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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$96,045 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
ENHANCING THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$96,045 to twenty-five local organizations in support of programs or projects designed to enhance the spirit of community across Wayne County.

“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 enhance the spirit of community throughout Wayne County. We believe the ones that we were able to fund will benefit a significant number of people in many, many ways.”

The Foundation received thirty-one applications in this cycle for a total amount requested of just over \$225,700. All of the Foundation’s community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and field-of-interest endowment funds.

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

AMIGOS/Community Action of Central IN	\$1,700.00
To bring award winning children's author and illustrator, Duncan Tonatiuh, to Richmond in October.	
Birth-To-Five, Inc.	\$2,925.00
To provide learning toys, to the Parents as Teachers program families who cannot afford them.	
Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$3,250.00
To purchase art supplies for the four Boys and Girls Clubs.	

Cardinal Greenway In support of the Greenway Gazebo Project.	\$1,000.00
The Center for Community Engagement To assist with the necessary repairs to open the Center.	\$5,800.00
Christian Charities of Richmond and WC For the Backpack Blessings program at six Richmond elementary schools.	\$3,000.00
Communities In Schools of Wayne County In support of the Parents As Leaders Academy , Choices, and Reality Store programs.	\$3,000.00
Cope Environmental Center To assist in the restoration of the Cope Center's barn.	\$5,000.00
Fountain City Wesleyan Church To update the youth center's sound system that is used at the Wednesday Night Jr High Fuse Program.	\$1,000.00
Hand-in-Hand Adult Day Care of Richmond To partially support a scholarship fund for elders and disabled adults to attend Adult Day Care.	\$10,000.00
Hope House To assist with the Aftercare Contact Program.	\$3,500.00
Meridian Services To purchase books for a prison re-integration program.	\$1,000.00
Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church In support of the supplies needed for the Free Clothes Pantry.	\$1,000.00
Natco Community Empowerment Center To assist the low income population with the tools and resources needed to overcome poverty and obtain long-term sustainability.	\$5,000.00
Richmond Civic Theatre To purchase books for "The Ripple Effect" community reads project.	\$2,625.00
Richmond Family Y.M.C.A. To assist with the construction and remodeling of the YMCA's childcare area.	\$7,500.00
Starr-Gennett Foundation In support of the 2013 Walk of Fame.	\$4,000.00
Town of Milton To assist with the street light beautification project.	\$7,500.00

- Wayne County Literacy Coalition** **\$3,750.00**
 To assist with the purchase of tutor and learner packets, along with advertising for the adult literacy program.
- Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District** **\$2,000.00**
 In support of the 2013 Conservation Days for local third and fourth graders.
- Western Wayne Elementary School** **\$2,000.00**
 To assist with the purchase of a literacy intervention kit for third grade students that are reading below grade level.
- Whitewater Community Television** **\$5,795.00**
 To purchase hardware that will provide greater access to the public.
- The Winter Ice Festival Committee** **\$5,000.00**
 In support of the 2014 Wayne County Winter Ice Festival.
- Young Women's Christian Association** **\$7,500.00**
 To assist with the replacement of two submersible pumps for the shelter.
- Youth as Resources** **\$1,200.00**
 To provide office supplies and student awards for the youth grant-making program.

The next grant cycle deadline is September 3rd at 4 p.m. 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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