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DULUTH SUPERIOR AREA  
**COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

*Private giving for the public good.*

### **Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Completes Million Dollar Challenge**

**Duluth, Minnesota** –The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation is pleased to announce they have completed a million dollar challenge grant from the Bush Foundation of St. Paul, Minnesota in just 14 months. The grant, which was a \$1,000,000 challenge grant for the unrestricted funds of the Community Foundation, was originally slated to take three years to complete. The \$2,000,000 will be added to the Community Opportunity Fund, which make grants to the region for a board variety of issues, and is a flexible resource to address critical needs.

“Completing this challenge nearly two years ahead of schedule is a true testament to the community’s commitment to supporting the work of the Community Foundation embarks on daily,” said Holly C. Sampson, president of the Community Foundation. “We are extremely grateful to the Bush Foundation for recognizing the value in our work. This challenge will support the changing needs of this community today and tomorrow. We couldn’t be more thrilled.” The Community Foundation’s current strategic plan includes an ambitious goal of \$5,000,000 in additional unrestricted funds between 2005 and 2010. It is possible for regional citizens to make additional gifts toward this goal.

The Bush Foundation, a private grantmaking organization established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, improves the quality of life by strengthening organizational, community, and individual leadership in the region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

The Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation encourages private giving for the public good. The Community Foundation is a permanent community endowment, built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations. Guided by a 13-member Board of volunteer civic leaders, the Community Foundation makes grants to nonprofit organizations and to individuals for scholarships and provides leadership on important community initiatives in our area. Since our inception in 1983, we have distributed over \$30 million and currently hold over 280 different funds, each with its own charitable purpose. Visit us online at [www.dsacommunityfoundation.com](http://www.dsacommunityfoundation.com).

Regional affiliates of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation include the Two Harbors Area Fund (created in 1998), the Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (created in 2000), the Cook County

Community Fund (created in 2003), the Hermantown Community Fund (created in 2005), and the Eveleth Area Community Foundation (created in 2008).

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