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NorthSky Nonprofit Network Distributes \$49,305 to 14 Nonprofits in Northern Michigan

June 2, 2008 --- TRAVERSE CITY, MI --- NorthSky Nonprofit Network, in partnership with Michigan Nonprofit Association and five management support organizations throughout the State of Michigan, are delivering training, technical assistance and sub-grant awards to Michigan nonprofits, through a program titled, Michigan NOW. The initiative is supported by a three-year federal Compassion Capital Fund designed to help build the capacity of community-based and faith-based organizations with budgets of up to \$500,000 per year. Between the partners, \$232,172 in capacity building resources will be distributed to 52 nonprofit organizations. The organizations will use the Opportunity Grants and Technical Assistance to build capacity in the areas of leadership, organizational development, program and revenue development, as well as community engagement. Being one of the co-applicants of Michigan NOW, NorthSky distributed \$49,305 in capacity building resources to nonprofits.

Award distribution included:

- \$32,355 in Opportunity Grants
- \$15,750 in Technical Assistance
- \$1,200 in Subsidized Professional Development Workshop Training

In addition to the \$49,305 capacity building resources, four organizations received free technology assessments through the Michigan NOW program.

A complete listing of recipients, award amount and county listing can be found on MNA Web site at <http://www.mnaonline.org/pdf/MichiganNOWgrants.pdf>

Created in 2002, the Administration for Children and Families' Compassion Capital Fund (CCF) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is a key component of the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

Michigan NOW! Management Support Organization partners include Northsky Nonprofit Network (Traverse City), The Great Lakes Center for Youth Development (Marquette), Jackson Nonprofit Support Center (Jackson), Nonprofit Alliance (Battle Creek), and the BEST Project (Genesee County).

NorthSky Nonprofit Network supports the work of the nonprofit sector through advocacy, capacity building, and sustainability support. Its mission is to build strong communities by helping nonprofit organizations achieve and sustain excellence. For more information about NorthSky, please visit www.northskynonprofitnetwork.org or contact Debra McKeon, Executive Director at (231) 929-3924.