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Fourth Generation awards \$44,000 in grants to support aging services

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.— Capping off a year of research about issues affecting senior citizens, a group of emerging philanthropists today announced \$44,000 in grants to five local organizations that provide aging services in the Twin Cities.

Members of the Fourth Generation Fund, a program of The Minneapolis Foundation, come together to learn the skills of strategic giving and pool their resources to make a much bigger difference in the community than they could alone. Every year, they vote to choose an issue, research it together, donate and fundraise to support it, then make grants to local nonprofits. This year, the group chose to focus on aging services in Minnesota.

"Older adults are a growing demographic. By 2030, nearly one in five U.S. residents will be aged 65 and older," said Becky Stibbe, a Fourth Generation member and chair of the group's advisory board. "The Fourth Generation Fund recognized that aging is a timely and critical issue, and one where the members' support could make a real difference."

This year's Fourth Generation grants are as follows:

- \$10,000 to **ArtSage**, a nonprofit that provides training programs for artists and arts organizations, consulting services for senior communities and resources for the general public on the new but growing hybrid field of arts and aging.
- \$10,000 to **CLUES**, a resource and service organization that supports the Twin Cities Latino community. Fourth Generation's grant will support the purchase of a new bus for CLUES' elder transportation services, a critical need in the aging community and a highly utilized service.
- \$4,000 to **East Side Neighborhood Services**, a nonprofit human service agency that supports individuals and families, with a focus on the communities of Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis. Fourth Generation's grant supports the agency's adult day program, a service that helps older adults in our community avoid marginalization and supports their caretakers.
- \$10,000 to **Store to Door**, a volunteer-based shopping and delivery service that gives seniors personal, reliable access to their choice of food and household essentials, so they can continue to live in their own homes.

- \$10,000 to **Tubman**, an organization that helps people who have experienced relationship violence, elder abuse, addiction, sexual exploitation or other forms of trauma.

The Minneapolis Foundation, which is celebrating its Centennial in 2015, created the Fourth Generation Fund to help ensure that future generations have the tools they need to carry on Minnesota's tradition of generosity and make positive change in the community.

In the past five years, Fourth Generation has granted nearly \$175,000 to address critical issues, including youth homelessness, food justice, small business development, and resources for immigrant populations. Learn more about the program at www.fourthgenfund.org.

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