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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### **Community Foundation Announces In Youth We Trust Grant Applications Now Available**

Rockford, IL – The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is pleased to announce that guidelines and applications for the In Youth We Trust Grant Fund are now available at [www.cfnil.org](http://www.cfnil.org).

The In Youth We Trust Grant Program encourages area youth groups to submit proposals for youth-led community service projects. Suggestions for proposals include, but are not limited to: environmental programs, school beautification, mentorship, intergenerational activities, literacy, and violence prevention. Deadline for application is October 10, 2009. Questions should be directed to James Patterson at 815-962-2110 ext. 11 or [jpatterson@cfnil.org](mailto:jpatterson@cfnil.org).

In Youth We Trust is a youth philanthropy program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois. The program teaches youth leadership and community activism to high school aged youth throughout the Northern Illinois area.

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois, a public charity, was established in 1953. It attracts, grows, and preserves charitable assets for distribution to nonprofit organizations and programs serving the Northern Illinois region. The Foundation evaluates and helps coordinate needs with services, so that charitable gifts are used efficiently and effectively. Over the past decade the Community Foundation has awarded grants totaling \$33 million.

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