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Two Harbors Area Fund announces grants
More than $39,000 awarded to local nonprofits during 2017 grant round

TWO HARBORS—The Two Harbors Area Fund today announced that it has awarded $39,258 to 12 nonprofit organizations serving Two Harbors and Lake County for 14 projects involving community work and public service.

The grants, part of an annual round of grant solicitation and giving by the fund, were made after a review of dozens of applications to the fund submitted by the March 1 deadline. Grant recipients will participate in a check presentation ceremony at 9:30 a.m. June 8 at the gazebo near the Edna G. tugboat on the lakefront in downtown Two Harbors. Media and the public are invited to attend.

“These projects represent the best of a group of very promising and admirable community efforts and ideas for improving where we live,” said Jennifer Hansen, Chair of the fund’s Advisory Board. “We’re encouraged by all of the good work underway in our region and pleased to make a difference with these gifts.”

Grant recipients for 2017 along with their grant amounts and projects are:

- Arete Outdoor Ministries, $1,000 for the 2017 SR2 Youth Triathlon
- City of Two Harbors, $5,000 for the Heritage Days celebration
- Community Partners—Two Harbors Living at Home, $2,000 for an expansion project
- Independent School District 381, Lake Superior Public Schools, $9,500 to help fund the DECA initiative in 2017-18
- Independent School District 381, Lake Superior Public Schools, $1,500 for the Two Harbors High School After-Prom event
- Independent School District 381, Lake Superior Public Schools, $2,500 for a timber frame garage project
- Lake View Memorial Hospital, $2,500 for the Keeping Kids Summer Safe project
- Neighbor to Neighbor Thrift Store, $5,000 for development of the Neighbor to Neighbor Youth Center
- North Shore Collaborative, $1,000 for the Learning Opportunities Through Stories project
- North Shore Horizons, $1,000 for the Community Safety Initiative
• Two Harbors Area Food Shelf, $2,000 for volunteer and staff capacity-building work
• Two Harbors Community Radio, $2,800 for an emergency alert system upgrade
• Two Harbors Soccer Club, $1,000 for equipment purchases
• Two Harbors Youth Hockey Association, $2,458 for upgrades to the public address system at the Lake County Arena

“We’re proud of the progress underway in our community and pleased to be able to make a difference,” said Brad Alm, Chair of the fund’s Grants Committee. “We always have many more applications than we can fund each year. We know that these organizations will work to make a meaningful difference in the lives of all of us in Two Harbors and Lake County.”

The Two Harbors Area Fund is a regional affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. It was created in 1998 to enhance the quality of life for people in the Two Harbors area by attracting charitable gifts, making philanthropic grants, providing responsible financial stewardship and offering community leadership. It has nearly $1 million in assets that came from generous gifts from donors.

Along with Hansen and Alm, the fund’s Advisory Board members are: Larry Cumpston, Barbara Hamilton, Janelle Jones, Carina Hebl, Bob Larkin, Steve McLachlan, Bob Olund, Rick Osbakken, Larry Peterson, Scott Seagren, Chris Swanson and Randy Willert.

ABOUT US:
The Two Harbors Area Fund is a regional affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, which encourages private giving for the public good. The foundation is a permanent community endowment, built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations. Guided by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the 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, the organization has distributed more than $50 million and holds 396 funds, each with its own charitable purpose. Learn more at dsacommunityfoundation.com.

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