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Emerging Leaders Forum Awards \$20,800 in Mississippi River Grants

St. Cloud, Minn. – The Emerging Leaders Forum (ELF) of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation recently approved \$20,800 in grants to support riverfront planning and improved access to the Mississippi River in the local community.

\$10,000 will help put a fishing pier in Sartell’s Zakrjshk Park this summer. The Emerging Leaders Forum has been working partnership with the Sartell Rotary Club, which has a long term plan for the park that includes a covered picnic shelter, fire pits with grills, and playground equipment.

\$9,000 will support the Saint Cloud Area Urban Mississippi River Corridor Plan. The cities of Saint Cloud, Sartell and Sauk Rapids will be starting this comprehensive river corridor public planning process later this spring. “This is the first time these cities have focused planning specifically on the Mississippi River,” says Krista Durrwachter, 2010 ELF Chair. “We believe this is a significant opportunity to bring all the groups working on improving the local riverfront together around a single vision.”

\$1,800 will go to Mississippi River Renaissance to help provide pontoon floats on the urban stretch of the river in Saint Cloud. “Most people have never actually been on the river within the city,” explains Kelly Filla, 2009 ELF Chair. “There really is no better way to see the potential of our river than getting out on the water.”

The Emerging Leaders Forum, affiliated with the Central Minnesota Community Foundation (CMCF), is a group of the next generation of community leaders who share a common vision of enhancing and improving the community through their collective financial, professional and volunteer resources.

CMCF is a public charity that attracts and administers charitable funds for the benefit of the residents of various Central Minnesota counties. It is one of more than 700 community foundations nationwide. To learn more about these projects, ELF or CMCF, visit CommunityGiving.org or call (320) 253-4380.