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**Green Bay Packers Foundation Awards Grant to Dominican Center
to Support Amani Neighborhood Youth Program**

Milwaukee, WI – December 27, 2016. The Green Bay Packer Foundation awarded \$2500 to the Dominican Center at their annual award luncheon held at the Lambeau Field Atrium.

The Dominican Center and Amani residents recognize keeping the neighborhood safe is an intergenerational effort that needs to involve Amani youth. Statistics reveal there is an increase in crime within 250 feet of vacant lots. This grant supports Amani youth programs and increases youth involvement in neighborhood clean ups, outreach, and community events. Funds are used to purchase yard, lawn, and snow equipment. With the purchase of supplies, Amani youth will continue to contribute to the upkeep of Amani pop-up parks, its' community gardens, and lawn and walk maintenance of homes owned by the elderly and disabled. The Dominican Center believes the intergenerational activities and efforts provide valuable leadership and skill development training for youth.

Green Bay Packer Foundation gave grants to 316 Wisconsin nonprofit groups, including Dominican Center, with a record breaking total giving amount of \$800,000. The Packers Foundation has distributed more than \$7.2 million for charitable purposes since its establishment in 1986.

The Dominican Center is located at 2470 W. Locust Street, in the heart of the Amani neighborhood. It works with Amani residents and partners to build a better future. The Dominican Center served as the community anchor for the White House Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative, Building Neighborhood Capacity Program and is the lead community partner for the new U.S. Department of Justice Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant for Amani.

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