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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION  
AWARDS \$22,129 IN FALL GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$22,129 to fourteen local organizations in support of capacity-building projects.

“The Foundation has made some significant changes to its grantmaking function this year,” said Steve Borchers, the organization’s executive director. “We are holding the money we would have used for a regular Fall Cycle, to apply in a more strategic way. With the specifics of what that might be still under consideration by the Foundation’s board, we applied unexpended funds from the Spring Cycle and created a special opportunity to support projects that will help local not-for-profit organizations operate more effectively.”

Applications could only relate to capacity-building needs or initiatives. Requests were limited to awards of \$3,000.

This is the complete list of recipients approved by the Board of Directors of the Wayne County Foundation during the September, 2016 meeting:

<b>2nd Chance Animal Rescue</b>	<b>Technology upgrades</b>	<b>\$2,139.98</b>
<b>Animal Care Alliance</b>	<b>Technology upgrades</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
<b>Birth-To-Five, Inc.</b>	<b>Technology acquisition and staff training</b>	<b>\$2,701.00</b>
<b>Communities In Schools of Wayne County</b>	<b>Technology acquisition</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Drug Free Wayne County Partnership</b>	<b>Website updates</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Golay Community Center</b>	<b>Technology acquisition</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Model T Ford Club of America</b>	<b>Software acquisition</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Noah's Ark Day Care Center, Inc.</b>	<b>Internet upgrades and Technology acquisition</b>	<b>\$2,125.57</b>

<b>Richmond Friends School</b>	<b>Technology acquisition</b>	<b>\$850.00</b>
<b>Richmond Shakespeare Festival</b>	<b>Staff training</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>
<b>Wayne County Cardinal Greenway</b>	<b>Technology acquisition</b>	<b>\$2,127.95</b>
<b>Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District</b>	<b>Staff training</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Wayne Township Trustee, Wayne County</b>	<b>Volunteer training</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<b>Young Women's Christian Association</b>	<b>Staff training</b>	<b>\$1,485.00</b>

Community grantmaking funds are made possible by income from unrestricted funds.

“Given the range of projects and creativity associated with this cycle, we have every reason to believe that our funding will have a much greater impact than the dollar amount might otherwise imply,” said Borchers. “These awards will help make good organizations even better.”

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 20. The match period this year will be November 7 through November 14.

Please visit the Foundation’s Web site ([www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://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 Wayne County, Indiana, now and for future generations.