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17 regional nonprofits granted total of $173,000

The Northern Piedmont Community Foundation recently awarded $173,000 in grants to 17 nonprofits in Fauquier, Culpeper and Rappahannock counties.

The PATH Foundation provided a $250,000 fund for the Community Assistance Grant Program to address “emergent community needs that are immediate in nature and address or alleviate hardship.”

“The partnership between the PATH Foundation and NPCF will provide countless opportunities for area nonprofits,” Northern Piedmont Community Foundation Executive Director Jane Bowling-Wilson said. “Funds were awarded through a grant evaluation process and, for this first time, it was extremely competitive.

“There were so many great proposals and needs which all reflect the hard and
often unnoticed work that many of our nonprofits quietly accomplish in our communities.”

Forty-nine organizations applied for the grants.

The largest, for $25,000, went to the Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic. The clinic subsidizes dental care for low-income, uninsured children in Culpeper County.

Fauquier FISH received $15,000 to launch a mobile food pantry.

“We partnered with the Salvation Army and the county food bank to create this program,” FISH Executive Director Charity Furness said. “We had all the pieces together to execute it months ago, everything except for the funding.

“The FISH Board set out to submit an application for the grant as soon as the Community Assistance Grant Program was announced.”

The mobile food pantry will serve Fauquier residents in the county’s most rural areas.

“We plan to have two distribution locations, one in the northern part of the county, and one in the southern,” Ms. Furness said.

The Mobile Pantry will offer virtually the same menu that is offered at the FISH Pantry location on Pelham Street in Warrenton.

The smaller grants included $3,000 to M.M. Pierce Elementary School in Remington for the LAMP Mobile (library, art, music, physical education).

School staff members last summer put together a program that took books, art, music and physical education to three locations in the Pierce attendance zone each Friday.

“Parents have been asking if we would be able to run the program again, and until the NPCF grant was awarded, we just weren’t sure,” school Librarian Kathryn Davis said. “We want to make sure our students keep reading and don’t lose their academic edge over the summer.

“Plus it’s really nice to see the kids outside of the classroom, meet their parents, and form a different relationship. We are so grateful to NPCF for awarding the grant. They are helping us to continue the sense of community we have in the school over the summer.”

The Community Foundation serves a critical role in the community. FISH Executive Director, Charity Furness feels that “Community Foundations are in touch with the needs of their community and know best about where to put the money that they manage.”

The grants went to:

• CASA Children Intervention Services Inc., $5,000
• Little Fork Volunteer Fire and Rescue Co., $15,000
• Community Touch Inc., $13,500
• People Helping People of Fauquier County, $15,000
• Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic, $25,000
• Sperryville Volunteer Fire Department, $15,000
• The Salvation Army, $10,000
• Operation First Response, $10,000
• Fauquier Community Action Committee/Head Start, $7,500
• Fauquier FISH, $15,000
• Hospice Support of Fauquier County, $5,000
• M.M. Pierce/LAMP Mobile, $3,000
• Aging Together, $4,000
• Fauquier Education Farm, $5,000
• Culpeper Community Development Corp, $10,000
• Bluemont Concert Series, $5,000
• StreamSweepers, $10,000

A second cycle will open in August. For more information, click here.

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