Oktoberfest at Voyageur Brewing Company Raises Support for Local Nonprofits

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Voyageur Brewing Company (VBC) in partnership with the Cook County Community Fund (CCCF) will host its second annual “Oktoberfest” event from September 27th through October 1st. The weekend will include German music, food, games and VBC beer, including the return of “Oktoberfest” brew.

VBC will donate $1.00 per pint and $0.50 per half-pint for all purchases of the "Oktoberfest" brew sold that Thursday through Sunday to the CCCF.

VBC co-owner and CCCF Advisory Board member Ritalee Walters said, “The Cook County Community Fund supports our Lake Superior nonprofits through educational workshops and grant funding. The opportunity to make a difference by helping so many great causes really appealed to us at Voyageur. Plus, we had a lot of fun doing it last year and look forward to doing it again!”

The CCCF will host its annual celebration at Voyageur on Thursday, September 28th at 5:30pm. Cook County nonprofit grantees from 2016 will share stories about the impact of the funding they received, and 2017 grantees will be announced.

Jeff Cadwell, co-chair of the CCCF Advisory Board, said, “This is an exciting partnership for us. We hope that sharing in the celebration at Voyageur will bring more visibility to the good work of our county’s many nonprofits so that more residents and regular visitors will donate to the Community Fund, increasing the number of grants we can distribute throughout our community.”

Octoberfest will include special German fare, including pretzels with a flight of house-made mustards. Games throughout the weekend such as a pretzel toss and chicken dance off are family-friendly. An exclusive Octoberfest Stein will be available for purchase. The Octoberfest brew will be available throughout the month of October.

For more information, visit VBC at Facebook online at www.facebook.com/voyageurbrewing. For more information on the Cook County Community Fund visit www.cookcountycommunityfund.com.

The Cook County Community Fund, created in 2003, is a regional affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, a permanent endowment built by hundreds of gifts. The foundation makes grants to nonprofits and to individuals for scholarships. It also provides leadership on important initiatives in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. Since its start in 1983, it has distributed more than $50 million and holds 396 funds. Learn more: dsacommunityfoundation.com.

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