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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – January 2011 ... At the December 2010 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$290,000, announced Sara E. Aster, Chair. Grants support projects in the Foundation's five priority areas: children, aging and elders, health, health education, and civic and governmental affairs.

Highlighted awards demonstrate the breadth of the Foundation's interests in helping to maintain the Health of our community, and illustrate strategies to improve the overall opportunities for those that need assistance:

- **Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$50,000 for the Basic Needs Fund, which will address both short and longer term challenges faced by community residents and nonprofit organizations in providing food, shelter, medical assistance and other safety net services.
- **Mental Health Association in Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI** - \$30,000 for the *Invisible Children's Program* that serves Milwaukee children who come from homes headed by parents with a diagnosed, severe mental illness. The Visiting Therapist program will improve parenting skills and family self sufficiency. It is hoped this will have the effect of reducing the number of Milwaukee County children in foster care.
- **Milwaukee College Preparatory School** - \$40,000 was awarded to support the program, facility and education cost of school expansion to include a second campus in Lindsay Heights.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Grand Avenue Club, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support of collaboration with Milwaukee Area Technical College, with the goal of improving educational attainment and graduation among Club members.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 for the Basic Needs Fund, as described above.

Mental Health America of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Invisible Children's Program, as described above.

Milwaukee College Preparatory School, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 to support the educational, capital and program initiatives at the Lindsay Heights campus of the school.

Next Door Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Early Child Education Leadership Initiative to provide educational and training support for other child care providers in Greater Milwaukee.

Penfield Children's Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Behavior Clinic, to help the Clinic diversify revenues and build on its recent accreditation to enhance services.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for Colposcopy services, for low-income women not able to afford this important cancer-fighting medical procedure.

United Community Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for the expansion of the Olga Village Senior Services, in partnership with the Housing Authority, City of Milwaukee, Columbia College School of Nursing and 16th Street Community Health Center. This award will also help expansion of the school at UCC, as senior services will be relocated to the new space.

Wisconsin Family Assistance Center for Education, Training and Support, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$35,000 for the Milwaukee IDEA Network a project which aims to expand the support for families, children who may need an Individualized Education Program (IEP) from their local school. The Network is an association of nearly a dozen area nonprofits providing support to families and schools.

The Foundation's Trustees meet four times each year to consider applications and award grants. Additional information on the Foundation is available through contacting staff or consulting www.fayemcbeath.org, the Foundation's web site. The **2009 Annual Report** is posted on the Foundation website. We now "print on demand" when we have a request for a copy or you can read or download a copy from the website. If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Foundation.

Niece of Lucius Nieman, the founder of *The Milwaukee Journal*, Faye McBeath established the Foundation in 1964 to be devoted entirely to the welfare of the people in the community. The Foundation has awarded in excess of **\$42 million** to nonprofit organizations, principally in the four-county metro Milwaukee area. By the end of 2014, the Foundation will have dispersed all of its assets, as originally directed by Miss McBeath.

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