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Rochester Area Foundation grants \$85,830 to local agencies

Rochester, Minn.—June 2, 2008—At its April meeting, the Rochester Area Foundation Board of Trustees approved \$85,830 in grant funds to 10 local nonprofit agencies and projects. The 10 grants are the first to be awarded this year from Rochester Area Foundation's general fund. The Foundation makes grant distributions from this fund three times annually.

The total grant expenditure is comprised of \$79,330 from Rochester Area Foundation's general fund and \$4,700 from four of the Foundation's donor advised funds. Individuals, businesses and families who establish donor advised funds with Rochester Area Foundation may recommend awards to support grant requests received by the Foundation during each one of its grantmaking cycles.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations and projects:

Camp Victory
Zumbro Falls, MN
\$14,250 for the Urban Leadership Initiative

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Children's Dental Health Services

Rochester, MN

\$14,000 for a digital x-ray machine

Madonna Living Community Foundation

Rochester, MN

\$7,500 for furniture in the expanded memory care unit

Project Get Outdoors

Altura, MN

\$5,000 for a out-of-school program for youth in southeast Minnesota

Rochester Repertory Theatre

Rochester, MN

\$10,000 for new seating platforms

Rochester Youth Soccer Association

Rochester, MN

\$5,000 for new soccer goals at fields throughout Rochester

Sunset Terrace Elementary School

Rochester, MN

\$3,080 for WittFitt stability balls for student use in the classroom

Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

Rochester, MN

\$25,000 for completion of their sustainable campus facility

Kids Voting Rochester

Rochester, MN

\$1,000 for a classroom education and mock voting project

Antiracism Group of Peace United Church

Rochester, MN

\$1,000 for a public, antiracism symposium

About Rochester Area Foundation

Dedicated to community vitality since 1994, Rochester Area Foundation's mission is to strengthen community philanthropy by promoting responsible and informed giving and to assist donors in meeting their charitable objectives. The Foundation uses its resources to improve the quality of life, promote greater equality of opportunities and to develop effective methods to assist those in need in the greater Rochester area. The Rochester Area Foundation makes grants in the fields of arts and culture, community development, education, human services and recreation. Learn more at www.rochesterarea.org.

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