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Eagan Foundation Awards Grants to 9 Local Community Groups

(Eagan, MN, 04/08/2013) – The Eagan Foundation today announced it has awarded \$7,500 in funding to 9 local non-profits. The funding will support a wide variety of initiatives that help make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play.

Part of the Eagan Foundation’s mission 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.

"The Eagan Foundation is committed to bringing neighbors together to further strengthen our great city. Through these grants, we continue to invest in our community by meeting everyday practical needs, which are being met through our grant recipients," states Michael Proebstle, Chair of 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 numerous requests from a broad group of applicants," says Eagan Foundation’s Community Grants Chair Laurie Huusko. "The grant recipients represent various sectors that provide service to diverse groups of Eagan residents and incorporate volunteers or activities that increase community engagement," added Huusko.

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

- **Eagan Resource Center** – funds will support the Hope Speaks! supplemental summer food program benefiting Eagan children during June, July, and August.
- **360 Communities** – funds will support the purchase of bunk beds for Lewis House to provide sleep space for children affected by domestic abuse.
- **Caponi Art Park** – funds will support the Caponi Art Park’s 2013 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 the ability to 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 Art Festival** – funds will provide program support and assist the general budgetary needs of the 2013 Eagan Art Festival.



- **Eagan Beyond the Yellow Ribbon** – funds will help turn Eagan into a proclaimed Yellow Ribbon Community that connects service members and their families with community support, training, services, and resources.
- **Eagan Garden Club** – funds will assist in the replacement of perennials in the front garden at Holz Farm.
- **EHS Robotic Club** – funds will be used to purchase two new kits for use with the expanding high school team and with teams at area schools including mentoring newer programs.
- **The LINK** – funds will support ongoing programs and services for the Lincoln House program which aids young adults who have aged out of foster care.

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 \$900,000 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.org or email admin@eaganfoundation.org.

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