The Northland Foundation’s Youth In Philanthropy Board awards $4,360 in grants in winter grant round, to support eight children-and-youth led projects in region

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The Northland Foundation is pleased to announce that eight grants were recently awarded by the young people serving on the KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board. The Board is made up of middle school and high school students from across Northeast Minnesota who review and make grantmaking decisions with guidance from volunteer adult mentors. The grants that the students award, up to $1000 each, support school and community projects planned and developed by children and youth in the region.

The Board meets three times during the school year: October, January, and April. The next deadline to submit a Youth In Philanthropy grant application for spring and summer project funding is April 1, 2022. To apply: https://northlandfdn.org/grants/apply-report.php.

The KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Program receives funding support from the Scott and Holly Martin Family Foundation, members of the Northland Foundation’s Emeritus Trustee Group, and the Northland Foundation.

The Winter 2022 grants that were awarded are:

**Northern STEM Robotics, Hermantown: $1,000**
To support 2nd-4th grade students at the FIRST LEGO Festival organized, coordinated, and hosted by the high school robotics team members.

**Devildogs, Duluth: $1,000**
To plan and implement outreach activities and events hosted by the Devildogs. These events will introduce STEM and robotics-related skills through a fun learning environment with hands-on projects.

**Minnesota Children’s Press, Grand Marais: $360**
To support the creation of virus traps that can be shared with the community.

**Superior Middle School, Superior: $1,000**
To support the Community Service Club project that will work with the local shelter to ensure that animals and their providers have what they need to be happy and healthy.

**REACH Mentoring Program, Cloquet: $250**
To support the Carlton Middle and High School SOS (Students Offering Support) Team of
students and provide opportunities to raise suicide awareness, support peers, share coping skills, and more.

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To create better opportunities for Cromwell-Wright students and staff to learn about and use Restorative Practices to address and de-escalate conflict and underlying problems.

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To support a peer group mentoring program for the Wrenshall School Chapter that spreads suicide awareness, destigmatizes mental illness, and supports peers.

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To create and host a Carlton County all-school chapters Spring/Summer Summit that is themed "Youth and Adult Partnerships: Support Matters".

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