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**FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$144,000 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR ARTS
AND YOUTH**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$144,222 to twenty-five organizations in the arts and youth categories for their April grant cycle.

All of the Foundation's community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and field-of-interest endowment funds. Grant requests totaled approximately \$313,000. The complete list of grant awards follows:

Boys and Girls Clubs \$5,000.00

To purchase a variety of art supplies for the Fine Arts program and assist with the cost of the national Fine Arts Exhibit.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$800.00

To assist with the Model T's Come to Richmond project by purchasing a banner from a local graphic artist to hang on the porch during the Model T Celebration.

Richmond Parks & Rec \$5,000.00

To assist with the 2008 Summer Concert Series held in Glen Miller Park. This series consists of six Saturday evening concerts that are free to the public.

Wayne County Cultural \$1,000.00

To purchase a countertop display, two folding tables, two display lamps, imprinted table throw, sign printing, and miscellaneous expenses for the portable exhibits which are taken to various fairs, festivals and the Home show in Wayne County.

Richmond Community Schools-Civic Theatre \$5,000.00

To support the 2008-2009 Proudly Presenting Series including the public performances and community outreach/educational activities this series represents seven performances.

Starr-Gennett Foundation \$5,000.00

To support the promotion and expansion of the Gennett Walk of Fame and Music Festival in Richmond, Indiana on September 6, 2008.

Richmond Civic Theatre \$2,660.00

To support the production of Frankenstein Radio Play as a form of advertisement for the actual play and a way to unite students, businesses, and live theatre.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$7,690.00

To assist with several various expenses also including the purchase of a computer and additional software and acquiring and starting of restoration on a 1922 Pilot auto roadster.

Levi Coffin House Association \$7,690.00

To assist with funding for the cost of a visitor's center.

Stage One Youth Theatre \$6,000.00

To assist in funding three educational outreach programs, Arts as Self-Discovery; Arts in Education, and Arts for the Future. These programs will focus on increasing volunteer base among youth and families in Wayne County.

Richmond Day Nursery \$17,605.00

To purchase a boiler to replace an obsolete heating system.

Golay Community Center \$25,000.00

To assist with the expansion of an Open Air Facility by purchasing the concrete slab portion of the project.

Townsend Community Center \$3,840.00

To fund admission fees for their seven-week summer program for youth ages five to thirteen to engage in physical activities, develop long term leisure skills and to learn about the importance of healthy eating.

Communities In Schools \$2,820.00

To provide peer tutoring and cross-aged tutoring training for Wayne County students.

Baxter Neighborhood \$2,625.00

To provide free summer camps and after school programs that will focus on children's self-image, decision-making, civic engagement and view of education for youth 10 - 15 years of age.

Dunn Mental Health Center \$1,721.00

To purchase musical equipment for the Growing Through Loss with music therapy interventions program for foster children.

Richmond Parks & Rec \$500.00

To purchase teaching materials about the environment and the importance of recycling for youth programming.

Girls, Inc. \$3,350.00

To assist with the cost of the Summer SMART program designed to engage girls in fun activities based on Science, Math, And Relevant Technology.

Eastside Girls Softball \$8,500.00

To purchase materials for construction of restrooms/storage facility for the ball diamonds.

Youth as Resources \$3,500.00

To support the YAR Grant-Making Program that provides grants to young people ages 5 to 19 to develop and implement service projects that address community issues and/or needs.

Boys and Girls Clubs \$6,040.00

To assist with the costs of the Summer Academic Enrichment Program; a nine week program for youths ages 6 to 12 years old. The program will focus on improving reading and math fluency and career exploration.

DIPLOMAS-Noah's Ark Day Care \$7,276.00

To assist with one month of expenses for 17 teens and their children.

Peer Information Center \$8,605.00

To fund the remaining expenses for the Protecting You Protecting Me program for 2007-2008 school year.

American Red Cross \$3,000.00

To assist with the continuation and expansion of youth programs in Wayne County including: babysitter's training, first aid training, CPR/AED training, Lear to Swim Program, and lifeguard training.

Wayne County Vision \$4,000.00

To assist with the cost of bringing Dave Pelzer, author of six inspirational books, to Civic Hall on May 22, 2008 to inspire our community and encourage early reporting of child abuse and neglect with his programs, "Help Yourself" and "Real Heroes".

The next grant cycle will be in August for community activities and education categories. Prospective applicants 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.