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Love Your Community Grant Award Winners

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On Thursday, April 14, the public was invited to attend a community reception featuring the announcement of grant award winners for the “Love Your Community” grant program. Four organizations received a combined \$6,800 in grant funding through the program, which was founded to support those who have a vision to improve the community. Award winners were as follows:

- Hillsdale Community Library, \$2,000 for a Toddler and Baby Soft Play Zone;
- Village of North Adams, \$1,800 for a picnic table shelter;
- Hillsdale Family Treatment Court, \$1,600 for Nutritional Education classes; and
- Hillsdale County Senior Service Center, \$1,400 for an Everlasting Love Celebration.

Each of the six program finalists were invited to prepare a display and presentation materials to be available during the reception. Attendees had the opportunity to speak with all the finalists and find out more information about their projects and goals. Hillsdale County Community Foundation representatives also provided a short presentation about the HCCF and the Love Your Community program before announcing grant award winners.

The Love Your Community program was open to any applicant with an idea, a plan, and a desire to make their community a better place. The finalists’ projects promote community



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improvement, interaction, or engagement. Finalists had the potential of receiving up to \$2,000 to implement their project.

A large factor in the grant award decision-making was the support that each proposal received via facebook likes recorded directly from the HCCF page during the voting period. Overall 792 facebook likes were received for the various projects. The HCCF also evaluated each proposal for feasibility, plan for execution, clear communication of goals and expected outcomes, and realistic budget.

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation was established in 1991 as a community grant-making foundation, providing funding to organizations and institutions that have identified problems and designed constructive action programs aimed at solutions. A majority of the Foundation's grant making is focused on the areas of youth, leadership, philanthropy and volunteerism. For more information about community grantmaking opportunities or other HCCF programs, please call 517-439-5101, stop by the office at 2 S. Howell St. in Hillsdale, or visit www.abouthccf.org. Information is also available on the HCCF facebook page.



Rick Beach (Village of North Adams), Terry Vear (Hillsdale County Senior Services Center), Amber Reynolds (Hillsdale Family Treatment Court), Laura Negus (Hillsdale Community Library)



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