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## **2016 RUMMAGE SALE PROCEEDS ANNOUNCED BY MILWAUKEE NARI FOUNDATION**

MILWAUKEE – The Milwaukee NARI Foundation, Inc., the educational and charitable arm of the Milwaukee NARI Home Improvement Council, announced its 11th annual “Home Improvement Rummage Sale” held on May 6, had net proceeds of nearly \$8,500.

The event supported efforts of the Milwaukee NARI Foundation to provide financial and educational support to students pursuing a career in the home improvement and remodeling industry, while helping to reduce the construction and demolition materials that are filling landfills.

Consumers from throughout southeastern Wisconsin were able to purchase an assortment of merchandise, including lighting fixtures, cabinets, bathroom tiles, windows, doors, furniture, faucets, bathtubs, showers, sinks, appliances, shingles, lumber, garage doors, siding, and hardscaping materials.

“We once again had a line of people waiting to come on the grounds as soon as we opened at 8 a.m. and purchases were made within seconds of opening,” said Tom Callen, Milwaukee NARI Foundation president. “The hundreds of people that visited the rummage sale were primed to buy, with some purchasing one or two items, others buying car or truck loads, and some needed to make multiple trips to get all of what they purchased home. Everyone received wonderful value on the home improvement and remodeling products purchased, plus helped the Foundation advocate for those that yearn to make the home improvement and remodeling industry a career.

“The outstanding contributions of Milwaukee NARI members permits the rummage sale to achieve its annual success,” Callen said. “We had terrific support from members that volunteered in organizing and staffing the event, as well as cleaning up at the end of the day. The proceeds will be used for scholarship programs, tools and equipment, and to educate people on the opportunities available within the industry.”

The goal of the Milwaukee NARI Foundation is to promote public awareness of the home remodeling and improvement industry through educational programs and community activities and raise funds to support scholarships and grants to help encourage and train young people and displaced workers interested in the professional remodeling industry.

To carry out its purpose, the Foundation expends funds for the refinement and/or expansion of existing Milwaukee NARI education programs, supports scholarships to assist professional training of

individuals entering the home improvement and remodeling field, and embarks on activities judged necessary to insure an ample supply of professionally trained individuals.

Through various special events, including the annual Home Improvement Show raffle, Rummage Sale, Golf Outing, and Holiday Party, plus member contributions, the Foundation has provided more than \$180,000 in scholarships, tools, and equipment for use by students and schools in southeastern Wisconsin. The Foundation has also established endowments at both Milwaukee Area Technical College and Waukesha County Technical College.

More information is available at [www.milwaukeearifoundation.org](http://www.milwaukeearifoundation.org).

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