



# Burnsville Community Foundation

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## **BURNSVILLE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SEEKING DONATIONS TO COMPLETE FIRST RESPONDER SCULPTURE - 'HOMAGE'**

The Burnsville Community Foundation is seeking the community's support to help complete "HOMAGE," a life-size, bronze sculpture depicting a police officer, firefighter and a paramedic. Once complete, the sculpture will stand outside the Burnsville Police Department and Burnsville City Hall as a public thanks and respect for the brave men and women who serve and protect.

### **Donations Sought**

The Community Foundation is in its last round of fundraising and plans to unveil and dedicate the sculpture this fall. In addition to the sculpture, the project will include new landscaping in front of Burnsville City Hall and a new, raised concrete base for the statue. The proposal also includes five new park benches.

**Park bench sponsorships are available for \$10,000 each. Other donations of any denomination will also be gratefully accepted.**

The Community Foundation will raise \$178,000 for the project. Those who contribute \$100 or more will have their names placed on a plaque/monument acknowledging their contribution.

### **About the Artist/Sculpture**

Artist, Mary Pat Fay-Lutz, a long time Burnsville resident, has been commissioned to create the sculpture. She explains her perspective and inspiration for the piece as follows.

*"Police, firefighters and paramedics count on each other. They have each other's backs. This is why I have chosen to position them this way. They are reaching out to all of our community. We, in turn, pay homage to the brave men and women who put our welfare and safety above all.*

*For more information on the Burnsville Community Foundation or to donate visit [www.burnsvillecommunityfoundation.org](http://www.burnsvillecommunityfoundation.org). Questions can be directed to [info@burnsvillecommunityfoundation.org](mailto:info@burnsvillecommunityfoundation.org).*

*(Images of Sculpture in Progress Below)*



**Bronze Sculpture of Burnsville Firefighter - Homage**



**Bronze Sculpture of Burnsville Police Officer - Homage**