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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION SET TO AWARD \$200,000  
WITHIN 2015 CHALLENGE MATCH PROGRAM**

**Twenty-Seven Organizations Selected to Participate**

The Wayne County Foundation confirmed today the organizations selected to participate in its 2015 Challenge Match Initiative.

The one-to-one match offers the possibility of generating \$500,000 for 27 non-profit organizations throughout the Wayne County community. It is specifically designed to help organizations trigger support from the Foundation in relation to the contributions they receive from the community.

“We believe this is a good opportunity for many different organizations to raise significant operating dollars or money in support of selected programs that will benefit from broad-based community involvement,” said Steve Borchers, the Foundation’s executive director.

This will be the fourth year for the Challenge Match. Last year the program generated nearly \$800,000 for 40 local non-profits on \$231,370 of available match dollars from the Foundation and its Challenge Match Sponsors.

This year, the match pool is a little smaller – \$200,000 – and fewer organizations are involved. Also, participating organizations must achieve a threshold level of contributed support before the match kicks in.

“We wanted to keep the Challenge Match challenging,” said Borchers, “and we wanted to inspire thoughtful, high-quality applications. Every one of the 50 applications we received was judged against four selection criteria that we announced earlier this year.”

Another change this year was that smaller organizations were allowed to apply for a larger match amount than was previously allowed. Even so, Borchers is quick to point out that the match goal is not a limit to what an organization can raise. “The sum of the match goals only represents the Foundation’s total level of participation. We hope that every organization exceeds its goal by a wide margin.”

The organizations participating in the Foundation’s 2015 Challenge Match and their match goals are:

Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.	\$5,000
Adult Day Care of Richmond, Inc.	\$5,000
AMIGOS	\$5,000
Animal Care Alliance	\$5,000
Birth-to-Five, Inc.	\$10,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$10,000
Christian Charities	\$5,000
Communities In Schools of Wayne County	\$10,000
Community Food Pantry	\$5,000
Cope Environmental Center	\$10,000
DIPLOMAS INC	\$5,000
Girls Inc. of Wayne County	\$10,000
Golay Community Center Inc.	\$10,000

Hope House	\$5,000
JACY House	\$5,000
Levi Coffin House Association. Inc.	\$10,000
Open Arms	\$5,000
Richmond Art Museum	\$10,000
Richmond Day Nursery	\$5,000
Richmond Friends School	\$10,000
Richmond Shakespeare Festival	\$10,000
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000
Townsend Community Center	\$5,000
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$5,000
Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$5,000
Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars	\$10,000
Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission, Inc.	\$10,000

The Challenge Match Program will kick off on Monday, November 9, and run for 12 days, through Friday, November 20. Qualifying contributions to the participating organizations in that period will trigger matching dollars from the Foundation, with respect to certain limits. Contributions may also be made online through the Foundation's Website.

More information about each organization's fundraising goals and specific details about qualifying gifts will be available on the Foundation's Website.

[www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org)

Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Lisa Bates at

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