News Release

District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) Announces Fundraiser to Support Homeless Students

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Homework is Hard. Imagine How Hard it is Without a Home

St. Cloud, MN— The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation announces that it has declared April as “Homeless Student Awareness Month” and has opened a Homeless Student Services Fundraiser in response to the needs of homeless students in District 742. KCLD Radio (104.7) has also declared the LEAF Homeless Student Fund as its “Charity of the Month” for April.

Every day homeless students face the daunting task of focusing on a quality education while worrying about the basic needs of reliable food, clothing, and shelter.

Three local couples (Mark & Ann Thelen, Mike Podawiltz & Diana Murphy-Podawiltz, and Peggy Carlson & Chuck Nielsen) have pledged challenge gifts totaling $25,000 in support of LEAF’s fundraising efforts! Your gift is doubled up to $25,000!

Donors who wish to contribute to the fund, which provides needed school supplies, clothing, food and crisis housing assistance for District 742 homeless students, can make their tax-deductible contribution online at www.leaf742.org or send it to the LEAF address of PO Box 1132, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

Your donation will not end homelessness in District 742, but it will help to lessen the negative impact that homelessness has on the ability of students to success in school.

About LEAF

The District 742 Local Education & Activities Foundation (LEAF) was founded in 1993 as a fully independent, non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting and enhancing school-based, extra-curricular activities and academic opportunities in District 742 Public Schools. LEAF’s endowment fund provides supplemental funding for academic, activities, arts, athletics, and student support services programming in the district’s schools. Since 1996 LEAF has granted over $2.4 million, to programs in District 742.

Check out LEAF and the LEAF Homeless Students Services Fund at www.leaf742.org.

Growing a stronger community through academics, activities, arts and athletics.