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Julianne Williams Fund of the Central MN Community Foundation Awards \$3,600 in Grants

St. Cloud, MN. - The Central MN Community Foundation (CMCF) announced Friday, that the Julianne Williams Fund has awarded \$3,600 in grants to 3 area nonprofit organizations. The fund was started in 2004 and has awarded over \$21,000 to over 12 organizations since that time.

The Julianne Williams Fund was established to honor the life of Julianne Marie Williams who died in 1996 at the age of 24. Julie, the daughter of Tom Williams and Patsy Williams, grew up in St. Cloud and graduated from St. Cloud Cathedral High School in 1990. She excelled in academics, played basketball and tennis and worked for various social justice issues. Julianne graduated from Carleton College cum laude in 1994 with a degree in geology.

The purpose of the Julianne Williams Fund is to reflect the essence of Julie, who she was and what she valued. It is to promote, through outdoor activities, the building of self-esteem, safety, confidence and overall empowerment of girls and young women. The fund is also committed to supporting youth activities that enhance mutual respect between all people and promise the enjoyment of active lives.

The local 2009 grant recipients are:

- Boys & Girls Clubs of Central MN - \$1,000 for the Go Girl Go Program
- Girl Scouts of MN and WI Lakes and Pines - \$1,204 for the Thin Mint Marathon Patch Program.
- St. Cloud State University - \$1,396 for the Girls in Action Program

Donations can be made to support the Julianne Williams Fund. To contribute to the fund, interested persons can participate in the *Williams Wobegon Ride*, which will take place September 19th of this year, or donations can be submitted to the Central MN Community Foundation. For more information contact Susan Lorenz, program officer, at (877) 253-4380 or visit our website: www.communitygiving.org