

## 35 charities seek matching gifts

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Lunch is eaten at Circle U Help Center, 19 N. 13th St., Richmond. Meals are served from 10 a.m. to noon Mondays and Tuesdays and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. A food pantry is open from 2-4 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays. Circle U is organizing a fundraising concert on Nov. 17 to help meet its goal. / Palladium-Item file photo

### Wayne County Foundation Challenge Match

- The Wayne County Foundation's Challenge Match Program will kick off on Nov. 12 and will last 14 days, with the final day for donations on Nov. 25.
- Qualifying contributions to the participating organizations in that period will trigger matching dollars from the foundation, with respect to certain limits.
- More information about each organization's fundraising goals and specific details about qualifying gifts will be available on the foundation's website at [www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org)
- Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Andrea Stuckey at [Andrea@waynecountyfoundation.org](mailto:Andrea@waynecountyfoundation.org) or (765) 962-1638.

### 2013 Wayne County Foundation Challenge Match participants

Organizations participating in the 2013 Challenge Match and their assigned match goals include:

- Amigos, the Richmond Latino Center: \$5,000
- Birth-to-Five: \$5,000
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County: \$10,000
- Christian Charities of Richmond and Wayne County: \$5,000
- Circle U Help Center: \$2,000
- Communities in Schools: \$10,000
- Cope Environmental Center: \$10,000
- Every Child Can Read Inc.: \$5,000
- Gateway Vineyard Church Food Pantry: \$5,000
- Girls Inc.: \$10,000
- Golay Community Center: \$5,000
- Habitat for Humanity: \$5,000
- HELP the Animals: \$4,000
- Historic Centerville Inc.: \$4,000
- Hope House: \$5,000
- Indiana Football Hall of Fame Inc.: \$4,000
- JACY House: \$4,000
- Junior Achievement: \$2,500
- Peer Information Center for Teens: \$2,500
- Quaker Hill Conference Center: \$5,000
- Richmond Art Museum: \$10,000
- Richmond Civic Theatre: \$5,000
- Richmond Day Nursery: \$750
- Richmond Family YMCA: \$5,000
- Richmond Music Boosters: \$3,000
- Richmond Rose Garden: \$4,000
- Safety Village of Wayne County, Inc.: \$4,000
- Wayne County Cardinal Greenway: \$5,000
- Wayne County Historical Museum: \$5,000
- Wayne County Literacy Coalition: \$1,000
- Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars: \$3,000
- Whitewater Community Television: \$6,000
- Whitewater Valley District 9 Pro Bono Commission: \$2,500
- Youth As Resources: \$2,000
- YWCA Genesis Shelter: \$5,000

This year, 35 non-profit organizations in Wayne County will be seeking donations in the Wayne County Foundation's 2013 Challenge Match Initiative.

The Challenge Match was an opportunity for the 35 selected groups to share up to \$169,250 from the foundation, based on qualifying gifts they received from the community in a designated match period.

The one-to-one matching grant opportunity, which has the possibility of generating more than \$338,500

for the organizations, focuses on helping local non-profit organizations cultivate new donors and encouraging greater giving from current contributors.

“We believe this is a good opportunity for the organizations to raise significant operating dollars or money in support of selected programs that will benefit from broad-based community involvement,” said foundation executive director Steve Borchers in a press release. “More importantly, it allows the community to play a direct role in directing how the Foundation’s discretionary dollars are distributed.

“This is the third time we have tried a matching gift program,” Borchers continued. “Last year, the program generated just over \$540,000 for 26 local non-profits on \$150,000 of available match dollars from the foundation. This year the foundation board allocated an additional \$10,000 towards the program, bringing its commitment to \$160,000. We also asked our donor advised fund holders to partner with us as Challenge Match sponsors.”

The Challenge Match sponsors include Doxpop Charitable Giving Fund, Connie and Roger Green Donor Advised Fund and Wayne Bank and Trust Company Community Fund. Collectively, they contributed \$9,250 to the challenge match pool.

“Our Challenge Match sponsors became critically important to the process this year,” Borchers said. “Their contributions enabled us to give everyone who applied the opportunity to participate.”

Of this year’s 35 participating organizations, 14 are new to the program. Five groups that were involved in the 2012 match challenge aren’t taking part this year.