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**INTERNATIONAL PAPER PENSACOLA MILL AWARDS
\$85,000 IN FOUNDATION GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

OCTOBER 29, 2018 - PENSACOLA, FLA. – International Paper’s Pensacola Mill awarded \$85,000 in grants through International Paper Foundation to local community organizations. Funding priority for grants is given to programs related to International Paper’s **Signature Causes**:

- **Education** - Programs focused on helping children succeed via a comprehensive approach to education. Priority is given to literacy programs from birth through 3rd grade.
- **Hunger** - Programs dedicated to improving food security throughout our communities.
- **Health & Wellness** – Programs that promote healthy living habits.
- **Disaster Relief** – Programs that help communities prepare for and recover from natural disasters.

Funding also is available to address **environmental** initiatives, **employee engagement** and other **critical community needs**.

“We are privileged to be able to assist our local community organizations in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of the residents and children of Northwest Florida,” said Whitney Fike, manager, communications, International Paper Pensacola Mill. “We are able to provide the resources to address critical needs in communities where we live and work and the efforts of these organizations serve to strengthen our community.”

Local community organizations and their projects that were awarded grants for 2018 are:

- AMI Kids Pensacola, “Pensacola GED”
- Autism Pensacola, “Summer Learning Lab and Kids for Camp”
- Ballet Pensacola, “Discover Dance”
- Beulah Academy of Science, “Culinary Arts Program”
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, “One to One Mentoring”
- Cantonment Improvement Committee, “Cantonment Community Outreach Festival”
- Capstone Adaptive Learning and Therapy centers, “The Tell Me Early Learning Literacy Program”
- Children’s Home Society of Florida, “Garden for Community Partnership”
- Council on Aging of West Florida, “Foster Grandparents Eco Solutions Project”
- Covenant Hospice Foundation, “Covenant Care – Granting Final Wishes for Hospice Parents”
- Creative Learning Academy “Professional Development Resources: Being a Writer”
- Epilepsy Foundation of Florida, “Camp Boggy Creek”
- Episcopal Day School, “Exhibit A(rt) – Taking Pride in Student Art”
- Ernest Ward Middle, “Innovation Walls,” “Aquaponics,” “Eagles Build for the Birds,” and “Food Backpack and Share Table”
- Escambia County 4-H Foundation, “4-H Shooting Sports”
- Escambia County Extension, “Healthy Trees, Healthy Communities”
- Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, “Literacy Grants for Excellence”
- Every Child a Reader in Escambia, “Books for the Break”
- Feeding the Gulf Coast, “Backpack Program”
- First Baptist Church of Ensley, “Feeding the Homeless”

- Greater First Baptist Church, “Community Literacy Mentoring and Tutoring Program”
- Greater Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Inc., “5th Grade Concerts”
- Health and Hope Clinic, “Access to Care”
- Hillcrest Baptist Church of Pensacola, “Disaster Relief Engagement”
- Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, “STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Programs”
- Jim Allen Elementary School, “Learning to Read...the Possibilities are Endless”
- Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida, “Financial Literacy Education for Cantonment Students”
- Kingsfield Elementary, “Literacy Libraries” and “The Future Engineers of Fourth Grade”
- Manna Food Bank, “Healthy Kids Initiative”
- Milk and Honey Outreach Ministries, “Literacy and Language”
- Miracle League of Northwest Florida, “Improve Lightning on Fields”
- My Brothers and Sisters, “Women in Transition”
- My Fathers Arrows, “The Green Healing Project”
- Partnership for Community Programs “Bay Day 2019”
- Pathways for Change, “Healing Women Veterans”
- Pensacola Children’s Chorus, “2019 Summer Festival”
- Pensacola Civitan Club, “Wheelchair Ramp Building Program”
- Pensacola Little Theatre, “Acting Up”
- Pensacola Mess Hall, “Questing Corner”
- Pensacola State College Foundation, Inc., “Food Pantry”
- Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries, “Food on the Go”
- Pensacola’s Promise Chain Reaction, “Service Learning Program”
- Pine Forest High School, “Scholastic for Success” and “Literacy, Learning and Life”
- Quintette Community Park Association “Senior Citizen and Youth Programs”
- Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida, “Home for Dinner Program”
- Sacred Heart Foundation, “Motor and Sensory Therapy Rooms” and “Hands-on Learning”
- Santa Rosa Education Foundation, “Literacy Lifelines for Early Learners”
- Studer Community Institute, “Brain Bags”
- The Global Corner “The Global Corner Visits Canada: An Activity Book for Young Explorers”
- University of West Florida Foundation, “Argo Pantry,” “Emerald Coast B.E.S.T. Robotics Hub,” “National Writing Project,” and “UWF Community Garden”
- WSRE Foundation, “Imagination Station Literacy”

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The International Paper Foundation is the US philanthropic arm of International Paper and is one of the ways we strive to reach our company vision to be among the most successful, sustainable and responsible companies in the world. Since its inception in 1952, the Foundation has provided millions in grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to address critical needs in the communities where our employees live and work. Funding priority is given to programs related to our Signature Causes: Education, Hunger, Health & Wellness, and Disaster Relief. For more information, visit ipgiving.com.

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