



### **Vision Statement**

To make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play.

### **Mission Statement**

To build a legacy for Eagan one gift at a time.

### **History**

The Eagan Foundation, Incorporated grew out of discussions in 1990 by educators and business people in Eagan interested in creating a scholarship program for graduating seniors at the newly-opened Eagan High School. Almost immediately, the focus of the Foundation widened to include the charitable needs of the entire Eagan community.

Since 1991, this volunteer organization has sponsored a successful annual Scholarship Program and has awarded more than \$750,000 in scholarships to high school graduates who either live or go to school in Eagan. The Foundation has:

- Launched a community grants program in 2007, with initial grants to the Eagan Police Explorers
- Participated in the Eagan Festival of Trees celebration on Arbor Day in Spring 2008 by designing and conducting children's activities
- Served as the fiscal agent for the Eagan Teen Advisory Board and the Friends of the Eagan Core Greenway
- Participated in community events including the July Fourth Parade, the Halloween Hodgepodge, Showcase Eagan, and an annual fall park clean-up
- Teamed with the City of Eagan and other community groups to raise funds in 1994 and 1995 to build the Eagan Civic Arena, the 1998 "Forever Green" tree planting project, and the "Unmet Needs" Flood Relief program in 2000
- Sponsored and participated in the public forum on Eagan Healthy Families and Community Initiatives in 1997-98
- Participated with other contributors and volunteers, and the City of Eagan, to move the Eagan Grandfather Tree in 2001 to its current location at the entrance to the Eagan Community Center.

### **PROGRAMS**

**Scholarship Program** – The Eagan Foundation awards grants to graduating high school seniors who live or attend school in Eagan. Grants are awarded based on academic merit, school and community activities, financial need and other requirements specified by the scholarship donors. The Foundation's Scholarship Program has awarded almost 800 scholarships in the past 19 years and, in 2010, granted 75 scholarships totaling over \$65,000. Scholarship donors represent a wide spectrum of local businesses, organizations, school and athletic associations.

**Community Initiatives and Grants Program** – The Eagan Foundation initiates and sponsors activities and events to address community needs and bring Eagan residents, businesses and organizations together. Past activities included promoting the National Night Out, the New Resident Welcome, the Eagan...Forever Green tree replanting project, and saving the Grandfather Tree. Currently, the Eagan Foundation sponsors an annual Fall Park Clean-up project and participates in the Halloween Hodgepodge and Showcase Eagan. In 2007, the Eagan Foundation launched a community grant program awarding the Eagan Police Explorers \$2,000 for uniforms and training. In 2009, the Eagan Foundation gave \$5,000 in grants to community organizations including Dakota Woodlands, Eagan Resource Center, Cheerful Givers, Caponi Art Park, Eagan Women of Note and the Eagan High School Robotics Team.

**Fiduciary Agent Program** – The Eagan Foundation is available to serve as the fiscal agent for charitable community groups in Eagan who have not yet applied for their own IRS tax-exempt status. Donors to the activities of those community groups may have the benefit of receiving a charitable deduction for their contributions, and The Foundation assures that donations are accounted for and expended according to IRS guidelines. The Foundation currently serves as the charitable fiduciary agent for a number of community groups, including the Patriot's Plaza in Central Park, the Eagan Teen Advisory Board, the Friends of Eagan Core Greenway, Pass Christian (Katrina Flood Relief) Project, Eagan's 150<sup>th</sup> Committee and the Eagan Tribute Fund.

### **MAKING A CONTRIBUTION**

You can help the Eagan community and also receive tax benefits. Make a gift right now or plan a gift for the future. The Eagan Foundation offers an excellent opportunity for any person to make lasting contributions to the Eagan community through annual giving, planned giving, or by establishing an endowed fund. Donors do not give to The Eagan Foundation. They give to the Eagan community through The Eagan Foundation.

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