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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$106,015 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$106,015 to twenty-five 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.

"The Foundation's competitive grantmaking cycles continue to be an effective way for us to invest in the community," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director. "Our focus for this cycle was on programs and initiatives that speak directly to improving the quality of life throughout Wayne County. We believe the ones that we were able to fund will benefit a significant number of people in many, many ways."

This is the complete list of grant awards approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors at its May meeting:

Birthright of Richmond	\$5,000.00
To assist with the replacement of deteriorated siding at 305 South 6th Street in Richmond.	
Wayne County Historical Museum	\$4,250.00
To assist with the purchase of tables and chairs for the "Barn."	
Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana	\$5,000.00
To establish a ramp construction fund to assist at least five individuals with disabilities.	
Area 9 Agency on Aging	\$5,600.00
To purchase 211 software, training, and agency conversion to database.	

Centerville-Center Township Public Library	\$1,500.00	
To assist with the production of a new history book for the Bicentennial of Centerville.		
Riley Children's Foundation	\$2,400.00	
To subsidize family camp fees for six youth from Wayne County to attend Camp Riley.		
Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.	\$6,800.00	
To assist in supporting a guardianship program for those with disabilities in Wayne County.		
Alliance for Strategic Growth, Inc.	\$5,000.00	
To support the "High Tide Project," a pilot program to increase the skill levels of unemployed and underemployed people in Wayne County.		
Richmond Senior Community Center	\$2,215.00	
To assist in making the gym larger and more accessible space for exercising.		
Stage One Youth Theatre at RCT	\$2,000.00]
To support four educational outreach shows for 2013-2014 theatre season.		
Habitat for Humanity	\$5,000.00	
To assist with the purchase of loader-excavator attachments for construction activities.		
Civic Hall Performing Arts Center	\$2,500.00	
In support of the 2013-2014 Proudly Presenting Series, including public performances, community outreach, and educational activities.		
Junior Achievement of Eastern IN	\$2,000.00	
To expand elementary school programming in Wayne County.		
Children's Justice and Advocacy Center, Inc.	\$3,500.00	
To assist with the purchase a mobile forensic interview equipment and software.		
Historic Hagerstown, Inc.	\$5,150.00	
To help provide free art classes to the public with "The Arts: Positively!" program.		
Boy Scouts of America	\$1,500.00	
For registration fees and uniforms for those in Wayne County that need assistance.		
Richmond Parks and Recreation Department	\$7,500.00	
To help offset admission fees, supplies, and transportation costs for 250 children who will attend JUKO summer camp.		
Richmond City Series	\$7,500.00	
To assist with a summer-long effort to bring arts and culture to the citizens of Wayne County.		

Whitewater Valley District 9 Pro Bono \$10,000.00

To continue to offer free civil legal assistance for those in need.

Richmond Symphony Orchestra \$3,900.00

To provide three free community concerts.

Townsend Community Center \$5,500.00

To purchase equipment and supplies for the Teen Activity Center.

DIPLOMAS In School Nursery for Teen Mothers \$7,200.00

To cover a year's worth of expenses for two children and four teen parents at RHS.

HELP The Animals \$1,000.00

To assist with a portion of the spaying/neutering animals who will be adopted from the shelter.

Animal Care Alliance \$1,000.00

To assist with the purchase of a refurbished x-ray machine.

Northside Church of Christ \$3,000.00

To assist with the purchase a walk in cooler for storing and maintaining fresh produce for food distributions.

The next grant cycle deadline is July 1 for the Enhancing the Spirit of Community proposals. 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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