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DULUTH SUPERIOR AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES LATEST GRANTS TOTALING $212,248

Duluth, MN – The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Board of Trustees approved at the June meeting $212,248 in grants from the following funds: Business Leaders Fund, Community Leaders Fund, Community Opportunity Fund, Douglas County Disaster and Welfare Fund, Four Cedars Environmental Fund, Knight Fund, Lone Wolf Fund, Michael Adam Carroll Memorial Fund, Morgan Fund, and the Wetherby Fund.

“In times of great need, like that of flood recovery, we truly see the impact nonprofits have in our community,” says Holly C. Sampson, President of the Community Foundation. “While this grant round concluded before the flooding on June 20, 2012, we are reminded of the exceptional work done by nonprofits everyday to support our community’s most critical needs.”

A few of the impactful projects supported include One Roof Community Housing’s project Housing Services Center, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank’s project Emergency Food Assessment Project and Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc.’s projects Family Centered Services and New Beginnings.

One Roof Community Housing exemplifies the collaborative work being done to address community needs. Currently, One Roof is working with the City of Duluth Community Development, Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency and Ecolibrium3 to create a Housing Services Center (HSC) for the region. The HSC will pull together all programs related to single and multi-family rehabilitation to ensure cost effective, quality, energy efficient and comprehensive rehabilitation. In conjunction with the HSC, an online software Homekeeper will be implemented to streamline all aspects of the application process for interested individuals and families. A Community Foundation grant of $25,000 is supporting the creation of the HSC.

The Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank is also embarking on a collaborative initiative, with the support of a $20,000 from the Community Foundation, that will analyze the current and future capacity of the Emergency Food System in NE Minnesota and NW Wisconsin. The research and planning process will focus on areas like board/staff/volunteer leadership, food sourcing, fundraising, infrastructure and technology and will also engage key stakeholders in a dialogue about opportunities to strengthen the system.
The Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc., our grantee partner across the bridge, is striving to embrace a family-centered approach to their services. Through a $10,000 grant from the Business Leaders Fund, CASDA staff is seeking training to develop and implement family-centered services throughout their organization. Also, through a $5,000 grant from the Wetherby Fund, CASDA is building a new shelter for children who have left abusive households.

A comprehensive list of grants awarded in June include:

**Business Leaders Fund**

Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc.  
$1,300 for “Family Centered Services”

Hartley Nature Center  
$4,354 for “Pre-School Program Business Plan”

Lake Superior Zoological Society  
$6,700 for “Strategic Planning Process”

**Community Leaders Fund**

College of St. Scholastica  
$1,500 for “Multicultural Leadership Orientation for College Students”

Duluth American Indian Commission  
$500 for “Feast and Forum”

Lakes Community Health Center, Inc.  
$3,660 for “Bayfield and Washburn Health Services Planning”

**Community Opportunity Fund**

Bad River Watershed Association  
$25,000 for “Building Community Investment in Stewardship”

Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs  
$10,000 for “Strong Moms, Safe Kids”

Duluth Festival Opera  
$4,000 for “Summer Opera Festival”

Great Lakes Aquarium & Freshwater Discovery Center  
$7,500 for “Interactive Video Conferencing Program”

Healthy Duluth Area Coalition  
$10,000 for “Capacity Building”

Local Initiatives Support Corporation  
$5,000 for “High-Impact Immediate Projects for LISC Leadership”

Men as Peacemakers  
$13,028 for “Duluth Champion’s Initiative: Using Sports to Help Children Succeed”
Minnesota Land Trust
$10,000 for “Advancing Duluth’s Greenspace Network”

North Shore Visitation Center
$7,500 for “Program Support”

One Roof Community Housing
$25,000 for “Acquisition Rehabilitation and Housing Services Center”

Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank
$20,000 for “Emergency Food Assessment Project”

API Minnesota
$4,400 for “A Peace of My Mind” Exhibit

Clayton Jackson McGie
$5,000 for “Bringing the ‘Race: Are We So Different?’ Exhibit to Duluth”

Minnesota Ballet
$3,000 for “Strategic Planning”

PAVSA
$5,000 for “Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Pediatric Program”

Douglas County Disaster and Welfare Fund

Harbor House Crisis Shelters
$1,517 for “Homeless Life-Skill Training”

Northern Waters Parish Nurse Ministry
$2,000 for “Healthier Northwest Wisconsin”

Four Cedars Environmental Fund

International Wold Center
$903 for “WolfLink”

Northland College
$10,000 for “Promoting Sustainable Ecosystem Management through the Chequamegon Bay Area Partnership”

University of Wisconsin Superior
$1,140 for “Purple Loosestrife Beetle Bonanza”

John S. and James L. Knight Fund

City of Duluth
$5,000 for “Community-Wide Energy Action Plan Technical Assistance”

Grand Marais Active Living Steering Committee
$2,600 for “Active Living Summit”
Healthy Duluth Area Coalition
$5,812 for “Capacity Building”

Lone Wolf Fund

College of St. Scholastica
$1,382 for “Multicultural Leadership Orientation for College Students”

Friendship Ventures
$750 for “Financial Assistance Program”

Wilderness Inquiry
$2,160 for “Support for Disabled Youth and their Families”

Michael Adam Carroll Memorial Fund

Friendship Ventures
$750 for “Financial Assistance Program”

A Natural Branch of Learning
$750 for “Sun on Everyone: Equity, Diversity & Accessibility at a Natural Brand of Learning”

Wilderness Inquiry
$840 for “Support for Disable youth and their Families”

Morgan Fund

Superior Business Improvement District
$6,762 for “Phantom Galleries Superior”

Wetherby Fund

Center Against Sexual & Domestic Abuse, Inc.
$5,000 for “New Beginnings”

Minnesota State Horticultural Society
$2,123 for “Garden-in-a-Box”

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation 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 13-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.
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 Community Fund (created in 2011).

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