



Three Nonprofits Honored for Generosity, Civic Engagement and Inclusiveness at 2010 Touchstone Award Luncheon

Three regional nonprofits were honored in October with Touchstone Awards for demonstrating the Community Foundation's vision of fostering generosity, civic engagement and inclusiveness. The organizations each received a \$2,500 grant for their accomplishments.

Kids Closet was awarded a Touchstone Award in generosity for providing winter clothing to underprivileged children. Neighborhood Housing Services won the award in

civic engagement for their efforts to reduce crime and build community through their Community Safety Initiative program. In inclusiveness, Community Action Duluth received the award for their efforts to build a more welcoming community through their Anti-racism Study Dialogue Circles.

Of the award, Community Foundation President Holly C. Sampson said, "The finalists and winners of the Touchstone Award are represen-

tative of the high quality non-profits we are fortunate to have in this region."

The organizations received the award during the 16th Annual Touchstone Award Luncheon. The event, which was held in the DECC's Harbor Side Ballroom, was emceed by Northland NewsCenter's anchor and producer Kevin Jacobsen. More than 300 people attended the

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From left to right: Holly C. Sampson with representatives from Kids Closet; Touchstone Award selection committee member Tom Wheeler with representatives from Neighborhood Housing Services' Community Safety Initiative; representatives from Community Action Duluth's Anti-racism Study Dialogue Circles

Daniel Patrick Riley: Lifelong Learner's Legacy Lives on



Sue and Daniel Patrick Riley at their home in Cook County.

Sue Riley remembers her husband's love for life and education fondly. "Dan was a lifelong learner," she says. "He was always supportive of the young people we knew pursuing their dreams through education."

And now, thanks to Sue's efforts to keep her husband's legacy alive, a new scholarship is available in Cook County for high school seniors pursuing a liberal arts degree. "I chose Liberal Arts because Dan's love for learning was very broad," Sue explains. "Dan had a lot of interests and I wanted to honor that passion."

Did You Know?

- The Daniel Patrick Riley Scholarship is one of several scholarships designated to students in Cook County. In total, we have 160 scholarships that are available throughout nine counties in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin.
- The first scholarship awarded from the Community Foundation came from the Superior East All-Class Reunion Scholarship in 1986 for \$500.
- Since that first award in 1986, 2,422 individuals have received a scholarship from the Community Foundation.
- Over the years, the Robert B. and Sophia Whiteside Scholarship Fund has awarded \$3,750,000, the largest amount from one scholarship fund.
- The average scholarship award in 2010 was \$3,257 per year.
- The Minnesota Power Community Involvement Scholarship awards the most scholarships annually - to 25 individuals.
- Thanks to many generous donors, few cities in the USA have more scholarship money available than Duluth.
- The deadline to apply for scholarships is January 15, 2011. Learn more at: www.dsacommunityfoundation.com.

Dan Riley was a North Dakota native born in 1923. Growing up, Dan's quest for knowledge led him to pursue a journalism degree at the University of North Dakota. But, like so many men during this era, his life changed on December 7, 1941. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dan trained to become a fighter pilot and then served in the South Pacific. At the conclusion of World War II, Dan continued piloting and was employed as a captain for Hawaiian airlines, retiring after 37 years of flying.

It was during this time that he met Sue. The two both had family in the Detroit Lakes area and one summer while visiting family, their paths crossed. They fell in love and that quickly evolved into a marriage lasting more than 20 years. They traveled to the north shore of Lake Superior and immediately were drawn to the big lake. "We first came to Grand Marais in 1980," Sue says. "We fell in love with it. And, each time we visited we fell more and more in love with it."

Upon retirement, they left Hawaii to be close to family in Detroit Lakes. They also built a home in Grand Marais to be near the lake and town they both loved. Sue often teased Dan about being the effusive Irishman surrounded by so many stoic Scandinavians, but she couldn't imagine him any other way. "He was one of the kindest, caring men I ever met. His zest for life could light up an entire room."

Following Dan's passing in 2006, Sue wanted to do something to keep his legacy alive. She eventually decided on a scholarship through the Cook County Community Fund, an affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. Today, she hopes that students who receive the Daniel Patrick Riley Memorial Scholarship realize this opportunity exists because of Dan's love for learning. "Dan touched so many people in positive ways throughout his life," she says. "I know there'd be tears of pride in his eyes when these scholarships are awarded. He would be so thrilled."

From the President

As we transition from fall to winter, an exciting transition is going on at the Community Foundation as well. This year marks the successful end to our most recent strategic plan and an opportunity to develop the new plan for the next five years. It has been an exciting time to reflect on our accomplishments these past five years, listen to our stakeholders and look ahead to the next five years.

Many of these details we'll share in our next newsletter, but right now, I want to assure you that the Community Foundation remains committed to its vision of fostering generosity, civic engagement, and inclusiveness. As we move forward, the prominence of this vision will continue to grow in the work that we do. Some of these changes, you may have already noticed.

