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**Grants Awarded by The Faye McBeath Foundation**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin – February 2006...**At the February 2006 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$268,400, 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:

- ⇒ Support to recruit, train and sustain the next generation of principals in Milwaukee Public Schools through the *New Leaders for New Schools Program* – this grant will be awarded in partnership with **Greater Milwaukee Foundation** and several other local and regional funders.
- ⇒ Two awards that will support the continuation and the evaluation of core services principally targeting women and families provided by the **Task Force on Family Violence** and the **Nia Amani Family** organizations.
- ⇒ A national project through **Big Brothers, Big Sisters** to assist children whose parents are incarcerated.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Big Brothers Big Sisters, Milwaukee, WI** - \$25,000 for the *Amachi Project*, aimed at helping children of incarcerated parents by matching them up with warm, caring adults through a cooperative partnership of public and private organizations.

**Girl Scouts of Milwaukee Area, Milwaukee, WI** - \$15,000 for the *Bold Leadership Development Program*, to empower pre-teen and teen girls to grow individually, work across cultures, and help plan and lead their own programs.

**Grand Avenue Club, Inc., Milwaukee, WI** - \$20,000 for the *Young Adult Supported Education Program*, to provide support for young adults who have experienced mental illness so they can set and achieve educational goals.

**Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$100,000 for support of the implementation of *New Leaders for New Schools* in Milwaukee, a national leadership initiative to recruit, train, and place principals in Milwaukee Public Schools.

**Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, WI** - \$25,000 to maintain and strengthen children's programming at the Museum.

**Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Milwaukee, WI** - \$18,400 for the *REP Access Program*, services that will expand the availability of programming to elders and people with disabilities.

**My Home, Your Home, Inc., Milwaukee, WI** - \$10,000 for program accreditation, to assure the highest level of services for its programs serving young people in the child welfare system, approval to be pursued through the Council on Accreditation.

**Nia Imani Family, Inc., Milwaukee, WI** - \$15,000 for program and evaluation support, for services that assist homeless women in recovery as they move toward self-sufficiency and economic independence and to provide follow-up tracking for graduates of these programs.

**Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI** - \$15,000 for *Beyond the Classroom*, a series of arts education events to expand classroom learning through school performance presentations that enhance and bring to life a diverse series of topics.

**Task Force on Family Violence, Milwaukee, WI** - \$25,000 for the *Courthouse Advocacy Program*, the "front door" to the civil legal system for thousands of victims of domestic violence and abused children who need legal protection in Milwaukee County.

In other actions, the Board approved a revision of Foundation funding guidelines, adding several enhancements to the Foundation's existing interest areas for considering and awarding grants. These enhancements were developed through a series of meetings with grantees and discussions among the Trustees and staff. A copy of the revised guidelines is enclosed with this release. More information, including the procedure for grant applications, is available on the foundation's web site [www.fayemcbeath.org](http://www.fayemcbeath.org) or by contacting the Foundation offices via [info@fayemcbeath.org](mailto:info@fayemcbeath.org) or 414/272-2626 X 2.

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 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 the end of 2014, the Foundation will have dispersed all of its assets, as directed by Miss McBeath.

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