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**STUDENT PHILANTHROPISTS GRANT \$14,000
TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

JACKSON, WY April 11, 2011 — Giving away money can be hard to do. However, student philanthropists are learning how to do so strategically through the Community Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy program. This year, each of Teton County’s four high schools— Jackson Hole Community School, Jackson Hole High School, Summit High School and Teton Science Schools— were tasked with granting \$3,500 for compelling projects. The 50 participating students read applications from 40 organizations, a marked increase over last year’s 9 applications. Nonprofits that submitted requests played an integral role in educating the next generation of philanthropists.

“The difficult thing about philanthropy is there is never enough money to grant everyone’s wishes. I was so impressed with all of the kids’ work and applaud the tough discussions they had and decisions they made.” said Erika Pearsall, Volunteer Coordinator of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole Youth Philanthropy program. “In the beginning, we talked about how serving on this kind of committee means that you have to think about what’s best for the community and put aside your individual passions. They did an incredible job finding a fair balance that benefits the community as a whole.”

Participants discussed philanthropy and the many considerations involved in granting funds. At the top of their list were the impact their allotted dollars could make, how many people the programs served and community need. The teens reviewed applications, discussed each proposal at length, visited with nonprofit representatives and determined which grant requests to fund. Recently, representatives from the groups gathered to celebrate the program and distribute \$14,000 to 15 local nonprofits.

Grant recipients included:

- Boundless Fund – Opportunities For Children
- CLIMB Wyoming – General Operations
- Community Resource Center – Leave the Lights On
- Cultural Council of Jackson Hole – Windows to Wyoming
- El Puente – Access to Healthcare for Children
- Grand Teton National Park Foundation – Wildlife Conservation Initiative
- Habitat for Humanity – Building a Green Future
- Horse Warriors – Parent Saddle Funding
- Jackson Cupboard – Food Purchases
- Jackson Hole Therapeutic Riding Association – Physical Therapy Riding Equipment
- Latino Resource Center – Bilingual Support Services
- Off Square Theater Company – Youth Programming
- pARTners – Developing Creativity
- Teton Literacy Center – Reading Around Town

- Yellowstone-Teton Clean Energy Coalition – Idle-Free Campaign

Applications are accepted each spring. Grants are made possible through the Youth Philanthropy Fund, an endowed fund of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, Old Bill's Fun Run and the generosity of donors. For more information about the program, contact Pam Sather at psather@cfjacksonhole.org. To make a donation to the program, contact our office at 307-739-1026 or visit us online www.cfjacksonhole.org.

About The Community Foundation of Jackson Hole

For over 20 years, the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole has worked with donors and nonprofits to enrich all aspects of our community. The Foundation enables donors to establish personal philanthropic funds including donor advised, endowment, field of interest and legacy funds to facilitate their giving. Annually, the Foundation organizes Old Bill's Fun Run for Charities, which has raised nearly \$75 million since inception for local nonprofits.

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