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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMPLETES
FISCAL YEAR 11 DISCRETIONARY GRANT CYCLES
AND AWARDS \$345,079 TO AREA NONPROFITS**

Rockford, IL – The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois announced today that it had completed the second grant cycle of Fiscal Year 2011 and a grand total of \$345,079 was awarded this year to nonprofit programs and projects in Northern Illinois.

Discretionary grants result from endowed funds entrusted to the Community Foundation. Each year a percentage of the total value of the funds support not-for-profit agencies (including neighborhood groups and youth groups) in Northern Illinois.

In FY 2011, the following was awarded from each fund:

Barber-Colman Management Fund	\$15,000.00
Bengt & Mary Kuller Endowment Fund	\$10,100.00
Carroll H. Starr Endowment Challenge Fund	\$41,950.00
Community Arts and Humanities Fund	\$24,440.00
Community Needs Fund	\$78,751.00
Donald & Britta Peterson Memorial Fund	\$5,000.00
Dr. Courtney & Margaret Hutchins Hamlin Family Fund	\$2,000.00
Dr. Louis & Violet Rubin Fund	\$25,785.00
Eunice Wishop Stromberg Fund	\$5,000.00
Glenn Thiel Memorial Fund	\$13,038.00
Howard Colman Memorial Fund	\$25,695.00
In Youth We Trust Fund	\$15,133.50
Margaret Aldeen Christian Ministry Fund	\$19,024.07
Neighborhood Grant Fund	\$15,523.00

Norris & Margaret Aldeen Fund	\$10,895.00
Schneider Electric Buildings, LLC Charitable Fund	\$28,994.00
United Cerebral Palsy of Blackhawk Region Fund	\$4,750.00
Total	\$345,078.57

“Discretionary Grant Funds are a way of permanently supporting this community,” said Gloria Lundin, President of the Community Foundation. “Donors entrust the Foundation with their dollars and their charitable dreams. The Community Foundation grows and preserves the dollars, and carries out donors’ wishes forever.”

The Community Foundation of Northern Illinois serves Boone, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago counties. Its mission is to build a permanent endowment for the needs of the people of Northern Illinois. The Foundation is the area’s largest provider of grants and scholarships.

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