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Eagan Foundation Awards Grants to 10 Local Community Groups

Eagan, Minnesota, May 2, 2012 – The Eagan Foundation today announced it has awarded \$7,000 in funding to 10 local non-profits. The funding will support a wide variety of initiatives that help make Eagan a better place to live, learn and play.

Part of the Eagan Foundation’s vision is to support efforts that strengthen the Eagan community through grant programs – creating a legacy one gift at a time. Raising funds to support an annual grant program is an ongoing goal for the Eagan Foundation.

“Thanks to the generosity of Eagan residents, we once again were able to offer grants to deserving Eagan organizations. We were excited to receive more than two dozen requests from a broad group of applicants,” says Eagan Foundation’s Community Grants Chair Juli Seydell-Johnson.

“The grant recipients represent groups who provide service to diverse groups of Eagan residents and incorporate volunteers or activities that increase community engagement,” added Seydell-Johnson. “Eagan Foundation is committed to bringing neighbors together to further strengthen our great city.”

The following is a list of the selected recipients and a brief description of each funded project:

- **Caponi Art Park Performance Series** – funds will support the Caponi Art Park’s 2012 Summer Performance and Family Fun Tuesdays series by enhancing arts learning and cultural opportunities at the events for people of all ages and backgrounds in the Eagan community.
- **Cheerful Givers** – funds will provide program support and purchase birthday gift bags for community members needing the services of local shelters and food shelves so that they may provide gifts to their children on their special day.

- **Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon** – funds will help turn Eagan in to a proclaimed Yellow Ribbon Community that connects service members and their families with community support, training, services and resources.
- **Girl Scout Troop #52688 Dakota Woodlands Project** – funds will support this troop as they pursue their Bronze Award through a community service project which involves hosting a “baby shower” for women living at Dakota Woodlands.
- **Eagan Men’s Chorus** – funds will help support the Eagan Men’s Chorus so they can continue to serve our community – in particular senior centers – by performing live concerts.
- **Eagan Resource Center** – funds will support the Hope Speaks supplemental summer food support program, thus benefiting up to 750 Eagan children during June, July and August.
- **EHS Robotic Club** – funds will help expand the FIRST LEGO program which introduces students to real-world engineering challenges and will also be shared with elementary schools for use in their science curricula.
- **Glacier Hills Elementary** – funds will support a community art program between Glacier Hills Elementary School and Eagan Art House that will continue to enhance Eagan’s community of learners, instill a greater appreciation for the arts and literacy and inspire connections across cultures and throughout the Eagan community.
- **Lincoln Place** – funds will support ongoing programs and services of “The Link” which helps some of Eagan’s most vulnerable young people to remain safe and fulfill their potential in life.
- **Eagan Garden Club** – funds will support refurbished landscaping at Trapp Farm.

For more information on any of these deserving organizations, or to inquire how to volunteer or become a board member with the Eagan Foundation, please contact admin@eaganfoundation.org or visit www.eaganfoundation.org.

About the Eagan Foundation

The Eagan Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit community-building organization, whose vision is to make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play. Its mission is: investing in Eagan’s future by providing community connections, grants and scholarships. The Eagan Foundation was founded in 1990 and encourages, supports and enhances ideas, funding and collaborative action to meet community needs. To date, the Foundation has raised and reinvested approximately \$800,000 in the community through its scholarship, community initiatives and community grants programs. For additional information or to learn how you can volunteer for the Eagan Foundation, visit www.eaganfoundation.com or email admin@eaganfoundation.com.

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