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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION  
AWARDS \$178,393 IN SPRING GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$178,393 to twenty-five local organizations in support of programs or projects designed to enhance the spirit of the community and improve the quality of life across Wayne County.

“The wide range of projects and initiatives proposed for this cycle was especially impressive,” said Steve Borchers, the Foundation’s executive director. “We have no doubt that the ones selected for funding will have a meaningful impact on our community.”

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 May meeting:

<b>Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.</b>	To purchase books and toys for the EXCEL program which serves children with delays and disabilities from 1 month through age 5.	\$8,000.00
<b>Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County</b>	To purchase a replacement dishwasher and water softener system.	\$7,549.00
<b>Center City Development Corporation</b>	In support of the Eleven Fifty Academy - a comprehensive program to introduce area youth to computer skills using age appropriate curriculum.	\$1,500.00
<b>Centerstone</b>	To purchase materials and supplies to be used at The Center - a Trauma Informed Intake Assessment and Treatment Center to break the cycle of youth incarceration.	\$10,000.00
<b>Christian Charities of Richmond and Wayne County, Inc.</b>	To purchase food for the Backpack Blessings program which provides all schoolchildren in the elementary schools of Richmond and Hagerstown that receive high free/reduced cost lunch rates, with a 2-day lunch backpack at the end of the month.	\$8,000.00

<b>Cope Environmental Center</b>	In support of The Children of Indiana Bicentennial Nature Park - every Hoosier child will have the opportunity to have a stake in the protection and stewardship of one square foot of a 28-acre property owned by Cope Environmental Center.	\$15,000.00
<b>DIPLOMAS In School Nursery for Teen Mothers</b>	In support of the DIPLOMAS program which provides quality child-care for the children of teen parents in Richmond High School to keep them in school, teach parenting skills, and prevent child abuse and neglect.	\$7,200.00
<b>Every Child Can Read, Inc.</b>	In support of the Third Grade Academy which offers intensive reading instruction to Richmond third graders who do not pass the IREAD-3 test.	\$5,000.00
<b>Girls, Inc.</b>	In support of the Scientist In Residence which provides year-round STEM programming for girls attending Girls Inc.'s onsite programs.	\$5,000.00
<b>Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc.</b>	In support of the Senior Hunger Initiative which is designed to expand access to nutritious foods for food-insecure individuals at least 55 years of age served through the Senior Mobile Pantries that are currently taking place at Townsend Community Center.	\$5,000.00
<b>Hayes Arboretum</b>	In support of Phase I of the Woodland Adventure Playground for children 2-12 years old.	\$9,500.00
<b>Historic Centerville, Inc.</b>	For the repair, cleaning and painting of the third story overhang of the Mansion House in Centerville.	\$3,000.00
<b>Hope House</b>	In support of counseling services for men over age 18 in the residential addictions recovery program.	\$5,000.00
<b>Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana</b>	To purchase assistive devices for at least 50 persons with significant disabilities residing in Wayne County.	\$10,000.00
<b>JACY House</b>	In support of the Speak Up Be Safe Sexual Abuse Prevention Program and the Parent Support Group project.	\$4,244.00
<b>Morrisson-Reeves Library</b>	In support of the commUNITY project that aims to record the voices and stories of 100 community participants over the course of one year.	\$7,500.00
<b>Northeastern Music Boosters</b>	To purchase band instruments that will be loaned to students of low-income families.	\$7,500.00

<b>Richmond Art Museum</b>	In support of capital improvements to enhance the gallery environment for paintings.	\$15,000.00
<b>Richmond Community Orchestra, Inc.</b>	To expand the Strings Initiative Program through collaboration with other youth- and adult-serving organizations in Wayne County.	\$5,000.00
<b>Richmond Parks and Recreation Department</b>	In support of JUKO - Just Us Kids Outdoors a free, six-week long, summer half-day camp for children in 1st - 6th grades.	\$7,500.00
<b>Richmond Symphony Orchestra</b>	In support of free "Wicked Jack" concerts offered to all fifth graders in Wayne County.	\$2,900.00
<b>Special Olympics Indiana - Wayne County</b>	In support of the bowling and summer state track and field games.	\$2,500.00
<b>Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District</b>	In support of a Tox-A-Way Day targeting county residents that have HHW-household hazardous waste to dispose of properly, but do not have access to a HHW facility.	\$10,000.00
<b>Western Wayne Community Soccer</b>	For the purchase of equipment including new goals, soccer balls, flags, etc.	\$6,500.00
<b>Whitewater Valley District 9 Pro Bono Commission</b>	To provide free civil legal services to the residents of Wayne County.	\$10,000.00

Details of the Foundation's next grant cycle are being finalized. 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 the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.