



# Community Foundation of Wabash County

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## Press Release

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### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ENDOWMENTS AWARD CLOSE TO \$52,000 IN SPRING GRANT CYCLE

The Community Foundation of Wabash County, Inc. (CFWC) has concluded its first grant cycle of 2006, awarding approximately \$51,850 to local schools, organizations and groups that serve vital needs in the community. The grants committee considered all of the requests received — which totaled more than \$136,000.

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:

**ACRES, Inc.** — \$1,250 to pay for signs to direct people to Kokiwanee Nature Preserve, a 140-acre Nature Preserve located near Lagro that was established to benefit the citizens of Wabash County. The program is funded in part by a grant from the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

**CHEER Club, Inc.** — \$2,000 to continue to provide a planned program of services to individuals in Wabash County who are unable to get out into society due to age or disability. CHEER volunteers visit participants' homes and nursing homes. The program also provides medical equipment to shut-ins who require it.

**City of Wabash** — \$6,000 to establish a 1.75 mile Wabash Cultural Trail. The trail will connect and highlight key cultural, historical, recreational, and governmental locations. Locations on the trail will include the Honeywell Center, Wabash City Park, Wabash Carnegie Public Library, The Woman's Clubhouse, the Dr. James Ford Historic Home, Presbyterian Church, Wabash Christian Church, Memorial Hall, Wabash County Courthouse, the Wabash County Museum, the Wabash County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Paradise Spring Historical Park, and many stately homes.

**CSNM, Inc. (Learn More Center)** — \$2,000 to host a FIESTA fundraiser for the English as a Second Language (ESL) program. Using the most important national holiday of Mexico (Mexican Independence Day, which is September 16,) the LMC will bring part of this Mexican cultural celebration to life for Wabash County residents who may not be familiar with these customs. **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

**Heartland Career Center** — \$4,000 for Design Graphic Technology software.

**IU-Honeywell House** — \$3,000 to support a program series at the Honeywell House to encourage an appreciation for the arts in and around Wabash County. Each year the house hosts a number of concerts, lectures and tours. Because all of our programs are free to the public, they offer an opportunity for everyone to learn and enjoy. This program is funded, in part, by the **Beauchamp & McSpadden Charitable Endowment**.

**Junior Achievement Serving Greater Wabash (JA)** — \$480 to implement JA's "Economics of Staying in School" program at White's Junior High School and Southwood Junior High School (for approximately 112 seventh grade students).

**Junior Achievement Serving North Manchester** — \$634 to present *Financial Literacy for Tomorrow's Adults (Personal Economics)* for seventh graders at Manchester Junior High school.

**Kids First Child Care Ministry** — \$1,500 to purchase items needed to operate while the preschool program is temporarily displaced during remodeling.

**Manchester College** — \$3,100 to study “Water Quality & Biological Integrity of the Eel River: Smallmouth Bass Population Dynamics.” Through a combination of student research money, a 50% equipment cost share (from the Lilly Foundation), money from the Wabash County Community Foundation, and cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), this project will provide data that will lead to sound management strategies and subsequently a more stable smallmouth bass population. This project will provide insight to water quality of the Eel River in Wabash County and enhance the recreational fishing opportunities for anglers and other stakeholders who use the river.

**Manchester Early Learning Center** — \$1,200 to expand and enhance summer camp programs. The program is funded, in part, by a grant from the **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

**MSD-Northfield Jr/Sr High School** -- \$1,550 to purchase books and other resource material for the Academic Super Bowl Team. Materials will be catalogued in the library or donated to the music department when competition is complete. This program is funded by the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

**North Manchester Chamber of Commerce** -- \$2,500 to improve the upcoming FunFest Festival by installing another supply pole and distribution center for electrical needs on North Market Street and other improvements.

**North Manchester Public Library** — \$650 to fund “Not ‘Johnny’ If You Please” is a portrayal of the legend of Johnny Appleseed and the life of John Chapman as characterized by Hank Fincken. The program is collaboratively sponsored by the North Manchester Public Library, Timbercrest Senior Living Community and the Peabody Retirement Community. This program is funded, in part by a grant from the **Beauchamp & McSpadden Charitable Endowment**.

**Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana** — \$10,000 to continue the Wabash County Tailgate Program. The program expects to help 2,500 households by providing approximately 155,000 pounds of produce and other food items. This program will provide low-income residents with nutrient dense products and help alleviate hunger. This program is funded, in part, by the **Galley Family Charitable Endowment**.

**Tenderhearts Child Care Ministry** — \$844 to purchase cribs for infants to sleep and/or rest when needed.

**Wabash County YMCA, Inc.** — \$1,350 for staff and chief volunteers to attend the 2006 General Assembly of YMCAs.

**Wabash Marketplace, Inc.** — \$2,000 to print walking tour brochures to promote Wabash’s historic districts.

**Wabash County Council on Aging, Inc.** — \$1,075 to purchase three sets of retractable wheelchair tie downs to upgrade non-retractable, older tie downs in three handicapped accessible vans owned and operated as part of Wabash County Transit.

**Wabash County Council on Aging, Inc.** — \$2,216 to convert the front desk area of the Dallas L. Winchester Senior Center into a dual purpose front desk and computer lab for senior citizens.

**WCS—Wabash City Schools (VPA)** — \$2,000 to support the Visual-Performing Arts Cooperative of Wabash County (formed by all three county school corporations: MSD of Wabash County, Wabash City Schools, and Manchester Community Schools) yearly programs, especially the Summer Theatre program which is the most costly project. This program is funded, in part, by the **Strauss Family Charitable Endowment**.

**WCS-Wabash High School** — \$2,500 fund the summer marching band program for Wabash County student musicians in grades 7-12.

Grants, like those highlighted 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 summer grant cycle will be due July 15, 2006. The Foundation plans to hold a grant writers' workshop in June 13 at the Honeywell Center. 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](http://www.cfwabash.org), or stop by the Foundation office at 218 East Main Street, North Manchester.

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