



## Press Release

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### Eagan Foundation Awards Grants to 10 Local Community Groups

(Eagan, MN – February 20, 2014) – The Eagan Foundation today announced it has awarded \$8,600 in funding to 10 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, co-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 Jon Hohenstein. "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 Hohenstein.

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

- **360 Communities** – funds will purchase groceries to prepare meals at the shelter.
- **Caponi Art Park** – funds will support the Caponi Art Park's 2014 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.
- **Dakota Center for the Arts** – funds will provide program support for the 20th anniversary of the 2014 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 FIRST Robotics Boosters** – funds will be used to purchase EV3 Lego robotic central processing units to support the continued growth of the STEM program in Eagan.
- **Eagan’s Mens Chorus** – funds will help the Eagan’s Mens Chorus present concerts at senior citizens facilities in Eagan or Dakota County during 2014.
- **Eagan’s July 4th Funfest** – funds will help support the Eagan Ambassador program, in which young people network with neighboring communities through parades, festival attendance, and coronations to strengthen community connections.
- **Kids ‘n Kinship** – funds will help support weekly youth activities for children ages 5-16 in Eagan who are in need of a positive adult role model.
- **ProAct, Inc.** – funds will help replace a wheelchair bus that provides transportation for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment and community inclusion.

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](mailto:admin@eaganfoundation.org) or visit [www.eaganfoundation.org](http://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 \$1,024,000 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](http://www.eaganfoundation.org) or email [admin@eaganfoundation.org](mailto:admin@eaganfoundation.org).

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