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### **Riverview Gardens, Inc. Receives National Grant and Recognition**

Appleton, WI – July 25, 2014 – Riverview Gardens received a national grant of \$25,000 and recognition for its innovative job-training program for individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness and other significant barriers to permanent and stable employment.

“We are honored and humbled to receive national recognition and a grant for our efforts to implement systemic change in our community using a financially self-sustaining model,” says Riverview Gardens Executive Director Cindy Sahotsky. “The Ward Family Foundation is a leader for applying proven business world practices to charitable organizations, as well as comprehensive best practice studies for organizations tackling the multigenerational issues surrounding homelessness. With this generous gift, we are closer achieving our goal of financial sustainability by the end of 2015.”

According to Libby Ward McKeen, Executive Director of the Ward Family Foundation, “Our mission is to help existing worthwhile charitable causes become more effective. We are happy to support Riverview Gardens’ job-training program addressing root causes of poverty and homelessness, thus allowing families to achieve long-term stability.”

Ward Family Foundation, Inc. was established to assist existing charities improve their effectiveness by implementing best practices. The foundation was inspired by Catholic social teaching which, among other things, recognizes the fundamental right of each human person to life, food, shelter, clothing and medical care. Ward Family Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization operating as a private operating foundation headquartered in Alexandria, VA. For more information about the Ward Family Foundation, visit [www.wardfamilyfoundation.org](http://www.wardfamilyfoundation.org).

#### **About Riverview Gardens**

Riverview Gardens, Inc. is a financially self-sustaining jobs training program for people in need, using urban farming and park setting in downtown Appleton. Riverview Gardens engages Fox Valley residents in community stewardship and collaborate with local outreach organizations in ending poverty, homelessness and unemployment in the greater community. For more information about Riverview Gardens, visit [www.riverviewgardens.org](http://www.riverviewgardens.org).

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