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LITERACY VOLUNTEERS – CHIPPEWA VALLEY RECEIVES EBAY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR GED PREPARATION AND COMPUTER LITERACY

Eau Claire, WI, Oct. 1, 2013 - Literacy Volunteers - Chippewa Valley (LVCV), a community-based literacy organization serving Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire Counties, announced today that it has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant from the eBay Foundation Corporate Advised Fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation. The grant was recommended by eBay Foundation's employee-volunteer led Wisconsin GIVE Team. LVCV will purchase laptops with the grant. The computers will be used by students to prepare for the new computer-based GED exam which will roll out January 2014.

"The new GED process is significantly different from the existing process in that students will be required to take the exam utilizing a computer. The current exam is paper and pencil format. Most of our adults have minimal experience using a computer, mouse, keyboard and do not readily have access to a computer," said MaryJo VanGompel, Executive Director of Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley. "Our students need teacher support as they learn to demonstrate their reading and writing skills via computer. Not being comfortable with a computer will add pressure and stress to the student who is already testing under a time-constraint."

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The GED Preparation and Computer Literacy Project was made possible in part through eBay Foundation's GIVE Team Program, which empowers employees of eBay Inc. to support their communities through volunteerism and employee-sponsored grants. In 2012 alone, GIVE Teams worldwide recommended 200 nonprofits to receive grants totaling more than \$863,000.

"eBay Foundation was established to reach beyond the boundaries of eBay's virtual village to develop strong communities that bring people together," said Lauren Moore, President of eBay Foundation. "Through our GIVE Teams, we've been able to identify and support a wide variety of outstanding programs, that feed families in the San Francisco Bay Area, educate children in India, assist seniors in Germany, mentor at-risk youth in Omaha, and serve the homeless in Austin—to name only a few. We couldn't be happier to add to our list of beneficiaries by supporting Literacy Volunteers-Chippewa Valley in its efforts to help adults learn basic computer skills while preparing for their GED.

ABOUT LITERACY VOLUNTEERS – CHIPPEWA VALLEY

Literacy Volunteers Chippewa Valley is a community-based literacy program that trains and supports volunteers to educate adults and their families, helping them acquire the skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency and function effectively in their roles as citizens, workers, and family members. Founded in 1986, LVCV's mission to help one individual, one family, and one community at a time and is realized through our core programs: Pair or small group tutoring; Family Literacy; Workplace Education; Corrections, and Citizenship. All programs utilize tutoring provided by trained and supported volunteer tutors. With offices in Chippewa, Dunn and Eau Claire counties, LVCV is classified as a tax exempt, 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

ABOUT EBAY FOUNDATION

eBay Foundation was established by eBay, Inc. in 1998 and, reflecting eBay innovation, was the first corporate foundation to be endowed with pre-IPO stock. Since inception, the Foundation has contributed more than \$25 million to nonprofit organizations worldwide. The Foundation engages eBay Inc. employees and supports their pursuit of charitable giving and volunteerism through its GIVE Team program. In addition, using a unique combination of foundation funding, employee volunteerism, and other resources, eBay Foundation has created the Opportunity Project to extend the company's commitment to global citizenship. By scaling social innovations that create economic opportunity, The Opportunity Project gives people in need the chance to participate in the global economy, provide for their families, and build stronger communities. For more information: www.theopportunityproject.org. eBay Foundation GIVE Teams grants are awarded by the eBay Foundation Corporate Advised Fund at Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

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