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**FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$123,600 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
ARTS AND YOUTH**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$123,611.59 to twenty-six organizations in the arts and youth categories for their April grant cycle.

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

"The programs and initiatives we were able to fund this cycle will benefit the community in many, many ways," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director. "Strong arts programs and youth initiatives are critically important, and we believe these awards are dollars well invested in the future of Wayne County."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Nettle Creek Music Boosters \$5,000.00

To support the band program with assistance for equipment and uniforms.

Richmond Parks and Recreation Dept. \$4,000.00

To assist with the artist fees and marketing for the 2011 LIVE at the Park outdoor concert series.

Richmond Community Orchestra, Inc. \$5,000.00

To cover the cost of orchestral music and assist with the purchase of instruments.

Historic Hagerstown, Inc. \$7,675.00

To assist with the Arts Discovery For All Ages a program that will provide free art and music lessons to children.

Cambridge City Chamber of Commerce \$1,000.00
To assist with the printing costs of Cambridge City's 175th Anniversary Commemorative Books.

Indiana University East \$3,000.00
In support of the 2011 Whitewater Valley Art Competition.

Starr-Gennett Foundation \$5,000.00
In support of the 2011 Gennett Walk of Fame Music Festival and Kids Day.

Richmond Civic Theatre \$7,918.00
To assist with the purchase of new computer system hardware.

Richmond Symphony Orchestra \$2,200.00
For professional fees and marketing associated with the one-hour concert/presentation on a tale *Wicked Jack* to all Wayne County fifth graders.

Richmond Art Museum \$5,000.00
To help fund a full color catalogue on Folk Art Selections from Indiana and Ohio.

Civic Hall Performing Arts \$5,000.00
In support of the 2011-2012 Proudly Presenting Series including the public performances, community outreach, and educational activities.

Levi Coffin House Association \$6,449.50
For digitizing photographs and documents, attending the National Underground Railroad Conference, and a variety of maintenance projects.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$6,449.50
For an air conditioning coil, suspended lighting system in the Julia Gaar room, and the purchase of several display cases.

Girls, Inc. \$5,192.89
To purchase a refrigerator, fitness equipment, and healthy snacks in support of the *Equip Girls for Health* summer program.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County \$8,500.00
For maintenance and repairs at the Richard E. Jeffers building.

Western Wayne Elementary School \$2,500.00
To bring Randy Beard to WWES for a two day visit and evening presentation focused on literacy and writing.

Noah's Ark Day Care Center, Inc. \$1,620.00
To purchase six new baby beds per a change in licensing regulations.

Stage One Youth Theatre \$4,000.00
For three educational outreach projects, including school matinees, preschool outreach shows, and theatre outreach.

Abilities Richmond \$5,000.00
To purchase racks, tables, and equipment for the workstations at a new thrift store location.

Birth-To-Five, Inc. \$1,462.70
To replace the developmental screening tool used on children up to three years old and to purchase two laptop computers to assist with training.

Townsend Community Center \$3,819.00
To help fund a seven week summer program directed toward middle and high school students.

Christian Charities of Richmond and WC \$5,000.00
In support of the *Backpack Blessing* program at Elizabeth Starr, C.R. Richardson, and Fairview schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

Every Child Can Read \$10,000.00
In support of the 2011 Third Grade Reading Academy.

Youth as Resources \$2,625.00
To support the YAR Grant-Making Program that provides grants to young people ages 5 -19 to develop and implement service projects that address community needs.

Peer Information Center for Teens, Inc. \$3,000.00
To assist with training and materials for Certified Peer Helpers at RHS.

DIPLOMAS \$7,200.00
To provide a year's support for two children and four teen parents at RHS.

The next grant cycle deadline is July 28 for community activities and education 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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