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### **CommunityGiving Receives National Recognition**

*Local organization accredited with rigorous philanthropic standards*

St. Cloud, Minn. – The Central Minnesota Community Foundation (CMCF) is pleased to announce that they, in partnership with CommunityGiving, have recently received reaccreditation with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®, the nation's highest standard for philanthropic excellence. National

Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, and effective practices for community foundations everywhere. CommunityGiving and its partner foundations have been accredited with the National Standards of U.S. Community Foundations® since 2006.

To receive accreditation with National Standards, CommunityGiving and its partner foundations submitted policies and procedures to a rigorous review of 26 National Standards in six key areas of community foundation operations, including donor services, investment management, grantmaking and administration. “Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process,” said Randy Royster, Chair of the Community Foundations National Standards Board. “This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates CommunityGiving and its partner foundations demonstrate a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as it carries out its mission.”

"We work to support the causes our community cares about, supporting the underserved to creating opportunities for growth in the greater St. Cloud region. National Standards says that we meet the most rigorous standards in philanthropy and is a promise to our community that we'll continue to do this good work together, right here in Central Minnesota," says Caryl Turnow, Executive Director of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation.

CommunityGiving and its partner foundations offer a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs or recommend individual grants. “It is critically important to our donors and fundholders that we meet National Standards,” said Steve Joul, President & CEO of CommunityGiving. “When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely, honor their charitable wishes and, in some cases, provide lifetime income to a loved one. The National Standards accreditation says our house is in order.”

The Central Minnesota Community Foundation (CMCF) attracts and administers charitable funds for the benefit of the local community. Since 1985, CMCF has grown to over \$110.1 million in assets and awarded over \$111.9 million in grants to non-profits. The CMCF is governed by a local board of directors and is a partner of CommunityGiving, which is a collaborative of community foundations united under a single framework to create efficiencies that maximize the impact of our donors. Collectively, CommunityGiving administers nearly 850 funds totaling more than \$150 million. Learn more at **[CommunityGiving.org/CentralMN](https://CommunityGiving.org/CentralMN)**