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**FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$80,500 IN LATEST GRANT CYCLE FOR  
HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICE, ANIMALS, SENIORS,  
ENVIRONMENT AND PRESERVATION CATEGORIES.**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded **\$80,578.54** to seventeen organizations in the health, human service, animals, seniors, and environment and preservation categories during their October grant cycle.

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

"This was a very difficult cycle," said Steve Borchers, executive director of the foundation. "We received requests for funding in excess of \$266,000, leaving our grant committees with some very difficult decisions. They worked hard, however, to select those initiatives that offered the most collective benefit to the community relative to the categories in question."

The complete list of grant awards follows:

Petra Project, Inc. \$1,500.00

To purchase a defibrillator through Reid Hospital for the Siloam Free Healthcare Clinic.

Sunrise, Inc. \$650.00

To send a new instructor through therapeutic riding certification training.

Indiana Women in Need \$5,000.00

To provide personal services to ten financially-challenged women in Wayne County who are enduring breast cancer treatment.

Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Inc. \$1,500.00

To provide financial assistance for 40 low-income women and men from Wayne County.

Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District \$3,750.00

To sponsor a rural homeowners workshop for well water testing and septic system maintenance.

Muscular Dystrophy Association \$1,500.00

To send three children from Wayne County to summer camp in 2010.

Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana \$4,000.00

To assist with the start up cost of personal attendant services program.

Habitat for Humanity \$9,000.00

To provide a two-to-one match on the purchase a skid loader-excavator.

Young Women's Christian Association \$12,000.00

In support of Genesis of the YWCA for food, identification, and transportation.

Earlham College \$5,000.00

To help establish the Whitewater Valley Institute -- a data and research center that represents a collaborative effort between Earlham College, Indiana University East, and Ivy Tech Community College.

National Alliance for Mentally Ill/East Central Indiana \$9,478.54

For renovations that are needed to keep the NAMI building maintained and in proper working order.

Wayne County Historical Museum \$7,500.00

For preservation work in the historical village.

Quaker Hill Foundation \$2,000.00

To restore the third floor of the Evans House.

Parks Foundation Cope Environment Ctr. \$2,300.00

To support the 11th annual Family Earth Day Celebration.

HELP The Animals \$4,400.00

To make repairs to the water damaged west wall of the shelter building and install gates on dog runs.

TRIAD \$6,000.00

To purchase a medical waste incinerator to dispose of drugs.

Senior Opportunities Services \$5,000.00

To assist seniors and disabled persons who need Homemaker services.

The next grant cycle deadline is April 1, 2010, for the arts and youth categories. Prospective applicant organizations are encouraged to visit the Foundation's Web site ([www.waynecountyfoundation.org](http://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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