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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – October 2011 ... At the fall 2011 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$257,500, 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 Health, and illustrate strategies to improve the scope and quality of opportunities for young people:

- A performance evaluation of Project Lead the Way will track short and long-term benefits of this nationally recognized, evidence-based instructional program being offered at multiple **Milwaukee Public Schools**;
- The Collaborative Fund of **United Way of Greater Milwaukee** is a structured group of funding organizations, which can access and underwrite proven and promising efforts such as the Healthy Girls Project and the challenge of reducing the incidence of teen pregnancy; and
- **Camps for Kids Forever Fund**, a partnership of multiple funders, youth agencies and civic leaders received support for its endowment campaign. The program provides financial, camp selection and registration assistance for first-time campers from Milwaukee's central city.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Alzheimer's Association of Southeastern WI, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for support of Alzheimer's Challenging Behaviors Task Force. Continuing upon work that was funded in 2008, Phase II will establish a strategy to care for individuals that are caught between nursing homes, hospitals and other facilities.

Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 in collaboration with the Bread of Healing clinic to improve access to health care for the uninsured, including a cooperative effort to share medications. An expansion of services is being supported by this grant.

Donors Forum of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for program initiatives. This "Innovation Fund" will broaden the Forum's membership, help underwrite startup costs for new services and expand educational offerings as part of the Forum's recently completed strategic plan.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for the Camps for Kids Forever Fund. This fund enables 200-250 first-time campers from low-income city of Milwaukee families to experience a summer camping adventure.

Hope House of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI – \$35,000 to extend “Protective Payee” services to persons with chronic mental illness living in the community. The grant will also support an evaluation study to determine the larger impact and potential for expansion.

InHealth Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for TeachingMinute. This on-demand training program for teachers provides informative materials to aid instruction on a variety of topics. A new partnership with UW-Milwaukee is supported through the grant.

Interfaith Older Adults Programs, Inc., Milwaukee, WI – \$10,000 for enhanced business planning for ReServe Milwaukee. This program matches the talents of retired and semi-retired older adults (55 and over) with opportunities in area nonprofit agencies.

Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 was awarded for year two of a third-party evaluation of an expansion of Project Lead the Way. This is a multiyear effort to engage and improve teaching and learning in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) subjects in MPS middle and high schools.

Milwaukee Repertory Theater Inc., Milwaukee, WI – \$30,000 for a city-wide literacy engagement program. Based on the classic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the “Big Read” will include a main stage performance, numerous school workshops and support for partners throughout the city. Additional focus will include vision and hearing-impaired audiences.

Public Policy Forum, Milwaukee, WI - \$2,500 for the Report Card on Charitable Giving and to assist in making revisions for future report card reports.

United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI – \$50,000 in support for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Collaborative Fund, which seeks the “evidence-based” and promising ideas in the community as part of United Way’s initiative to reduce teen pregnancy among 15-17 year old girls in Milwaukee.

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 website.

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 **\$44 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 directed by Miss McBeath.

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