



## EAGAN FOUNDATION

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### **Eagan Foundation Awards Grants to 28 nonprofit community groups**

EAGAN, Minn. — The Eagan Foundation has awarded \$16,000 in grants to 28 non-profit organizations to meet critical needs and improve the quality of life in the community. Funding will support a wide variety of human services, arts and educational programs that further the Foundation’s mission of making Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play.

“These grants will touch many lives in Eagan from school children to seniors who need additional community support to remain independent,” said Jim Sinclair, chairman of the Eagan Foundation board. “Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to give out to the largest amount in the Foundation’s 28 year history. It couldn’t have come at a better time, because the needs of the community are growing, too.”

Since 1990, the Eagan Foundation has granted more than \$1.5 million to the Eagan community for student scholarships and to advance the work of nonprofit organizations. Raising funds to support an annual grant program is an ongoing goal for the Eagan Foundation.

The grants will be distributed at a Community Grants Coffee on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, at 7:30 a.m. at the Lone Oak Grill in Eagan, 2010 Eagandale Place in Eagan. The following is a list of grantees and funded projects:

- **360 Communities** groceries for meals at the shelter
- **Advent Cares** support for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual community “Day of Service”
- **Adventures in Learning** summer enrichment activities for English language learners
- **Art Works Eagan** lighting upgrades for the performance space
- **Bowls for Brain Power** for a student/community event to create hand-made pottery bowls
- **Caponi Art Park Programs** for artistic performances and events
- **Dakota Woodlands** to purchase new mattresses for a homeless shelter
- **DARTS** multicultural books for the Learning Buddies program
- **Eagan American Legion** support for flag education materials and veteran’s outreach

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- **Eagan High School** support for “Awards and Honors” events
- **Eagan High School Forensics Boosters** laptops for use of low-income debate students
- **Eagan Art Festival** materials for the hands-on art activities and artist demonstrations
- **Eagan Men’s Chorus** for concerts in Eagan and nearby communities
- **Eagan’s July 4<sup>th</sup> FunFest** for the Ambassador and Candidate Program that develops future leaders
- **Girl Scout Troop 54052** laptop and Lego Robotics for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) events
- **Kids N Kinship** bowlathon for at-risk children and their mentors
- **Lifeworks Services** community inclusion program for people with disabilities
- **The Link** a program to build life skills and self-sufficiency among homeless youth
- **Loaves and Fishes** supplies to enhance food safety and visibility at the dining site
- **Meals on Wheels in NW Dakota County** meal enhancements for home delivered meals
- **Midwest Special Services** to increase recreational participation among people with disabilities
- **Open Door** operating support for the food pantry
- **Park Nicollet Growing Through Grief** training for school-based crisis response
- **Parkrun USA** for startup equipment for weekly neighborhood runs
- **Pinewood PTO** robotics kits for Lego League educational activity
- **Minnesota Scottish Fair** support for an arts festival new to the Eagan community
- **Thunder PengWins Robotic Team** for mini-robotic equipment
- **TreeHouse, Inc.** mentoring for at-risk teenagers

For more information on any of these nonprofit 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, with a 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 in the community through its scholarship, community initiatives and community grants programs. For additional information, visit [www.eaganfoundation.org](http://www.eaganfoundation.org) or email [admin@eaganfoundation.org](mailto:admin@eaganfoundation.org)

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