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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$93,241 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
ENHANCING THE SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$93,241 to eighteen local organizations in support of programs or projects designed to enhance the spirit of the community across Wayne County.

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

This is the complete list of grant awards approved by the Foundation's Board of Directors at its September Meeting:

2nd Chance Animal Rescue \$3,693.00
To purchase 6 kennels for a dog housing upgrade.

Alternative Gift Fair \$1,000.00
To support the marketing efforts of the 2015 Alternative Gift Fair.

AMIGOS, the Richmond Latino Center \$788.00
To purchase books written by Visiting Bilingual Author, Rene Coletto Lainez, for Hispanic Heritage Month.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County \$11,460.00
In support of the Club Revitalization Project for refurbishing of basketball goals and replacement of wall pads in gym.

Centerstone \$4,800.00
In support of the Centerstone Employee Services Work Experiences Program for stipends to pay 20 participating clients.

The Chamber Center for Excellence, Inc. \$5,000.00
In support of a comprehensive community revitalization plan for the America's Best Communities competition.

Chanticleer String Quartet \$1,700.00
To support 17 performances of Young Mozart at Richmond elementary schools.

Every Child Can Read, Inc. \$5,000.00
In support of the 2016 Third Grade Reading Academy.

Friends Fellowship \$3,200.00
In support of the Opening Minds through Arts program for people with dementia.

Model T Ford Club of America \$2,100.00
In support of the 2016 Model T Ford Homecoming.

Morrisson-Reeves Library \$10,000.00
To purchase new microfilm reels to have Richmond newspapers digitized

Music Boosters of Nettle Creek School Corporation Inc. \$5,000.00
To help purchase new Hagerstown marching band uniforms.

Open Arms Ministry \$10,000.00
In support of the Laundry Project

Richmond Friends School \$5,000.00
To help purchase furniture for the Middle School Collaborative Learning Centers.

Safety Village of Wayne County, IN, Inc. \$3,000.00
To cover the cost of school bus transportation fees during Fire Safety month.

Town of Fountain City \$15,000.00
In support of efforts to improve the Town Park.

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District \$3,000.00
To help provide lunch during the Conservation Days and East Central Regional Indiana Envirothon.

Youth as Resources \$3,500.00
To support the grant funding initiative.

The next opportunity for support from the Foundation will be in the form of the Challenge Match Initiative. Unlike the Foundation's competitive cycles, Challenge Match awards are made to participating organizations in response to the dollars they raise in the community during a designated period of time. The organizations selected to participate in the upcoming Challenge Match Initiative will be announced on October 16. The match period this year will be November 9 - November 20.

Please visit the Foundation's Web site (www.waynecountyfoundation.org) or contact Lisa Bates 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.