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ROCK ISLAND, Illinois – Twenty-four area nonprofit organizations will be awarded $331,500 on Wednesday, October 10th during The Amy Helpenstell Foundation's Fall Grant Reception at 8:30 a.m. at The iWireless Center in Moline. This is the largest amount of funding awarded by the Foundation in a single grant cycle.

The Amy Helpenstell Foundation promotes awareness, understanding, diagnosis and treatment of eating disorders in the greater Quad Cities area. Amy Helpenstell passed away in 2003 from complications related to an eating disorder. Ms. Helpenstell created the Foundation through her estate to support causes related to health, education, youth development, community development and cultural activities within a 60-mile radius of Rock Island, where she lived and worked.

"Amy's Foundation has given nearly $3.6 million back to the community since 2005, all to causes that she cared about very much," said Franz "Bud" Helpenstell, Amy's father and President of The Amy Helpenstell Foundation. "With the full impact of state cutbacks to nonprofits being especially noticeable now, we are happy to support these organizations in every way we can. The important work they do can be felt in the lives of real people every day."

The Fall Grant recipients and the programs that received funding include:

- Christian Care – Domestic Violence Shelter Counseling and Case Management, $20,000
- Churches United of the Quad City Area – Winnie's Place Emergency Homeless Shelter, $20,000
- Family Resources – Core Mission Operating Funds, $20,000
- Girl Scouts of Eastern IA and Western IL – Quad Cities Outreach Initiative, $10,000
- Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities, New Home Construction - Habitat House #78, $10,000
- Humility of Mary Housing, Inc. – Transitional & Permanent Supportive Services for Adults Experiencing Homelessness, $15,000
- Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. – Emergency Shelter, Housing, Supportive Services for Adults Experiencing Homelessness, $15,000
- Martin Luther King Center – King Center Youth Programming, $20,000
- Project Renewal – Afterschool Program, $10,000
- Quad City Arts – Visiting Artist Series: Lula Washington Dance Theatre residency, $5,000
- Quad City Botanical Center, Children's Garden Phase One - Construction & Operations, $10,000
- Quad City Symphony Orchestra, K-12 Education Programs for 2011-2012, 2012-2013, 2013-14 school years, $10,000
- Rebuilding Together – Workday and Emergency Home Repairs, $20,000
- RICO Extension & 4-H Education Foundation – Rock Island County 4-H Leadership Program, $5,000
- River Bend Foodbank – Backpack Program, $15,000
- St. Joseph the Worker House Association – Touching Families, $10,000

- Supplemental Emergency Assistance Program – Client Emergency Financial Assistance/Related Costs, $10,000
- Thomas Merton House (dba) Café on Vine – Daily Readiness for meal program, $9,000
- Transitions Mental Health Services – Palm Pilots Project, $10,000
- Two Rivers YMCA – Healthy Lifestyles for All, $20,000
- WVIK Augustana Public Radio – WVIK Public Broadcast Fellowship, $10,000
- Youth Service Bureau of R.I. County – Family Therapy, $25,000
- YouthBuild Quad Cities – YouthBuild Quad Cities, $17,500
- YWCA of the Quad Cities – YWCA Youth Programming, $15,000

For more information about The Amy Helpenstell Foundation, visit www.amyhelpenstell.org or call 563-326-2840. The Amy Helpenstell Foundation is administered by the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend.

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