High school students on Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board approve $11,057 in grants to youth-led projects in northeastern Minnesota

Through the generosity of the Minnesota Power Foundation, the following grants were approved in April 2017 by the 13 young people and four adult mentors serving on the KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board. These grants, which are funded through Minnesota Power Foundation support for the program, are awarded by youth in grades 8-12 for youth-led initiatives. The Board makes funding decisions three times during the school year, working with an annual budget of $25,000 to direct support for projects that are developed by young people with guidance from adult advisors.

Since the program was established in 2000, up to $1,000 each has been awarded to over 400 projects. The Youth In Philanthropy Board has granted more than $367,000 to school and community projects over the years. Learn more at www.northlandfdn.org/kids-plus/youth-in-philanthropy.shtml

The following 12 grants totaling $11,057 were approved in April 2017 by the Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board:

**Lincoln Park School - ISD #709, Duluth: $1,000**
To support positive behaviors by rewarding students that display successful school performance. The focus for the rewards are on behaviors, academic performance, and attendance.

**Cook County Community YMCA, Grand Marais: $1,000**
To provide a program that teaches youth how our country is run on a national, state, and county level through interaction, visits to local government, as well as a visit to the state capitol.

**Duluth Public Schools Academy, Duluth: $1,000**
To provide activities and games for kindergarten through 2nd grade students while exploring different local parks.

**Northern Lights Community School, Warba: $500**
To support a safe LGBT celebration for youth and fellow allies.

**Hermantown Middle School - ISD #700, Hermantown: $900**
To enhance the FIRST Lego League team with more and better equipment that, in turn, will allow the students to become more excited about science, engineering, and technology while building self-esteem, life skills, and community awareness.
Animal Allies Humane Society, Duluth: $1,000
To support the creation of an in-ground composting system for dog waste.

Carlton High School - ISD #093, Carlton: $657
To provide food and personal hygiene items for low-income and homeless middle and high school students.

Advocates for Family Peace, Grand Rapids: $1,000
To host a family fun night for the community and surrounding areas that will have bands, food, games, and prizes.

Deer River Girl Scout Troop 1481, Talmoon: $1,000
To support an all-girl fun and safe adventure camp offering arts and crafts, team-building, outdoor skill building, water safety, and food planning and preparation techniques.

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Virginia: $1,000
To build raised garden beds in downtown Virginia that will serve people with disabilities. These gardens will be accessible for people of all ages and abilities to plant, grow, and harvest.

Barnum Schools - ISD #091, Barnum: $1,000
To support a summer program that offers diverse activities to 3rd through 8th grade students.

Mesabi Family YMCA, Virginia: $1,000
To provide a summer theatre program for children ages 4 through 14 to explore theatre, dance, creative arts, and connect to others who share a passion for performing.

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