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**THRIVENT FINANCIAL NAMED TITLE SPONSOR OF
FOX CITIES P.A.C. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT ANNUAL APPRECIATION EVENT

APPLETON, WI (Aug. 28, 2014) — The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center is happy to announce Thrivent Financial as the title sponsor of the Center’s volunteer program.

“We are grateful for the generous support from Thrivent Financial and their appreciation of our volunteer program which plays a key role in our nonprofit organization’s success,” said Fox Cities P.A.C. President Maria Van Laanen. “Thrivent has been a lead partner of ours since the very beginning recognizing the power of the performing arts to impact the quality of life by enhancing our local education programs and engaging the community.”

Terry Timm, senior vice president of shared services and administration division at Thrivent Financial and Fox Cities P.A.C. board member made the announcement last night at the Center’s annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in front of an audience of more than 350 volunteers.

“At Thrivent Financial we believe in living generously and encouraging our employees to give back to the community. Improving community is an important part of our mission. Thrivent is proud to support this wonderful program which aligns so well with both our commitment to community and our relationship with the Fox Cities P.A.C.” said Timm.

Thrivent Financial has been a leading supporter of the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center from the very beginning giving an \$8 million gift to the community to construct the world-class facility. In addition to the volunteer program sponsorship, Thrivent is a strong supporter of the Center’s other fundraising efforts, including being a Leader Level Annual Business Partner for the past 10 years and a Keystone Campaign donor.

VOLUNTEER AWARD RECIPIENTS

Volunteers are recognized for their support annually at the Volunteer Appreciation Event. Last night, awards were distributed to the following individuals for their hard work and dedication during the 2013-14 Season.

- Golden Flashlight Award (Volunteer with most hours): Anne Jackson, Appleton
- Rookie of the Year Award (Best volunteer in their first year): Bonnie Donnelly, Appleton

- Ambassador Award (Volunteer who exemplifies the ideals of the Fox Cities P.A.C. volunteer program here and in the community): Darlene Coley, Menasha
- Standing Ovation Award (Volunteer of the year award): Judy Hug, Appleton

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center has more than 400 volunteers who give their time and talents to play a key role in the Center's visitor experience and hold responsibilities like welcoming and directing guests, scanning tickets, ushering, checking coats and answering questions. Volunteers donate approximately 25,000 hours which equals a value of \$467,500 in support each season.

For more information on the volunteer program, visit foxcitiespac.com.

ABOUT THE FOX CITIES PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in downtown Appleton, provides a premier venue for live performing arts. The Center proudly serves as a gathering place for the community to engage in educational opportunities while enhancing a greater understanding and appreciation of the live performing arts. For more information on upcoming events, education programs and community involvement go to foxcitiespac.com. The Fox Cities Performing Arts Center – *Where the Arts Come Alive!*

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