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**WAYNE COUNTY FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$239,542 IN SPRING GRANT CYCLE**

The Wayne County Foundation has awarded \$239,542 to thirty-eight local organizations in support of programs or projects designed to enhance the spirit of the community and improve the quality of life across Wayne County.

“Wayne County has many great organizations that deliver needed programs and services to our community,” said Rebecca Gilliam, the Foundation’s executive director. “I am excited to see the impact of the projects that are receiving funding through this grant cycle.”

All of the Foundation’s community grantmaking is made possible by income from unrestricted and endowed field-of-interest funds.

This is the complete list of grant awards approved by the Foundation’s Board of Directors at the May meeting:

Achieva Resources Corporation, Inc.	To purchase family resource bags	\$5,000.00
Animal Care Alliance	To spay or neuter free roaming cats in many areas of Richmond	\$6,000.00
Birth to Five	To support Parent educator training for ages three to five	\$1,170.00
Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County	To support BGCWC literacy for literacy family night events	\$9,120.00
Brighter Path Inc.	To expand the scholarship program to allow children from Wayne and surrounding counties to benefit from their unique service	\$7,000.00
Centerville Center Township Public Library	Materials for two “paperback” book clubs for our elementary-age patrons	\$2,500.00
Christian Charities	To grow our inventory to support Backpack Blessings and allow us to expand our distribution within the community as needed	\$3,609.00
Circle U Help Center, Inc.	To purchase food supplies for use in the Senior Pantry	\$2,400.00
Communities In Schools of Wayne County	To fund Tools for School, Bed in a Bag and Site Coordination/Service Enhancements initiatives	\$15,000.00
Cope Environmental Center	To support staff training, distance learning videos, weather station, and computers	\$6,095.00
Dudas Inspiration Venue for the	To engage an independent consultant to assist us in	\$6,000.00

Arts	forging a strategic vision and development plan	
Every Child Can Read	To support Third Grade Academy (TGA), an intense 4 week reading recovery program for third graders struggling to read at grade level	\$15,000.00
Gateway Hunger Relief Center	In support of emergency-response program	\$8,500.00
Genesis of Richmond	In support of counseling services	\$7,500.00
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana	To purchase supplies for the Wayne County Cooking Club, a program serving 4th and 5th grade girls in Wayne County	\$3,500.00
Girls Inc. of Wayne County	To purchase program supplies and equipment to maintain a safe learning space to support the addition of Kindergarten age members	\$6,676.00
Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana	To support mobile food pantries for Richmond and Hagerstown	\$10,000.00
Golay Community Center Inc.	To replace old and exhausted spin bikes with new higher quality bikes	\$5,000.00
Hand-in-Hand Adult Day Care of Richmond, Inc.	To help cover the cost of matching funds for two new vehicles and overall transportation expenses	\$15,000.00
Hayes Arboretum	To make energy efficiency upgrades to the nature center	\$3,000.00
HELP the Animals	To spay or neuter 100 animals	\$5,000.00
Hope Center	To purchase booklets and classroom supplies for the I Decide for Me program (IDFM)	\$701.00
Independent Living Center of Eastern Indiana	To purchase and provide assistive technology devices for our consumers who desire to remain living as independently as possible	\$10,000.00
Indiana Women In Need Foundation	To provide support services for seven low-income individuals enduring the hardships of breast cancer care and living in Wayne County	\$2,800.00
JACY House	To support the Child Safety Matters / Teen Safety Matters program designed to educate and protect school age children on the many dynamics of abuse	\$5,000.00
Junior Achievement of Eastern Indiana	To provide funding to cover classroom kit materials and national participation fees for 1,000 students in Wayne County	\$5,440.00
Neighborhood Health Center	To hire and routinely schedule a consultant that is a certified medical Spanish interpreter	\$5,000.00
Richmond Art Museum	To support the purchase of the RAM VanGo, a new middle school art educational program to not only take the RAM collection on the road but to have artists visit regional classrooms.	\$10,000.00
Richmond Friends School	To fund the Nature-Based Learning Initiative, used to strengthen and support current curriculum and provide the materials necessary to begin new adventures for our students enrolled in the Trueblood Preschool program.	\$5,411.00
Richmond Indiana Pickleball Inc	To fund a shade structure	\$3,500.00
Richmond Parks and Recreation	Playground equipment for the park located at 311 North 15th Street	\$11,000.00
Richmond Symphony Orchestra	To support the Community Concert series	\$8,150.00

Sunrise, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Center	To provide paid PATH certification to one full-time and two part-time instructors to meet the demands of our programs	\$9,840.00
Wayne and Union Solid Waste Management District (WUR SWMD)	To support Conservation Days for Wayne County 3 rd and 4 th graders	\$3,000.00
Wayne County Cardinal Greenway	For the repair of the aging asphalt surface	\$5,000.00
Wayne County Historical Museum	To purchase materials to revamp the Literacy Nights program	\$6,000.00
Wayne County Special Olympics	To support of the bowling program offered to our local Wayne County Special Olympic athletes	\$4,000.00
Wayne County SWCD	To purchase a drone to improve identification of resource concerns and data gathering with greater precision, efficiency and a broader depth of information gathered for our landowners/producers	\$1,630.00

Please visit the Foundation's Web site (www.waynecountyfoundation.org) or contact Lisa Bates at 962-1638 for additional information.

The Wayne County Foundation exists to foster and encourage private philanthropic giving, to enhance the spirit of community and to improve the quality of life in the Wayne County, Indiana, area now and for future generations.