

Community Foundation of Greater New Britain Awards a \$15,000 Matching Grant in its 4th Year of Support for New Britain's Future Workforce

(September 19, 2010) – [The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain \(CFGNB\)](#) recently awarded \$133,116 in grants to nine local non-profit organizations. Among them was a \$15,000 matching grant for the Future Workforce Investment System, an initiative of [Capital Workforce Partners](#), designed to improve employment training opportunities for youth and to develop a future workforce that will lead to a more competitive local economy for the New Britain region. In addition to CFGNB, Future Workforce programming has been supported by the City of New Britain, the New Britain Chamber of Commerce, American Savings Foundation and other local businesses since 2007. Over the last three years, CFGNB has provided \$70,000 in financial support to Future Workforce activities.

"Jobs are a top priority. Now more than ever, we have seen how the 'Great Recession' and our continued struggling economy have knocked the wind out of employment. But this is not the time to be defeated and do nothing; this is the time for proactive preparation to create an educated, trained and prepared future workforce to benefit both the employees and employers in our local economy," says CFGNB President, Jim Williamson.

During their 2010-11 fiscal year, New Britain Future Workforce initiatives involved 710 students and 55 local businesses in job fairs, 44 in-school business speakers, 199 companies and 466 youth involved in summer employment programs and 40 school year internships in area businesses.

CFGNB's matching grant requires Capital Workforce Partners to obtain at least an additional \$15,000 from other outside sources to support these efforts. Capital Workforce Partners is actively pursuing various grants from a variety of organizations. "We are committed to the youth in New Britain," says Thomas Phillips, President and CEO of Capital Workforce Partners. "Career competency training, along with actual job experiences, prepares young people for more sustainable career futures. The Foundation's investment is critical to the future economic state of our region."

The Community Foundation's grants committee strives to invest the funds it administers in programs and services that strongly impact the quality of life for citizens of Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington.

About The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain

Established in 1941, the Community Foundation of Greater New Britain connects donors who care with causes that matter in Berlin, New Britain, Plainville and Southington. It does this by raising resources and developing partnerships that make a measurable improvement in the quality of life in each of these communities.

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Editor's Note: Photo Attached.

Cutline for photo: *Stephanie Soto, Jasleen Velazquez, and Stephanie Schibi at HRA's Urban Oaks Farm worksite were busy in the field this summer. The work participants received a*

certification in nutrition through a partnership with the UCONN Cooperative Extension Program.

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