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Community Foundation Approves Over Half Million Dollars in Grants

FINDLAY, OH (March 6, 2009) — The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Board of Trustees has approved 7 competitive grants totaling \$220,234 and 38 designated grants totaling \$285,355.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Competitive grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations that seek to meet community needs and that match the goals, objectives and priorities of The Community Foundation. Applications are reviewed four times per year.

Funding for competitive grants comes from unrestricted and field of interest funds established by donors at The Community Foundation. Unrestricted funds allow the Foundation's Board of Trustees to direct the funds wherever they are most needed. Field of interest funds are granted in the donor's chosen area of interest, such as health, education, or the arts.

Hancock Parks District was awarded a one-year grant totaling \$27,600 to provide consulting services to prepare designs, cost estimates and plans for three areas: Oakwoods Nature Preserve and Discovery Center Expansion, Old Mill Stream Parkway river access sites, and trail links from Findlay to Riverbend/Findlay Reservoirs. Results of this work will lead to construction, other grant funding, and engaging community involvement.

The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County was awarded a six-month grant totaling \$5,000 to partially support contract services/professional fees for the 2009 Summer Performing Arts Camp. The camp will provide a one-week intensive theatrical experience that offers a variety of theatre workshops to enhance performance skills and learn about technical aspects of a show. Participants will present their culminating production at the end of the week.

Century Health was awarded a one year grant up to \$32,500 to partially support an on-site manager trained in peer support services for the Melrose Efficiency Apartment Complex project for one year. The facility, which opens this spring, will offer safe and affordable housing for at-risk individuals, in order to create an environment which supports their future success.

Century Health was awarded an 18-month seed money grant for \$57,634 to partially fund expansion of peer support services within the behavioral healthcare system to increase service delivery options to persons in need of support, guidance, and direction to recover from mental illness and/or substance abuse.

Hancock Christian Clearing House was awarded a two-year grant totaling \$30,000 to provide Hancock County residents with emergency prescription drugs and interim access to maintenance prescription drugs until coverage in the national prescription drug assistance plan takes effect. This program is conducted in partnership with the Caughman Health Center.

Hancock Leadership was awarded a one-year grant totaling up to \$7,500 to partially support a class project to design, equip and install a Fitness Center at the new Hancock County Agency on Aging facility on Melrose Avenue.

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation was awarded a one-year grant totaling up to \$60,000 to implement the Hancock Education Fund mini-grant program. The Hancock Education Fund provides teachers with resources that promote classroom learning centered around "21st Century Learning Skills." These skills include cultural diversity, creative thinking, technological savvy and interpersonal communication skills. Education experts believe these are the skills necessary to prepare our students for success in a global economy.

DESIGNATED GRANTS

Designated grants are awarded from charitable funds established to support a specific nonprofit organization. Fund establishers may have specified how those funds were to be used by the organization, or funds may be awarded for general support.

GENERAL SUPPORT

Blanchard Valley Health Foundation, \$13,108 from the Tell and Opal Thompson Blanchard Valley Health Foundation Fund.

Boy Scouts of America, Black Swamp Area Council, \$1,167 from the Camp Berry/Boy Scout Fund.

Boy Scouts of America, Black Swamp Area Council, \$1,164 from the Boy Scouts/Local Council Fund.

Century Health Family Services, \$3,732 from the Century Health Family Services Fund.

City Mission of Findlay, Ohio, \$635 from the City Mission of Findlay, Ohio Fund.

The Arts Partnership of Greater Hancock County, \$19,165 from the Findlay Area Arts Fund.

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, \$827 from the Barbara Deerhake Fund.

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, \$56,319 from The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Administrative Endowment Fund.

Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, \$11,691 from the Tell and Opal Thompson Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Fund.

Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, \$456 from the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Fund.

Findlay Hope House for the Homeless, Inc., \$1,077 from the Findlay Hope House for the Homeless Fund.

