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Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Named 2011 Target Foundation Grant Award Recipient *\$25,000 grant will support comprehensive housing services for Minnesota families in need*

St. Paul, Minn. (Nov. 2, 2011)—The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is pleased to announce its selection as a 2011 Target Foundation Award recipient. The grant will provide \$25,000 to support vital services for homeless families through the Wilder Foundation’s family supportive housing programs.

The Wilder Foundation provides supportive, empowering and effective services that address the needs of East Metro families that have experienced homelessness. Wilder works to ensure homeless families have access to affordable housing and supportive services that improve their quality of life and help them achieve greater self-sufficiency. Services include assisting families with locating affordable housing, as well as providing step-by-step planning for permanent housing. The Wilder Foundation also gives families access to a wealth of resources in order to gain independence and success at home, in school, and in their communities. Support from partners such as the Target Foundation will help the Wilder Foundation provide a combination of affordable housing with comprehensive services that help hundreds of families live more stable, productive lives.

“At Target, our local grants are making a difference in communities across the country,” said Laysha Ward, President, Community Relations, Target. “We’re proud to partner with [nonprofit organization] as part of our ongoing commitment to strengthen communities where our guests and team members live and work.”

During the last two years, the Wilder Foundation has served 924 homeless women, men and children through their family supportive housing services. Funds from the Target Foundation grant will support current Wilder Foundation programs such as the ROOF Project Collaborative, Jackson Street Village, and Project Quest – programs that house and support nearly 30 percent of homeless families in Ramsey County. All three housing programs offer

specialized services in housing, wealth creation and poverty reduction, and children and youth assistance.

“The Wilder Foundation is uniquely positioned to reform the way homelessness is addressed,” said MayKao Y. Hang, President and CEO of the Wilder Foundation. “We are honored to be recognized by the Target Foundation for our commitment to families in need. This grant enables the Wilder Foundation to leverage our combined expertise in direct service, research and community leadership to better serve families in our community.”

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About the Wilder Foundation

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is a non-profit health and human services organization founded by a philanthropic Saint Paul businessman, Amherst H. Wilder and his family. For more than 100 years, Wilder has combined direct service, research, and community development to address the needs of the most vulnerable people in greater Saint Paul. *For more information on the Wilder Foundation, visit www.wilder.org*