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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – June 2007...At the May 2007 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$389,794, announced Steven J. Smith, Chairman. Grants support projects in the Foundation's five priority areas: children, aging and elders, health, health education, and civic and governmental affairs.

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

- ☞ Two awards to build awareness and promote quality housing designs and community projects for older residents, one to the **Milwaukee Aging Consortium** and the second to the **School of Architecture at UW-Milwaukee**.
- ☞ Underwriting of a collaboration of the **Milwaukee County Medical Society** and its *MilwaukeeCares* program with the **Free Clinic Coalition** that will expand access to prescription medicine and specialty care for residents unable to afford medical services.
- ☞ A two-year grant to the **Urban Ecology Center** to both expand services and improve evaluation of its successful environmental education program that provides in-depth support for area MPS teachers and students.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

10-34 Wisconsin, Inc. (formerly Children's Safety Services) Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for the Prevention Education Expansion.

Badger Association of the Blind, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for an expansion of vision rehabilitation services for seniors.

Big Brothers Big Sisters, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 a renewal grant for the Amachi Project Children of Promise, serving children who have a parent that is incarcerated.

Milwaukee Aging Consortium, Milwaukee, WI - \$35,000 for the Senior Housing Project.

Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI - \$16,000 for Art Aloud, a joint effort with the Milwaukee Public Library that promotes reading, art appreciation and a more diverse audience for the museum.

MilwaukeeCares, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for its efforts to expand physician involvement and access to specialists, in conjunction with the Milwaukee County Medical Society and the Milwaukee Free Clinic Coalition. The grant will also enable an expanded availability of free or deeply discounted prescription medicines to patients served through MilwaukeeCares.

Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$13,794 for an independent evaluation of the Summer Reading Program.

Mother Kathryn Daniels Conference Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 over two years to expand the Argilla Youth Development Program, which provides character development training and employment opportunities for youth.

Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for the Early Childhood Services/Family Home-based Literacy Program serving Hmong, Somali and other recent immigrant families - a project of the International Learning Center.

Transitional Living Services, Milwaukee, WI - \$60,000 for the Milwaukee Crisis Resource Center, serving adults with serious mental illness, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders who are experiencing psychiatric crises. The project is an outgrowth of the Mental Health Task Force and has received national demonstration funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$45,000 for Neighborhood Environmental Education Programs.

UWM Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$5,000 for continuation of the Senior Housing Design Charrette initiative with an emphasis on Public Policy and Capacity-Building for improved elder housing design.

Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Inc., Waukesha, WI - \$30,000 for continued program and operations support for the Center, a confederation of schools of nursing, nursing associations and health systems.

Wisconsin Foundation for Independent Colleges, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 to improve working partnerships with neighborhood organizations and to design and launch the arts and science component of CR-21 with several partners including Discovery World and the Medical College of WI.

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 \$38 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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