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**Black Hills Area Community Foundation
and Rapid City Library Foundation Jointly Announce
Fund Raising Challenge**

Rapid City, S.D. - The Black Hills Area Community Foundation and the Rapid City Library Foundation will partner on a fund raising challenge grant to provide critical funding for the Rapid City Public Library's renovation program.

Details will be provided at a press conference to be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday November 2 at the Rapid City Public Library. The Black Hills Area Community Foundation has already received a contribution of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor to match other community contributions one-for-one to the Rapid City Library Foundation's fund raising efforts.

"Our thoughtful donor understands the value of the Community Foundation as a partner with area nonprofit organizations," said Patrick Wyss, Chairman of BHACF. "By joining together, we can accomplish important goals that improve our quality of life in the Black Hills. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to facilitate fundraising that will make the Rapid City Public Library's renovations a reality."

"Meeting this challenge is Goal One for the Library Foundation," said Mike Wilson, RCLF Chairman. "With more than 1700 visitors each day, the Library wants to be more inviting, convenient, and productive for patrons. The renovations will better meet community needs and benefit all the users of the Library."

The Black Hills Area Community Foundation was created by and for the people in the Black Hills area. Through its tax-exempt charitable status, it enables people with philanthropic interests to easily and effectively support the issues they care about and programs that improve the quality of life in the Black Hills. Such participation can occur immediately or over time through estate planning. Formerly the Rapid City Foundation, BHACF has an endowment fund and has also assisted as a pass-through vehicle for charitable giving to various community projects over the last 18 years.

The Rapid City Library Foundation's goals are the following: 1) Enable access to information for all citizens in the community and the surrounding region, 2) Enable the Library to serve as a center of learning activity for all ages and abilities, and 3) Enable the expansion of library service to the community by using existing outreach channels and creating new service alliances



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Individuals interested in making a donation to meet the challenge may contact Mike Wilson, Chairman of the Rapid City Library Foundation at (605) 343-2410 or Terri Davis, Public Services Manager of the Rapid City Public Library at (605) 394-6139 ext. 223. Further information about the Library's renovation plan or the RCL Foundation can be found at www.rapidcitylibrary.org. At their July 18, 2006 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Rapid City Community Foundation adopted a new name for their organization: Black Hills Area Community Foundation. The organization remains a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) corporation.

For more information on Black Hills Area Community Foundation call Regina Jahr, Executive Director at 605/718-0112 or visit our website www.bhacf.org.



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