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Eight nonprofits receive Rochester Area Foundation grants

Rochester, Minn.—August 21, 2009—At its most recent meeting on Monday, the Rochester Area Foundation Board of Trustees approved a total of \$60,100 in grant awards to eight Rochester-area nonprofits. The eight grants were made possible by donors' generous gifts to various funds of the Foundation, including the unrestricted endowment and several donor advised funds.

The grants are designated for the following organizations and projects:

American Red Cross – Southeast Minnesota Chapter

\$5,000 matching grant to improve emergency communication via 800 MHz radios

Child Care Resource & Referral

\$5,300 for a new van to transport participants of income-eligible programs

Children's Dental Health Services

\$8,000 for dental equipment to meet the growing demand for services

FamilyMeans

\$10,000 for free budget and credit counseling for individuals and families experiencing financial difficulty

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Family Service Rochester

\$10,000 to assist Meals on Wheels in continuing operations without a significant fee increase for recipients

Hawthorne Education Center

\$4,300 for a permanent Career Services Center at Hawthorne Education Center

Rochester Public Library

\$7,500 matching grant for an online tutoring program available to all students with a library card

Southeast Minnesota Voluntary Multi-County Service Delivery Partnership

\$10,000 for consulting to move toward a consolidated model for community services in the 12-county region

Rochester Area Foundation's competitive grants are awarded three times annually to local nonprofits, units of government and public agencies. The next deadline for grant pre-applications is September 1, 2009.

About Rochester Area Foundation

Dedicated to community vitality since 1944, 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. 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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