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DOWNERS GROVE, IL: The Grove Foundation is pleased to announce that its 2025 Annual Grant Program is now open and accepting applications. This initiative provides funding to local organizations whose programs and projects enhance the quality of life for residents of Downers Grove. "In the twelve years since the grant program was established, we've awarded over \$100,000 to local organizations for programs and projects that benefit our residents—from reducing food insecurity to enriching youth education and mental health," said Grove Foundation Grant Coordinator Allison Hanes. "Thanks to over 30 years of generous community support, our grantees continue to shape Downers Grove into a more compassionate, connected place. We're proud to champion these efforts and hope to support them for years to come."

Projects must directly benefit residents of Downers Grove to be considered. Grant applications are due by September 30, 2025. Eligible applicants will be notified by October 20, 2025 and funds will be distributed in early November. The Grove Foundation will celebrate grant recipients at an award ceremony on November 3, 2025. Details about the application process, eligibility criteria, and review guidelines are available on the Foundation's website: www.thegrovefoundation.org.

Founded in 1991, The Grove Foundation is a Downers Grove–based nonprofit that enriches local lives through support of recreational, educational, and community programs. Its funding has impacted organizations such as Navigate Adolescence, SEASPAR, Sharing Connections, Blessings in a Backpack, and NAMI, among many others. In addition to grants, the Foundation hosts annual fundraisers and its own fifth-grade recognition initiative, "Helping Children Grow." Learn more or get involved at www.thegrovefoundation.org, or reach out to: info@thegrovefoundation.org.