**PRESS RELEASE-2013**

**The Rice Lake Community Health Foundation (RLCHF) is soliciting applications for matching grant funds. Any non-profit organization that provides health-related services to residents of the greater Rice Lake area is invited to submit a formal written request by Saturday, August 10, 2013.**

**The Rice Lake Community Health Foundation (RLCHF), established in 2008, was able to provide $80,000 in matching fund grants to health-related organizations in 2012/2013. Matching funds were distributed to the following organizations in 2012/2013: Benjamin’s House; Nature’s Edge Therapy Center; Pregnancy Health Center; Rice Lake Area Free Clinic; Pink Ribbon Advocacy, Inc.; Heart Island Family Enrichment Center, Inc.; Boys and Girls Club of Barron County; Ruby’s Pantry; Volunteer Services of Barron County; and the Chetek Food Shelf.**

**The grant process for distributions was re-structured in 2011 to make grants more compliant with the Federal tax code, thus enabling RLCHF to contribute additional health care funding to the disadvantaged in the communities it serves. RLCHF funds cannot be used for operating expenses (e.g. salaries, building rental).**

**The Foundation’s mission is to promote the physical, behavioral and social health of people in the greater Rice Lake area by supporting and partnering with health and wellness organizations. We believe that by helping organizations improve the health of individuals, families, and community systems, we can enhance the quality of life for the community as a whole.**

**A sample request form can be found on the Foundation’s website:** [**www.rlchf.org**](http://www.rlchf.org)**. THIS REQUEST MUST BE EMAILED TO KATHY KNUTSON AT** **knutsons@charter.net****. Deadline for applications is Saturday, August 10.**