Findlay Hope House for the Homeless, Inc., \$4,285 from the Gertrude O. Anderson Fund #3.

First Presbyterian Church, \$5,712 from the Gertrude O. Anderson Fund #1.

Friends of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, \$1,043 from the Friends of the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Fund.

Hancock Christian Clearing House, \$423 from the Marv & Judy Rower Fund.

Hancock Christian Clearing House, \$881 from the Richard N. and Mildred B. Bishop Fund.

Humane Society of Hancock County, \$1,504 from the Humane Society of Hancock County Fund.

Marilyn and Gordon Macklin Intergenerational Institute, \$6,629 from the Patricia M. and John M. Luther Fund.

United Way of Hancock County, \$58,584 from the United Way of Hancock County Fund.

United Way of Hancock County, \$2,104 from the United Way of Hancock County Designated Fund.

Voices for Children: CASA/GAL of Hancock County, \$4,390 from the M. Margaret Foster Fund for CASA/GAL of Hancock County.

University of Findlay, Mazza Museum, \$14,568 from the Barton and Josephine Wilson Fund for Mazza Collection.

Young Men's Christian Association/Findlay, \$11,595 from the Tell Thompson YMCA Fund.

SPECIFIC USE

Arlington Local Schools, \$231 from the Arlington Local School District Educational Excellence Fund to provide support for the enhancement of the classroom experience and improvement of the effectiveness of the curriculum for the Arlington Local School District.

Blanchard Valley Center, \$25,105 from the Tell, Opal, and Richard Thompson Blanchard Valley Center Fund to provide support, care, repair and maintenance of the resident facilities.

Boy Scouts of America, Black Swamp Area Council, \$116 from the Richard J. McCall Boy Scout Camping Fund to provide support of scholarships.

City Mission of Findlay, Ohio, \$632 from the City Mission of Findlay, Ohio Capital Fund to provide capital support.

Findlay Art League, \$172 from the McClelland Family Student Art Fund to support operating costs associated with student art exhibits

Findlay City School District, \$12,000 from the Secor Fund for use and benefit of the New Opportunities for Work Project (Project NOW).

Findlay City Schools, \$4,295 from the William H. & Martha E. Lape Fund for Innovative Initiatives to provide financial support for Findlay City School staff to pursue innovative program ideas that directly impact student learning.

Findlay-Hancock County Public Library, \$538 from the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library Fund - Genealogy for general support of the genealogy department.

First Lutheran Church, \$11,595 from the Tell and Opal Thompson Lutheran Church Fund to provide support of Lutheran charities.

Hancock Historical Museum, \$384 from the Hancock Historical Museum Association Fund for support and maintenance of The Little Red School House, MacArthur Train and Mae Huston Local History Resource Center.

Mazza Enthusiasts, University of Findlay, \$1,800 from the Mazza Enthusiasts Endowment Fund to provide support of the Medallion program and general support.

St. John's Lutheran Church, \$2,460 from the Walter L. Weber Fund for quarterly grounds upkeep.

United Way of Hancock County, \$4,389 from the M. Margaret Foster Fund for United Way of Hancock County to provide support for United Way agencies.

Handbags that Help Giving Circle, \$226 from the Handbags That Help Endowment Fund to provide additional grantmaking dollars.

ECLIPSe, \$353 from the Zach Morgan Memorial Youth Leadership Fund to provide an incentive for youth fundraising activities, serving as a match for dollars raised by the youth for grantmaking.

About The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation

The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Hancock County area through collaborative leadership, responsible grantmaking, and the development of philanthropic giving. Established in 1992 as an outgrowth of a one-time gift from L. Dale Dorney, The Community Foundation has increased its yearly grantmaking total from \$456,734 in 1992 to \$3.3 million in 2008. Visit www.community-foundation.com or call 419-425-1100 to learn more about how The Community Foundation is helping our community.

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