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News Release

\$1,229,183 GRANTED TO LOCAL AGENCIES

Fort Wayne, IN: The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, in its third quarter of 2008, granted a total of \$1,229,183 to nonprofit agencies in Allen County. The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne met August 8. Selected grants are listed below.

Grants awarded from the Clarke Endowment Fund held at the Community Foundation include:
AIDS Task Force Inc.: \$50,000 for the Women's-At-Risk Program, Client Assistance Program, and agency support to provide educational resources, case management, and financial assistance to men, women, and children with HIV and AIDS.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana Inc.: \$27,000 for Lunch Buddies, Community-Based Mentoring programs, and case management to provide children from at-risk families with an adult mentor.

East Allen Family Resource Center Inc.: \$30,000 for summer programs, nutritional support, and complementary services. The agency also provides preschool and after school programming for the residents of New Haven and surrounding areas.

Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Indiana Inc.: \$48,000 for the Children's Village Early Learning Center to provide childcare to families with low income. The Learning Center incorporates intergenerational programming through adults living in Lutheran Homes who volunteer their time.

Grants awarded from the Community Grantmaking Fund held at the Community Foundation include:

Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana Inc.: \$50,000 to replace existing hardware and purchase extended warranties for hardware and software to be used at the agency's multiple locations.

Erin's House for Grieving Children Inc.: \$16,106 for technology infrastructure support through new computers, software, hardware, and a color copier.

Forensic Nursing Specialties Inc. d/b/a Fort Wayne Sexual Assault Treatment Center: \$20,000 for the Pediatric Sexual Assault Clinic, which provides psychological recovery services, medical care, medical forensics, and additional services.

Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra Inc.: \$30,000 to provide concerts and educational experiences to children, youth, and adults of all ages.

Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce Foundation Inc.: \$34,000 multi-year grant for the Graduate Retention Program, which matches employers with Northeast Indiana college and high school graduates for internships.

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank of Fort Wayne Inc.: \$25,000 to provide furniture and other household items to families living in poverty. The agency also operates a Beds4Kids Program which provides children under age 18 with a bed frame and mattress.

St. Joseph River Watershed Initiative Partnership Inc.: \$26,850 for the water quality monitoring program, and \$9,500 for equipment to conduct sample testing in an effort to reduce water pollution.

Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home Inc.: \$50,000 for infrastructure updates including laptops, servers, and e-mail. Technology updates will allow caregivers to see real-time information on client's profiles, to improve communication and continuum of care.



Grants awarded from other funds held at the Community Foundation include:

Allen County Commissioners: \$75,000 from the Joyce Schlatter Fund to assist with sewer connection and construction costs in Riverhaven.

Grants awarded from other funds held at the Community Foundation include:

Allen County Commissioners: \$25,000 from Community Partnerships Inc. to assist with sewer connection and construction costs in Riverhaven.

East Wayne Street Center Inc.: \$500 from the Stephan Family Community Needs Fund for the home repair program.

Fort Wayne Clubhouse Inc. d/b/a The Carriage House: \$30,000 from the Opportunities Fund for increase community involvement and social capital through meaningful activities for those who suffer from mental illness.

Foundation for the People of Burma: \$10,000 from the emergency fund for cyclone relief efforts.

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

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. Since 1992 the Community Foundation has granted a total of 175 grants totaling \$3,333,520 in Technology Support for new computers, software, hardware, and other technical devices.

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