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## Community Foundation To Recognize Philanthropic Leader Nominations Due March 16

Willmar, Minn. – The Willmar Area Community Foundation (WACF) wants the community’s help to honor a local person who has shown a commitment to philanthropy. The Foundation asks the Willmar area community to submit nominations for the Award in Philanthropy by Monday, March 16.

The Award in Philanthropy recognizes the efforts of an individual or couple who has significantly contributed to the field of philanthropy in the region—either through their personal philanthropy, their work as a volunteer, or their work as a professional advising clients about philanthropy.

“The Willmar area community is rich in philanthropic leaders,” said Duane Aldrich, affiliate coordinator for the Foundation. “They go above and beyond to make this community great. This award is our way of showing our appreciation.”

The Foundation started the award program three years ago to honor those who are working to build a better community and inspire the next generation of philanthropic leaders. Last year the award recognized Gary and Nancy Geiger for their generosity and commitment to the Willmar-area community.

The 2009 Award in Philanthropy recipient will be honored Oct. 8 at the Foundation’s annual dinner.

Get a nomination form by visiting [www.CommunityGiving.org](http://www.CommunityGiving.org) and clicking on Willmar Area Community Foundation, or by calling (877) 253-4380.

The Willmar Area Community Foundation is a public charity that attracts and administers charitable funds for the benefit of local residents. WACF is affiliated with the Central Minnesota Community Foundation, based in St. Cloud.