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Last weekend's Special Olympics' *Eunice Kennedy Shriver Bocce Invitational* among the projects receiving funds.

BETTENDORF, Iowa – The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend is pleased to announce that four nonprofit organizations received Impact Grants totaling nearly \$10,000. These grants were awarded to nonprofit organizations who submitted grant applications during the August 2013 grant cycle. Impact Grants are distributed monthly, and are made possible by the Community Impact Endowment. This Endowment has over 100 donors and gives the Community Foundation the flexibility to meet a wide range of community needs as they arise.

August 2013 Impact Grant recipients:

The Center – Davenport, IA o Funding will support the Street Team: Homeless Outreach and their efforts to provide self care resources, employment services, and housing options to homeless families and individuals at Kings Harvest and to homeless students in Davenport Community Schools.

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions – Rock Island, IL o Funding will support advanced training in child-focused skills including: sexual abuse treatment, play therapy, divorce mediation, and other issues that impact a child's well-being.

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Quad City Youth Conference – Bettendorf, IA o Funding will support the 2014 Quad City Youth Conference. This conference is a workshop based event for approximately 700-900 local 7th-12th grade students. The workshops will focus on providing students with tools for healthy decision-making, skills for networking, and information to encourage them to avoid high risk behaviors.

Special Olympics Iowa – Davenport, IA o Funding will support the purchase of adaptive athletic equipment for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Bocce Invitational, the East Area Bowling Tournament, and the East Area Spring Games. The new equipment will provide a safe and meaningful sports experience for nearly 2,200 local athletes.

To see the Impact Grants in action, we encourage you to attend the Special Olympics' Eunice Kennedy Shriver Bocce Invitational on Sept. 28th from 1-5pm at River's Edge Recreation Center in Davenport, IA.

Since 2006, Special Olympics Iowa has received over \$2,000 in grants from Donor-Advised Funds at the Community Foundation. The August 2013 Impact Grant is the first they have received from the Community Impact Endowment. For more information on Community Foundation grants, visit our website at www.cfgrb.org.

If you are interested in donating to the Community Impact Endowment to support causes like the Special Olympics, please call 563-326-2840 to speak with our Development Staff about a charitable gift.

The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend is a nonprofit organization that connects people who care with causes that matter. CFGRB meets the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations as established by the Council on Foundations.

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