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Bromelkamp Foundation Awards 2018 Grants to Organizations Serving Literacy

Minneapolis, MN; June 10, 2019 – The Bromelkamp Foundation is a program Bromelkamp Company LLC established with two primary goals: 1) To be responsive to the nonprofit needs of our employees’ communities; and 2) Provide a valuable grantmaking learning opportunity to Bromelkamp staff. At Bromelkamp Company, many employees have previous work experience in the field of both private and public funding and grantmaking. This is the underpinning of Bromelkamp’s commitment to excellent customer service. The Foundation keeps the company connected to the work of its clients through an annual grant process. Each year, two Bromelkamp employees conduct a grant round using Bromelkamp’s online tools: eGrant.net for the application, and Reviewer for the committee scoring and recommendation process. Grant funds come from a share of company profits; typically, two to three grants are awarded annually. The Board of Directors is comprised of the entire Bromelkamp Company staff, who review the committee’s recommendations and approve the final awards.

The Bromelkamp Foundation serves nonprofits in the communities where Bromelkamp Company employees live and work, which includes counties in Arizona, California, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina and Ohio. From those communities, the Foundation received 30 completed applications for 2018’s funding priority of literacy and focusing on educational programming that teaches new or enhances current language skills, including but not limited to: speaking, writing, reading, and ESL for people of all ages and abilities. A total of 24 Bromelkamp clients volunteered to be reviewers. The Foundation was pleased to award \$1000 each to this year’s recipients: Our Savior’s Community Services English Learning Center, Neighborhood House, and Bloom Early Learning Center.

About Our Savior's Community Services English Learning Center, Minneapolis, MN

The English Learning Center provides a safe and supportive learning community for refugees, immigrants and advocates to counter a sometimes hostile political, cultural and social climate in the wider community. Funds will continue to support their ELC project that serves over 400 students from 23 countries (majority being Somali, Ethiopian and Ecuadorian), ranging in age from 19-87. Their English and Math classes include distance learning, one-on-one tutoring and “Basic English for Healthcare”. The English Learning Center combines basic first steps in literacy, numeracy, and technology skills with workforce preparation to assist students in gaining living wage

employment and long-term career advancement opportunities. They are making an incredible difference in student’s lives, with over 42% of students never having had access to education prior to coming to the English Learning Center.



About Neighborhood House, St. Paul, MN Neighborhood House is an invaluable organization for the St. Paul refugee and immigrant population. This past school year, they provided ELL classes to more than 500 students from over 50 countries, with the largest classes consistently being Beginning English. Funds will be used to provide ELL programming that has successfully helped students from a wide variety of backgrounds gain literacy through visual aids, pantomiming and simplified language. Last year, 143 students gained at least one level on the CASAS reading exam, which represents an improvement of as many as two grade levels. The Neighborhood House is truly doing amazing and greatly needed work in its community.

About Bloom Early Learning Center, Plymouth, MN Bloom Early Learning passionately strives to break the cycle of poverty at the start through nurturing care and an exceptional early learning program. They dedicate half of their 70-person capacity to children from low-income families by providing financial assistance. Using Creative Curriculum in their infant through preschool classrooms boosts the children's proficiency in skills necessary for kindergarten. The funds will help them with an initial book purchase to outfit their new infant, toddler and preschool classrooms and expand their program to include 46 additional children. The Bromelkamp Foundation is honored to be a part of the Bloom Early Learning Center's programming.

About eGrant.net and Reviewer eGrant.net is Bromelkamp Company's flexible and efficient online applicant portal. With eGrant.net, organizations eliminate paper waste, streamline their application process, and ensure data accuracy. Like all of Bromelkamp Company's products, there are no contracts, free updates for life, and unparalleled support. With eGrant.net Reviewer, applications can be grouped for online review by committees, anytime and anywhere. This ability reduces confusion and misplaced papers with the comprehensive online applicant record. Furthermore, the built-in functionality allows committee members to easily rank and weigh applicants. [Click here to visit our product page and learn more about eGrant.net.](#)

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