



Investing together in Eagan's future with community connections, grants & scholarships.

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Eagan Community Foundation Grant Applications Now Available – Community Support Welcome

(Eagan, MN – January 5, 2021) – The Eagan Community Foundation has opened its 2021 community grants application process. All nonprofit organizations that directly serve Eagan are eligible to apply. The Foundation's Community Grants Program is intended to support non-profit organizations and efforts that help make Eagan a better place to live, learn, work and play for all.

"While we will consider all grant proposals, for 2021 we are especially seeking applications targeting areas of need in Eagan such as shelter/housing, at-risk youth, access to nutritious food, youth development, and community building. We also hope to hear from groups working on racial equity programming in Eagan" says Jamie Hopkins, foundation Executive Director. Grants have typically ranged between \$500 and \$1,500. Applications are due Sunday, January 31. For applications and criteria, visit www.eaganfoundation.org. Recipients will be announced in late February. For more information, contact the Eagan Community Foundation at jamie.hopkins@eaganfoundation.org

Community Grants Chair David Lutz elaborates on some of the increased obstacles Eagan nonprofits faced in 2020 that will likely continue into 2021. "Needless to say, it has been a tough year for every corner of our community. The ways our nonprofit partners have responded has been inspirational. Groups that work with at-risk or homeless youth have managed to support their young people as they have been impacted with loss of retail and restaurant jobs. Food relief partners have managed increased expenses in PPC and newly required takeaway containers, all while meeting increases in demand. Homeless shelters have added increased wireless internet capacity so their school-aged residents could attend lessons online."

Hopkins adds, "the Foundation is turning to the community for help boosting the grants program this year. We know we cannot meet all the need in 2021. If community members want to contribute to the Eagan community but aren't where to give, they can donate to our community grants fund and we will ensure the funds go where most needed."

Since 1991, the Eagan Foundation has contributed over \$2,000,000 to the Eagan community through student scholarships, local initiatives, and community grants. In 2020, the Eagan Foundation awarded \$20,000 to 23 local non-profit organizations. The amount of the grants for 2021 is still being finalized.

About the Eagan Community Foundation

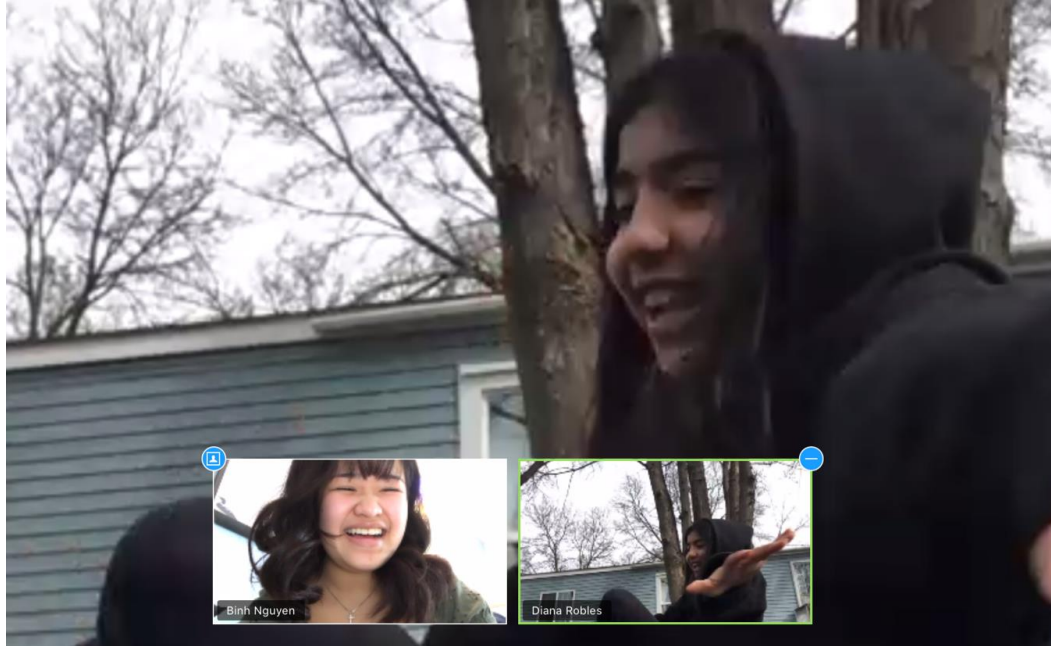
The Eagan Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-building organization, whose vision is to make Eagan a better place to live, learn, work, and play for all. Its mission is investing together in Eagan's future by providing community connections, grants, and scholarships. Founded in 1990, the Foundation encourages, supports, and enhances ideas, funding, and collaborative action to meet community needs. To date, the Foundation has raised and reinvested over \$2,000,000 in the community through its scholarship, community initiatives, and community grants programs. For additional information or to learn how you can contribute, visit www.eaganfoundation.org

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Various Eagan nonprofits like Reaching Up converted their youth services to an online format.



Despite lots of pandemic related challenges in 2020, Dakota Woodlands still helped families transition from homelessness.





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Community meals for Loaves and Fishes looked different this year, but they still delivered!

