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**FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$84,700 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND EDUCATION**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$84,794.24 to twenty-two organizations in the community activities and education categories during their August grant cycle.

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

"The programs and initiatives we were able to fund this cycle represent a wide range of needs and interests," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's executive director. "As always, we look for those proposals that will leverage our investment in some way and create something for the community that will have a farther reaching effect than just the project itself."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Community Food Pantry \$8,855.00

To install a concrete rear entrance ramp for easy access into the Pantry for disabled clients and volunteers.

American Legion Post 65 \$3,000.00

For the 2010 Fourth of July Fireworks program and a planning study to seek better, long-term solutions to the fireworks funding.

Town of Dublin \$15,000.00

To provide a new roller rink floor at the Dublin Community Club.

Christian Charities of Richmond and Wayne County, Inc. \$2,000.00

To provide weekend sack meals for 395 children at Starr Discovery Schools on the third Friday each month.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$1,000.00

To purchase materials for Wayne County 200 year commemorative quilt.

Richmond Family Y.M.C.A. \$5,000.00

In support of the Corporate Membership Campaign that will help secure more programming for low income families in our community.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program \$500.00

To support the development of a Volunteer Reception Center system to be used in times of disaster.

Cambridge City Public Library \$1,230.00

To digitize the 2006-2008 Western Wayne News and make a DVD of the papers from 1850-2008 for library patrons to use.

American Red Cross \$4,000.00

To support Operation Preparedness by recruiting and training volunteers the various aspects of a current employee's job to replace them when they retire in the next year.

Center City Development Company \$6,500.00

To be used for artist stipends in support of the Festival of Murals

Centerville-Abington Community School Corporation \$3,330.00

In support of the after school bus program by providing rural based students transportation home after normal school hours.

Richmond Community Schools \$500.00

To purchase dissection specimens and gloves for Anatomy and Physiology classes at Richmond High School.

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District \$2,500.00

To support the 2009-2010 Conservation Days and the 1000 or more third/fourth grade students who attend.

Richmond Art Museum \$1,500.00

To expand the Annual Phantoscope High School Film Festival.

AMIGOS/Community Action of Central Indiana \$4,300.00

To assist Hispanic families in navigating the school system in Richmond by bringing school staff and Hispanic families together for discussion and sharing of information.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County \$6,500.00

To purchase software licenses for the Lexia Learning Project to increase the reading competency levels of local students.

Youth as Resources \$3,500.00

To support Wayne County Voice Initiative which empowers youth to take a stand against tobacco use.

Junior Achievement of Eastern IN \$2,879.24

To purchase additional educational materials in order to serve all the classes that request JA in Wayne County.

Wayne County Literacy Coalition \$4,450.00

To provide training and educational materials for the first 20 students in the adult literacy program.

Richmond Community Schools \$500.00

To redevelop the Nature Lab located behind Garrison elementary school.

Birth-To-Five, Inc. \$4,750.00

To purchase books and other supplies for literacy activities for adults with young children.

Stage One Youth Theatre at Richmond Civic Theatre \$3,000.00

To cover expenses for two new educational outreaches titled "Staging Your Imagination."

The next grant cycle deadline is October 1st for health, human service, animals, environment/preservation, and seniors 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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