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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Make a Difference By Volunteering!

Applications for “The Incredible Exchange” are now available for summer 2013 participation. “The Incredible Exchange” is designed for youths ages 12-15 to volunteer in their community and give of their time and talents while learning new skills. In exchange, they can earn a certificate for a recreational or cultural activity of their choice, such as music, art, martial arts, dance or horseback riding lessons, a YMCA pass, or a ski or golf pass. Participants can choose from a variety of volunteer sites, including community centers, hospitals, assisted living facilities, daycare centers and tourist attractions. Upon completion of the program (25-50 volunteer hours), the participant receives an Exchange Certificate, redeemable for their chosen activity, as well as the life-skills learned through their volunteer experience.

Program requirements:

- Must be 12-15 years old (as of April 15, 2013)
- Must complete an application for the program
- Must live in south St. Louis County
- Youth may participate in a maximum of two sessions

The summer volunteer session runs from June 2013 through August 2013.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.

Applications are ON-LINE this year: Applications can be completed and submitted ON-LINE (if a working email address is provided). Go to: www.stlouiscountymn.gov/incredibleexchange and follow the link to the application.

Paper applications will also be accepted and can be printed from the web site listed above and mailed or faxed to “The Incredible Exchange,” St. Louis County Extension Office, Government Services Center, 320 W. Second Street, Suite 709, Duluth MN 55802. Area schools have also been informed about the applications and may have paper applications available to students.

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