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Woodard & Curran Foundation Announces 2014 Grant Recipients

PORTLAND, Maine (September 30, 2014) – The Woodard & Curran Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2014 grants. Thomas Francoeur, President of the Foundation’s Board of Directors, said, “We received more than 60 eligible grant applications in 2014 from non-profit organizations striving to promote a clean and sustainable environment. We were fortunate to be in the position to award the following four grants:

- **$10,000 grant to Emory University’s Urban Health Initiative** (Atlanta, GA) for expansion of the existing education outreach program at the Super Giant Community Garden. The program promotes sustainable practices and provides lessons on rainwater capture, composting, litter clean-up, proper disposal of water, material reuse and repurpose, and organic and natural gardening techniques.

- **$5,000 grant to Pittsburgh Green Innovators** (Pittsburgh, PA) toward a new rain garden in an urban neighborhood. The rain garden will enhance water quality, mitigate stormwater runoff, showcase a method for capturing rainwater, and educate the community and students about healthy watersheds, water quality, and the ecological and aesthetic benefits of green infrastructure.

- **$2,500 grant to the New York School for the Deaf** (Westchester, NY) toward a new greenhouse to provide a year-round living classroom and expand the growing season in support of the Westchester Food Bank.

- **$2,500 grant to Recycle-A-Bike** (Providence, RI) for Build-A-Bike class scholarships, during which attendees divert non-working bikes from the waste stream by recycling as many parts as possible by building one bike for themselves and a second bike for donation to youth and adults in need.

Francoeur said, “Each of these projects addresses factors we built into the 2014 grant application, namely a defined educational component, reliance on volunteers to accomplish the project, and being located in a geography that heightens the opportunity for Foundation volunteers to have direct contact with the organization.”

The Woodard & Curran Foundation is a public nonprofit organization, established in 2010 by the employees of Woodard & Curran and dedicated to directing endowment resources to nonprofits with environmental missions focused on creating a healthier world. For more information, visit www.woodardcurranfoundation.org.

An announcement about the Foundation’s 2015 grant season will be made early in 2015.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Woodard & Curran Foundation has been established to take Woodard & Curran’s vision of exemplary corporate citizenship further by allowing the Foundation to grow and invest financial resources in an endowment and make significant contributions to charitable organizations aligned with our values.

The Woodard & Curran Foundation is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation.

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