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2011 AIACF Grants Announced May 3rd

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (AIACF) awarded \$19,368 to five local non profits serving Bayfield, Madeline Island and Red Cliff.

CORE Community Resources: \$4,000 to create and implement an integrative health care program that improves the mental health among senior residents of the area. The Gildi project is named after Gildi Whiteside a Bayfield resident who committed suicide.

New Day Shelter: \$5,000 to form a group of Bayfield High School teens (9th through 12th grade) to participate in a TSO (Teen Speak Out) group. NDS staff will work with TSO to engage and enlighten their peer group to become aware of the need to actively advocate for ending teen violence.

Bayfield Heritage Association, Inc: \$3,184 for a semi-permanent exhibit highlighting Bayfield's history of farming and apple orchards of the Bayfield area. The exhibit includes text, photos and artifacts.

Summer Mostly Thursdays: \$3,184 for the live music series including a performance during the Blessing of the Fleet event weekend as well as eight more concerts each Thursday evening July through August at different venue throughout Bayfield

Madeline Island Community Garden: \$4,000 for a green house to extend the growing season for garden members, help preserve heirloom seeds, allowance for starter plants and give school children access to science

"We are very grateful to the Grants Committee who demonstrated an outstanding ability to align AIACF priorities with the many proposals' requests. This ultimately allowed for some outstanding choices under a very competitive grant round." says Madelaine Karwoski, Affiliate Officer of The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund.

On Saturday, June 18th 2011 there will be a community celebration for the grant awards reception from 3pm until 5pm at the Bayfield Inn in Bayfield, Wisconsin. Everyone is welcomed.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

April was a very busy month at the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund office. The Grants Committee held several meetings to review 15 worthy requests from local nonprofits. This is the most significant role of our organization and it's very important that we get it right.

First, I wish to offer a very special thank you to the members of our Grants Committee for their enthusiasm, valuable input and insight during this difficult process.

We received requests totaling nearly 3 times the amount of money we had to give. At first glance, all of these nonprofits probably deserved our support. Committee members were asked to make difficult choices to reach our final result. We think we provided the "most bang for your buck" in the programs that received our grants.

To our donors, I also want to say thank you for your generous support and commitment. None of this could take place without your support and our communities are better because of you.

During May, the Apostle Islands Area Community fund will host two Mostly Social events in the Twin Cities. This is an exciting addition to our local get-togethers. Thanks to Joan Cybela, Sarah Richter and Madelaine Karwoski for their efforts in putting these parties together. Thanks also to the hosts of our Mostly Socials, because without you we couldn't spread the word about the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund to our neighbors.

John Cory, Advisory Board Chair

What is the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund?

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation currently houses five affiliate funds: Apostle Islands, Cook County, Two Harbors, Hermantown and Eveleth.

Affiliates of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation enjoy the benefit of experienced staff, administrative support, and pooling resources together with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation for investment.

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund, an affiliate fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, was created in 2000 to serve as a resource for the Bayfield – Madeline Island – Red Cliff area, and as an opportunity for individuals to support the well-being of the region.

Through its advisory board of community leaders, the Fund attracts and manages a growing endowment for our area's future, provides quality service and resources for donors with varied philanthropic interests, identifies and effectively responds to changing community needs through strategic grant-making.

Each year, the Apostle Islands Community Fund Advisory Board distributes grants to non-profits in the region. Our Community Fund meets and complies with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. Our mission is to encourage private giving for the public good and these standards ensure that our financial resources are used solely in furtherance of that mission. An annual audit is performed by an independent public accountant.

Nearly every kind of asset can be contributed to a community foundation. Gifts can come from living donors or through bequests. We work with donors to design gift plans tailored to meet their economic situation and maximize the benefits donors receive from contributing .

Community foundations offer in-depth knowledge of local issues and this enables the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund to invest donor dollars in issues and causes in which they care and provide maximum benefit to the community.



2010 Grant Update - Bayfield Regional Conservancy

Last Year, we awarded the Bayfield Regional Conservancy funds for the closing costs for the Frog Bay purchase. The grant was contingent on its receiving NOAA funding to close on this piece of property. I am happy to report, they received the funds to purchase the property. So, we will be sending the closing funds. Thank you Ray De Perry, 2010 Grant's Chair for the input on the BRC grant proposal. Also our well wishes on your upcoming Red Cliff Tribal Chair elections.



AIACF Welcomes New Advisory Board Member - Sarah Richter

The Apostle Islands Area Community Fund heartily welcomes, Sarah Richter, our newest Advisory Board member.

Sarah volunteered to join our board and has a very strong background with more than 20 years experience with fundraising for non-profits.

She has managed numerous budgets, including one that exceeded \$1 million, and organized and managed hundreds of volunteers.

Sarah has developed press materials and was responsible for a media campaign to highlight products.

She was editor of monthly newsletter along with all marketing marketing materials, including sales catalog, press kit and point of purchase.

Sarah will be a very valuable member of our Advisory Board and we are very glad to have her with us.