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### Eagan Foundation Awards Grants to 13 Local Community Groups

(Eagan, MN – February 9, 2015) – The Eagan Foundation announced it has awarded \$7,325 in funding to 13 local non-profits. Each award has been automatically rounded up by \$25 in celebration of the Eagan Foundation's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 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 for 25 years 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 encourages and supports funding and collaboration to meet community needs," says Mark Streed, board chair of the Eagan Foundation. "Through these Community Grants, the Eagan Foundation is directly investing in our community by supporting the wonderful services provided by these very deserving grant recipients."

"One of the ways the Eagan Foundation makes Eagan the best place to live, work, learn and play is to support a variety of organizations in the community that serve the purpose in different ways. Whether they are helping people in need, enhancing our community through arts or helping to preserve Eagan's history, they help to make Eagan special," adds Eagan Foundation's Community Grants Chair Jon 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.
- **BrainPower in a Backpack** – funds will purchase shelving systems for food storage.
- **Caponi Art Park** – funds will support its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season of Summer Performance and Family Fund Tuesday series.
- **Cheerful Givers** – funds will provide program support and help purchase birthday gift bags for community members needing the service of local shelters and food shelves so that they may provide gifts to their children on their special day.
- **Eagan Art Festival** – funds will support the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the event with the theme "Eagan Our Home."
- **Eagan Historical Society** – funds will be used to pay for exterior lighting for the Old Town Hall building when it is renovated later this year.
- **Eagan's Mens Chorus** – funds will cover costs of the 25-30 concerts they will perform throughout the community in 2015.



- **Eagan Theater** – funds will assist in the rental of microphones for an April performance for the Eagan Seniors.
- **Eagan Traveling Baseball** – funds will assist in facilities maintenance and upkeep for the 900+ players who are served by this program.
- **Kids 'n Kinship** – funds will support weekly youth activities, such as swimming, bowling, movie passes and other activities for children 5-16 in Eagan who are in need of a positive adult role model.
- **The Link** – funds will support the Lincoln Place Apartments, a facility offering safe, secure housing and services to homeless youth ages 18-24.
- **The Open Door** – funds will purchase nutritionally dense foods and other supplies for the Mobile Lunch Box summer meal program for Eagan children.
- **Youth Dance Ensemble** – funds will be used to partially fund a portable sound system used for outreach performances.

#### **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. Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, The Eagan Foundation's 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 more than \$1,000,000 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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