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Press Release

Rochelle Area Community Foundation to Accept Grant Applications

Total Grant Funds to be awarded grows by \$10,000

Rochelle, IL – The Rochelle Area Community Foundation announces their annual grant opportunity for qualified non-profit organizations. The application period will be open during the month of February.

The Rochelle Area Community Foundation offers a unique opportunity for donors to support causes they care about by investing donor gifts and using a portion of the earnings to annually provide local grants. Since the first grants were made in 2006, the Foundation has invested more than \$221,000 back into the community through grants to 67 different projects and organizations.

Community needs grants are awarded on a competitive basis to non-profit agencies, organizations or governmental entities that are exempt from state and federal tax, and serve the needs of individuals residing in the Rochelle Township High School District. Grants are awarded once per year in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and community services and community development.

“Through prudent investment and the support of individuals, business and industry in the Rochelle area, available funds have more than doubled since our first grants in 2006, and increased by \$10,000 in 2015.” said Kim Montgomery, Executive Director for the organization. “We are thrilled to be able to invest more than \$40,000 back into the community this year”.

“We have worked to streamline and improve the process for grantees, offering an electronic process for submitting the grant application through our website”, said April Glosser, Board Member and chair of the marketing committee.

To apply, go to www.rochellefoundation.org to the grant seekers tab to complete the application.

As a reminder, 2014 grantees should submit the grant summary progress report in the same fashion prior to seeking a grant in 2015.

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