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Eagan Foundation awards 21 grants to bolster work of nonprofit groups

EAGAN, Minn. — The Eagan Foundation has awarded \$16,000 in grants to 21 non-profit organizations to meet critical community needs. This year’s awards reflect a focus on shelter and housing for the homeless, services for at-risk youth, food and nutrition, services to help move low-income families toward stability and youth development — programs that would provide a significant boost to those who are struggling. The awards also include funding for the arts and education, in keeping with the Foundation’s mission of making Eagan the best place to live, learn, work and play.

“Our board members took a deep look at the needs of the community, tapping the opinion of civic leaders and engaging in strategic planning to identify areas where we could have the most impact. We were very intentional about awarding grants that make a difference, particularly for programs that might fall between the cracks of other funding opportunities,” says Barb Haagenstad, chair of the Eagan Foundation Board of Directors. “We thank and are grateful to our generous donors, who once again stepped up in a big way to support our community grants program. We couldn’t have done this without them.”

New to this year’s Community Grants program is the Youth in Philanthropy initiative. High school students, leaders of tomorrow in Eagan, participated in the grantmaking process by assessing community needs, evaluating requests and designating 20 percent of the total grants funding to nonprofits they felt best addressed unmet needs.

The Eagan Foundation has invested nearly \$2 million since 1990 in the Eagan community through student scholarships and community grants 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, March 7, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at Bald Man Brewing, 2020 Silver Bell Road, in Eagan.

The following is a list of funded programs:

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- **360 Communities** support for Partners for Success, a program for at risk students
- **Advent Cares** support for the 7th annual community Day of Service
- **American Legion** general support for veterans activities, flag ceremonies and flag education
- **Art Works Eagan** for handicap-accessible building improvements
- **Bowls for Brain Power** a student/community event to create hand-made pottery bowls for fundraising
- **Dakota Woodlands** school supplies, shoes and activities for homeless children
- **DARTS** multicultural books for the Learning Buddies program
- **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 Parkrun** startup funding for weekly neighborhood runs
- **Eagan High School AVID** support for college campus visits for first generation college students
- **Eagan High School Women in Stem** support for field trips for students in science and technology
- **Living Well Disabilities** assistive technology to foster independence among people with disabilities
- **The Link** support and counseling to transition homeless youth into stable housing
- **Loaves and Fishes** support for the Eagan dining site that serves healthy meals to people in need
- **Meals on Wheels in NW Dakota County** for new delivery bags and meal enhancements
- **Midwest Special Services** virtual reality headsets for people with disabilities
- **Open Door** operating support for the food pantry
- **Park Nicollet Growing Through Grief** for a stress reduction tool kit for students in grief
- **Reaching Up** math and science tutoring for high school students
- **TreeHouse, Inc.** mentoring for at-risk, homeless 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 or visit 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 or email admin@eaganfoundation.org

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