



Community Foundation of Wabash County

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS AWARD \$67,350 IN SUMMER GRANT CYCLE

The Community Foundation of Wabash County, Inc. (Foundation) has concluded its second grant cycle of 2006, awarding more than \$67,350 to local schools, organizations and groups that serve vital needs in the community.

The grants committee considered all of the requests received — which totaled nearly \$121,700.

The grants awarded come from the Good Deeds Unrestricted Endowments, which support the Community Foundation's program of perpetual grant giving. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Honeywell FAME Festival — \$2,000 to support The Foundation for Art and Music in Elementary Education, Inc. (FAME)'s first FAME festival in Wabash. The two-day FAME Festival at the Grand Wayne Center and the one-day festival in Merrillville, have been expanded to include the Honeywell Center in 2007. The Festival celebrates multiculturalism, focusing on the African-American arts in 2007. The event provides children with opportunities to experience a wide range of artistic expressions (art, music, dance, and theatre), strengthening arts education for children and teachers, and increasing awareness of the values of the arts. All festival activities are educational, are of the highest professional artistic and educational quality and address specific State of Indiana Academic Standards. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **Paul L. Speicher Foundation Good Deeds Endowment**.

Honeywell Foundation Educational Outreach Program — \$10,000 to support programs that offer access to arts education and inspiration to area youth from pre-school to high school. The Educational Outreach Program is comprised of several components: 1) Artist Residency Programs, 2) Ford Theater Convocations, 3) Free Family Festivals, 4) The Technical Theater Internship Program, 5) Art exhibits. The program is funded in part by grants from the **Beauchamp & McSpadden Charitable Endowment** and the **David D. & Jane C. Grandstaff Charitable Endowment**.

Junior Achievement Serving Greater Wabash (JA) — \$500 to implement JA's "Understanding Today's Global Economy for Tomorrow's Leaders" program to approximately 176 sixth grade students at LaFontaine Elementary, Southwood Elementary and Wabash Middle Schools. The program aligns with academic program content standards and world history and world geography social studies disciplines. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

Junior Achievement Serving North Manchester — \$500 to present Finance Park "A Real Life Experience for Young Adults," JA's Finance Park will introduce approximately 159 ninth grade students at Manchester's High School to a reality-based, hands-on simulation that will help them learn personal financial management and responsibility. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

Kids First Child Care Ministry — \$1,500 to fund "Curriculum in a Box." It is a literacy-based curriculum that uses the creative arts to introduce important developmental and school readiness skills through stories. The grant

will be used to purchase items to design theme boxes for the twenty different themes in the curriculum. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

L.I.F.E. Center Description — \$5,050 to support the PEP Program to educate our area junior and senior high school students about the importance of abstinence. The Peers Project, a.k.a. Peers Educating Peers (PEP), is a program used to educate students ages 12-18 on being abstinent from sex, alcohol, drugs and violence.

Lighthouse Mission — \$3,000 to fund a project to provide more twin beds for the children of Wabash County who are in need, or are in need of a bed to meet requirements to be reunited with their family. The program is funded, in part, by a grant from the **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

Manchester College — \$5,000 to support the Indiana Reading Corps (IRC) program. The IRC seeks to improve early literacy through one-on-one tutoring sessions between local elementary children and college or community reading coaches. This program is funded, in part, by the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

MSD-Metro North Elementary — \$2,420.35 to complete a phase of development of an outdoor educational laboratory by planting the "Trees of Indiana" that are not already on school property. In addition to the trees, the plan also includes a butterfly garden. The lab would provide for outdoor educational experiences for classes and for the general public. This program is funded, in part, by the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

Roann Paw-Paw Township Public Library — \$5,600 to cover the costs of an expanded building and services to the public.

Tenderhearts Child Care Ministry — \$ \$297.52 to purchase infant strollers.

Vernon Manor Children's Home — \$414 to purchase Switch Interfaces connect a computer and a round Lollie Pop Switch to make the computer lab equipment adaptable for our special children.

Wabash Area Community Theater (WACT) — \$2,500 for October production of Beauty and the Beast. The program is funded, in part, by a grant from the **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

Wabash County Council on Aging, Inc. — \$900 for Veteran's Day Luncheon. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

Wabash County Historical Museum — \$1,370 to fund Education Trunk and Museum Scavenger Hunt project. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **Beauchamp & McSpadden Charitable Endowment**.

Wabash County Sheriff's Office — \$3,700 to support "It's My Child Too" program. The program is a unique effort that focuses solely on fathers who are incarcerated in the Wabash County Jail by providing parenting education and support.

Wabash Street Level Ministries, Inc. — \$5,500 to fund The Access, which is a place where young people, ages 8 to 18, can hang out on Friday and Saturday nights.

Wabash Valley Music Association (WVMA) — \$9,000 to support the Elementary School Children's' Concert.

WCS—Wabash City Schools — \$7,899 to provide training for the Student Success Process (SSP) with Steve Benjamin a consultant affiliated with the Indiana Department of Education.

Grants, like those listed above, are awarded from the Foundation's Good Deeds Endowment. Individual donors can contribute to the Unrestricted Endowment and know that their gift will be combined with others to address ever-changing, vital needs in Wabash County.

The Community Foundation considers grant applications from these endowments three times a year. Applications for the fall grant cycle are due November 15, 2006. The Foundation plans to hold a grant writers' workshop in North Manchester on October 17. For information about making a contribution to an endowment or applying for a grant, call 260-982-4824, visit our web site at www.cfwabash.org, or stop by the Foundation office at 218 East Main Street, North Manchester.
