GREAT TURNOUT FOR TWO HARBORS AREA FUND
GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Two Harbors, Minnesota - On Thursday, January 9 over thirty representatives of non-profit organizations in Lake County gathered to attend a workshop to learn the ins and outs of grant applications. The workshop was hosted by the Two Harbors Area Fund and featured speakers from the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation and the Northland Foundation.

Speakers Keri Cavitt of the Community Foundation and Erik Torch of the Northland Foundation urged Lake County non-profit organizations to seek out grant funds to help forward their worthwhile missions. Both started with an explanation of the funding priorities and application processes of their respective organizations. Here they stressed the basics like ‘get your application in on time’ and ‘be truthful in your proposal.’

Both speakers were greatly impressed by the large turnout. “It was great to meet so many nonprofit community leaders, share with them the funding opportunities available, and learn about their funding needs.” said Keri Cavitt, Director of Community Philanthropy at the DSACF. In addition, Cavitt and Torch offered a handful of unconventional tips which will assist applicants in putting forth a strong application. Such tips included ‘have someone unfamiliar with your work proofread your proposal’ and ‘communicate with our office throughout the application process.’

Held at the Lake County Law Enforcement Center, this workshop was an informal kick off for the Two Harbors Area Fund spring grant round. The THAF is an affiliate fund of the DSACF and, since its creation in 1998, has contributed over $470,000 to area non-profits and governmental entities. The 2013 year was a banner year for the THAF – with over $70K in grants awarded in the immediate area. Non-profits interested in applying for awards in 2014 are urged to start the process now. Applications are available on the website of the Duluth Superior Area Community Fund (DSACF) and are due to the DSACF office by March 1st by 5 pm.
The Two Harbors Area Fund (THAF) was created in 1998 to enhance the quality of life for people in Two Harbors by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants and providing responsible financial stewardship and community leadership. The 2014 THAF Advisory Board is Gordy Anderson, Drew Christensen, Russell H. Conrow, Barbara Hamilton, Jennifer Hansen, Janelle Jones, Bob Larkin, Steve McLachlan, Bob Olund, Scott T. Seagren, Randy D. Willert.

The THAF is partnered with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, which promotes private giving for the public good. The Community Foundation is a permanent community endowment, built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations. Guided by a 15-member Board of volunteer civic leaders, the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations and to individuals for scholarships and provides leadership on important community initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. Since its inception in 1983, they have distributed over $37 million and currently hold over 300 different funds, each with its own charitable purpose. Learn more at www.dsacommunityfoundation.com or call Holly C. Sampson, president at 218-726-0232.
Regional affiliates of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation include the Two Harbors Area Fund (created in 1998), the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (created in 2000), the Cook County Community Fund (created in 2003), the Hermantown Community Fund (created in 2005), the Eveleth Area Community Foundation (created in 2008), and the Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund (created in 2011).

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