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\$200,000 in Second Quarter Grants Awarded to Local Nonprofits Through the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund

DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. (July 11, 2014) – Through the <u>Sun Sentinel Children's Fund</u>, a McCormick Foundation Fund, \$200,000 in second quarter grants was recently distributed to 14 nonprofit organizations in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Since 1991, more than \$40 million has been granted through the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund to support programs that move low-income children and families to self-sufficiency.

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

"The Sun Sentinel Children's 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. "One of the best investments we can make is providing children and families with year round access to vital programs that help South Florida thrive."

The Sun Sentinel Children's Fund appreciates the support of Children's Services Council of Broward County, JM Family Enterprises, Publix Super Markets, the Doyle Family Foundation and AutoNation. Their sponsorship further ensures that local children have the opportunities they need to realize their full potential, achieve their hopes and dreams, while being supported by a nurturing family and community.

"We are proud to support and partner with organizations that provide measurable outcomes that are helping improve the lives of children and families in our community. The organizations that received grants from the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund during the second quarter work tirelessly to continue to help those in need in South Florida," said Sun Sentinel's Publisher and CEO Howard Greenberg.

Agencies that received second quarter grants through the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund and a description of the programs funded are listed below:

- 1. HANDY, \$15,000 for their LIFE program which combines management and educational programs in a supportive family environment.
- PACE Center for Girls, \$10,000 for general support to provide case management, counseling, academic support for girls living in low income communities.
- **3.** Russell Life Skills and Reading Foundation. \$12,000 for the Russell Reading Program that provides free tutoring, mentoring and family assistance.
- **4.** <u>Urban League of Palm Beach County</u>, \$10,000 for the National Achievers Society program, which provides mentors, tutoring, academic competitions and community service projects for low-income students.

- 5. <u>Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program</u>, \$10,000 for the Mentoring Program that provides mentoring sessions focused on reducing high school dropout rates and increasing high school graduation rates.
- **6.** Young At Art, \$10,000 for the ArtReach program that provides after-school homework assistance and arts to homeless children.
- 7. <u>Broward Partnership for the Homeless</u>, \$35,000 for general support to their homeless assistance center.
- **8.** Covenant House Florida, \$10,000 for general support to offer shelter and counseling to homeless youth and teenage moms with babies.
- **9.** Henderson Behavioral Health, \$10,000 for homeless prevention and emergency assistance to at risk families.
- 10. <u>Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation</u>, \$10,000 for the Families in Crisis Enduring Pediatric Cancer program to provide temporary financial assistance to prevent homelessness for families with children enduring pediatric cancer.
- **11.** ARC Broward, \$10,000 for the Parents as Teachers program that builds capacity and fosters resilience in low-income families with disabled children.
- **12.** Children's Harbor, \$13,000 for the Residential Foster Care program that offers four group homes and a teen maternity residence for foster children.
- **13.** Susan B. Anthony Center, \$10,000 for Stop the Cycle program that provides therapy, psychiatric evaluation, substance abuse counseling and parenting workshops for pregnant and post-partum women with children.
- **14.** Women in Distress, \$35,000 for the Emergency Shelter Children's Services program that provides advocates for children impacted by domestic abuse.

About the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund

The Sun Sentinel Children's 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 1991, through the Fund, over 2,400 grants totaling more than \$40 million have been awarded to local nonprofit organizations serving Broward and Palm Beach counties. To learn more about the Sun Sentinel Children's Fund, visit sunsentinelchildrensfund.org and "Like" us on Facebook.

About the Robert R. McCormick Foundation

The Robert R. McCormick Foundation is committed to fostering communities of educated, informed and engaged citizens. Through philanthropic programs, Cantigny Park and museums, the Foundation helps develop citizen leaders and works to make life better in our communities. The Foundation was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The Robert R. McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest foundations, with more than \$1.5 billion in assets. For more information, please visit McCormickFoundation.org, follow us on Twitter, and "Like" us on Facebook.