WOODARD & CURRAN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2013 GRANT RECIPIENTS

PORTLAND, Maine (November 1, 2013) – The Woodard & Curran Foundation has announced the recipients of the Foundation’s 2013 grants. President Thomas Francoeur said, “This is our third year awarding grants, and thanks to our donors, our giving has grown each year, building to this year’s awards to three deserving nonprofit organizations. Our emphasis is to support nonprofits with environmental missions focused on creating a healthier world, and this year’s grant winners – the Bangor Land Trust, New Hampshire Audubon, and the Worcester Polytechnic University student chapter of Engineers Without Borders – are striving to do just that.”

- **Bangor Land Trust** received a $2500 grant that will fully fund a project for trail improvements, informational kiosks, and improved signage along a popular trail used by hikers and mountain bikers in a 105-acre forest preserve turned over to the Land Trust in 2011. President Lucy Quimby expressed appreciation, adding that the trail currently has a bridge in need of repair and that this funding will allow that to take place.

- **New Hampshire Audubon** has received a $4400 grant for an Environmental Education Outreach Program to conduct programs in Manchester, NH elementary schools to help the children gain an understanding of the connection between what humans do and a healthy ecosystem. Director Dawn Genes, said, “We are very excited to be able to offer our programs to Manchester schools in the most need of contact with nature. The Woodard & Curran Foundation grant is a wonderful way to provide this opportunity to kids who need it most.”

- **Student Chapter of Engineers Without Borders at Worcester Polytechnic University** was awarded a $3100 grant for rain water harvesting in a Guatemalan community of nearly 300 people living in extreme poverty, designing and building catchment systems to provide clean water throughout the year. Chapter President Michele Mensing said the grant “will go a long way in funding our May 2014 trip, sending six students and two mentors to our partner community of Guachthu’uq, Guatemala to implement rainwater harvesting on ten homes.”

Previous recipients of Woodard & Curran Foundation grants are the University of Maine student chapter of Engineers Without Borders, Mill City Grows of Lowell, Mass., and AguaClara Cornell at Cornell University.

For more information about the Woodard & Curran Foundation, visit its website: [www.woodardcurranfoundation.org](http://www.woodardcurranfoundation.org) or contact Althea Masterson, Woodard & Curran Foundation, 207-774-2112; amasterson@woodardcurran.com.

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Sarah Lingley (left), representing the Woodard & Curran Foundation, presents a check for $2500 to Lucy Quimby, President of the Bangor Land Trust, to fund a project for trail improvements, informational kiosks, and improved signage along a popular trail used by hikers and mountain bikers.

Thomas Francoeur, President of the Woodard & Curran Foundation, presents a check for a $4400 to New Hampshire Audubon Director Dawn Genes for an Environmental Education Outreach Program in Manchester, NH elementary schools to teach children about healthy ecosystems.

Jess Balesano, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic University representing the Woodard & Curran Foundation, presents a check for $3100 to Michele Mensing, President of the WPI Student Chapter of Engineers Without Borders for its project to bring access to clean water to Guachthu'uq, Guatemala.