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Grants Awarded by The Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – February 2006...At the December 2005 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$492,500, announced Steven J. Smith, Chairman. Grants support projects in the Foundation's five priority areas: children, elderly, health, health education, and civic and governmental affairs.

Highlights of community-led efforts supported by the Foundation include:

- ⇒ An award of \$30,000 for **Milwaukee Public Theatre's *Healing Arts Program***, an expanded effort to reach out to caregivers, older adults, and service providers using the arts to inform, entertain, and train.
- ⇒ Several grants to *strengthen family involvement in education*, including awards to **Neighborhood House** (\$30,000), **Malaika Early Learning Center** (\$20,000) and **Journey House** (\$20,000) that support diverse strategies in engaging central city families in accelerating their children's education. Projects target families with pre-school, elementary and middle school-aged children.
- ⇒ An award of \$60,000 over two years for the *Connecting Caring Communities* project spearheaded by the **Milwaukee County Department on Aging** involves numerous partners that support model neighborhood projects for older adults in Layton Boulevard and Sherman Park as well as broad education and advocacy efforts to improve the quality of life for elders in Milwaukee County.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Aurora Psychiatric Hospital/Kradwell School, Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support for the *Art Therapy Program* for the school.

Blue Coats Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to continue to provide support for families of law enforcement and fire department personnel who die in the line of duty.

Corp Care Distributions, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to continue to collect and distribute surplus clothing, toys and other goods to needy families.

Creative SHARP Presentations, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$2,000 as a year-end gift to support a program platform for combining the creative arts and education.

Danceworks, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support of the *50-Plus Initiative* to provide a creative multi-arts program combining the talents, skills, and interests of professional dancers, other artists, and older residents.

Friends of Abused Families, West Bend, WI - \$2,000 as a year-end gift to provide art therapy for children that have witnessed violence in their home.

Grand Avenue Club, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift to provide adults and teens who have experienced mental illness access to vocational, educational, housing, recreational and cultural opportunities.

Grantmakers In Aging, Dayton, OH - \$20,000 for support of the *2006 Grantmakers in Aging Conference* to be held in Milwaukee.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for the *Nonprofit Management Fund of Waukesha* to support a small grants program to help improve the management of nonprofit organizations in Waukesha County.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$2,500 for support of the production of the *2005 Report Card on Charitable Giving*.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$65,000 for the *Nonprofit Management Fund of Milwaukee* to support a program of grants and system-wide initiatives to help improve the management of nonprofit organizations in Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington Counties.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for support of the *Best Practices Fund* to spur civic innovation through replicating projects proven successful in other urban areas.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of *Hispanics in Philanthropy* to strengthen Latino communities by increasing resources, participation and leadership throughout the field of philanthropy.

Growing Power, Milwaukee, WI - \$1,000 as a year-end gift to purchase equipment for this project that involves youth, Hmong gardeners and others in urban food production.

Journey House, Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support of the *Family Literacy Program* which includes services ranging from early childhood development to English as a second language instruction.

Ko-Thi Dance Company, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to support combining the traditions of West African dance and arts with the energy of youth and young adult performers in main stage and outreach performances.

Malaika Early Learning Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support of the *Family Enrichment Initiative*, to strengthen the educational experiences of children by fully engaging their parents or guardians.

Men of Tomorrow Transitions, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to support the rite of passage and group activities for young African-American males.

Milwaukee Center for Independence, Milwaukee, WI - \$5,000 as a year-end gift for support of the capital campaign to help the center to continue to serve children, adults and families with special needs.

Milwaukee College Preparatory School, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support to help fund the cost of design, development and construction of a new playground at the school.

Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Milwaukee, WI - \$60,000 for support of the *Connecting Caring Communities Partnership* to address community-wide challenges such as long-term care and caregiver retention, and creating an urban neighborhood model for healthy aging.

Milwaukee Public Theatre, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of the *Healing Arts Program*, which include expanding audiences of caregivers, older adults, those afflicted with physical challenges; and completing print and DVD products.

Milwaukee Tennis & Education Foundation, Menomonee Falls, WI - \$2,000 as a year-end gift to help combine tutoring, tennis instruction and competition.

Milwaukee Wave of Kindness, Milwaukee, WI - \$2,000 as a year-end gift to provide soccer programs to inner city youth.

Modjeska Theatre Company, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to support the use of theater to engage at-risk youth in positive, safe, creative, life-affirming activities.

Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of the *Early Childhood Services/Family Home-Based Literacy Program* to provide creative learning environments in the home and classroom, and to help strengthen the parenting skills of families living in poverty.

Skylight Opera Theatre, Milwaukee, WI - \$1,000 as a year-end for the *Know Thyself* program to provide self-esteem, etiquette and manners instruction for MPS middle school students.

Southeastern Wisconsin Deaf Senior Citizens, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support to purchase special equipment (such as doorbells, phone, security systems designed for sight) for deaf seniors living in the Water Tower View apartment community.

Supportive Community Services, Inc., West Allis, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to provide court appointed guardians and other protective services for low-income elderly and disabled.

The Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$1,000 as a year-end gift to host a holiday party and provide gifts for residents of the emergency shelter.

United Neighborhood Centers of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support of the *Training in the Trenches Initiative*, to enhance staff access to information for monitoring and evaluating programs among the eight organizations serving 30,000 neighborhood residents.

V.E. Carter Child Development, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift for this early learning and child care center.

Wheelchair Recycling Program, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support of the expansion of the Milwaukee program to supply wheelchairs and other equipment to the needy, and for an upgrade of a computerized inventory program.

Wisconsin Science and Education Foundation, Mazomanie, WI - \$3,000 as a year end gift to support the planning and development for an area-wide youth science fair.

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.

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 \$30 million to nonprofit organizations, principally in the four-county metro Milwaukee area. By 2014, the Foundation will have dispersed all of its assets, as directed by Miss McBeath.

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