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WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION SET TO AWARD \$240,000 IN 2018 CHALLENGE MATCH PROGRAM

Fifty-Four Organizations Selected to Participate

The Wayne County Foundation announced today the organizations selected to participate in its 2018 Challenge Match Initiative. This year's field will be the largest group of participants in the program's seven year history.

Last year the Challenge Match generated over \$1.5 million for 49 local non-profits, including \$240,000 of match dollars made available by the Foundation and its Match Partners.

"Thanks to some very generous Match Partners we are able to support more organizations than ever before," said Steve Borchers, the Foundation's Executive Director. This year, our Match Partners include: Doxpop Charitable Giving Fund, Mr. Richard Jeffers, Reinke Donor Advised Fund, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Rosar, and Wayne Bank and Trust Co. Community Fund. Other contributions to the Match Pool were received from the Fund For Tomorrow, Mr. and Mrs. David Stidham, the Guthrie Family Donor Advised Fund, and an anonymous donor.

Even with the added support, not everyone who applied was accepted.

“We wanted to keep the Challenge Match challenging,” said Borchers, “and we wanted to inspire thoughtful, high-quality investments in the community.”

Every one of the 61 applications was judged against a set of criteria that we announced earlier this year. The 54 participating organizations will have the opportunity to receive funding from the Foundation up to their Match Goal, based on the gifts they receive from the community in a designated period of time.

“We believe this is a good opportunity for many different organizations to raise significant operating dollars or money in support of selected programs that will benefit from broad-based community involvement,” he said.

The organizations participating in the Foundation’s 2018 Challenge Match and their match goals are:

2nd Chance Animal Rescue	\$2,500
Achieva Resources Corporation	\$5,000
Amigos, The Richmond Latino Center	\$5,000
Birth-to-Five	\$5,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Wayne County	\$10,000
Brighter Path	\$2,500
Center City Development Corporation	\$5,000
Christian Charities of Richmond/Wayne County	\$2,500
Circle U Help Center	\$5,000
Communities In Schools of Wayne County	\$10,000
Community Christian School	\$2,500
Community Food Pantry	\$5,000
Cope Environmental Center	\$10,000
Diplomas Inc.	\$2,500
Every Child Can Read/K-Ready program	\$5,000
Friends of Morrisson-Reeves Library	\$5,000

Gateway Hunger Relief Center	\$2,500
Genesis of Richmond	\$5,000
Girls Inc. Wayne County	\$10,000
Golay Community Center	\$5,000
Good News Habitat for Humanity	\$2,500
Hand-in-Hand Adult Day Care	\$5,000
Hayes Arboretum	\$2,500
HELP The Animals	\$2,500
Hope House	\$2,500
JACY House	\$5,000
Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana	\$2,500
Model T Ford Club of America	\$2,500
Music Boosters of Richmond	\$2,500
Natco Community Empowerment Center	\$2,500
Northeastern Music Boosters	\$2,500
Open Arms Ministries	\$2,500
Richmond Art Museum	\$10,000
Richmond Civic Theatre	\$2,500
Richmond Community Orchestra	\$2,500
Richmond Day Nursery	\$2,500
Richmond Family YMCA	\$5,000
Richmond Friends School	\$5,000
Richmond Parks and Recreation	\$10,000
Richmond Rose Garden	\$5,000
Richmond Shakespeare Festival	\$5,000
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000
Senior Opportunities Services	\$2,500
Starr-Gennett Foundation	\$2,500
Sunrise, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Center	\$2,500
Townsend Community Center	\$2,500

Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	\$5,000
Wayne County Historical Museum	\$5,000
Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District	\$2,500
Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center	\$2,500
Western Wayne Dollars for Scholars	\$10,000
Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission	\$2,500
Williamsburg Area Community Center	\$2,500
Youth As Resources	\$2,500

The Challenge Match Program will kick off on Monday, November 5, and run for 9 days, through Tuesday, November 13. Qualifying contributions to the participating organizations in that period will trigger matching dollars from the Foundation, with respect to certain criteria. Contributions may also be made online through the Foundation's Website.

More information about specific details of qualifying gifts is available on the Foundation's Website or <http://www.waynecountyfoundation.org/about/documents/HowtheChallengeMatchWorks.pdf>

Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Lisa Bates at lisa@waynecountyfoundation.org or by calling 765-962-1638.