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**Grants Awarded by The Faye McBeath Foundation**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin – May 31, 2005...**At the May 2005 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$337,000, 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 the projects supported by the Foundation include:

- ⇒ An expansion of the *African-American Children's Theatre Program*, including an emphasis on programs in Milwaukee schools.
- ⇒ A distinctive collaboration of *St. Charles Youth & Family Service and United Community Center*, which will launch a mental health day treatment services program for Hispanic youth.
- ⇒ A Family Nurturing Program of *The Benedict Center* to assist with parenting hurdles faced by women who face multiple challenges to family stability.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Donors Forum of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI** - \$30,000 over two years to raise the profile of issues affecting the elderly among grantmakers, the WI EngAGEMENT Project.

**Creative SHARP Presentations, Milwaukee, WI** - \$25,000 for support of program expansion and for support of the Sharp Model, an educational improvement initiative using the arts as a principal medium.

**AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI** - \$20,000 for support of an HIV-specialty dental clinic serving Milwaukee-area residents.

**African American Children's Theatre, Milwaukee, WI** - \$20,000 for support of the Expansion Project which will increase the involvement of the organization in schools.

**Milwaukee Turners, Milwaukee, WI** - \$5,000 for support of the Fourth Street Forum for a discussion series on a wide range of civic issues.

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee, WI** - \$50,000 for support of a Milwaukee Public Schools – Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Partnership including several children's programs.

**St. Mary's Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI** - \$35,000 for support of the Madre Angela Dental Clinic, a partnership that provides primary and urgent dental care to uninsured Milwaukee residents.

**Milwaukee Center for Independence, Milwaukee, WI** - \$40,000 for support of the Older Adult and Wellness Project, which promotes healthy living as part of adult day programs.

**YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI** - \$35,000 over two years for support of the Artists in Residency program at the John C. Cudahy Branch.

**Public Policy Forum, Milwaukee, WI** - \$22,000 to assess the General Assistance Medical Program (GAMP) and prepare recommendations for its improvement.

**Benedict Center, Milwaukee, WI** - \$30,000 for support of the Parenting and Family Nurturing Programs, serving women who are attempting to strengthen their families, maintain or regain custody of their children.

**St. Charles Youth & Family Services, Milwaukee, WI** - \$25,000 for support of the Hispanic Youth Mental Health Initiative, the program in collaboration with United Community Center.

The Foundation 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.

Faye McBeath, niece of Lucius Nieman the founder of *The Milwaukee Journal*, established the Faye McBeath 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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