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Racine Community Foundation Awards \$199,130 in Third Quarter Grants

RACINE (October 2013) – The Board of Directors of the Racine Community Foundation is pleased to announce the award of \$199,130 in third quarter grants. These awards represent a 19 percent increase in dollars awarded as compared to the same quarter in 2012.

Absolutely Waterford has been awarded a grant to support work plan development, address 2012 fundraising shortfalls, and increase professional staff hours.

AIDS Resource Center of WI (ARCW) will receive funding to provide treatment to Racine County HIV patients and improve care retention in the management of their disease.

Asset Builders of America, Inc. has been awarded a grant in support of its Fourth Annual Racine/Kenosha Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl to further financial literacy concepts among high school students.

Choral Arts Society will receive funding for a collaborative project to bring musician and composer Malcolm Dalglish to Racine to meet with students and perform with local musicians in a concert open to the public.

Dr. Martin Luther King Community Center, City of Racine, Parks and Recreation Department will receive a grant to purchase 75 GED tests in support of their computer-based program that helps individuals achieve a high school diploma.

Emmaus Lutheran Church has been awarded a grant for the Emmaus After-School for Youth (EASY) program that assist 6-11 year old students with homework and learning projects.

Faith, Hope & Love (Fiscal Agent: Living Light Christian Church, Inc.) has been awarded a grant to purchase 75 duffel bags for the children in their program, and for the purchase of a laptop computer and printer for the program.

Focus on Community will receive a grant for Teen Peers Educators (TPE), a program that provides peer-facilitated prevention and mentoring programming for elementary and middle school students.

Friends of Camp Anokijig, Inc. will receive a grant to replace obsolete two-way radios used by staff for swift communications needed to maintain an efficient, flexible and safe camp community.

Goodwill Industries, Inc. will receive support for their Foster Grandparent Program to respond to increased requests from Racine Schools. The program connects older adults with school-age children and provides tutoring in reading and math.

Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization, Inc. (HALO) will receive support to assist single mothers with subsidized childcare tuition through their Childcare Assistance program. The program aims to encourage low-income working mothers and provide quality childhood education.

Housing Resources, Inc. will receive a grant to educate first-time home buyers in the home-buying process and help them build toward becoming creditable mortgage loan prospects.

Life's Transitions, Inc. has been awarded a grant to assist disabled and disadvantaged Racine County individuals attain employment and adopt healthy lifestyles.

Lutheran Social Services of WI and Upper MI, Inc. will receive support for their Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) program. The program teaches personal safety skills to children to diminish their risk of victimization through age-appropriate, school-based curricula.

Racine County Sheriff's Office has been awarded a grant to be used toward the purchase of a K-9 dog and training for their Canine unit. The K-9 program assists law enforcement in narcotics detection, tracking, area and evidence searches, and other duties.

Racine Family YMCA will receive a grant to help fund salary expenses for specialists in their Young Achievers Program, a year-round program dedicated to reversing low academic achievement and stereotypical behavior among low-income youth in the community.

Racine Unified School District will receive support for their Break the Hate project that is aimed at helping youth raise self-awareness and break out of negative and self-destructive habits.

Racine Urban Garden (Fiscal Agent: Racine-Kenosha Community Action Agency) will receive a grant to assist with operating funds needed to grow its network of community gardens and improve the infrastructure of existing gardens, increase outreach and improve fundraising.

Racine Youth Sports (RYS) has been awarded a grant to be used toward the purchase of 775 new football helmets in response to the National Athletic Equipment Association's new safety requirement that no helmet older than 10 years will be allowed.

Root River Council (Fiscal Agent: River Alliance of Wisconsin) will receive support to implement the RootWorks Plan that involves, in part, pathway expansion, signage and community cultural projects.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church will receive a grant for a May 4, 2014 public concert featuring area musicians with national reputations.

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints Foundation has been awarded a grant for supplies need to implement a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Pasteurized Donor Human Milk (PDHM) program in Racine at the hospital.

Executive Director Grants Were Awarded To:

The Caledonia Conservancy to be used toward the Youth School of Nature Program and the City of Racine Main Gallery to support the 2013 Main Gallery program.

In other business, Mary Beth Mikrut, Executive Director, reported that as of September 30, 2013, the assets of the Racine Community Foundation were \$49,694,400. During the third quarter of 2013, the Board of Directors approved contributions, memorials, new funds and additions to existing funds totaling \$222,959.00.

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.