Earlier this year, approximately 400 community members gathered at the Clyde Iron Works Convention

Center to hear from three community leaders about generosity, civic engagement and inclusiveness. At that time, we shared our annual report which focused on the momentum building behind our vision. This message was reiterated in October at the 16th annual Touchstone Award Luncheon, where we recognized nonprofits who demonstrate these values. (See cover story).

As 2010 comes to a close, we have much of which to be proud at the Community Foundation. To date, we've granted more than \$33 million to the region. Thanks to generous donors, we have created a substantial endowment that will serve this region's needs in perpetuity. Each year, hundreds of students receive scholarships from the Community Foundation totaling nearly \$1 million. Strong community volunteers are actively participating and working with us on our Community Initiative efforts. And, all of this is

possible because nearly 30 years ago, a small group of concerned citizens believed they could make a positive impact on this community. This in itself is pretty amazing. But, as we look ahead, it is even more exciting to anticipate where we might be five years from now--thanks to the momentum of friends like you.

For all that you do and continue to do for this community, thank you.



Holly C. Sampson

On the Web

Thanks to ongoing support of this community, we have the resources to accomplish great things. See this in action at: www.dsacomunityfoundation.com/thankyou.shtml

“TOUCHSTONE AWARD LUNCHEON CELEBRATION”

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luncheon, making it the largest Touchstone Award Luncheon to date.

Nine organizations were finalists for the award. Organizations considered for the award were recipients of a Community Foundation grant in 2008, which included nearly 200 nonprofit organizations in northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. The organizations also had to exemplify the Community Foundation's vision of fostering generosity, civic engagement and inclusiveness. Other Touchstone Award finalists

included: Duluth Children's Museum's Passport to Culture program; Just Kids Dental's dental services to underprivileged children; Churches United in Ministry's Expanding Horizons program; WTIP North Shore Radio's "One Community, One Book" program; Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial, Inc.'s "Bringing the Truth to Light" DVD; and Solon Springs School District's Thailand Teacher Exchange.

Sponsors of this year's Touchstone Award Luncheon included: Duluth News Tribune; Enbridge Energy

Company; Reuben Johnson & Son, Inc.; Wells Fargo Private Client Services; Eikill & Schilling, Ltd.; Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick, P.A.; Hanft Fride, A Professional Association; The Jamar Company; M&I Bank Duluth-Superior-Ashland; Republic Bank, and Wheeler Associates.

To view additional photos from the celebration, visit the Community Foundation's Facebook page.

Young Leaders Fund Awards Multiple Grants

The Young Leaders Fund of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation is excited to announce that it has awarded \$3,045 to four organizations in the Twin Ports committed to attracting and retaining young adults. Grants from the Young Leaders Fund include:

Churches United in Ministry
\$1,000 for Emerging Leaders in
Neighborhoods program

Duluth Playhouse
\$500 for Youth Leadership
Internship Program

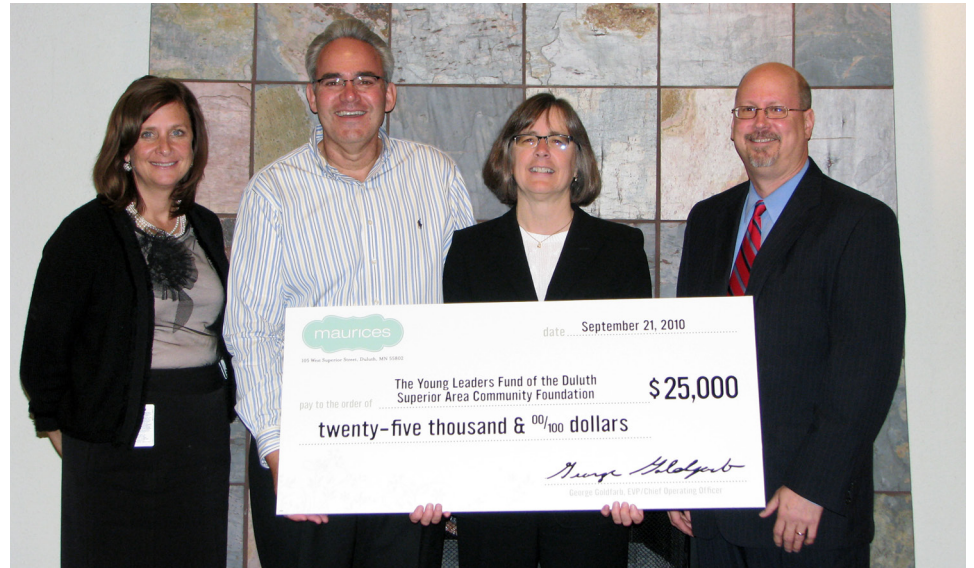
MN Public Interest Research Group
\$500 for Program Expansion

University of Wisconsin - Superior
\$1,045 for Superior/Douglas County
Leadership Program scholarships

“Two very important goals of the Young Leaders Fund are to support leadership and encourage civic engagement, both of which are vital to attracting and retaining young people in our community,” said Young Leaders Fund Advisory Committee member Mia Thibodeau. “These grants promote those goals. The Young Leaders Fund Advisory Committee is excited about the opportunities the grants will provide for young people in our community to get involved.”

