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Center for Rural Policy and Development receives Friend of the CGMC Award

ST. PAUL— The Center for Rural Policy and Development received the "Friend of the CGMC" Award from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria. The Friend of the CGMC Award recognizes individuals and organizations that have helped advance the interests of Greater Minnesota.

For many years, the Mankato-based Center for Rural Policy and Development (CRPD) has regularly produced high-quality research on issues that impact Greater Minnesota communities. Its in-depth studies on issues such as child care, housing, broadband and workforce development have served as a springboard for many of the CGMC's legislative initiatives. The information CRPD provides is vital to helping legislators, city leaders, the media and the public understand the top concerns facing Greater Minnesota. In addition to CRPD's research and reports, the organization also has a podcast and regularly hosts webinars that bring additional voices into discussions on the issues that matter to rural communities.

"The information that the Center for Rural Policy and Development provides empowers city leaders and allows us to more effectively advocate for our communities' needs," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "They are always two steps ahead when it comes to emerging issues and their top-notch staff know how to convey complicated information in a simple, easy-to-understand format. They are absolutely vital to helping tell Greater Minnesota's stories."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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