

NEWS RELEASE

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SMEF “Miners Give Back” provides funding for global outreach programs
Deadline to submit applications is September 10, 2014

The Miners Give Back (MGB) program of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Foundation (SMEF) is committed to improving the lives of individuals in mining communities worldwide. Through this program, SMEF is dedicated to support initiatives focused on humanitarian efforts.

“As members of the largest professional society in the mining industry, specialists around the world will now have a process, through MGB, to positively impact and enhance local communities in which we operate with sustainable benefits that will last for generations,” said SME Executive Director David L. Kanagy.

Applications for project funding should be received by SMEF on or before September 10, 2014. SMEF is prepared to invest matching funds up to \$10,000 per project to fund solutions to projects related to community health, welfare and/or public safety; access to clean water; environmental stewardship; at-risk youth; adult literacy; local career development and education; safe and affordable housing; and other issues within a mining community.

SMEF seeks to realize this outcome:

- under the sponsorship of an established mining or mining-related company,
- through the formation of partnerships with local or regional organizations, and
- under the sponsorship of local SME Sections or individuals who will initiate and implement well-defined projects with results that will provide a definitive benefit to the local community.

The 2014 Miners Give Back grants are made possible by a generous donation from Drummond Company Inc. Any SME member is eligible to submit a nomination for a project. Proposals must include an established mining-related company to serve as its sponsor, local representative involvement in the project’s planning and implementation, and committed matching funds. Details about the program and a downloadable application can be found at <http://community.smenet.org/smefoundation/programs/mgb>. For additional information, contact AnnMarie Kochevar at Kochevar@smenet.org or 303-948-4239.

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