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**Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin – June 2010** ... At the Summer Meeting of the Trustees, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$182,500, announced Sara E. Aster, Chair. Grants are not typically awarded at this meeting, but several time sensitive projects supporting education and civic and governmental affairs required more immediate action.

Highlighted awards demonstrate the breadth of the Foundation's interests in the welfare of children and illustrate strategies to improve the scope and quality of educational opportunities for young people:

- ✉ **Violence-Free Zone, Milwaukee, WI** – A total of \$40,000 was awarded to two organizations, the Latino Community Center and Running Rebels Community Organization. The project is coordinated by the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise to reduce disruptive behavior, suspensions and violence in 8 MPS High Schools, allowing teachers and students to focus on academics.
- ✉ **Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee WI** – A grant of \$45,000 was awarded to the Center which will support continued science programming in 40+ Milwaukee schools, and help the Center align its curriculum and evaluation so that the impact on overall student performance can be assessed.
- ✉ **S.E.T. Ministry, Inc., Milwaukee, WI** - \$5,000 to expand the PEACE Program to include a family and parent involvement component to further reduce threats and bullying in elementary and middle schools.

In sum, grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Donors Forum of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI** - \$7,500 for Business Plan Support (\$5,000) and for a report on private support for Milwaukee public education (\$2,500).

**Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$35,000 for continued support of the 29 existing *New Leaders for New Schools* program in Milwaukee, a national leadership initiative to recruit, train, and place principals in Milwaukee Public and Charter Schools. A portion of the award is a challenge grant.

**Latino Community Center, Milwaukee, WI** - \$20,000 for the Violence-Free Zone project, focused on the south side of Milwaukee.

**Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI** - \$10,000 for the Institute for the Transformation of Learning for a summer reading project led by Dr. Howard Fuller and Patricia Ellis.

**Running Rebels Community Organization, Milwaukee, WI** - \$20,000 for the Violence-Free Zone project, focused on the north side of Milwaukee.

**S.E.T. Ministry, Milwaukee, WI** - \$5,000 for a parent involvement component in the PEACE Program, serving seven central city elementary and middle schools.

**SHARP Literacy, Inc., Milwaukee, WI** - \$40,000 to increase the number of first grade classrooms, to partner with Marquette University's Institute for the Transformation of Learning and for a teacher training partnership pilot with Marquette's School of Education.

**Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI** - \$45,000 for the Neighborhood Environmental Education Program. Support allows the Center to continue its education program partnerships with over 40 schools, and evaluate the program's outcomes in collaboration with MPS and DPI.

The Foundation's Trustees typically 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 **2009 Annual Report** has been posted to the Foundation website. We now "print on demand" when we have a request for a hand-held copy. If you would like a copy, please contact Laura Mullen, 414/272-2626 X 2 at 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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