Holdings)

HQ	600 Corporate Park Drive, St. Louis, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Title or Founder's Circle
Why approach	Taylor family — one of the foremost philanthropic families in St. Louis; iconic founder story (Jack Taylor).
Public contact	(314) 512-5000 · enterprisemobility.com

Anheuser-Busch / AB InBev (St. Louis HQ)

HQ	One Busch Place, St. Louis, MO 63118
Recommended tier	Founder's Circle (Platinum)
Why approach	Defining St. Louis brand; established corporate-giving program.
Public contact	(314) 577-2000 · anheuser-busch.com

Schnuck Markets

HQ	11420 Lackland Road, St. Louis, MO 63146
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Family-owned regional grocer with deep civic engagement.
Public contact	(314) 994-9900 · schnucks.com

Panera Bread (Founded in St. Louis)

HQ	3630 S. Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63127
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Strong founder narrative (Ron Shaich) and St. Louis roots.
Public contact	(314) 984-1000 · panerabread.com

Build-A-Bear Workshop

HQ	1954 Innerbelt Business Center Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Female-founder story (Maxine Clark) aligned to the Award's mission.
Public contact	(314) 423-8000 · buildabear.com

Bunge Limited (North America)

HQ	1391 Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, MO 63017
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Global agribusiness with regional HQ presence.
Public contact	(636) 292-3000 · bunge.com

HEALTHCARE & LIFE SCIENCES

Healthcare & Life Sciences

Centene Corporation

HQ	7700 Forsyth Boulevard, Clayton, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Founder's Circle (Platinum)
Why approach	Fortune 500 St. Louis HQ; large corporate-giving footprint.
Public contact	(314) 725-4477 · centene.com

Express Scripts (Cigna / Evernorth)

HQ	One Express Way, St. Louis, MO 63121
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Major St. Louis employer with established community-giving program.
Public contact	(314) 996-0900 · express-scripts.com

BJC HealthCare

HQ	4901 Forest Park Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63108
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Anchor St. Louis health system with civic presence.
Public contact	(314) 286-2000 · bjc.org

SSM Health

HQ	10101 Woodfield Lane, St. Louis, MO 63132
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Mission-driven regional health system.
Public contact	(314) 994-7800 · ssmhealth.com

INDUSTRIAL, DEFENSE & REAL ESTATE

Industrial, Defense & Real Estate

Emerson Electric

HQ	8000 W. Florissant Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63136
Recommended tier	Founder's Circle (Platinum)
Why approach	Iconic St. Louis industrial; long history of civic underwriting.
Public contact	(314) 553-2000 · emerson.com

Boeing — Defense, Space & Security

HQ	6300 James S. McDonnell Boulevard, Berkeley, MO 63134
Recommended tier	Founder's Circle (Platinum)
Why approach	Largest manufacturing employer in the region; expanding St. Louis footprint.
Public contact	(314) 232-0232 · boeing.com

Ameren Corporation

HQ	1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold)
Why approach	Anchor regional utility with active community-giving program.
Public contact	(314) 621-3222 · ameren.com

Spire Inc.

HQ	700 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63101
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Downtown-headquartered utility, civic-minded.
Public contact	(314) 342-0500 · spireenergy.com

Graybar Electric

HQ	34 N. Meramec Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Employee-owned St. Louis distributor; strong civic posture.
Public contact	(314) 573-9200 · graybar.com

Peabody Energy

HQ	701 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63101
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Downtown St. Louis HQ.
Public contact	(314) 342-3400 · peabodyenergy.com

Olin Corporation

HQ	190 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Long-standing Clayton-based industrial.
Public contact	(314) 480-1400 · olin.com

FOUNDATIONS & CIVIC INSTITUTIONS

Foundations & Civic Institutions

Greater Saint Louis, Inc.

HQ	211 N. Broadway, Suite 1300, St. Louis, MO 63102
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold) or In-Kind Partner
Why approach	Regional civic alliance — natural co-host and promoter.
Public contact	(314) 444-1100 · greaterstlinc.com

St. Louis Community Foundation

HQ	#2 Oak Knoll Park, St. Louis, MO 63105
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Channel for donor-advised funds; useful giving vehicle for individuals.
Public contact	(314) 588-8200 · stlgives.org

Missouri Foundation for Health

HQ	1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, MO 63131
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Mission-aligned for health-equity components.
Public contact	(314) 345-5500 · mffh.org

Cortex Innovation Community

HQ	4220 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110
Recommended tier	In-Kind Partner
Why approach	Innovation district — possible venue and audience partner.
Public contact	(314) 531-9990 · cortexstl.org

UNIVERSITIES (INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS)

Universities (Institutional Partners)

Washington University in St. Louis — Olin Business School

HQ	One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130
Recommended tier	Visionary (Gold) or In-Kind Partner
Why approach	Entrepreneurship education partner; potential academic co-host.
Public contact	(314) 935-7301 · olin.wustl.edu

Saint Louis University — Chaifetz School of Business

HQ	3674 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Active entrepreneurship center; civic engagement.
Public contact	(314) 977-2000 · slu.edu

Harris-Stowe State University

HQ	3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103
Recommended tier	In-Kind Partner
Why approach	Historically Black university — meaningful institutional partner for the inaugural year.
Public contact	(314) 340-3366 · hssu.edu

University of Missouri—St. Louis

HQ	1 University Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63121
Recommended tier	Cornerstone (Silver)
Why approach	Anchor regional public university.
Public contact	(314) 516-5000 · umsl.edu

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