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**FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$78,900 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATION**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$78,938 to twenty-three organizations in the community activities and education categories for their August grant cycle.

All of the Foundation's community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and field-of-interest endowment funds.

"We are very excited by the programs and initiatives we were able to fund," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director. "We believe they will all make a real difference in our community."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Richmond Community Schools \$1,250

To purchase books and magazines for the Adult Education Library.

NAMI East Central Indiana \$400

For supplies and facility rental the cost of the Mind, Body, and Soul Seminar.

Nettle Creek Schools \$709

To purchase one shaken baby simulator and warranty for the Health Education program.

Youth as Resources \$3,500

To support the expansion of the Wayne County Voice Initiative by educating youth to take a stand against tobacco use.

Indiana University East \$1,000

To cover participation fee for the educational exhibition titled The Veil: Visible & Invisible Spaces, at IU East from March 30th to April 30th, 2009.

Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation \$4,500

To support 2008-2009 Conservation Days field trip for approximately 1,000 Wayne County third and fourth grade students.

Wayne County 4-H Association \$2,750

To support the Read, Taste and Touch program by promoting reading, good nutrition, and agriculture awareness among preschoolers.

Birth-To-Five, Inc. \$2,561.50

To purchase newly revised Born to Learn curriculum required to provide services for families with children ages three to kindergarten entry.

Baxter Neighborhood \$5,950

To create the infrastructure for an educational outreach program focused on GED completion and college readiness for the residents of the Jerry Gyer Apartments.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$6,000

To cover printing expenses for 5,000 New Student Activity Books created by the LOGOS class at RCS.

Newspapers In Education \$2,000

To support the Newspapers in Education program in Wayne County schools.

YMCA \$2,508

To cover the start up costs for the aquatics program.

Whitewater Community Television \$1,535

To support a biweekly television program "Wayne County U," on WCTV focusing on educational issues in Wayne County.

Stage One Youth Theatre \$2,000

To be used for Wayne County students in support of the "Traveling Educational Theatre" program which will travel to schools and community youth and service programs with three performances.

Women In Transition \$1,800

To provide educational and parental assistance for any women who are in a transitional phase of life by purchasing educational supplies.

Community Food Pantry \$2,750

To purchase vertical lift to assist with moving food to the second floor for storage.

Town of Milton up to \$7,500

A matching challenge grant to construct a basketball court as the initial phase of a new park in Milton.

Richmond Parks & Recreation up to \$4,000

A matching challenge grant to purchase an inflatable movie screen that is easily transportable and will increase accessibility to free events that the parks department offers throughout the year.

Ripple Effect \$7,500

To cover the costs of books, website, marketing, movie rental for the "community read" program.

Communities In Schools \$5,000

To sponsor Harlem Ambassadors school assembly for all Wayne County middle schools students to deliver the message to students "Stay in School" and "Stay off Drugs" a collaboration with Richmond Rotary.

Girls, Inc. \$8,250

To support the cost of phase I and II of the StoryCorps Wayne County project involving girls and young women in collecting and archiving stories from the community.

Model T Ford Club \$1,725

To print 10,000 brochures that will include information on the Model T Museum, Model T Ford Club of America, club's website, and will help highlight our geographical area.

Disabled American Veterans \$3,750

To assist with the purchase of a new Ford Van to transport veterans from four local counties to the Veteran Administration Medical Center in Indianapolis.

The next grant cycle will be in October for health/human services, seniors, and environment and preservation categories. Prospective applicant organizations are encouraged to visit the Foundation's Web site (www.waynecountyfoundation.org) or contact Andrea Stuckey 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.

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