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### **BEYOND PENCILS AND BEYOND CRAYONS GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR MARATHON COUNTY TEACHERS**

This fall, the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will again award grants from the Wausau-Marathon County Fund up to \$2,500 each through the Beyond Crayons and Beyond Pencils grant program. The Foundation is seeking applications from K-12 teachers throughout Marathon County for innovative projects to be implemented in classrooms in the 2008-09 school year.

Meeting the educational needs of our community is an important element of the Community Foundation's mission. "Our goal with this program is not necessarily to fund equipment purchases or technological improvements, but rather creative programming ideas to enhance classrooms and get children excited about learning," states Bev Abbott, Foundation board member and chair of the Selection Committees. "Beyond Pencils and Crayons grants provide financial support for teachers with innovative ideas for projects that will enhance their regular curriculum through a streamlined method of applying for funding."

Since the program was initiated in 1997, more than \$280,000 has been distributed in Beyond Pencils and Beyond Crayons grants from the Foundation's Wausau-Marathon County Fund. In the past ten years, teams of educators and individual teachers have implemented 250 different projects benefiting thousands of area students.

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Grant writing support and application materials are available through the Community Foundation office at 715.845.9555 or can be downloaded from the Foundation's website at [www.cfoncw.org](http://www.cfoncw.org). Completed applications must be received in the Community Foundation office by October 17, 2008. A volunteer committee of the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin will review the applications in this competitive process and make recommendations to the Community Foundation's Board of Directors to fund projects that address a specific educational need, and demonstrate creativity, positive impact, cost-effectiveness, and a sense of community.

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Here is contact information for several teachers who previously received Beyond Pencils and Crayons Grants. They may be willing to share information about their programs that were funded for the 2007-08 school year. For a complete listing of last year's grant recipients you can go to our website: <http://www.cfoncw.org/grants/pencilsCrayons.cfm>

Marathon Elementary School, Community Pond Project  
Jillian Hornick - 443-2538

Rothschild Elementary School, World Music Drumming  
Kate Peterson – 359-3186

Faith Christian Academy, Estacion ESPN  
Linda Romine – 842-0797

Wausau School District, Project Immersion (Planetarium improvements)  
Chris Janssen – 261-0850, ext 34246