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Huntley Community Radio has been Granted FCC Permission to Become a Low-Power FM Station

Huntley, IL, March 28, 2014 — Huntley Community Radio (HCR) is pleased to announce that on Friday, March 14, 2014, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a construction permit to HCR to build out its internet radio station to broadcast as a low-power FM station within 18 months. With an aggressive campaign to raise the funds needed to accomplish this goal, HCR is targeting to begin its FM broadcasts by the end of 2014.

With the installation and testing of its FM equipment completed, and final approval from the FCC, HCR will begin broadcasting on 101.5 FM. HCR's call sign is still pending.

The first step in the installation process is to conduct a study to determine if the proposed installation of HCR's FM antenna atop of the Huntley water tower at Kreuters and Haligus will be structurally sound, and does not negatively impact broadcast signals currently emanating from the tower.

During a Village Board meeting last fall, the Huntley Village Board gave HCR "reasonable assurance" that it would approve of the installation if these conditions are met.

This study will be conducted by two respected companies in the broadcasting industry at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Once this study is completed, and after the Village Board grants HCR a special use permit for the implementation of HCR's antenna, HCR will proceed with the purchase,

leasing, and installation of the antenna, cabling, transmitter, broadband connection, emergency alert system, among other FCC requirements.

All this will require substantial funding that HCR will acquire in large part from grants, foundations, and corporate donors. However, much of its funding is anticipated to come from private donors and organizations. That's where you can help.

If you value HCR's mission to keep Huntley informed and connected with local news, announcements of community events, alerts, and numerous locally produced programs; and as a resource for residents young and old to learn broadcast communication skills as a means to a new career in broadcasting or as an new avocation, then we ask you to donate to HCR by going to www.huntleyradio.com and clicking on either the "Donate" or the "GoFundMe" button.

As you consider a donation, note that HCR currently has collaborative partnerships with McHenry County College (MCC) and Huntley High School (HCC) to engage students from both schools in real-world, hand-on learning to produce, edit, and host their own HCR programs, as well as acquiring hands-on skills in sound engineering. Currently, HCR has five (5) interns from MCC who receive college credits for their HCR training. Twenty-five students from the HHS Radio Club are currently involved in creating and hosting their own HCR program called "Raider Radio" sponsored by HHS teacher, Mrs. Cathy Bardy, and guided by Ann Knipp, HCR Director of Youth Programming and Development.

Any donated amount is welcome and appreciated, whether it's \$5, \$10, \$25, or \$5,000. HCR is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are fully tax deductible.

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