

City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation Serves More Than 300 Minneapolis Students

This year the City of Lakes Nordic Ski Foundation expanded its youth programming. The Foundation now runs youth programs in four Minneapolis Public Schools:

- Bryn Mawr Elementary (120+ students learned to ski this year)
- Anwatin Middle School (20 middle school students taking next steps in skiing)
- Andersen Open School (90+ students learned to ski this year)
- Pillsbury Community School (120+ students learned to ski this year)

Thanks to a grant from UCare Minnesota, Pillsbury Elementary was the newest school served by the Foundation. English as a Second Language Teacher Mark Trumper really enjoyed having the program at Pillsbury. “The kids loved the program. It makes a big difference in their lives. They learn to ski, they learn about fitness and nutrition, they learn to appreciate the outdoors and they have an opportunity to show off their new-found skills at the Minne-Loppet. We are really happy we have had this opportunity to work with the Foundation,” says Trumper.

Look for a new Foundation program this spring and summer. The Medica Foundation has provided a grant that will allow kids in the Andersen School area to learn about and participate in paddling, mountain biking, trail running and the Foundation’s summer and fall events – the Tri-Loppet and Trail Loppet.

To learn more about the Foundation’s programs or to volunteer visit www.loppet.org or call 612 604-5330.