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Riverview Gardens, Inc., Appleton Area School District, and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley Partner to Address Needs of At Risk High School Youth

Appleton, WI (June 14, 2017) - Riverview Gardens, Inc. announced it has received a three-year \$294,036 collaborative grant with Appleton Area School District and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley from the Basic Needs Giving Partnership Fund within the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region supported by the U.S. Venture Fund for Basic Needs, the J. J. Keller Foundation and other community partners.

Through this collaboration, Riverview Gardens offers opportunities for local high school youth to engage in job training, leadership development, and service learning in a safe and constructive environment. Using ServiceWorks®, a proven work model for people with multiple barriers to stable employment, enables high school teens to build transferable work and leadership skills to prevent homelessness and systemic poverty. This collaboration implements evidence-based practices through: (1) safe housing; (2) permanent connections; (3) employment/education; (4) well-being.

“We are proud to partner with the Appleton Area School District and Boys & Girls Clubs of the Fox Valley to meet the needs of at-risk high school youth in our community” said Cindy Sahotsky, Riverview Gardens Executive Director. “The ServiceWorks® model provides students with a head start on career choices, as well as the employment and leadership skills that will enable them to make a smooth transition and succeed in college and the workplace.”

“This innovative collaboration allows our students to enhance their current skills, and also learn new skills, that they can take with them or use right here in our community,” said Appleton Area School District’s Assistant Superintendent, Ben Vogel. “We are grateful to the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and our collaborative partners for their commitment to the futures of high school youth in our community.”
