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**INTERNATIONAL PAPER PENSACOLA MILL AWARDS
\$100,000 IN FOUNDATION GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 - PENSACOLA, FLA. –International Paper’s Pensacola Mill awarded \$100,000 in foundation grants to local community organizations. Grants are awarded through the International Paper Foundation. The IP Foundation grants are available IP operations, like the Pensacola mill, to focus on signature causes education, hunger, health and wellness, and disaster relief.

“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, Pensacola Mill. “Their efforts serve to strengthen our community.”

Local community organizations and their projects that were awarded grants for 2017 are:

- AMI Kids Pensacola, “Student Care Initiative”
- Autism Pensacola, “Summer Learning Lab and Kids for Camp”
- Ballet Pensacola, “Discover Dance”
- Camshire Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc., “Camshire Meadows Playground”
- Cantonment Improvement Committee, “Cantonment Community Outreach Festival”
- Children’s Home Society of Florida, “Tech for Success at C.A. Weis Elementary Community Partnership School”
- Council on Aging of West Florida, “Foster Grandparents for Forests”
- Creative Learning Academy “Early Years Literary Implementation and Improvement”
- Ernest Ward Middle, “Nut Tree Project” and “Outdoor Classroom”
- Escambia County Public Schools Foundation, “Literacy Grants for Excellence”
- Every Child a Reader in Escambia, “Books for the Break”
- Greater First Baptist Church, “Community Literacy Mentoring and Tutoring Program”
- Greater Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, Inc., “5th Grade Concerts”
- Gulf Coast Kids House, “Medical Equipment for Assessing Child Victims of Abuse”
- Independence for the Blind, “SOAR to Fitness”
- Jim Allen Elementary School, “EGGStraordinary Readers”
- Junior Achievement of Northwest Florida, “Jr. Achievement in Escambia County”
- Manna Food Bank, “Healthy Kids Initiative”
- Milk and Honey Outreach Ministries, “Literacy and Language”
- My Brothers and Sisters, “Women in Transition”
- Myrtle Grove Elementary, “Learning Literacy Growing Gardens” and MobyMax: Find and Fix Learning Gaps”
- Navarre Beach Sea Turtle Conservation Center “Environmental Education”
- Okaloosa County 4-H Association, “Garden to Plate: A 4-H School and Community Garden Project”
- Partnership for Community Programs “Bay Day 2018”
- Partnership for a Healthy Community, “Let’s Wiggle, Santa Rosa”
- Pensacola Mess Hall “How do you Measure a Song?”
- Pensacola State College Foundation, Inc., “Family Literacy Program”
- Pensacola United Methodist Community Ministries, “Healthy Meals Refrigerator/Freezer”
- Pensacola Promise Chain Reaction “Chain Reaction Service Learning”

- Quintette Community Park Association “Senior Citizen and Youth Programs”
- Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Florida, “Home for Dinner Program”
- Sacred Heart Foundation, “Virtual Reality Goggles”
- Studer Community Institute, “Brain Bags”
- The Global Corner “The Global Corner Visits Argentina: An Activity Book for Young Explorers”
- The HER Foundation, “Faith Garden”
- University of West Florida Foundation, “Emerald Coast B.E.S.T. Robotics Hub,” “Invitational Summer Institute for the National Writing Project,” and “UWF Community Garden”

For more information on the grant process, contact Whitney Fike, manager, Communications, Pensacola Mill, at 850-968-3076 or e-mail whitney.fike@ipaper.com.

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