



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 16, 2011

CONTACT: Andrea Stuckey

Phone: 765/962.1638

For Immediate Release

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

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$78,605 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.

"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. "They represent a wide range of critical needs, as well as opportunities for improvement, that we believe are all good investments in the future of Wayne County."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Community Food Pantry \$4,200

To help build a front porch shelter.

Town of Milton \$12,500

To provide a dollar-for-dollar matching grant to establish a new play park for children in Milton.

Wayne County Challenge \$ 6,301

To purchase a timing system and related equipment to be used for multiple races throughout the county which benefits the area not-for-profits.

Wayne County Veterans Memorial Committee Inc. \$5,000

Towards the purchase of the memorial stones and etching for the Veterans Memorial Park.

Circle U Help Center \$5,602.80

To purchase new tables and chairs for the dining room.

Richmond Symphony Orchestra \$2,000

To assist with four free community concerts.

Special Olympics Indiana – Wayne County \$5,000

In support of the Young Athletes' Program.

Whitewater Community Television \$10,000

In support of a video server that will provide greater community access to local meetings and related programming.

Chanticleer String Quartet \$1,500

To assist with 20 performances of the new children's program, IMAGINE.

Historic Centerville, Inc. \$700

To purchase a new showcase, improve the existing exhibits, and properly care for the documents and pictures.

Seton Catholic Schools \$3,099.81

To assist with the materials for a new music program called Musikgarten at Seton.

Stage One Youth Theatre \$ 1,170

In support of an after-school theatre program for RCS elementary students.

Noah's Ark Day Care Center, Inc. \$500

To provide more puzzles at the center.

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation \$5,000

To assist with 2011 Conservation Days for 1,000 local third/fourth grade students.

Easter Seals of Wayne and Union Counties \$ 1,275

To assist with the disability awareness education program presented to approximately 1,200 Centerville and Richmond first and fourth grade students.

Birth-To-Five, Inc. \$1,407

To purchase children's books and other learning materials for the Book Buddies Program.

Richmond Art Museum \$3,850

In support of the Wayne County High School Art Exhibition.

AMIGOS \$1,000

In support of the Spanish Language Instruction Pilot Program.

Richmond Friends School \$2,000

To purchase building and communitiy outreach materials for the outdoor learning laboratory.

Youth as Resources \$ 2,500

To assist with the Youth Empowered to Serve program throughout Wayne County Schools.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County \$4,000

To purchase supplies for experiments for the 2012 Summer Learning Program.

The next grant cycle deadline is October 3rd for the 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.

#