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RECOGNIZING THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS
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Racine Community Foundation Participates in National Effort to Highlight Local Impact of Philanthropy

November 9, 2016 – During the week of November 12-18, the Racine Community Foundation will join more than 780 community foundations across America celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. For more than 25 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent and economic challenges.

“Community foundations impact lives, solve problems, and improve futures,” said Foundation Board President Sheila Bugalecki. “As many residents grapple with limited resources and a growing need for services, we are more determined than ever to find innovative and effective solutions to some of our most challenging social problems.”

Community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resource from institutional and individual donors to local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities. In 2015, through its competitive grants process, the Racine Community foundation awarded over \$989,000 to local non-profit organizations and total grants of \$3,017,690.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation – large and small, urban and rural – working to advance solutions on a wide range of social issues.

Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

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