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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION  
AWARDS \$169,097 IN SPRING GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$169,097 to twenty-nine 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>Animal Care Alliance</b>	To purchase four stainless steel specialty tables	\$5,603.00
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Wayne County</b>	To help purchase computers and access points	\$7,500.00
<b>Brighter Path Inc.</b>	To purchase a wheelchair lift for the facility	\$6,000.00
<b>Christian Charities</b>	In support of Backpack Blessings and Food Recovery programs	\$10,000.00
<b>Circle U Help Center, Inc.</b>	In support of meal services	\$5,000.00
<b>Communities In Schools of Wayne County</b>	In support of the site coordination program	\$15,000.00
<b>Cope Environmental Center</b>	In support of the Families in the Forest project	\$5,000.00
<b>Diplomas Inc</b>	For tuition to keep 4 teen parents and 2 children in school for a whole school year	\$7,200.00
<b>Dublin Public Library</b>	To replace flooring and repaint inside the library	\$6,599.00
<b>Dudas Inspiration Venue for the Arts</b>	In support of the DIVA Improv workshop	\$3,000.00
<b>Every Child Can Read</b>	In support of the Third Grade Academy	\$5,000.00
<b>Gateway Food Pantry</b>	For food and transportation expenses	\$5,000.00
<b>Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana</b>	In support of the Healthy Food for Families program in Wayne County	\$10,000.00
<b>Hagerstown Nettle Creek Players</b>	In support of the 2018 Summer Stock Season	\$5,000.00

<b>Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana</b>	To purchase high definition video magnification assistive devices	\$5,990.00
<b>JACY House</b>	To purchase supplies for the Speak Up Be Safe program	\$2,000.00
<b>Richmond Civic Theatre</b>	For volunteer attraction and community engagement	\$5,000.00
<b>Richmond Community Orchestra</b>	In support of the Strings Initiative Program	\$6,000.00
<b>Richmond Day Nursery</b>	To make external repairs to the building	\$7,785.00
<b>Richmond Parks and Recreation</b>	In support of the Middlefork Reservoir playground campaign	\$5,000.00
<b>Richmond Symphony Orchestra</b>	In support of community concerts	\$3,500.00
<b>Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana</b>	For program costs relating to guests from Wayne County	\$5,000.00
<b>Safety Village of Wayne County</b>	To assist with school transportation fees	\$2,500.00
<b>Special Olympics Indiana - Wayne County</b>	In support of the bowling and summer track and field programs	\$4,420.00
<b>Sunrise, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Center</b>	To support equine therapy services	\$2,500.00
<b>Townsend Community Center</b>	In support of the Harambee Process	\$3,000.00
<b>Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District</b>	In support of the Conservation Days program	\$3,000.00
<b>Wayne County Veterans Memorial Committee Inc.</b>	In support of the Huey project	\$2,500.00
<b>Williamsburg Area Community Center</b>	To replace windows on third floor of building	\$15,000.00

Details of the Foundation's Challenge Match 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.