



The Awesome Foundation

St. Paul Chapter

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Making St. Paul Even More Awesome \$1,000 At A Time

ST. PAUL, MN – New books for American Indian Magnet School’s remodeled library. A Makerspace upgrade at Randolph Heights Elementary School. A sensory-friendly performance at Park Square Theatre. Field trips to the Mississippi River for 4th and 5th grade students at Mississippi Creative Arts School. Restaurant gift cards for homeless teens and families through SPPS Project Reach. A community powwow at American Indian Magnet School. An assistive Technology outreach program at Humboldt High School. Raised gardening beds at Eastern Heights Elementary School. Tickets for 2nd grade SPPS students to attend a performance at the Ordway.

The economic and social impact of AwesomeStPaul’s \$1,000 monthly grants reaches throughout the community, especially in Saint Paul Public Schools.

Each month, the St. Paul chapter of the Awesome Foundation awards \$1,000 grants to help launch projects that make St. Paul more awesome than it already is. Since its founding as a giving circle in March 2022, they have awarded 22 grants totaling \$22,000.

Davia Christiansen, Occupational Therapist at Humboldt High School said, “Thanks to AwesomeStPaul, I have been able to create the first assistive technology closet in my school as a pilot program for other schools. These tools have brought so much more access to their learning environments.”

Katie Meier, Randolph Heights elementary teacher, said, “The Awesome grant allowed me to take my Makerspace classes to the next level! The kids LOVE using the tools and have made Amazing creations out of wood. Thank you!”

Heather Alden, SPPS Project REACH, said, “We are so incredibly grateful for receiving an Awesome Grant. Honestly, the Awesome Grant allows students to be supported and

celebrated as they access learning and reach for their dreams. You are a gift to our community and students!”

Su Yeager, AwesomeStPaul chapter dean, says “Our trustees have been amazed at the quality and quantity of applications we have received since starting our chapter in 2022. St. Paul is truly an incubator of creative ideas, and teachers and other school staff have great ideas. Oftentimes, this grant is what is needed to bring an idea to life. We want people to continue to apply for these grants to help applicants turn their ideas into reality,”

For a full list of past grantees, click on the St. Paul chapter of the Awesome Foundation at www.awesomefoundation.org

Applications for the \$1,000 grant are available on the chapter’s website. Deadline for applications is the 28th of each month, and the application process is very simple.

The Awesome Foundation was started in 2009 and has 82 chapters in 13 countries. Since then, it has awarded \$5.717 million in grants to 5,717 projects worldwide.

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