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**FOUNDATION AWARDS \$70,000 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICE, ANIMALS, SENIORS, ENVIRONMENT AND
PRESERVATION**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$70,000 to seventeen organizations in the health, human service, animals, seniors, environment and preservation categories in connection with its October 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:

Indiana Women in Need \$5,000

To provide personal services for financially-challenged women in Wayne County who are enduring breast cancer treatment.

Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center \$4,000

To help establish an outpatient substance abuse clinic.

Wayne County Minority Health Coalition \$1,500

To support an after school program that will help students learn about the environment, cleaning up their community, and how the environment affects their health.

Widowed Persons Services \$2,625

To help provide a support group for widowed persons under age 65.

<u>Birth-To-Five, Inc.</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
To assist with the "Raising Eagles" program in Western Wayne County to raise awareness of kindergarten readiness.	
<u>National Alliance for Mentally Ill/East Central Indiana</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
To provide start up funding for an art therapy program.	
<u>YWCA</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
In support of the Genesis program.	
<u>Cope Environmental Center</u>	<u>\$3,125</u>
To adapt the current on-site field trip curriculum into "Schoolyard Field Trips."	
<u>Family Earth Day Celebration</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
To purchase reusable tote bags and seedlings for the 12th Annual Family Earth Day Celebration.	
<u>Richmond Art Museum</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>
To offer a youth-oriented photography contest called, <i>Architecture of Wayne County: Then and Now</i> to middle school students.	
<u>Indiana Football Hall of Fame</u>	<u>\$5,500</u>
To replace the main floor and foyer lights.	
<u>Richmond Columbian Properties/W.G. Scott House</u>	<u>\$4,250</u>
To restore the entrance of the William G. Scott House.	
<u>Richmond Day Nursery</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>
To help cover the cost of interior painting.	
<u>Wayne County Historical Museum</u>	<u>\$4,800</u>
For a new furnace and restoration of related brick walls and chimneys.	
<u>Gaar Foundation</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
For painting and wood repairs to the porches and north carport of the Gaar House.	
<u>Historic Hagerstown</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
To help preserve the Hagerstown Museum building.	
<u>Adult Day Care</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
To support the scholarship fund for those who use Adult Day Care's services, but cannot afford the fees.	

The next grant cycle deadline is April 4 for arts and youth 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.