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Comcast Foundation Awards \$45,000 to Wilder Foundation's Youth Leadership Initiative

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (January 19, 2010) – St. Paul-based Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has received its first installment of \$15,000 from the Comcast Foundation to support the organization's Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI). The three-year grant totals \$45,000. The YLI program develops a new generation of leaders who reflect the diversity of the community and are prepared to contribute their talents to build a thriving, inclusive and multicultural St. Paul.

"Wilder and its wonderful programs are committed to meeting the needs of vulnerable individuals and families in St. Paul," said Mary Beth Schubert, Comcast vice president of corporate communications. "We are delighted to be part of this initiative."

Comcast's funding allows YLI to help serve 60 St. Paul youth between the ages of 14 and 18 each year through leadership and cultural retreats, multicultural community action teams, cultural exploration sessions and peer-to-peer youth mentorship programs.

"The changing face of our community can be seen as an asset or an obstacle. We believe that young people are a vital asset to our community," said Nou Yang, YLI program manager. "Our Youth Leadership Initiative is committed to cultivating young leaders who will be equipped to thrive and lead in this multicultural world. We work with youth to develop a firm grounding in their own identity, demonstrate tolerance and empathy for others, and work effectively across cultures to improve their community."

About Comcast Foundation

The Comcast Foundation was founded by Comcast Corporation in June 1999 to provide charitable support to qualified non-profit organizations. The foundation invests primarily in programs intended to have a positive, sustainable impact on communities. The foundation's three community investment priorities are promoting community service, expanding digital literacy, and building tomorrow's leaders. Since its inception, the Comcast Foundation has donated more than \$77 million nationwide to organizations in the communities Comcast serves. More information about the foundation and its programs is at www.comcast.com/community

About Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

For more than 100 years, the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation has combined direct service, research and community development to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in greater Saint Paul. Through diverse programs and services, Wilder works with thousands of individuals every year to help them overcome barriers, address their mental health, live with more independence and engage in their communities.

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