The next deadline to apply for a Young Leaders Fund grant is February 1, 2011. For more information, contact Katie Gellatly at 218.726.0232.

Maurices Joins Community Foundation Efforts in Attracting and Retaining Young Adults



From left to right: Sue Ross and George Goldfarb of maurices, Holly C. Sampson of the Community Foundation and Ken Browall of the Duluth News Tribune.

The Community Foundation is pleased to announce maurices made a generous \$25,000 gift to the Young Leaders Fund. This endowed gift will help create a permanent, financial resource for organizations in the Twin Ports committed to providing leadership opportunities or enhancing the quality of life for young adults ages 21-35.

“This gift demonstrates that maurices is committed to keeping young adults not only in their workplace but also in this community,” said Holly C. Sampson, president of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation. “We couldn’t be more pleased that they view the Community Foundation as a partner in ensuring young people have the tools they need to thrive in this community.”

Of the gift, maurices Executive Vice President and Chief Operating

Officer George Goldfarb said “As a business leader in the community for almost 80 years, maurices knows firsthand that the future of our organization and our community relies on our young leaders. Their enthusiasm and innovation continues to inspire us and we couldn’t be more thrilled to support the Young Leaders Fund.”

The announcement was made during the Duluth News Tribune’s 20 Under 40 Award ceremony, which recognizes twenty individuals in the region under forty years old who are excelling in their field. To view photos from the event, visit the Community Foundation’s Facebook page.

If you are interested in making a contribution to the Young Leaders Fund, please contact the Community Foundation at 218.726.0232.

Year End Gift Idea

An honor or memorial gift is just one of the ways you can support the Community Foundation while giving a unique gift to a special friend, family member, client or colleague.

“A gift to the Community Foundation is an easy way to show your appreciation for someone while making a lasting impact in this community,” said Holly C. Sampson, president of the Community Foundation.

To make a gift in someone’s honor, please use our online donation form at: dsacommunityfoundation.com or call us at 218.726.0232 for more information.

Roth IRA Conversions: Take Advantage of New Tax Legislation

Thanks to new tax legislation, all taxpayers now have the option of converting traditional individual retirement accounts, or IRAs, to Roth IRAs. Confused on what this means? We spoke to Managing Director at RSM McGladery Donald Wallgren to learn more.



Donald L. Wallgren

What are the major differences between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA?

Contributions to a traditional IRA, subject to certain limitations, are deductible while contributions to a Roth IRA are nondeductible. Consequently, distributions from traditional IRAs are fully taxable (unless you have made nondeductible

contributions) while distributions from Roth IRAs are not taxable. But perhaps more importantly, Roth IRAs are not subject to the required minimum distribution rules, which otherwise mandate that distributions from an IRA commence once the IRA holder turns 70-1/2, thus enabling the additional deferral of taxes and transfer of wealth to the next generation.

What is the special tax legislation in 2010 that allows taxpayers to make the switch from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA?

Prior to 2010, taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income in excess of \$100,000 were not eligible to convert their traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Beginning in 2010, the income threshold has been waived. In addition, for conversions occurring in 2010, you may report the income from the conversion equally in 2011 and 2012. Finally, special rules apply to inherited IRAs and not all states have conformed to the federal provisions.

Are there any special age considerations one should be aware of prior to investing in a Roth IRA?

The primary advantage of a Roth IRA is the potential for enhanced deferral of taxes on the earnings of the IRA, but because contributions are nondeductible, the more time one has to take advantage of the deferral the more potent a Roth IRA can be. Thus, time is perhaps your biggest ally when it comes to a Roth IRA. One also needs to consider how their IRA fits into achieving their overall estate planning goals; both financial and nonfinancial.

If someone is considering a Roth IRA conversion, why might this be a logical time to consider a charitable gift as well?

Because a conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA is generally taxable, combining a charitable contribution with the conversion may present an opportunity to reduce the tax bite of the conversion.



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Mission Statement

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation promotes private giving for the public good.

Vision

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation will be the leading force for improving our region by fostering generosity, civic engagement and inclusiveness.

Core Values

Community Stewardship Integrity

Affiliate Funds of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation

Apostle Islands Area Community Fund
Cook County Community Fund
Eveleth Area Community Foundation Fund
Hermantown Community Fund
Two Harbors Area Fund

Dates to Remember

January 13, 2011: Nonprofits interested in learning more about funding options in the Two Harbors area can attend this free Q&A session at the Law Enforcement Center in Two Harbors. Contact Katie Gellatly at 218.726.0232 for more information.

January 15, 2011: Community Foundation Scholarship deadline. Electronic applications will be accepted until midnight. For more information, contact David Hammer at 218.726.0232 or by email at: scholarships@dsacommunityfoundation.com.

February 1, 2011: Grant Application deadline for the following funds: Central Mesabi Fund for Human Services, Global Awareness Fund, Hermantown Community Fund, Silver Bay Charitable Fund, Jane S. Smith Memorial Fund, Wirtanen Fund and Young Leaders Fund. For additional information, contact Katie Gellatly at 218.726.0232 or by email at: grantsinfo@dsacommunityfoundation.com.