



Community Foundation of Wabash County

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Community Foundation Fall Grants total nearly \$72,000

Wide range of organizations receive funds

The Community Foundation of Wabash County, Inc. (Foundation) has concluded its third grant cycle of 2006, awarding close to \$72,000 to local schools, organizations and groups that serve vital needs in the community. The grants awarded come from the Good Deeds Unrestricted Endowments, which support the Foundation's program of perpetual grant giving. Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

American Red Cross (\$6,310) – Technology upgrade. Funds will pay for an upgrade of equipment used to provide services and educational programs to the community. A portion of this is a matching grant.

ARC of Wabash County, Inc. (\$10,000) – Shark Shredding, Phase 2. Grant will partially fund the purchase of a conveyor and baler for use in ARC's Shark Shredding Service, which provides document shredding for Wabash County businesses and private citizens. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

Asherwood Environmental Science Center (\$2,623) – 2007 Summer Day Camp Program. Summer camps will provide Wabash County students access to week-long programs that will include scientific investigations, cooperative activities, and arts and crafts.

Boy Scouts of America Wabash Troop 429 (\$3,000) – Roof repairs. This grant will help fund repairs to the Honeywell Scout Cabin, which was dedicated by Mark Honeywell in 1940 for use by the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts in the area.

Education for Conflict Resolution (ECR) (\$4,375) – Technology upgrade. ECR continues in its 19th year to provide mediation services and education for students, individuals, organizations, etc. in Wabash County. These funds will permit ECR to upgrade its outdated computer equipment.

Garber-Simmons Adult Center (CSNM, Inc.) (\$480) – Yoga for Seniors. Program will provide local seniors access to a healthful activity.

Kokomo/Howard Co. Development Corp (North Central SBDC) (\$1,692) – SBDC Hypergrow! seminar for small business. Funds will support a day-long seminar targeted at Wabash County businesses.

Little Friends Day Care (\$2,600) – Staff training. Staff members will attend the Association for Education of Young Children Conference to improve their care giving skills.

Main Street, Inc. (\$3,000) – North Manchester America in Bloom. North Manchester will participate in this national program. The program's goal is to improve the visual appeal of America's neighborhoods, parks, open

spaces and streets through the imaginative use of flowers, plant and trees. This program is funded in part by a grant from the **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

Manchester College (\$3,000) – Special Olympics: Participating in the Lives of Area Youth (PLAY). In this program, 12 Manchester College student teachers in adapted physical education will work with approximately 40 students with disabilities from Manchester Community Schools for weekly training in physical activity, fitness and sports. The program is funded by a grant from the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

Manchester Early Learning Center (\$4,061) – Funds will be used to purchase and install new carpet. This program is funded in part by a grant from the **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

MCS-Manchester Elementary (\$850) – “Playing to Learn” with Harry the Hippo and the Alligator. Funds will be used to purchase two multi-sensory playground “pals” to be installed on the primary/kindergarten playground. This program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

MSD-Northfield Jr/Sr High School (\$1,500) – Music & Multipurpose Technology Project. Northfield Jr./Sr. High School will use this grant to provide its faculty, staff, students and community with a multipurpose, technology-enhanced group meeting area by adding data-projection and internet capabilities to its existing choir room. A portion of this is a matching grant.

MSD-Southwood Elementary (\$325) – CultureGrams Data Base Online. Funds will pay for a subscription to this database, which will be a resource for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students.

The Nature Conservancy in Indiana (\$1,000) – Wabash River Aquatic Assessment. The Nature Conservancy will use grant funds to compile existing studies of the Wabash River to create a comprehensive aquatic assessment to allow scientists to understand the river’s condition throughout the basin. This assessment is an important first step in a science-based approach to identifying conservation priorities. This program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

Right Relations, Inc. (\$2,500) – General Support Grant. Funds will help Right Relations continue its Family Enrichment Series, which serves divorced parents, parents who are establishing paternity of a juvenile, parents who have children in the juvenile justice system and parents whose children are having difficulty in school.

Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library (\$2,500) – Library Elevator Repair project. A portion of this is a matching grant.

Somerset Lions Club (\$2,650) – Fence for Somerset Park

Wabash County Chamber of Commerce (\$5,000) – Technology Compatible Conference Center. The Chamber will use this grant to develop a state-of-the-art conference center within its offices that will serve the county’s businesses and non-profit organizations free of charge.

Wabash County Cheer, Inc. (\$1,300) – Time to Reminisce Calendars.

Wabash County Council on Aging (\$460) – Digital Camera. This program is funded in part by a grant from the **A. Blair & Patricia Kennedy Helman Charitable Endowment**.

Wabash County United Fund (\$1,122) – Office Copier. A portion of this is a matching grant.

Wabash Friends Counseling Center (\$1,500) – Insurance processing software. Software will make insurance processing more efficient and enhance other functions, as well. A portion of this is a matching grant.

White's Residential & Family Services, Inc. (\$10,000) – Student & Family Life Center. This program is funded in part by a grant from the **Beauchamp & McSpadden Charitable Endowment**, the **David D. & Jane C. Grandstaff Charitable Endowment**, and the **Paul L. Speicher Foundation Good Deeds Endowment**.

Grants, like those listed above, are awarded from the Foundation's Good Deeds Endowment, which was established through the Lilly Endowment, Inc.'s Gift Phase V. 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 next grant application deadline is March 15, 2007. New application forms will be required for consideration in this cycle. The Foundation will hold a grant writers' workshop on February 15, 2007 at the Honeywell Center. For information about making a contribution to an endowment, applying for a grant, or attending the workshop call 260-982-4824, visit our web site at www.cfwabash.org, or stop by our office at 218 East Main Street, North Manchester.
