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News Release

\$1,383,417 GRANTED TO LOCAL AGENCIES

Fort Wayne, IN: The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, in its last funding quarter, granted a total of \$883,918 in new awards to nonprofit agencies in Allen County. Additionally, \$499,499 was distributed as multi-year grant commitments previously awarded.

The Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne met February 12. Selected grants are listed below.

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

Blessings in a Backpack Inc.: \$10,000 to help meet the nutritional needs of children and families over weekends by filling selected students' backpacks with non-perishable food items for weekend meals.

Community Transportation Network Inc.: \$70,000 multi-year grant to provide low cost transportation to seniors, those with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged families.

Embassy Theatre Foundation Inc.: \$30,000 for the historic facility and performance center used by national and local entertainers as well as civic, arts, educational, and service-oriented organizations.

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

United Hispanic Americans Inc.: \$34,782 for the Bilingual Employment Program, in which a bilingual employment coordinator assists Hispanic applicants with finding jobs, completing applications, employment counseling, resume assistance, and interviewing advice.

Unity Performing Arts Foundation Inc.: \$20,000 for the performing arts organization with an artistic focus on soulful art forms of choral music, dance, drama, creative writing, oratory, and instrumental music.

Volunteer Lawyer Program of Northeast Indiana: \$10,000 towards providing equal access to civil legal services, serving those with low-incomes from eight counties by placing eligible clients with attorneys who volunteer their services.

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

Allen County Fort Wayne Historical Society Inc: \$5,014 for new equipment to create in-house display materials for the History Center's collection of more than 23,000 artifacts, photographs, and documents representing the history of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

American Red Cross of Northeast Indiana: \$90,000 multi-year grant for disaster services, health and safety training, services to the armed forces, and international services.

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne: \$20,000 for a server and additional equipment to improve the organization's technological infrastructure.

Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry: \$45,000 multi-year grant for butchers' processing fees of donated deer, large game, cattle, and hogs which are then distributed to local food banks.

Fort Wayne Ballet Inc.: \$7,751 for a new server to support the agency's dance academy, outreach activities, and performances.

Fort Wayne Clubhouse Inc. d/b/a The Carriage House: \$13,429 for technological improvements to meet the needs of a large increase in assisting people in their recovery from mental illness and reintegration into the community.

SCAN Inc.: \$25,000 for the Family Restoration Division, which provides intensive, home-based services to children who have been abused and neglected and their families.

Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Indiana Inc.: \$7,000 for a portable fingerprinting system to improve efficiencies in screening foster parent applicants.

Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities Inc.: \$28,373 in technology support to upgrade the therapeutic and educational services providers' computer workstations, software, and other technology needs.

(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 \$73 million as of December 31, 2008, and awarded more than \$5.3 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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