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Juniper Networks Awards Grant in Partnership with Greater Lowell Community Foundation Center for Business Philanthropy

The Juniper Networks Community Grant Program Awards \$10K Grant to the Clean River Project

WESTFORD, MA – Juniper Networks, which creates innovative technologies that help customers connect ideas and thrive in our ever-changing world, today announced that its Community Grant Program is awarding a \$10,000 grant through the Greater Lowell Community Foundation Center for Business Philanthropy. The program seeks to build relationships with nonprofit organizations and engages employees in learning about service opportunities in their communities in the Greater Lowell area.

The grant was awarded to the Lowell-based Clean River Project, a non-profit organization which seeks tirelessly to remove trash and debris from the Merrimack River in an effort to restore the river and its beaches to their former pristine state. Clean River Project will run an educational program for lower income youth this summer. This will be a hands-on program taking the students out on the river to conduct environmental studies, where they will learn about water quality, pollution, hazardous wastes and other contaminants, sonar technology, and the history of the Merrimack River.

“Here at the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, our mission has always been to improve the quality of life for the people in the communities we serve by connecting donors with nonprofits that serve the causes that matter to them,” said Jay Linnehan, Executive Director of the Greater Lowell Community Foundation. “Working with Juniper Networks to bring philanthropy into the workplace in order to give back to their community has been a wonderful experience.”

The Grant Process

From reading a grant proposal to learning about the organizations in the community and filtering through the worthy applications in order to select the finalists, and participating in onsite work sessions with the Greater Lowell Community Foundation, employees have the opportunity to learn how nonprofits are addressing important issues in the community. From 25 grant submissions, 3 finalists were selected and invited to Juniper Networks corporate headquarters to share how their organizations would best serve the community, how they would use the grant funds, and their ideas for employee community service projects. The grant of \$10,000 was awarded by Juniper Networks employees to Clean River Project, which will put those funds to good use removing tires from the Merrimack River in the Haverhill, MA area. Clean River Project will invite Juniper Networks employees to join them for a designated clean up on the river.



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Through this grant, the Juniper Networks Community Grant Program sought to support an organization that serves youth and provides programs that focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics).

About Greater Lowell Community Foundation

The Greater Lowell Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization comprised of over 350 funds, currently totaling over \$37MM, which is dedicated to improving the quality of life in 20 neighboring cities and towns. The Community Foundation annually awards grants and scholarships to hundreds of worthy nonprofits and students, and is powered by the winning combination of donor-directed giving, personal attention from its staff, and an in-depth understanding of local needs. The generosity of our donors has enabled the Community Foundation to award nearly \$19 million to the Greater Lowell Community since 1999.

For more information on the Greater Lowell Community Foundation please visit www.glcfoundation.org.

About Clean River Project

Clean River Project (CRP) is dedicated to cleaning and preserving New England's lakes, rivers and streams. It was founded in 2005 by a group of local boaters on the Merrimack River who were appalled at the condition of the water and riverbanks. The volunteer group has since removed thousands of tons of trash and debris from the river, including 8000 tires and 73 motor vehicles. CRP serves the more than 600,000 Merrimack Valley residents who rely on the Merrimack River as their drinking water supply, as well as the thousands of other citizens who use the River for recreational purposes and the hundreds of species of wildlife who inhabit the watershed.

About Juniper Networks

Juniper Networks has a passion for creating high-performing networks, and in this way extending knowledge, collaboration, and human advancement in industries around the world—such as energy, healthcare, education, and many others. As Juniper's customer base expands by working with the largest service providers and some of the largest, most influential enterprise customers in the world, they still strive to focus on understanding individual customer needs, enabling them to solve difficult problems that others can't, or won't, approach. Juniper Networks stands behind some of the world's largest Internet service providers, cloud and data center providers, banks, national government agencies, healthcare and educational institutions, and more. Simply put, Juniper provides the kind of innovative thinking, performance, automation, and commitment that enable the world's best networks.

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