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**General Support Grant Received from Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation**

**Winter Park (FL) Foundation Steps-up in Recognition of Local Public Media News and Information Source**

Carroll McKenney Foundation for Public Media (CMF) announced today that it has received a grant of \$5,000 from Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation of Winter Park, FL.

CMF board chair, Judy Duda, praised the grant as much for it being “a much-needed source of first year operating support” for the newly launched on-line media enterprise as it is “for the recognition the grant provides to CMF.”

Duda noted that CMF has just launched its first phase of external fundraising. “With Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation’s recognition, we are encouraged that it will be an affirmative message we can responsibly use with a wider community of donors with whom we are now or soon to be in conversation in regards to seeking their support,” Duda stated.

David Odahowski, President and Chief Executive Officer of Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation remarked that “CMF’s mission to produce on-line audio content regarding issues and voices that matter in Central Florida runs parallel to their interest in supporting local organizations who use new methods to address on-going local issues.” That we can offer this support “in CMF’s first operational-year, comes in recognition of their need and the program content they have produced in their first 7-months.”

Stephen McKenney Steck, co-founder and president of CMF, said the grant will be applied “to secure CMF’s on-line Web portal which distributes its flagship program *Central Florida Matters* and a companion page, *Heard in Central Florida*.”

Since it’s founding in Winter Park, Florida, in 1973, the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation's has been recognized for creating innovative civic solutions that help people help themselves. The foundation’s board has carried on the trust imparted to it by its namesake and principal benefactor, Mrs. Edyth Bush, a woman who dedicated her life to promoting philanthropy throughout the community. Prior to her death in 1972, Mrs. Bush and her husband - Archibald G. Bush - individually contributed many millions of dollars to charitable and educational organizations in Florida and Minnesota where Mr. Bush was a director, officer, and stockholder of the Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Company prior to his death in early 1966. More information is available at <http://www.edythbush.org/>.

Carroll McKenney Foundation for Public Media, Inc., is a non-profit, tax exempt 501(c)(3) publicly supported charity. Located in Oviedo, Florida, CMF produces and distributes program content via the Internet, such as downloadable audio podcasts featuring information and features on subjects

or people of importance to Central Florida. The state of Florida recognizes CMF as exempt from state sales tax and approved to conduct charitable solicitations.

CMF's Website at <http://cmfmedia.org> provides additional information about Carroll McKenney Foundation: upcoming programming, history and future plans, governance and budget. While at the site, a visitor can subscribe to the CMF E-Letter. An on-line contribution opportunity is also available for visitors or listeners wishing to make a tax deductible contribution to non-profit CMF.

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