



Northland Foundation Awards 50 Grants Totaling more than \$264,000; Funding for Programs that Support Older Adults is Highlighted

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The Northland Foundation awarded 50 grants totaling \$264,102.43 to nonprofit programs and projects in northeastern Minnesota during the third quarter of 2009. A number of grants were made within the Foundation's priority area of supporting older adults as valued community members living with independence and dignity.

Among grants serving the elders of our region were: **\$24,000 to Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls**, for the establishment of *Koochiching Aging Options* which will provide services and support to the county's older adults; **\$10,000 to Range Respite Project, Virginia**, for its caregiver support program, which assists people caring for elderly and ill family members in the home; **\$3,000 to Aitkin County Adult Day Services, McGregor**, to provide scholarship funds to aid adults in need of group care during the day; **\$5,000 to Proctor Schools, ISD #704**, for *G3: Gathering of Generations for Greatness*, which provides monthly activities that connect older adults and young people in the community through social opportunities and service projects.

A list of all grants awarded July 1st through September 30th, 2009 follows.

Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls **\$24,000**
Support for the establishment of Koochiching Aging Options to provide support and services to older adults in Koochiching County.

Adult Learning Center - ISD #709, Duluth **\$500**
Funding to provide assistance to at-risk youth for GED testing fees.

Cook County Higher Education, Grand Marais **\$5,000**
Support for the development and publishing of the "Steps to Success" Study Guide.

Range Respite Project, Inc., Virginia **\$10,000**
Funding for the caregiver support program to assist people providing care for elderly and ill family members in the home.

Institute for Agriculture & Trade Policy, Minneapolis **\$500**
Support for the Midwest Rural Assembly to share resources and strategies for rural economic and community development opportunities.

Proctor Schools - ISD #704, Proctor **\$5,000**
In support of *G3: Gathering of Generations for Greatness*, which provides monthly activities to connect older adults and young people through social opportunities and service projects.

Aitkin County Adult Day Services, McGregor **\$3,000**
To provide scholarship funds to aid adults in need of adult day services.

Second Harvest North Central Food Bank, Grand Rapids **\$5,000**
To support Kids Packs to Go, a supplemental nutrition program for low-income school children in Aitkin and Itasca Counties.

University of MN Extension - Moorhead, Moorhead **\$500**
Support for a conference to increase the understanding of youth development professionals on the affects of history on American Indian family dynamics.

WDSE-TV PBS eight, Duluth **\$3,000**
In support of public affairs programming in northeastern Minnesota.

Minnesota Teen Challenge Northland Center, Duluth **\$7,500**
In support of a program to assist and support Minnesota Teen Challenge graduates re-entering the workforce.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, Saint Paul **\$10,000**
In support of outreach efforts to veterans in crisis in northeastern Minnesota.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia **\$500**
Support to provide assistance to struggling and precariously housed families in Lake County.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES GRANTS

YWCA of Duluth, Duluth **\$20,000**
To provide emergency childcare assistance to families who have lost eligibility for Minnesota childcare assistance.

Minnesota Fathers & Families Network, Saint Paul **\$1,000**
Support for the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network Fall Fatherhood Seminar series and annual conference.

University Nursery School, Duluth **\$500**
Support for summer enrichment programming.

Cloquet Community Education, Cloquet **\$20,000**
Support for the establishment of the Li'l Thunder Learning Center at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College.

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Child Care Choices, Inc., Duluth **\$1,000**
Support for the early childhood conference organized by Child Care Choices in Duluth in November 2009.

Happy Days Preschool, Ely **\$1,635**
To provide resources to parents to help with the early learning of their pre-school aged children at home.

Volunteers In Education, Soudan **\$20,000**
Support for the creation of volunteer tutoring programs in the Tower, Cook, and Babbitt Schools.

Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709, Duluth **\$500**
Support for a 5th grade field day for Duluth school students to learn more about the forestry profession.

Lake Superior Community Arts Planning Program, Two Harbors **\$2,400**
To support the implementation of the Neighborhood Bridges model in the Lake Superior School District to improve literacy through the use of storytelling.

Churchill Elementary - ISD #094, Cloquet **\$3,475**
Support for an academic reading tutor for grades 4 and 5 at Churchill Elementary School in Cloquet.

Bridges: Kinship Mentoring, Grand Rapids **\$5,000**
Support for the Kinship Mentoring program that connects children between the ages of 5 and 17 with positive adult mentors in the community.

Cloquet Middle School - ISD #094, Cloquet **\$3,800**
Support for a year-long program to foster kindness, compassion, and service in the Cloquet Middle School.

Little Treasures Center, Inc., Duluth **\$20,000**
General operating support for the infant and toddler programs of the Little Treasures Center, Inc.

Hibbing School District - ISD #701, Hibbing **\$750**
Support to establish an after school program teaching 6th graders about the engineering profession.

Grant Language and Arts Magnet School, Duluth **\$1,000**
Support for 5th grade environmental science education project for the 2009-2010 school year.

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United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, Chisholm **\$15,000**
Support to establish the Smiles Across Minnesota dental care program in schools in northeastern Minnesota.

Life House, Inc., Duluth **\$20,000**
Support for a youth advocate position at the Life House Youth Center

Just Kids Dental Health, Two Harbors **\$10,000**
Support to provide dental hygiene care to children in Carlton, Lake, and Cook Counties.

Lincoln Park School - ISD #709, Duluth **\$4,980**
Support for the Focus Plus and ARCH programs to aid students from grades 7-9 in alternative education programs to reenter their home schools.

Minnesota Youth Intervention Program Association, Minneapolis **\$500**
Support for a training on treating out of control adolescents and children to be held in Duluth in November 2009.

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, Minneapolis **\$10,000**
Support for the Duluth Teen Resource Center.

Duluth Public Schools - ISD #709, Duluth **\$2,065.10**
To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

Mountain Iron-Buhl School District - ISD #712, Mountain Iron **\$308.50**
To provide essential school supplies for students in need.

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY GRANTS

Damiano of Duluth, Inc., Duluth **\$1,000**
To support activities for kids to learn about nutrition, food, and exercise for active and healthy living.

Life House, Inc., Duluth **\$750**
To provide supplies for a public mural created by youth depicting positive messages that celebrate cultural diversity and promote understanding.

Carlton High School - ISD #093, Carlton **\$450**
To offer yearlong transition activities for 5th graders to be prepared for entry as 6th graders in the high school building.

Boys & Girls Clubs Of The Northland, Duluth **\$1,000**
To expand summer outdoor learning opportunities for youth ages 9-12.

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