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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION SET TO AWARD \$240,000
WITHIN 2017 CHALLENGE MATCH PROGRAM**

Forty-Nine Organizations Selected to Participate

The Wayne County Foundation announced today the organizations selected to participate in its 2017 Challenge Match Initiative. It is the largest field of participants in the program's six year history.

The Challenge Match offers 49 non-profit organizations throughout the Wayne County community the possibility of generating unrestricted operating support with the Foundation matching qualified gifts received in a designated period of time. It is also designed to help area organizations build the capacity of their fundraising efforts.

"We believe this is a good opportunity for many different organizations to raise significant operating dollars or money in support of selected programs that will benefit from broad-based community involvement," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director.

This will be the sixth year for the Challenge Match. Last year the program generated over \$1.5 million for 46 local non-profits, including \$230,000 of available match dollars from the Foundation and its Match Partners.

“Thanks to some very generous Match Partners we are able to support more organizations than ever before,” said Borchers. The Match Partners this year include: an Anonymous Donor, Doxpop Charitable Giving Fund, Connie and Roger Green Donor Advised Fund, the Fund For Tomorrow, Mr. Richard Jeffers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reinke, Rosar Donor Advised Fund, and Wayne Bank and Trust Co. Community Fund.

Even so, not everyone who applied was accepted. “We wanted to keep the Challenge Match challenging,” said Borchers, “and we wanted to inspire thoughtful, high-quality applications. Every one of the 53 applications we received was judged against four selection criteria that we announced earlier this year.”

The organizations participating in the Foundation’s 2017 Challenge Match and their match goals are:

Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.	\$2,500
Adult Day Care of Richmond, Inc.	\$2,500
Amigos, the Richmond Latino Center	\$5,000
Animal Care Alliance	\$2,500
Birth to Five	\$5,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$10,000
Center City Development	\$5,000
Christian Charities	\$5,000
Circle U Help Center	\$5,000
Communities In Schools of Wayne County	\$10,000
Community Christian School	\$5,000
Cope Environmental Center	\$5,000
DIPLOMAS Inc.	\$5,000
Friends of Morrisson Reeves Library	\$5,000
Gateway Food Pantry	\$2,500
Girls Inc. Wayne County	\$10,000

Golay Community Center Inc.	\$5,000
Good News Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500
Hayes Arboretum	\$5,000
HELP the Animals	\$5,000
Hope House	\$2,500
Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana	\$2,500
JACY House	\$5,000
Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana	\$2,500
K-Ready	\$5,000
Levi Coffin House Association. Inc.	\$5,000
Open Arms Ministries	\$5,000
Overbeck Museum/ Cambridge City Public Library	\$2,500
Richmond Art Museum	\$10,000
Richmond Community Orchestra	\$2,500
Richmond Day Nursery	\$2,500
Richmond Family YMCA	\$5,000
Richmond Friends School	\$10,000
Richmond High School Music Boosters	\$2,500
Richmond Parks and Recreation	\$10,000
Richmond Rose Garden	\$2,500
Richmond Shakespeare Festival	\$5,000
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000
Senior Opportunities Services	\$2,500
Sprout of Control Community Garden Project	\$2,500
Starr-Gennett Foundation	\$2,500
Townsend Community Center	\$2,500
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$5,000
Wayne County Historical Museum	\$5,000
Wayne County SWCD	\$2,500
Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center	\$2,500
Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars	\$10,000

Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission, Inc.	\$2,500
YWCA of Richmond-Genesis	\$10,000

The Challenge Match Program will kick off on Monday, November 6, and run for 8 days, through Monday, November 13. Qualifying contributions to the participating organizations in that period will trigger matching dollars from the Foundation, with respect to certain criteria. Contributions may also be made online through the Foundation's Website.

More information about specific details about qualifying gifts is available on the Foundation's Website. www.waynecountyfoundation.org

Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Lisa Bates at lisa@waynecountyfoundation.org or by calling 765-962-1638.