

### **Donaldson Foundation Supports Minnesota Zoo Investigator Program**

Donaldson Company (NYSE:DCI) is pleased to announce that the Donaldson Foundation has awarded \$10,000 to the Minnesota Zoo in support of the Investigators Program. The award will be used to create evaluation criteria and measure the long-term impact the program has had in the communities it serves.

"With this generous gift from the Donaldson Foundation, Zoo Investigators will launch a new Youth Advisory Committee this spring for graduates of the program as well as complete additional evaluation work to measure the long term impact Zoo Investigators has on building ecological literacy and science identity in participants," said Grant Spickelmier, Assistant Director of Education at the Minnesota Zoo. "Both of these will greatly enhance the educational impact of the program."

Zoo Investigators is an out-of-school youth development program that introduces 5th - 8th grade low income and minority youth to important scientific concepts concerning animals and wildlife biology. The program provides students with opportunities to explore real world environmental issues and uses the natural appeal of animals to excite students about the possibilities of science and science careers. The program consists of a regular afterschool enrichment class paired with monthly environmental field trips and an intensive week long summer camp at the Zoo. Currently, Zoo Investigators programming is held at Andersen Community School in the Phillips Neighborhood in Minneapolis and Farnsworth 5-8 School in the Payne-Phalen Neighborhood in St. Paul.

"Zoo Investigators is a wonderful program that offers participants a fun way to learn about how the environment affects animal and wildlife biology," said Jessica Exley, Donaldson Foundation president. "We are pleased to support this program and applaud the Zoo for implementing evaluation mechanisms that will ensure the program's continued success."

More information about the Minnesota Zoo Investigator Program can be found [here](#).

Established in 1966, the Donaldson Foundation funds charitable causes on behalf of Donaldson Company, Inc. Since 1991, the Foundation has contributed 2% of the company's earnings each year, making it a Minnesota Keystone participant. Its mission is to positively impact the communities in which its employees live and work by supporting education. To learn more about the Donaldson Foundation, visit the website at <http://www.donaldson.com/en/about/community/foundation.html>.

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