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**FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$78,000 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATION**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$78,002 to twenty-one organizations in the community activities and education categories for their August grant cycle.

All of the Foundation's community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and field-of-interest endowment funds.

"Although the value of the programs proposed for funding far exceeded the amount we had available for this cycle, we were still able to fund a wide range of exciting programs," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director. "We believe they address critical needs and leverage opportunity to advance our community in many ways. Our thanks go out to all the organizations that are working so hard and so creatively to improve the quality of life here in Wayne County."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Golay Community Center \$1,972.00

To purchase an automated external defibrillator for the center.

Festival of Murals \$2,000.00

In support of the Festival of Murals in 2011.

Women in Transition \$2,250.00

To purchase books, supplies, and educational materials.

Veterans Council of Wayne County \$1,000.00

To purchase flags and hardware to hang on light poles along Chester Boulevard and North and South A Streets in honor of Wayne County Veterans.

Indiana University East \$2,500.00

In support of the annual Whitewater Valley Art Competition held in October.

Richmond Symphony Orchestra \$4,000.00
To perform six concerts at various assisted living centers.

Girls, Inc. \$3,000.00
To support Growing Greatness program which provides a series of intergenerational workshops where community members come together to support and learn from one another.

Williamsburg Area Community Center \$5,000.00
For assistance in upgrading the heating system.

Wayne County Genealogical Society \$1,700.00
To purchase a computer, printer, and digital cameras to record all current tombstones in Wayne County.

Circle U Help Center \$22,500.00
For a new inclined metal roof.

Birth-To-Five, Inc. \$2,000.00
To purchase a computer, easel, and bibliotherapy library to assist staff with programming.

Christian Charities of Richmond \$4,000.00
In support of Operation Backpack Blessing which provides two meals for the third weekend each month to students at Starr Academy and C.R. Richardson.

Western Wayne Elementary School \$1,200.00
To purchase leveled text books and book storage boxes for second and third graders identified as needing additional reading support.

Junior Achievement of Eastern IN \$2,000.00
For direct project costs for the expansion of JA programming at three Wayne County schools.

Western Wayne School Corporation \$1,480.00
To purchase two Elmo document cameras for the elementary and middle school.

Indiana University East \$1,150.00
For seed money to host the 2010 High School Speech Tournament held in October 2010.

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation \$3,000.00
In support of 2010 Conservation Days for Wayne County third and fourth graders.

Wayne County Literacy Coalition \$6,000.00
For text book materials, volunteer training, and marketing.

Youth as Resources \$1,750.00
To purchase supplies, and educational materials for youth taking a stand against tobacco.

Northeastern Jr./Sr. High School \$5,000.00
To purchase additional uniforms and instruments to accommodate the growing band program.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County \$4,500.00

To provide educational incentive field trips, back packs, and school supplies summer 2011 program.

The next grant cycle deadline is October 4 for health, human service, animals, environment, preservation, and seniors categories. 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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