

\$242,000 AWARDED TO LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

(May 15, 2007) ROCK ISLAND, IL – The Amy Helpenstell Foundation has awarded \$242,000 to 21 local nonprofit organizations in the areas of health and education and youth.



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The Foundation has awarded grants to each of the following:

- Robert Young Center for Community Mental Health, \$35,000, community survey on eating disorders and mental health.
- Gilda's Club Quad Cities, \$10,000, Zink comes to Noogieland program.
- Junior Achievement of the Heartland, \$15,000, enhancing youth education through JA World Programs.
- National Alliance on Mental Illness, Scott County, \$3,030, understanding mental illness film library.
- Children's Therapy Center of the QCA, \$15,000, speech and feeding therapy services for infants and children.
- Augustana College, \$20,000, Amy Helpenstell student interns program
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Quad Cities, \$10,000, one-on-one youth mentoring.
- Aldridge Early Learning Center, \$5,500, playground improvements.
- Hand In Hand, \$5,000, Inspiration Studio, special needs art program.
- Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley, \$15,000, Roosevelt Club expansion.
- School Health LINK, Inc., \$7,500, behavioral health specialist.
- Junior High Drop-In Center at South Park Presbyterian Church, \$3,000, healthy eating program.
- Black Hawk College Optional Education Program, \$20,000, marketable skills for at-risk youth.
- St. Ambrose University, \$10,000, The Amy Helpenstell Scholars program.
- Henry County Youth Services Bureau, \$10,000, free counseling sessions for youth ages 3-21 years old.
- Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church/Audubon Elementary, \$5,000, public private after-school program for at-risk children.
- Marriage and Family Counseling Service, \$7,500, Spanish family therapy program.
- Rick's House of Hope, \$5,050, Camp Good Grief and the Summer Arts Program.
- Technology Now, \$15,000, employment readiness and test preparation.
- Trinity Medical Center, \$5,000, faculty advancement scholarships.
- Vera French Community Mental Health, \$20,000, child/adolescent school liaison.

The Amy Helpenstell Foundation was established in 2005 to improve the quality of life in the Quad City area by responding to unmet needs in the community. Grants from this fund are awarded to local charitable programs in areas of emphasis by the Foundation.

Amy Helpenstell passed away in 2003 after a long and courageous battle with an eating disorder. Amy made arrangements in her will to provide assets for a charitable foundation to benefit a 60-mile radius of the Quad Cities. She wished for the emphasis of her Foundation to be placed on health and educational opportunities, and requested that her Foundation support youth development, community development and cultural activities as well.



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