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Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Named 2010 Transformational Grant Award Recipient from The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation

\$2.2 million grant will support innovative services for older adults and caregivers

St. Paul, Minn. (Dec. 20, 2010)—The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is pleased to announce its selection by The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation as its 2010 Transformational Grant Award recipient. The grant will provide \$2.2 million over the next five years to support and develop critical services for older adults and their caregivers through the Wilder Foundation’s Community Services for Aging.

The Wilder Foundation provides innovative, responsive and effective services that address the emerging needs of Twin Cities residents. As the number of seniors in the community continues to grow, the Wilder Foundation works to ensure that older adults and caregivers have access to affordable and effective services that improve their quality of life. Support from The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation will enable the Wilder Foundation to demonstrate new models of care that can be replicated across the broader community.

“The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation is tremendously excited to be a part of the Wilder Foundation’s extensive leadership and commitment in this area. We are thrilled to be involved in this initiative that will enable the sharing of best practices, models and partnering with organizations across the Twin Cities and beyond our state borders,” said Nancy JS Tellor, Executive Director of The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation.

Funds from The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation Transformational Grant will support the Wilder Foundation’s commitment to:

- Model best practices in aging services
- Develop new models of support for caregivers
- Design research and outcome measures
- Provide community leadership through convening and collaboration

The announcement of the Transformational Grant Award coincides with the opening of the Wilder Foundation's newly renovated Community Center for Aging. Scheduled to open its doors January 2011, this Center will consolidate most of the Wilder Foundation's services for older adults and caregivers under one roof and will serve as a hub for resources related to healthy aging, memory loss, and caregiver support. None of The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation's support will go toward the capital costs of the Center, but the grant will spur program growth at this site.

Through the Wilder Community Center for Aging, the Foundation will build on its legacy of innovation and transformation, engaging nonprofit, public, and private partners in designing new models of care, investing resources to offer services that address complex community challenges, and responding to community needs where the Wilder Foundation can have the greatest impact on vulnerable people in the East Metro area and beyond.

"The Wilder Foundation is uniquely positioned to transform the field of aging services," said Maykao Y. Hang, President and CEO of the Wilder Foundation. "We are honored to be recognized by The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for our commitment to services for older adults. This award enables the Wilder Foundation to leverage our combined expertise in direct service, research and community leadership to better serve older adults and caregivers in our community."

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About the 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 vulnerable people in greater Saint Paul. For more information on the Wilder Foundation, visit www.wilder.org