

Ripley Memorial Foundation Awards \$59,500 in Grants
Grants to programs focused on teen pregnancy prevention

(Dec. 8, Minneapolis) — The Ripley Memorial Foundation, a donor advised fund of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota, has awarded \$59,500 in grants to nine organizations. The grant period is January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Grantees:

Centro | \$7,000 – To pilot a new Latino youth leadership and service-learning curriculum to reduce the likelihood of pregnancy among low-income Latino teens in Minneapolis.

Employment Action Center | \$8,000 – To support Bright Futures, a comprehensive school- and community-based program for pregnant and parenting teen mothers.

Face to Face | \$4,500 – To support "B Free," a program that provides a year's worth of birth control to approximately 55 uninsured adolescent clients at high risk for teen pregnancy.

The Family Partnership | \$6,000 – To support the Teen Outreach Program to increase teen knowledge about healthy relationships, sexuality, and pregnancy prevention, while building skills and leadership through service learning experiences

Lao Family Community of Minnesota | \$7,000 – To support Healthy Hmong Teen and Young Parents Program, two programs of Kev Xaiv (Making Choices) which aim to improve the sexual health of Hmong teens and youth parents, and reduce risk factors and increase protective factors related to teen pregnancy. Healthy Hmong Teen uses a culturally specific curriculum, and the Young Parents Program uses a combination of support groups and case management with pregnancy and/or parenting Hmong teens.

Minnesota African Women's Association | \$6,000 – To support the Amakolo Youth Power Pregnancy Prevention Project to provide culturally appropriate peer education about healthy sexuality and life skills for 13-17 year old African immigrant youth in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Additionally, the project will produce 60 peer educators annually.

Planned Parenthood | \$7,000 – To support the Hmong STAR (Students Teaching About Responsibility) and Youth Power programs to provide direct, complete, and medically accurate sexuality information to teens, including the prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. Teen members are given the tools they need to make responsible decisions, develop leadership skills, and prevent the spread of misinformation among peers.

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Plymouth Christian Youth Center | \$8,000 – To support the Plymouth Christian Youth Center's First Things First, a comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention program for high school students in North Minneapolis that includes daily sex education curriculum and classes, weekly small group discussions, individual health assessments, one-to-one counseling, and comprehensive clinical care.

YWCA of Minneapolis | \$6,000 – To support the Contact Plus program to provide high-quality, comprehensive sexual health and relationship education for youth of color and youth from resource-poor communities youth, grades 6-12, in the Minneapolis Public Schools.

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About the Ripley Memorial Foundation

Established in 1957, the Ripley Memorial Foundation honors the legacy of Dr. Martha Ripley by funding programs that foster and enhance the health and well-being of women. It awards grants to direct service programs which focus on teen pregnancy prevention. Applicants must be located in either Hennepin or Ramsey counties, and priority is given to programs that employ best practices and serve populations experiencing the highest rates of teen pregnancy. In April 2009, the Ripley Memorial Foundation became a Donor Advised Fund of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota. More at www.wfmn.org.