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TWO HARBORS AREA FAMILY OF FUNDS
GRANTS $27,677 TO REGION

Two Harbors, Minnesota - The Two Harbors Area Fund, an affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, is pleased to announce twelve grants totaling $18,447 were awarded to ten nonprofit and public agencies for programs serving the Two Harbors Area. Established in 1998, this is the fifteenth year of grant making for the Two Harbors Area Fund.

In addition, three grants totaling $9230 were awarded from the LaBounty Family Fund, an integral part of the Two Harbors Area Family of Funds.

“As a member of the Two Harbors Area Fund board I find it very fulfilling to able to help these worthy organizations throughout our community. Two Harbors is a great place to live and this endowment plays a part in making it that way,” says Gordy Anderson, THAF Advisory Board Chair.

Chair Anderson continued, “These grants are thanks to thousands of generous gifts given by hundreds in our community. Over the years they have really accumulated to become a valuable resource. We’re always looking to increase our endowment and thus increase our ability to give even more to worthy local organizations.”

2013 Two Harbors Area Fund Grants include:

Arts on Superior
$3,000 to host a series of family-friendly performances by local musicians, to be held on Fridays in Thomas Owen Park.

Boy Scouts of America – Voyagers Area Council
$1000 to build opportunities for local youth to grow within Boy Scouting at the local level.

City of Two Harbors
$500 to hold a Block Party for residents of Two Harbors to come together and enjoy several performances by talented local musicians.

ISD #381 Lake Superior Public Schools
$3000 to provide scholarships for low income families in order that their children can attend the district’s Community Education preschool.

**North Shore Collaborative**
$1,000 to fund LOTS (Learning Opportunities Through Stories) a seven-week early childhood literacy program for Lake County families.

**North Shore Horizons**
$4000 to engage youth and adults in the Two Harbors area to end violence, and to reach out to victims and witnesses – providing them the means to seek help.

**North Shore Players**
$1,000 to bring the Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre Residency Program to town and provide area children with a week-long theatrical experience, including rehearsals and live public performances.

**Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce**
$2,800 for marketing of the Two Harbors Winter Frolic, a community wide endeavor to chase away cabin fever and enjoy the beautiful North Shore. Festivities are scheduled for February 9-14.

**Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce**
$1647 for enhancements to the chamber web site in order to make the site more welcoming and informative for out-of-town visitors.

**2013 LaBounty Family Fund Grants include:**

**ISD #381 Lake Superior Public Schools – Robotics Club**
$3000 for the Two Harbors High School Robotics Club to provide tools and equipment necessary to field a competitive team.

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*Caption: Gordy Anderson, Chairman of the Two Harbors Area Fund, presents the THHS Robotics Team with a check for $3000 to support the program.*

FIRST stands for For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. During the 2012-2013 Two Harbors High School created a robotics team that would compete in FIRST Robotics. The team had a great year working with community partners to earn the Rookie All Star Award at the Regional Competition held at the DECC. This led to an invitation to the Worlds Robotics Competition in St. Louis, MO as well as the MSHSL State Robotics Competition. The team is hoping to build on their success and see the team continue to grow. The support of the community for the robotics team has been outstanding and is much appreciated stated Team Leader Mark Schlangen.
Lake County Historical Society
$4882 for restoration of outdoor exhibits at the Duluth & Iron Range Depot – including new signs, repair of display materials and installation of protective barriers.

Two Harbors Area Chamber of Commerce
$1348 for enhancements to the chamber web site in order to make the site more welcoming and informative for out-of-town visitors.

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 2013 Two Harbors Area Fund Advisory Board includes: Gordy Anderson, Chair; Christina Cavallin, Vice-Chair; Drew Christensen, Russell H. Conrow; Barbara Hamilton; Bob Larkin; Bob Olund; Thomas O’Neill; Scott Seagren, Courtney Udenberg, Randy Willert and Virginia Young.

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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