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Eagan Foundation Awards Grants to 18 Local Community Groups

(Eagan, MN – February 22, 2017) – The Eagan Foundation recently announced it has awarded \$13,000 in funding to 18 local non-profits, marking the Foundation’s largest annual grant cycle in its 27 year history. The funding will support a wide variety of initiatives that help make Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play. Grants will be distributed at a Community Grants Coffee on 2/23/2017 at 7:30 am in the Eagan Room at Eagan City Hall.

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.

“At last year’s fundraiser, many generous individuals stepped forward to donate to our community grants program. Through their generosity, we were able to achieve over a 50% increase our grants program for 2017. We asked, the community clearly responded, and we’re honored to be the trusted steward of their funds,” states David Lutz, Chair of the Community Grants Committee.

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

- **360 Communities:** groceries for clients to prepare meals while at the shelter
- **Advent Cares:** supplies needed for a community-wide Day of Service volunteering effort
- **Adventures in Learning:** field trips for summer grade school programs for English Language Learners
- **Art Works Eagan:** series of community workshops and final art show
- **Bowls for Brain Power:** clay and glaze for a student/community event to make hand-made pottery bowls
- **Caponi Art Park:** support for performances and events and signage to help with park navigation
- **DARTS:** multicultural and diverse books for Learning Buddies program
- **Eagan Art Festival:** support for “hands-on art activities” for the 2017 Eagan Art Festival
- **Eagan High School Forensics Boosters:** laptops for use by debate students from families in need
- **Eagan’s Mens Chorus:** support for the Eagan’s Mens Chorus concerts at senior citizens facilities in Eagan or Dakota County during 2017
- **Eagan Theater Company:** two lapel microphones and period-specific costumes for upcoming theater performances
- **Eagan's July 4th FunFest:** support the Eagan FunFest Ambassador and Candidate Program developing leaders for the future
- **The Link:** support for Lincoln Place apartments for youth experiencing homelessness



- **Loaves and Fishes:** building materials for a shed for food shelf garden
- **Meals on Wheels in NW Dakota County:** additional meal enhancements (fresh fruit or homemade goodies) for Eagan residents
- **Reaching Up Ministries:** supplies and healthy snacks for homework help program
- **TreeHouse, Inc.:** support for a one-to-one mentoring program for at risk teenagers

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 nearly \$1,400,000 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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