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News Release

\$ 1,263,319 GRANTED TO LOCAL AGENCIES

Fort Wayne, IN: The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, in its last funding quarter, granted a total of \$1,263,319 in new awards to nonprofit agencies in Allen County. Additionally, \$232,000 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:

Allen County Education Partnership Inc.: \$80,000 multi-year grant for the Project READS Program, which provides weekly one-on-one reading assistance to Kindergarten through third grade students.

Audiences Unlimited Inc.: \$25,000 multi-year grant to provide live performances for residents in long-term care facilities and out in the community.

Boys and Girls Club of Fort Wayne Inc.: \$45,000 for programs designed to provide academic success, build social skills and self-esteem, develop character, and provide children with a sense of hope and opportunity.

Early Childhood Alliance Inc.: \$90,000 multi-year grant to provide early care and education for children from low income families, Parents as Teachers parent training, and for Paths to QUALITY.

East Wayne Street Center Inc.: \$35,000 for Project Solve and Adult GED Programs where participants receive educational instruction in math, science, social studies, language, and reading.

Erin's House for Grieving Children Inc.: \$30,000 to provide grief and bereavement services to children, teens, and young adults affected by grief.

National League of Cuban-American Community Based Centers d/b/a Educational Opportunity Center: \$25,000 to fund English as a Second Language classes, GED preparation classes, computer classes, and after school tutoring classes.

RSVP of Allen County Inc. d/b/a Volunteer Center @ RSVP: \$59,240 for a Mobile Laptop Team to support families who lack access to electronic filing of Income Tax, credit histories, unemployment applications, food stamps, and other Indiana benefits.

Children's Hope Inc. d/b/a Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House: \$16,575 to provide shelter, meals, laundry facility, and a peaceful refuge for families with children that are critically ill or injured. Services are provided to families with ill children 18 years and younger.

Family and Children's Services of Fort Wayne Inc.: \$60,000 multi-year grant to provide mental health services to individuals and families.

Fort Wayne Public Television Inc. WFWA PBS39: \$29,500 granted to replace outdated technology and improve the technology infrastructure at the station, and \$15,000 to provide educational community outreach, program acquisition, and to complete the transition to digital broadcast technology.

Fort Wayne Youtheatre Inc.: \$5,350 for a new copier to continue providing services to the community.

Fort Wayne Zoological Society Inc.: \$49,079.76 for database upgrades, new computers, and new audio visual systems, and other technological improvements.

Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana Inc.: \$45,000 for activities in Allen County including the volunteer-led Girl Scout troops and staff-led customized outreach programs reaching underserved girls.

Northeast Indiana Foundation Inc.: \$17,500 for activities in Allen County to support the agency's efforts to foster growth in the county's economic development capacity.

SCAN Inc.: \$10,700 for an audio visual system for the agency's conference room and fire alarm upgrades to improve safety and security at the facility.

Vincent Village Inc.: \$42,751 to install a computer network for the agency's business office, shelter, and youth services center, accounting software, computers and a new copier.

(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 \$71 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.