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Orlando Sentinel Family Fund Grants \$821,000 to Local Nonprofit Organizations

ORLANDO, Fla. (July 2, 2013) – The Orlando Sentinel Family Fund, a fund of the McCormick Foundation, recently distributed \$821,000 in grants to non-profit organizations across Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake and West Volusia Counties.

The McCormick Foundation matches all donations at fifty cents on the dollar. In addition, all administrative costs are covered by the Orlando Sentinel and the McCormick Foundation, allowing 100% of all donations, plus the match, to go directly to these invaluable programs and services.

“The Orlando Sentinel Family Fund and McCormick Foundation share a commitment to addressing the growing needs of our local communities,” said David Hiller, president and CEO of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation. “Thanks to the generous donors and readers, we are able to support these amazing community organizations working tirelessly to improve the lives of underserved youth, adults and families across Central Florida,” added Orlando Sentinel President, Publisher and CEO Howard Greenberg.

Agencies that received grants from the Orlando Sentinel Family Fund, along with a description of the programs funded, are listed below.

Education Matters Grants: Four agencies received funding to help support child and youth education as part of the ‘Education Matters’ Fundraising Campaign:

Adult Literacy League, Inc. received \$30,000 for the Literacy Services for Youth program which serves youth 16-24 with individual and group tutoring in preparation for post-secondary education.

Foundation for Orange County Public Schools, Inc. received \$30,000 for their Middle School Morning Book Club program serving at-risk middle school students in 8 middle schools with literacy enrichment through specialized, instructional book clubs.

The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools Inc. received \$30,000 for the ‘Take Stock in Children’ program which provides academic mentorship, tutoring, long-term persistence support and advocacy to low income and at-risk students in Seminole County.

Foundation for Osceola County Education, Inc. received \$25,000 for their ‘Bookmark Buddies’ after school tutoring program for low-income children.

Holiday Campaign Grants: agencies that received grants from our annual 'Holiday Campaign' as well as our year-round fundraising efforts are listed below.

Apopka Family Learning Center received a \$25,000 grant for the Kids In Motion program, an after-school, academic enrichment program for disadvantaged children, ages 5-14. The program helps students acquire passing grades and maximize their potential.

Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida, Inc. received \$40,000 to provide tutoring, mentoring and skill building to low-income youth.

Boys Town Central Florida, Inc. received \$40,000 for their 'Continuum of Care' Parenting Program in order to reduce the risk of the cycle of child abuse by providing trauma treatments for children impacted by abuse and family violence..

Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Inc. is a social service agency that provides counseling and emergency assistance to families. It received \$25,000 to help low-income families pay their rent and utility bills and to distribute food.

Christian HELP received \$20,000 for their Stop Hunger Now Program.

Children's Home Society of Florida received \$30,000 for the Faine House program which provides transitional housing to youth who have aged out of the foster care system.

Christian Sharing Center's REACH Family & Emergency Services program received \$35,000 to help provide food and utilities and rent support for families in crisis.

Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida, Inc. received \$40,000 for the Community Housing Program which provides comprehensive, community-based services for homeless individuals and families.

Foundation for Foster Children's 'BEST – Building Educational Success Together' tutoring program received a \$25,000 grant to assist children in the foster care system.

Great Kids Explorer Club, Inc. runs a Bridges to Success program, which provides life skills enrichment and one-on-one tutoring to underserved children. They received an \$18,000 grant for this program.

Harbor House of Central Florida, Inc. received \$25,000 for the HARK, Helping At-Risk Kids program, which provides a 12-week group counseling course for youth who have witnessed domestic violence in their homes.

Harvest Time International received \$15,000 for the Help for Today program, which provides free emergency vouchers for food and needed household products for families experiencing hunger and financial crisis.

Hope CommUnity Center received \$40,000 for their Strong Families-Strong Futures mentoring, tutoring and college readiness program for struggling low-income children.

Jewish Family Services of Greater Orlando, Inc.'s Family Stabilization program received a \$35,000 grant to provide assessment, case management and job skills training and preparation for families at risk of homelessness.

Kids House of Seminole, Inc. received a \$25,000 grant to support their Child Advocacy program which provides child abuse prevention, parent education and training and treatment.

Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center provides crisis counseling, on-site medical exams and long-term therapy to child victims of sexual and physical abuse. They received a \$25,000 grant.

Lifestream Behavioral Center, Inc. received \$25,000 for the Anthony House program, which provides transitional to permanent housing to at-risk individuals and families.

Meals on Wheels, Etc. provides nutritious meals and support services for low-income seniors. They received a \$30,000 grant for their program.

Orlando Day Nursery received a \$5,000 grant to add a math component to their after school tutoring program.

Orlando Health Foundation, Inc. received a \$45,000 grant for the Healing Tree program which offers comprehensive mental healthcare services and referrals for ongoing support to child victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Osceola County Council on Aging, Inc.'s received a \$30,000 grant to help support their Community Hope Center which provides homeless families and those at-risk for homelessness with access to comprehensive support services in one location. The agency provides case management and follow-up.

Salvation Army Orange County received a \$45,000 Emergency Services grant which provides direct financial assistance to individuals and families in crisis for rent, mortgage and utilities payments.

Seniors First, Inc. received \$20,000 for their Emergency Meals on Wheels program, providing home delivered meals and case management assistance to elderly adults.

Society of St. Andrew, Inc. glean produce that remains after farmers have finished harvesting and food that is rejected by commercial markets. They distribute it to food banks and received a \$10,000 grant to support that effort.

United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida, Inc. received \$18,000 for the Keeping All Kids Safe program, which provides a supportive counseling program to improve families functioning and assists in the reduction of child abuse and neglect.

United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties, Inc. received a \$15,000 grant to support their Human Care Network, which feeds nearly 13,000 individuals every month through food banks while providing job training and referral services.

About the Orlando Sentinel Family Fund

The Orlando Sentinel Family Fund, a fund of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, is committed to supporting programs that move low-income children and families to self-sufficiency. Since 1990, through the Fund, more than \$33 million has been awarded to local nonprofit organizations serving Orange, Seminole, Osceola, Lake and W. Volusia Counties. To learn more about the Orlando Sentinel Children's Fund, visit www.OrlandoSentinelFamilyFund.org.

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