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**Grant Recipients Announced by Florence Copper Community Foundation  
\$15,000 awarded to programs that benefit Florence and surrounding communities**

**Florence, Ariz. (Jan. 19, 2015)** – The Florence Copper Community Foundation (“Community Foundation”) announced three grant recipients at Florence Copper Inc.’s Supporter Appreciation Night on Jan. 14, 2015. The nonprofits awarded funding were Paladin Sports Outreach, Honoring/Hiring/Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County, and the Florence Food Bank – all nonprofits that directly benefit the communities of Florence and greater Pinal County. This was the third round of giving from the Community Foundation, and a total of \$15,000 was awarded to programs that benefit the local area.

Established in 2008, Paladin Sports Outreach is a nonprofit dedicated to bringing recreation services to underserved communities in the southeast valley of Arizona. They believe that sports help communities teach children important life lessons about responsibility, teamwork, and fun. The grant from the Community Foundation will be applied to their equipment replenishment fund and will help them bring more programs to Coolidge and Florence.

Honoring/Hiring/Helping Our Heroes of Pinal County provides a network of services throughout Pinal County for homeless veterans and their families. They believe in embracing those that have served and are currently serving by giving them “a hand up” to success. The Community Foundation grant will help them provide emergency services to veterans and military families in Pinal County including food, clothing, and shelter assistance.

The Florence Food Bank currently provides approximately 100-150 boxes of food to Florence residents in need each week. Their mission is to feed the less fortunate, and their grant from the Community Foundation be used to buy a walk-in refrigerator/freezer for a future soup kitchen in Florence.

“The Community Foundation’s board of directors wants to express how grateful they are to the leaders of these nonprofits for providing such valuable contributions to Florence and its surrounding communities,” said Rebecca Rios, president of the Florence Copper Community Foundation. “We hope that the funds we provided can help make these programs even more successful.”

Florence Copper Inc. plans to continue funding the Foundation throughout the life of the Florence Copper project. The deadline for the next grant cycle is June 30, 2015. Interested organizations can apply at [www.florencecoppercommunityfoundation.org](http://www.florencecoppercommunityfoundation.org).



### **About the Florence Copper Community Foundation**

The Florence Copper Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 funded by Florence Copper Inc. that is committed to making a valuable contribution to the town of Florence and greater Pinal County through charitable donations, community project support and sponsorships.

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