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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$112,658 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$112,658 to twenty-seven local organizations in support of programs or projects designed to improve the quality of life across Wayne County.

All of the Foundation's community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and field-of-interest endowment funds.

"We have changed the structure of our competitive grantmaking cycles this year," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director. "Our focus for this cycle was on programs and initiatives that speak directly to improving our quality of life. We believe the ones that we were able to fund will benefit the community in many, many ways."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Retired Senior Volunteer Program \$1,550
To purchase weights and other fitness equipment for the Enhance Fitness Program.

Richmond Day Nursery \$2,000
To purchase ten computers from IU East for students to work on homework and play educational games.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$7,450
To assist with the roof replacement on the 1953 addition to the Museum.

Kids Kingdom of Wayne County \$3,107.16
To purchase nine new cribs to comply with federal mandates, along with rocking chairs, and a feeding table.

<u>Morrisson-Reeves Library</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
In support of the new program called <u>Read 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten</u> a project to help kids enter school ready to learn.	
<u>Historic Centerville</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
To assist with the roof replacement on the Mansion House.	
<u>Civic Hall Performing Arts Center</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
In support of the 2012-2013 Proudly Presenting Series, including the public performances, community outreach, and educational activities.	
<u>Richmond Art Museum</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
To update and enhance the current audio/visual system used for the Phantoscope Film Festival in McGuire Hall Auditorium.	
<u>Whitewater Community Television</u>	<u>\$5,658.50</u>
To purchase a digital video encoder and one year's worth of web media hosting and streaming video-on-demand service.	
<u>Christian Charities</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
To help provide monthly lunches to RCS elementary schools with free/reduced lunch rates of 85% or higher.	
<u>Every Child Can Read</u>	<u>\$7,250</u>
To provide operational support for the 2012 Third Grade Reading Academy.	
<u>Vineyard Gateway Fellowship Church</u>	<u>\$5,490</u>
To purchase two freezers for the food pantry.	
<u>IACY House</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
To help replace the body safety program that is offered to Wayne County Schools.	
<u>Nettle Creek Music Boosters</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
To purchase a bus or trailer to be used by the band.	
<u>Hagerstown-Jefferson Twp. Public Library</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
To help offset the cost of the 2012 Summer Library Program, "Dream Big."	
<u>Junior Achievement of Eastern IN</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
To fund a portion of the direct costs the new Graduation Pathways Project.	
<u>Hope House</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>
For kitchen equipment.	

<u>Animal Care Alliance</u>	<u>\$3,322</u>
For a county wide, free roaming cat spay/neuter program.	
<u>Richmond Symphony Orchestra</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
To assist with the production of "The Nutcracker" in December 2012.	
<u>Abilities Richmond</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
For an outdoor lighted sign.	
<u>Stage One Youth Theatre at RCT</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
For the expenses associated with three outreach programs and four productions for the 2012-2013 season.	
<u>Richmond Parks and Recreation Department</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>
To assist with the artist fees and marketing for the 2012 LIVE at the Park outdoor concert series.	
<u>Historic Hagerstown, Inc.</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>
In support of free art and music lessons in the Hagerstown community.	
<u>Help the Animals</u>	<u>\$3,130.34</u>
To spay and neuter animals.	
<u>Communities In Schools of Wayne County</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
To support the "Crusing Into Your Future" and "Choices" programs, and to purchase two computers.	
<u>Peer Information Center for Teens, Inc.</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
To assist with training and materials for Certified Peer Helpers at RHS.	
<u>DIPLOMAS In School Nursery</u>	<u>\$7,200</u>
To provide a year's support for two children and four teen parents.	

The next grant cycle deadline is August 1 for the Challenge Match Program. Prospective applicant organizations are encouraged to visit the Foundation's Web site (www.waynecountyfoundation.org) or contact Andrea Stuckey at 962-1638 for additional information.

The Wayne County Foundation exists to foster and encourage private philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and to improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.

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