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Grants Awarded by The Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – May 2006...At the May 2006 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$343,000, 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:

- ⇒ A joint project of **S.E.T. Ministry and St. Joseph's Hospital Emergency Department** to develop alternative service options for persons and families using the emergency room on a regular basis. The Foundation worked closely with Assurant Health on the review and underwriting of this effort.
- ⇒ An enhanced summer reading program of the **Milwaukee Public Library and Library Foundation** that has forged links with community agencies and schools to engage Milwaukee's children in summer reading activities and maintain reading and literacy skills. In 2006, children may also participate via the Internet.
- ⇒ A new project coordinating social service and law enforcement organizations in providing investigation and support services for children and families in cases involving suspected child abuse, led by **Family Service of Waukesha**.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Children's Safety Services, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 to support prevention education, to build increased awareness and greater competence among children regarding varied dangers outside the home and on the Internet.

COA Youth and Family Centers, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 for the *Family-Centered Programming Initiative*, for high-risk youth and families in central city Milwaukee including childcare, after-school programming, health programs, and parent support activities. Foundation support will expand the program to COA's Burleigh Center.

Family Services of Waukesha, Waukesha, WI - \$20,000 for support of the *Waukesha County Child Advocacy Center*, to coordinate social service and law enforcement interventions and investigations in cases of child abuse.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 for support of the *Mosaic Partnership* project, to create partnership and understanding across racial lines through group and one-on-one activities, based on a national model that is adapted for Milwaukee.

Housing Resources, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for support of the *Reverse Mortgage Counseling Program*, to provide educational seminars, counseling, and referrals for older homeowners to assist them with the goal of remaining in their homes.

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of the *HELP Project* (Helping the Elderly with Legal Problems), to improve medical records, coordinate advocacy and expand legal representation resources for older adults whose application for Supplemental Security Income have been denied.

Milwaukee Development Corporation, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for support of the *Young Professionals of Milwaukee's Milwaukee Magnet Project*, a regional strategy to engage young professionals in civic activism through the Internet and peer-initiated projects.

Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support of the *Summer Reading Program*, a citywide effort to link library resources with community agencies and schools to promote reading and reading retention skills during the summer.

Milwaukee Turners, Milwaukee, WI - \$13,000 for support of the *4th Street Forum*, a discussion series on varied civic issues facing our region by using the media as an important educational tool. A partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library will create a circulating collection of Forum broadcast events.

S.E.T. Ministry, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 for support of a nurse case manager for the *Emergency Department Community Case Management Program*, to reduce inappropriate uses of the emergency room and re-direct clients to suitable health care. This project is jointly funded with Assurant Health and seeks to create a replicable model for other hospitals.

UWM Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$45,000 for program support at the *Helen Bader Institute of Nonprofit Management*, including support for ENTECH to improve technology use among nonprofit organizations and to assist the Institute with co-hosting issue forums on governance, finance, regulation and diversity in nonprofit organizations.

Wisconsin Council on Children and Families, Madison, WI - \$35,000 for support of the *Better Badger Baby Bus Tour*, a bus that has been transformed into a mobile training and education facility used to encourage healthy brain development among Milwaukee-area children. The grant will expand program partnerships and target childcare providers for training in supporting healthy adolescent brain development.

Woodland Pattern Book Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for support of the *Urban Youth Literacy Arts Program*, to involve youth in the River West Neighborhood in creative writing and education throughout the year.

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

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