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Ripley Memorial Foundation Awards \$68,000 in grants

(December 9, Minneapolis) — The Ripley Memorial Foundation has awarded \$68,000 in grants to 12 nonprofit organizations. The grant period is January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.

Grantees:

Annex Teen Clinic (Robbinsdale) | **\$6,000** – To prevent unintended teen pregnancy in youth (9-19) in north Minneapolis and northwest Hennepin County through youth development strategies with health education, parent/child programs, counseling, outreach, and clinical services.

Centro (Minneapolis) | **\$6,000** – To help Latino teens cultivate a strong identity and develop multiple skills to lead a healthy, productive life through the Raices Youth Development Program.

Division of Indian Work (Minneapolis) | **\$6,000** – To provide facilitator trainings to staff of programs that serve urban Native American youth on “Live It,” a holistic indigenous-specific curriculum.

Employment Action Center (Minneapolis) | **\$7,000** – To utilize Bright Futures, a comprehensive school and community-based program to help teen mothers complete their high school education and prepare for employment.

The Family Partnership (Minneapolis) | **\$4,000** – To reduce teen pregnancy and other youth risk factors by building youth leadership skills through service-learning experiences through the Teen Outreach Program.

Family Tree Clinic (Saint Paul) | **\$5,000** – To reduce the rates of unintended teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections by empowering teens through innovative education and clinic services.

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Girl Scouts of the Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys (Saint Paul) | **\$6,000** – To provide leadership development and healthy sexuality education to 1,100 girls from underrepresented populations through the Sexual Health Education (SHE) Leads program.

Lao Family Community of Minnesota (Saint Paul) | **\$5,000** –To improve the sexual health of Hmong teens and youth parents through the Kev Xaiv (Making Choices) and Healthy Hmong Teen programs.

Midwest Health Center for Women (Minneapolis) | **\$7,000** – To prevent unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections by reducing barriers to reproductive health care through the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Project.

Plymouth Christian Youth Center (Minneapolis) | **\$6,000** – To provide a comprehensive approach to teen pregnancy prevention through the First Things First Program for teens (14-21) in north Minneapolis.

Pro-Choice Resources (Minneapolis) | **\$6,000** – To support the Birds and Bees Project implementation of the Making Proud Choices curriculum to 120 youth (12-17) at Anoka County Juvenile Detention Center.

YWCA of Minneapolis (Minneapolis) | **\$4,000** – T provide high-quality, comprehensive sexual health and relationship education through Contact Plus to 270 (6th-12th grade) youth 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.