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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION SET TO AWARD \$230,000  
WITHIN 2016 CHALLENGE MATCH PROGRAM**

**Forty-Six Organizations Selected to Participate**

The Wayne County Foundation announced today the organizations selected to participate in its 2016 Challenge Match Initiative. It is the largest field of participants in the program's five year history.

The one-to-one match offers the possibility of generating over \$500,000 for 46 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 fifth year for the Challenge Match. Last year the program generated nearly \$780,000 for 27 local non-profits on \$200,000 of available match dollars from the Foundation.

“Thanks to some very generous Match Partners we are able to support more organizations than ever before,” said Borchers. Even so, not everyone who applied was accepted.

“We wanted to keep the Challenge Match challenging,” said Borchers, “and we wanted to inspire thoughtful, high-quality applications. Every one of the 51 applications we received was judged against four selection criteria that we announced earlier this year.”

One change this year was that organizations could apply for a smaller match amount without the usual threshold requirement. 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 2016 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	\$2,500
Birth-to-Five, Inc.	\$5,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$10,000
Center City Development	\$2,500
Christian Charities	\$2,500
Circle U Help Center, Inc.	\$7,500
Communities In Schools of Wayne County	\$10,000
Community Christian School	\$2,500
Cope Environmental Center	\$7,500
Diplomas, Inc.	\$5,000
Every Child Can Read, Inc.	\$5,000
Gateway Food Pantry	\$2,500
Girls Inc. of Wayne County	\$10,000
Golay Community Center Inc.	\$7,500
Good News Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500
Hagerstown Museum & Arts Place	\$2,500
Hayes Arboretum	\$2,500
HELP the Animals	\$5,000

Hope House	\$5,000
JACY House	\$2,500
Junior Achievement	\$2,500
Levi Coffin House Association	\$5,000
Model T Ford Club of America	\$5,000
Natco Community Empowerment Center	\$5,000
Noah's Ark Day Care	\$5,000
Open Arms	\$2,500
Richmond Art Museum	\$10,000
Richmond Community Orchestra	\$2,500
Richmond Day Nursery	\$2,500
Richmond Family YMCA	\$5,000
Richmond Friends School	\$5,000
Richmond Parks and Recreation	\$2,500
Richmond Rose Garden	\$2,500
Richmond Shakespeare Festival	\$7,500
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000
Stage One Youth Theatre	\$2,500
Starr-Gennett Foundation	\$5,000
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$5,000
Wayne County Historical Museum	\$5,000
Wayne County SWCD	\$2,500
Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars	\$10,000
Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission, Inc.	\$5,000
YWCA of Richmond	\$7,500

The Challenge Match Program will kick off on Monday, November 7, and run for 8 days, through Monday, November 14. Qualifying contributions to the participating organizations in that period will trigger matching dollars from the Foundation, with respect to certain criteria. 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)

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