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Greater Green Bay Community Foundation Accepting Proposals for Basic Needs Giving Partnership Grant

GREEN BAY, Wis. – The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation announced today that they are accepting grant proposals for the Basic Needs Giving Partnership. The Basic Needs Giving Partnership, which is a partnership of the U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs at the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, the J.J. Keller Foundation, and numerous community donors, aims to assist non-profit organizations with a proven record of success in maintaining solid, critical programs that address the root causes of poverty and prevent persons in episodic crisis from becoming persons of chronic need.

Proposals will only be considered if they are collaborative in nature, meaning that proposed projects and programs are undertaken by a collaborative partnership of multiple non-profit organizations that can benefit from each organization's particular expertise or provided services, to help move people out of poverty or help stabilize at-risk individuals, specifically those with chronic illness or dementia, so their situations do not become chronic. Collaborations will enable more effective and efficient delivery of the programs and services than individual organizations working alone or separately. The Basic Needs Giving Partnership is accepting three different types of collaborative grant requests this year.

The first is planning grant proposals, which provides funding to teams of local non-profits to explore and plan for the launch of a collaborative project. Grants will not fund part of an organization's ongoing activities. Appropriate planning items include, but are not limited to: hiring staff; planning time; site visits to review models and best practices; and consultants, facilitators or other outside professional assistance.

The second is single or multi-year collaborative project requests. Letters of intent must be submitted by February 15, 2011. By March, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal and must complete further paperwork. This grant will help to sustain programs in the community by offering up to \$100,000 per year for up to three years.

The third type of request being accepted is regional collaborative grant requests, which includes partners in multiple community foundation service areas, such as those regions served by the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation, the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and/or the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

Please visit the Community Foundation website at www.ggbcf.org under Grants for more information and details on the collaborative grants. Proposals and Letters of Intent are due by February 15, 2011.

About the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation

Established in 1991, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization that manages more than 500 funds, and distributes grants to between 400 and 500 nonprofits each year. Community Foundation grants provide funding for programs and services that improve the quality of life in Northeast Wisconsin, supporting human services, education, arts and culture, the environment, and more. Our mission is to inspire and encourage charitable giving in Northeast Wisconsin by connecting people who care with solutions that strengthen our community. For more information, please visit our website: www.ggbcf.org.

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