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Johnson Center receives grant from Kellogg Foundation
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Grand Valley State University

Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy in Grand Rapids, Mich., has received a \$2.1 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The grant money will be used to help the Johnson Center's long-term sustainability.

"We are excited about how a partnership with the Kellogg Foundation, Doug and Maria DeVos Foundation, and Grand Rapids Community Foundation came together to provide the Johnson Center with the financial assistance needed to transition to a more self-sufficient financial model," said Kathy Agard, executive director of the Johnson Center.

Established in 1992 with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy promotes effective philanthropy, community improvement, and excellence in nonprofit leadership through teaching, research, and service. The Johnson Center is recognized for its applied research and professional development benefiting practitioners and nonprofits through its Community Research Institute, Nonprofit Good Practice Guide, The Grantmaking School, and *The Foundation Review*.

Grand Valley State University attracts more than 24,400 students with high-quality programs and state-of-the-art facilities. Grand Valley is a comprehensive university serving students from all 83 Michigan counties and dozens of other states and foreign countries. Grand Valley offers 77 undergraduate and 28 graduate degree programs from campuses in Allendale, Grand Rapids and Holland, and from regional centers in Muskegon and Traverse City. The university is dedicated to individual student achievement, going beyond the traditional classroom experience, with research opportunities and business partnerships.

Established in 1930, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society. Grants are concentrated in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, and southern Africa.

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