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**Black Hills Area Community Foundation Announces New Funds  
Benefiting YFS Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Rapid City, S.D. - The Black Hills Area Community Foundation (BHACF) announced the inauguration of new endowment funds benefiting two area nonprofit agencies: the Youth & Family Services Foundation and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills.

A press conference announcing the funds will be held Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills, 425 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, S.D.

“We are honored that these funds have been started at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. Over time their value will increase and the interest income will have a significant impact on the quality of programs serving the children of our community,” said BHACF Chairman, Patrick H. Wyss.

The inaugural gift for both of the funds was given by Tom and Sharon Ludwick Warner of Rapid City. “Tom and Sharon give from their hearts and we are so grateful that they have started this fund,” said Mary Victor, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Black Hills (BBBS). “We invite all of our supporters to join them and contribute to it. This fund is a real investment in the future of the children in our community and a tangible way to acknowledge the commitment of the adults who mentor these youngsters and help them so much.”

Greg Hunter, President of the YFS Foundation, gratefully acknowledged the generosity of the Warners. “We started the YFS Foundation earlier this year because we believe in preparing for the future. We are honored to know that these kind people in the community share the same belief and are dedicated to insuring the quality services that YFS provides will always be available for children and families in our area.”

“Helping donors achieve their charitable goals is part of the unique mission of the Black Hills Area Community Foundation. We can hold and administer these types of endowed funds for a nonprofit agency, we can help a donor create an advised fund that gives him or her the opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution and recommend charities over time, or we can help a donor identify charities that work on the issues most important to that individual,” said BHACF Chairman, Pat Wyss. “We are pleased that these funds have been started at BHACF and hope other donors will contribute to them and help secure the future of these agencies.



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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.

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](http://www.bhacf.org).



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