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Community Foundation Honors Philanthropic Leaders

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin presented local community leader and philanthropist Jeff Campo with the Spirit of Philanthropy Award at its August 28, 2007 Donor Appreciation Picnic at the newly renovated Rothschild Pavilion. Campo is a business owner and serves as the chair of the Rothschild Pavilion Preservation Committee. Community Foundation Board President Todd Nicklaus recognized Campo for his vision, leadership, wisdom, generosity, service, integrity, and tireless and selfless dedication to his community.

In presenting the award, Nicklaus stated, "Today we as a community recognize and embrace the man who – on successive Saturday mornings, parked his van in the parking lot at daybreak in front of the Rothschild Pavilion and began painting the exterior, panel after panel, one at a time." Nicklaus quoted Campo as saying, "If people could just see what this could look like, I know we could do this." Nicklaus continued that Campo "never lost hope that the vision could be realized and because of that singular generous philanthropic act, an entire community was inspired. Countless donors and volunteers alike began to experience the sheer joy of giving back to their community through this project, creating a community gathering space."

In addition, Ron and Lynn Drecktrah and Bill and Mary Nell Reif were recognized as the newest members of the Community Foundation's Society of Founders. The Society of Founders recognizes the generosity of donors who have supported the Foundation's Wausau-Marathon County Fund with a gift of \$10,000 or greater. The

Wausau-Marathon County Fund is one of the most flexible resources to address our community's most pressing needs in the areas of education, the arts, health and human services, and preservation of our resources.

The Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin is a nonprofit community corporation, created by and for the people of north central Wisconsin. It exists to enrich life for present and future generations.

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