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Foundation Welcomes Proposals for Riverfront Mini-Grants

(Watertown) – The Watertown Community Foundation (WCF) is accepting applications for its 2013 *Watertown Riverfront Mini-Grants Program*. The purpose of these grants is to encourage utilization, enjoyment and revitalization of the Watertown riverfront. All eligible Watertown groups and organizations are encouraged to apply for one of several \$500 mini-grants. To get a copy of the one-page application form, go to <http://www.watertownfoundation.org> or contact Jennifer Ross Stewart, Watertown Riverfront Coordinator, at jross@watertownfoundation.org or phone 303-250-6396.

The *Watertown Riverfront Mini-Grants Program* is funded by a generous grant from the Bilezikian Family Foundation.

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must:

- Either be an all-volunteer group; a goal-oriented civic, youth, senior or community organization; a school or school-related group; a 501 (c) (3) organization or a similar group focused on serving people in Watertown.
- Propose a project or activity that encourages the enjoyment, utilization or revitalization of the riverfront.
- Promote building stronger connections among community members using the riverfront as a focus or catalyst.

Organizations that were awarded Riverfront Mini-Grants in previous years ARE welcome to apply again this year.

Examples of Projects/Activities

Activities and projects that may be funded include, but are not limited to:

- A kids/youth riverfront art or music program.
- Craft projects along the riverfront.
- A Riverfront historical and/or nature walk for youth, children, seniors or other groups.
- Youth (3-on-3) basketball tournament at the courts on the riverfront.

- Events/programs for infants, toddlers and their families on the riverfront or oriented toward the riverfront.
- Educational programs for local residents on current riverfront issues or news.
- A riverfront cleanup activity.

Note that creative ideas are encouraged!

Application process

After the one-page application is completed, it should be submitted to Jennifer Ross Stewart, Watertown Community Foundation’s Riverfront Coordinator. Mini-Grant applications are reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis until all funds are dispersed. A funded riverfront project or activity can take place anytime after the mini-grant proposal is approved.

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***The Watertown Community Foundation** works to build and sustain a vibrant, close-knit community in Watertown – now, and for future generations. To accomplish this, WCF raises funds from people and partner institutions, awards grants to non-profits and community projects, and builds networks of donors, grantees, program participants and stakeholders.*

WCF and its grantees are consistent leaders in efforts to:

- *Advance education and health,*
- *Support the most vulnerable,*
- *Protect the environment,*
- *Foster community engagement and leadership.*

Since WCF was founded in 2003, it has awarded over \$360,000 in grants. Persons interested in supporting WCF should contact Michael Schade, Executive Director.

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For more information on this announcement, please contact: Michael Schade, Executive Director, at 617-926-1500, or mschade@watertownfoundation.org.

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