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**Florence Copper Community Foundation Announces Inaugural Award Recipients**

*3 Local Charitable Organizations Each Receive \$5000 Donation to Advance Community Programs*

**Florence, Ariz. (March 17, 2014)** – Florence Copper Community Foundation (Foundation), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to helping improve local communities by awarding funds to local charitable groups and organizations is pleased to announce the first three organizations to receive its inaugural grants.

The Foundation Board of Directors reviewed proposals from a pool of applicants who submitted qualified grant requests by the December 31, 2013 deadline. The selection criteria used by the Board allowed for unbiased and fair treatment of each application. Final selection was based on several factors that brought substantial benefits to the local communities across a broad and diverse population.

“The Foundation Board was pleased to see the high quality of the organizations that applied for grants,” said Rebecca Rios, president of the Florence Copper Community Foundation. “The Foundation wishes to thank those who applied for funding. It is clear that these groups care deeply for the community and its people.”

The recipient organizations are:

- **Hoofbeats with Heart** – Located in San Tan Valley, this equine therapy group is a 501(c)(3) charity who’s passion is improving the lives of the physically and mentally challenged, anchoring at risk youth and giving grief a voice through the fellowship between humans and horses.
- **Loveworks Pregnancy Resource Center (Diaper Pantry Program)** – An outreach ministry of the Mosaic Nazarene Church located in the Anthem community of Florence and is a 501(c)(3) group. The program will work with local agencies to provide clean diapers to the poor, underserved, and working poor in our area.
- **Reforest Florence** – An initiative by The Future Forward Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization to grow and plant 325 new trees around the Florence, AZ core area. Trees have a positive benefit on economic development, increasing property value, and contributing to the charm and beauty of the town.

“The organizations receiving this first round of funding provide outstanding services to a broad cross-section of our community.” Rios said. “We commend them for their service and look forward to seeing what benefits our contributions help to bring to Florence and Pinal County and we are proud to support them.”

Information on the Florence Copper Community Foundation and the application process can be found at [www.florencecoppercommunityfoundation.org](http://www.florencecoppercommunityfoundation.org). June 30, 2014 is the next deadline for application submittal.

**About Florence Copper Community Foundation**

Florence Copper Community Foundation is 501(c)(3) organization committed to making a valuable contribution to the town of Florence and greater Pinal County through charitable donations, community project support and sponsorships. The Foundation is led by an independent board of directors that includes local community members and business leaders. Funding for the foundation is provided by Florence Copper Inc., a mineral development company.

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