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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – March 2008...At the Foundation's Annual Meeting in late February 2008, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$341,226, announced Steven J. Smith, Chairman. Grants supported projects in the Foundation's five priority areas: children, aging and elders, health, health education, and civic and governmental affairs.

The education interests of the Trustees, particularly those involving younger children, were a major focus of this meeting. Some highlights of these community-led efforts include:

- ✦ A lead grant for the 2008 summer reading outreach initiative of the *Milwaukee Public Library* which will actively involve 10,000-12,000 young people in a wide range of individual and group reading activities in schools, youth agencies and community centers. The Library is engaged in a multi-year effort to enhance this program.
- ✦ *Partners Advancing Values in Education* (PAVE) received a major grant for its efforts to help launch and improve summer academic and enrichment programs serving over 1,000 students in ten elementary, middle and high schools across the city.
- ✦ *Camps for Kids*, a partnership of multiple funders, youth agencies and civic leaders received support for operations and its endowment campaign. The program for first time summer campers from Milwaukee's central city provides financial, camp selection and registration assistance for Milwaukee children and their families.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Disability Rights Wisconsin, Madison, WI - \$30,000 for new directions in Family Care Advocacy; this project will help link Milwaukee County Family Care with mental health services through case advocacy and policy change activities.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$65,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund serving Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington Counties. The fund provides small technical and management assistance grants to small and medium-sized organizations to improve their business, governance and financing activities.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$13,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund of Waukesha County, which provides technical and management assistance grants to Waukesha County-based organizations. A one-time increase will help the Waukesha County Fund celebrate its 10th Anniversary.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$2,500 for continued funding for the Report Card on Charitable Giving, the annual benchmark report on philanthropy in the metropolitan area.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for Camps for Kids, a distinctive collaboration of camping organizations, funders, youth agencies and civic groups.

Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$38,630 for the 2008 Summer Reading Program of the Milwaukee Public Library.

Partners Advancing Values in Education (PAVE), Milwaukee, WI - \$100,000 for the 2008 Summer Programming for Milwaukee low-income families. Funding will help schools launch summer programs through challenge grants and also partially underwrite an impact evaluation of the project.

Planning Council for Health and Human Services, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$7,096 for capacity building across selected service sectors. This pilot project is designed to engage the people and organizations in the forefront of specific service areas to meet and craft new ideas that will help confront community problems.

Task Force on Family Violence, Milwaukee, WI - \$35,000 for the Courthouse Advocacy Project; funding will help support Milwaukee's "front door" to serve women, children and families with court and safety services. A portion of the grant will help evaluate the program.

The Nehemiah Project, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for the Seeds of Growth Program. The project is a creative venture through which young adults help neighborhood elders with lawn service, operate a small business that creates and markets decorative "Stepping Stones", and learn valuable money management, workplace and life skills.

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.

The Foundation also elected new officers for a one-year term. They are: Sara E. Aster, *Chair*, P. Michael Mahoney, *Vice Chair*, and Mary T. Kellner, *Secretary*. Steven J. Smith and Gregory M. Wesley continue to serve as Trustees. The Trustees updated the Foundation guidelines governing funding interests and the process for application. Copies of these documents are available from the Foundation, or via the website.

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 \$40 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.