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**Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin – March 2010.** At their first meeting of 2010, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$248,500 announced Sara E. Aster, Chair.

Highlighted awards demonstrate the breadth of the Foundation's interests and include the following community-led efforts:

- ☞ A lead grant for **Alverno College** (along with MATC and WCTC) to help reduce the shortage of RN's with bachelor's degrees. This project will address the key barriers to nurses in the Associate to Bachelor's Degree transition;
- ☞ Through a grant to the **Milwaukee Public Library Foundation**, the Trustees affirmed support for a substantially enhanced public library summer reading program that has a stronger emphasis on family, in an effort to increase summer reading and reduce the loss of reading skills over the summer;
- ☞ With an award to **Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee**, the Foundation joins other funders to expand targeted neighborhoods receiving housing assessments and repairs to help older adults remain in their home.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI** - \$30,000 for the Expedited Nurse Education Program that will help nurses with Associate Degrees transition more quickly to RN's with Bachelor's Degrees allowing for advancement into more leadership roles.

**Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$2,500 for the Report Card on Charitable Giving, an annual assessment of the giving climate in the Greater Milwaukee area as seen through the eyes of those seeking funds.

**Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$60,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund of Milwaukee County. This fund, now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year, is a partnership involving over a dozen private funding partners.

**Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI** - \$50,000 to help underwrite expansion of the pioneering Senior Home Assessment and Repair Program (SHARP) from Layton Boulevard to 8-10 additional neighborhoods. The project is driven by a community-University-government partnership that provides occupational therapy assessment and

home repair enabling older adults to continue living at home. A portion of this grant is a challenge to help encourage other funders to participate.

**Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$60,000 for a substantial enhancement of the Milwaukee Public Library's Summer Reading program, Milwaukee's only citywide summer initiative that will add a year-round component, expand library services to reading sites and improve program results.

**Milwaukee Aging Consortium, Milwaukee, WI** - \$26,000 for an update of the "Orientation to Aging" program designed to provide a broad scope introduction to various services that are important in the lives of older adults.

**University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI** - \$5,000 for the fund established to honor the service of Dr. John Palmer Smith of the Helen Bader Institute of Nonprofit Management. The fund will be used to support students taking courses offered through the Institute.

The Foundation also updated its guidelines, elected officers and took steps to reduce administrative expenses in light of market conditions. Officers for 2010 are: Sara E. Aster, Chair; P. Michael Mahoney, Vice Chair and Mary T. Kellner, Secretary.

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](http://www.fayemcbeath.org), the Foundation's website. The Foundation's 2010 funding guidelines, a catalog of grant announcements, and the 2009 annual report (available online in April) are also maintained on the site.

Niece of Lucius Nieman, the founder of *The Milwaukee Journal*, Miss 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 December 31, 2014, the Foundation will have dispersed all of its assets, as directed by Miss McBeath.

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