

Challenge Match: Girls Inc., K-Ready

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The Wayne County Foundation has chosen 35 area organizations to participate in two weeks of intense fundraising called the Challenge Match.

The one-to-one match offers the possibility of generating \$338,500 or more for non-profit organizations throughout Wayne County. The program is designed to help organizations develop new donors and encourage increased giving from regular contributors.

The Challenge Match program runs through Nov. 25. Qualifying contributions to the participating organizations during that period will trigger matching dollars from the foundation, within certain limits. Learn more at www.waynecountyfoundation.org or call (765) 962-1638.

Participating agencies will be featured in future editions of the Palladium-Item.

Girls Inc. of Wayne County

• **Address:** 121 N. 10th St., Richmond, IN 47374

Office hours: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Phone: (765) 962-2362

Website: www.girlsincwayne.org

Contact name, title and email address: Beth Harrick, co-executive director, bharrick@girlsincwayne.org

Annual budget: \$261,555

Mission of your organization: To inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold!

How much do you hope to raise during the matching grant period? \$10,000

For what specific projects or needs do you intend to use the donated money? We plan to leverage this Challenge Match opportunity to further enhance our Operation SMART (Science, Math And Relevant Technology) programming. Building off summer 2012 successes in utilizing professional science educators as facilitators for intensive Lego Robotics and Engineering sessions, we strive to raise additional funds to support and expand our summer intensive format for Operation SMART. Reaching our Challenge Match fund goals will ensure our ability to contract with professional science practitioners and educators to provide a depth of contemporary science skill building for our girls.