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2015 Challenge Match Results

The Wayne County Foundation announced today detailed results of its 2015 Challenge Match.

Twenty-seven local organizations collectively raised \$779,412 from generous donors in a 12-day period this November. This amount, plus the Foundation match, represents over \$979,000 in total contributed benefit to the community.

The Challenge Match was an opportunity for participating organizations to share up to \$200,000 from the Foundation, based on qualifying gifts they received from the community in a designated match period. It was the fourth time that the program was offered.

“Our community is incredibly generous,” said Steve Borchers, executive director of the Foundation. “While these totals are less than the \$1,021,950 grand total reported last year, there were 13 fewer organizations participating in 2015 and \$31,000 fewer match dollars available from the Foundation.”

This was the first year that participating organizations were required to raise a threshold level of contributions in order to trigger matching funds from the Foundation. The match was on the next \$5,000 or \$10,000 of contributed support, based on the organization’s application.

One organization did not achieve their threshold target; six did not realize their match goals. Unmatched dollars were distributed as ‘bonus bucks’ to the organizations that over-achieved their match goals.

“The changes we made to the program this year – narrowing the field and establishing the thresholds – only seemed to make it stronger,” Borchers said. “Clearly, it remains an incredibly effective tool to help local not-for-profit organizations promote themselves in the community and raise critical operating dollars.”

The participating organizations and the amounts they received from the community and the Foundation are as follows:

Organization Name	Match Goal	Total Community Contributions	Match \$\$ + Bonus Bucks	Total Raised Community and Foundation
Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.	\$5,000	\$8,915.00	\$3,415.00	\$12,330.00
Adult Day Care of Richmond, Inc.	\$5,000	\$12,623.45	\$5,636.36	\$18,259.81
AMIGOS	\$5,000	\$24,035.00	\$6,370.86	\$30,405.86
Animal Care Alliance	\$5,000	\$10,753.00	\$5,217.77	\$15,970.77
Birth-to-Five, Inc	\$10,000	\$20,204.00	\$10,217.65	\$30,421.65
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$10,000	\$199,864.08	\$13,879.42	\$213,743.50
Christian Charities	\$5,000	\$6,795.00	\$4,295.00	\$11,090.00
Communities In Schools of Wayne County	\$10,000	\$39,404.80	\$10,410.25	\$49,815.05
Community Food Pantry	\$5,000	\$23,606.81	\$6,821.41	\$30,428.22
Cope Environmental Center	\$10,000	\$55,487.55	\$11,008.59	\$66,496.14
DIPLOMAS INC	\$5,000	\$4,359.00	\$1,854.00	\$6,213.00
Girls Inc. of Wayne County	\$10,000	\$46,320.08	\$11,232.66	\$57,552.74
Golay Community Center Inc.	\$10,000	\$23,890.00	\$10,266.47	\$34,156.47
Hope House	\$5,000	\$23,727.05	\$6,342.71	\$30,069.76
JACY House	\$5,000	\$7,210.00	\$4,460.00	\$11,670.00
Levi Coffin House Association. Inc.	\$10,000	\$21,025.00	\$10,088.51	\$31,113.51
Open Arms	\$5,000	\$15,435.29	\$5,727.40	\$21,162.69
Richmond Art Museum	\$10,000	\$26,280.00	\$10,576.42	\$36,856.42
Richmond Day Nursery	\$5,000	\$9,025.00	\$5,189.45	\$14,214.45
Richmond Friends School	\$10,000	\$58,080.00	\$10,855.94	\$68,935.94
Richmond Shakespeare Festival	\$10,000	\$18,916.00	\$10,237.03	\$29,153.03
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000	\$48,855.66	\$10,758.15	\$59,613.81
Townsend Community Center	\$5,000	\$5,640.00	\$3,140.00	\$8,780.00
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$5,000	\$27,882.15	\$6,346.39	\$34,228.54
Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$5,000	\$2,155.00	\$0.00	\$2,155.00
Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars	\$10,000	\$27,848.50	\$10,577.57	\$38,426.07
Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission, Inc.	\$10,000	\$11,075.00	\$5,075.00	\$16,150.00
Totals	\$200,000	\$779,412.42	\$200,000.00	\$979,412.42

“Many people have told us how much they appreciate the Foundation’s role in promoting this kind of giving,” Borchers said. “But we’re the ones who need to be saying thanks. The participating organizations, the media outlets that helped promote the program, and especially all of the donors who gave so generously are the ones who make the Challenge Match a success. They are the ones who make it all possible.”

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