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Racine Community Foundation Awards \$339,834 in Second Quarter Grants

RACINE (July 2013) – The Board of Directors of the Racine Community Foundation is pleased to announce the award of \$339,834 in second quarter grants. Compared to the same quarter five years prior, current grant awards represent a 63 percent increase in the number of awards, and a 57 percent increase in total dollars awarded.

According to Board President, Elizabeth Powell, “These grant awards are unprecedented in both number and total value for a single quarter; but the work being done by non-profit organizations in our community is compelling and deserving of every dollar we can make available.”

The twenty-seven organizations benefitting from second quarter grants include:

Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin to improve the well-being of Racine County children with mental health and behavioral issues.

Family Service of Racine for operational support to expand their capacity to serve clients and offset service costs for uninsured Racine County residents.

Alliance on Mental Illness of Racine County, Inc. (NAMI) for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for Racine County Law Enforcement officers.

Carthage College in support of the 17th season of the Carthage Chamber Music Series. The program also offers Racine students educational workshops with world-class musicians.

Celebrate Children Foundation to allow twelve Early Childhood Education professionals to continue their education and training.

Heritage Military Music Foundation, Inc. for their Harvest Benefit Ball, a recreation of a Civil War era ball consistent with the organization's educational and historic mission.

John XXIII Educational Center: A Ministry of St. Patrick's Parish to support Educational Center programs designed to help Racine students succeed in school and through life's challenges.

Junior Achievement (JA) of Racine to continue expansion of educational programming for 1,200 elementary, middle and high school students in Western Racine County.

LGBT Center of Southeastern Wisconsin for the newly formed Rainbow Rockstars Club to create member-community connections through educational and artistic community projects.

Lincoln Lutheran of Racine, Inc. in support of a Service Coordinator program that provides seniors and disabled adults wellness programming and benefits education.

Make a Difference Wisconsin, Inc. to provide multi-session financial literacy workshops, reaching over 5,000 Racine County high school students.

MargaretAnn's Place, Inc. to support the work being done at Camp Erin, a bereavement camp that works with children who have experienced loss.

Racine Band Boosters to replace drums and purchase a sound system.

Racine Heritage Museum for the 2013 Racine County Sports Hall of Fame installation and an update of the 2011 permanent exhibit at the museum.

Racine Literacy Council, Inc. to upgrade the organization's technology systems and software.

Racine Symphony Orchestra for Masterworks/Chamber concerts, educational outreach programs and scholarship competition support.

Ryane's House of Hope, Inc. for the purchase of furniture, household appliances and yard-maintenance equipment.

Southern Lakes Area Love, Inc. for the purchase and installation of a new roof.

Three Harbors Council, Boy Scouts of America to expand the number of Scouting participants through the Multicultural Outreach program.

Town of Norway to support improvements at the UW Extension Master Gardener project at Meyer Park.

Transitional Living Services, Inc. to support social and educational programming at the Kismet Klub, a learning center providing structured rehabilitative programming.

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Center for Community Partnerships in support of the Mentor Kenosha & Racine program in partnership with the Racine and Kenosha school districts.

West Racine Business Association for signage at the east and west entry points to West Racine's retail district.

Young Aviators, Inc. in support of their 2013 five-day, technology and aviation-oriented Racine County summer program for 12 high school students.

Youth for Christ of Southeastern Wisconsin to provide weekly mentoring and parent workshops for mothers and fathers in the Teen Parents program in Racine.

YWCA to support their Dress for Success program which provides skill development workshops, job search assistance and professional attire.

An Executive Director Grant was given to the **Burlington Community Garden Group** for the establishment of an organic community garden in Burlington, Wisconsin.

In other business, Mary Beth Mikrut, Executive Director, reported that as of July 8, 2013, the assets of the Racine Community Foundation were \$45,017,400. During the second quarter of 2013, the Board of Directors approved contributions, memorials, new funds and additions to existing funds totaling \$204,498.75.

The Racine Community Foundation, Inc. is a publicly supported, tax-exempt charitable organization formed in 1975. The mission of the Racine Community Foundation is to enhance the quality of life for the people of Racine County by encouraging and providing opportunities for charitable giving and by managing and distributing the funds in a responsible manner.

Information about the Foundation and the grant application procedure are available by contacting the Foundation at 262.632.8474 or its website at:

www.racinecommunityfoundation.org.