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News Release

\$2,792,138 GRANTED TO LOCAL AGENCIES

Fort Wayne, IN: The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, in its first quarter of 2008, granted a total of \$2,792,138 to nonprofit agencies in Allen County. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne met February 14. Selected grants are listed below.

Grants awarded from the Clarke Endowment Fund held at the Community Foundation include:

Allen County Council on Aging Inc.: \$75,000 multi-year award for the Transportation Program, which provides door-to-door medical and other transportation services to the elderly.

Cancer Services of Allen County Inc.: \$225,000 multi-year award for the Campaign for Everyday Heroes, to secure a facility in a convenient location with the capacity to enrich programming.

Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana Inc.: \$225,000 multi-year award for the Farm Wagon, a mobile pantry that provides fresh produce and perishables to individuals and families living in low-income urban and rural areas.

Euell A. Wilson Center Inc.: \$110,000 multi-year award to support academic programs designed to reinforce positive development skills for youth.

Fort Wayne Park Foundation: \$225,000 multi-year award to support the Lifetime Sports Academy and the Weisser Park Youth Center.

Homebound Meals Inc.: \$13,500 multi-year award to support the delivery of hot nutritious meals to clients who are unable to prepare their own meals due to age, illness, or disabilities.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Fort Wayne Inc.: \$50,000 for the Moving Our Families Forward capital campaign to purchase and renovate a new facility for daytime programming needs.

Martin Luther King Montessori School Inc.: \$35,000 to provide preschool education to children from low-income households.

Power House Youth Center Inc.: \$10,000 for Glo, a Friday evening club for middle and high school students that provides a safe, drug free environment supervised by adult mentors.

Grants awarded from the General Grantmaking Fund held at the Community Foundation include:
ACRES Inc.: \$45,000 multi-year award to support the attainment, conservation, and management of nature preserves.

Allen County Council on Aging Inc.: \$51,800 for technology infrastructure updates including workstations, server capabilities, donor database needs, and staff training.

Allen County Education Partnership Inc.: \$2,000 award for printer replacement and labor costs.

American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana: \$8,464 for technology updates including updating equipment, purchasing new printers, a camera, and a projector.

Big Brother Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana Inc.: \$14,502 to replace a server and install a remote office system.

Community Transportation Network Inc.: \$35,000 to help provide low cost transportation to seniors, those with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged families.

East Wayne Street Center Inc.: \$30,000 for Project Solve, a program providing GED preparation classes and adult education.

Easter Seals ARC of Northeast Indiana Inc.: \$90,000 multi-year award for the Community Recreational Program, which provides socialization and exercise opportunities to adults with disabilities.

Euell A. Wilson Center Inc.: \$25,000 multi-year award to support academic programs designed to reinforce positive youth development skills.

Fort Wayne Museum of Art: \$50,000 for the American Art Initiative Capital Campaign to provide renovations, facility expansion, and collection acquisitions.

Fort Wayne Youtheatre Inc.: \$7,391 for the purchase of a new music keyboard.

Foundation For Art and Music In Elementary Education Inc.: \$20,000 multi-year award to provide resources for elementary students to experience and participate in the creative arts.

Harold W. McMillen Center for Health Education Inc.: \$60,000 multi-year award to support the agency's delivery of health education programs. An additional \$44,522 was also awarded for improvements to the agency's technology infrastructure.

Headwaters Park Alliance Inc.: \$30,000 multi-year award for the outdoor ice skating rink to underwrite the cost of admission, providing inexpensive winter entertainment.

Heartland Chamber Chorale Inc.: \$10,000 for technology improvements including a new server, software, and additional desktop computers.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Fort Wayne Inc.: \$60,000 multi-year award to help provide emergency housing for families in Allen County through the collaborative efforts of area congregations.

Matthew 25 Health and Dental Clinic: \$50,000 to upgrade the agency's technology infrastructure, improving productivity and client services.

Neighborhood Health Clinics Inc.: \$75,000 multi-year award to support medical and dental care for the uninsured.

New Trails for Aboite Inc. d/b/a Aboite New Trails Inc.: \$45,000 multi-year award to support the agency's efforts to promote the expansion of multi-use trails throughout the county.

Northeast Indiana Public Radio Inc.: \$40,000 multi-year award for the Campaign for the Classics to upgrade transmission equipment and towards the purchase of WCKZ.

Recovery Health Services Inc. d/b/a Byron Health Center: \$48,503 for computer and workstation upgrades to support the agency's services to those with special physical, mental, neurological, and emotional needs.

SCAN Inc.: \$15,152 for technology upgrades to help support the agency's mission to stop child abuse and neglect.

Super Shot Inc.: \$60,000 multi-year award to support the agency's free immunization clinics. An additional \$20,000 was also awarded to the agency for technology infrastructure upgrades.

United Hispanic Americans Inc.: \$30,000 for Bilingual Employment Placement and Job Skills Training, a program that provides assistance finding jobs, completing applications, employment counseling, resume assistance, and interviewing advice.

YWCA of Fort Wayne Inc.: \$105,000 multi-year award for a domestic violence services advocate, whose primary responsibility will be to provide domestic violence services to the Burmese community.

Grants awarded from the Stephan Family Community Needs Fund held at the Community Foundation include:

African Immigrants Social and Economic Development Agency Inc.: \$10,000 for ESL classes and training for refugees.

(For more specific information on the above, please contact the organizations.)

The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne has recently changed its grantmaking procedures. Current grant guidelines, procedures, and deadlines are available on the Community Foundation Web site at www.cfgfw.org or by calling 260-426-4083.

Established in 1956, the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne is a public, charitable foundation serving Allen County. The Community Foundation had assets of more than \$99 million as of December 31, 2007, and awarded more than \$5.4 million in charitable grants and scholarships in that year. These dollars support programs and projects for arts and culture, community development, education, health and human services, and other charitable purposes.

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