

Fundraising blitz nets \$540K for charities

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The Wayne County Foundation's Challenge Match Initiative raised nearly \$390,300 in gifts from the community to 26 participating organizations.

This amount, plus the \$150,000 offered by the foundation for the match, brings the total benefit to the county to just fewer than \$540,300.

"Our community is incredibly generous," said the foundation's executive director, Steve Borchers, in a press release. "We had hoped to encourage some new first-time givers and promote some higher levels of giving. It appears as though that was indeed what happened."

The Challenge Match was an opportunity for 26 selected groups to share up to \$150,000 from the foundation, based on qualifying gifts they received from the community in a designated match period.

"We wanted it to be a tool to help organizations be more effective in their fundraising and especially for raising operating dollars," Borchers said. "It was also important for the foundation to promote charitable giving throughout the community and give donors a way to direct distributions from the foundation."

Twenty-two of the selected organizations met or exceeded their match goals, which corresponded to the size of their operations.

Larger organizations were eligible for up to \$10,000 in matching dollars from the foundation. Smaller organizations could receive up to \$5,000.

Any organization that exceeded its match goal was eligible for "bonus bucks" in proportion to the level by which they surpassed their goal.

Organization	Match Goal Amount	Total Community Contributions	Total Distribution From Foundation	Total Raise
Abilities Richmond	\$1,000.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,097.25	\$2,747.25
Birth-to-Five	\$10,000.00	\$6,036.00	\$3,561.00	\$9,597.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$10,000.00	\$48,446.00	\$11,306.56	\$59,752.56
Christian Charities	\$5,000.00	\$5,725.46	\$5,007.48	\$10,732.94
Circle U Help Center	\$2,500.00	\$11,316.00	\$3,198.09	\$14,514.09
Communities In Schools	\$10,000.00	\$27,130.00	\$10,264.81	\$37,394.81
Cope Environmental Center	\$5,000.00	\$33,825.50	\$5,892.54	\$39,718.04
Gateway Vinyard Church Food Pantry	\$2,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$2,748.80	\$11,248.80
Girls, Inc.	\$8,000.00	\$18,740.00	\$8,533.37	\$27,273.37
Golay Community Center	\$10,000.00	\$26,529.00	\$11,306.71	\$37,835.71
Habitat for Humanity	\$10,000.00	\$17,195.00	\$10,014.21	\$27,209.21
Historic Hagerstown Arts Place	\$5,000.00	\$17,507.69	\$5,318.33	\$22,826.02

Hope House	\$5,000.00	\$13,693.37	\$5,620.18	\$19,313.55
Model T Ford Club of America	\$7,500.00	\$35,874.37	\$10,068.05	\$45,942.42
Quaker Hill Conference Center	\$4,000.00	\$5,647.00	\$4,182.83	\$9,829.83
Richmond Art Museum	\$5,000.00	\$19,435.00	\$6,488.64	\$25,923.64
Richmond Civic Theatre	\$10,000.00	\$17,685.00	\$10,451.83	\$28,136.83
Starr-Gennett Foundation	\$5,000.00	\$9,660.00	\$5,084.53	\$14,744.53
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$5,000.00	\$20,440.00	\$6,247.76	\$26,687.76
Wayne County Historical Museum	\$5,000.00	\$15,690.00	\$5,243.12	\$20,933.12
Wayne County Literacy Coalition	\$5,000.00	\$1,590.00	\$1,590.00	\$3,180.00
Wayne County Soil and Water	\$2,000.00	\$4,739.00	\$2,014.81	\$6,753.81
Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars	\$5,000.00	\$12,903.00	\$5,931.78	\$18,834.78
Whitewater Community Television	\$5,000.00	\$6,670.00	\$5,162.33	\$11,832.33
Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission	\$5,000.00	\$1,885.00	\$1,885.00	\$3,770.00
Youth as Resources	\$2,500.00	\$1,780.00	\$1,780.00	\$3,560.00
All amounts	\$150,000.00	\$390,292.39	\$150,000.00	\$540,292.39

Foundation awards \$89,595 in latest grant cycle

In addition to offering the Challenge Match, the foundation gives awards to local organizations throughout the year.

In its second grant cycle of 2012, \$89,595 has been given to 18 local groups in support of programs or projects designed to enhance the spirit of the community across Wayne County.

Grants made during this cycle included money for training nonprofit staff, addressing environmental concerns, providing non-traditional educational opportunities and feeding the hungry.

The organizations selected are listed here, along with summaries of their supported projects and the amount of the award:

- Birth-to-Five, Inc.: \$2,900 for registration fees for five staff to be trained on Parents as Teacher's new curriculum.
- Cardinal Greenway: \$13,530 to purchase a new tractor and mower.
- Centerstone: \$3,750 to assist with the Employment Services Program in Wayne County.
- Family Earth Day Celebration Committee: \$2,000 to assist with the 14th annual Family Earth Day Celebration.
- Girls, Inc.: \$5,000 in support of the Lego Robotics educational program.
- Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, Inc.: \$5,000 to assist with the cost of 12 Mobile Pantry food distributions in

Wayne County.

- Indiana Women in Need: \$5,000 to provide personal services to financially challenged women in Wayne County who are undergoing treatment for breast cancer.
- Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Inc.: \$2,000 in support of Pap smears and STD testing at the Richmond Health Center.
- Richmond Civic Theatre: \$4,975 to assist with The Ripple Effect, a community reading outreach project.
- Richmond Community Schools: \$500 to assist LOGOS students in raising money for the HELP Shelter.
- Special Olympics Indiana — Wayne County: \$5,000 to assist with registration fees and transportation for athletes.
- Sunrise, Inc.: \$5,000 to help purchase new saddles.
- Sylvan Nook Church of Christ: \$10,500 to help purchase a 12-passenger van to be used in connection with their food pantry operation.
- Town of Dublin: \$10,000 to assist with the playground project at Wilson Park.
- Wayne County Literacy Coalition: \$2,250 to assist with the purchase of four smart tablets and supplies for teaching.
- Wayne County Resource Inventory Council: \$2,000 to assist with the development of a searchable database inventory of historic barns in Wayne County.
- Whitewater Valley Land Trust: \$8,430 to assist with the purchase of Coffman Bluff, a state nature preserve, and Abington-Yankeetown Corridor.
- Youth as Resources: \$1,760 to assist with the Youth Leadership Summit and professional development.

The next grant cycle deadline is April 1, 2013. Prospective applicant organizations are encouraged to visit www.waynecountyfoundation.org or contact Andrea Stuckey at (765) 962-1638 for more information.