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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – October 2008...At the October 2008 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$277,500, announced Sara E. Aster, Chair. Grants support projects in the Foundation's five priority areas: children, aging and elders, health, health education, and civic and governmental affairs.

Highlighted awards demonstrate the breadth of the Foundation's interests and include the following community-led efforts:

- ☞ A collaborative effort, led by the **Alma Center**, to jointly design and test an unified intake effort, with Sojourner Truth and the Task Force on Family Violence, to best serve men convicted of domestic violence;
- ☞ Continued support for the **Aurora Sinai Hospital-Bread of Healing Clinic partnership** which supports 3 clinic sites in various community locations, operates a co-op for sharing prescription medications among clinics serving the uninsured, and helps convene an area-wide association of free clinics;
- ☞ Underwriting for child and family literacy and consumer education programs at the **Neighborhood House International Learning Center**, which targets refugee and immigrant groups.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Alma Center, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Men Ending Violence Program and for the design of a collaborative intake process with Sojourner Truth and the Task Force on Family Violence.

Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 for the Hospital's partnership with Bread of Healing Clinic and for Service Expansion to the uninsured and those with chronic illnesses.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund - to support the BoardStar project and its efforts to enhance nonprofit Boards in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Ozaukee and Washington Counties.

Hope House of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for the Protective Payee Program, an initiative that promotes independent living by providing financial oversight, budget counseling and supportive case management in an effort to prevent homelessness.

Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Southeastern Wisconsin Seniors Online Initiative, which will engage libraries, senior centers, RSVP volunteers and others in promoting internet literacy for older adults.

Milwaukee Public Theatre, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Healing Arts and Wellness Program Expansion, an effort to promote healthy lifestyles and strategies to cope with illness, using the performing arts as a medium.

Milwaukee Renaissance Academy, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for an expanded and enhanced Reading Program for the school's student body.

Milwaukee Turners, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for the 4th Street Forum, a televised source of thoughtful, nonpartisan conversation on topics of public interest.

Neighborhood House of Milwaukee, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$42,500 for the International Learning Center, an educational port of entry for refugees and immigrants. The funds will support programming for children and adults, provide a challenge grant to attract new donors, and support consultation on enhanced evaluation.

Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County, Grafton, WI - \$10,000 for the "Boomerang" Project, a new effort to recruit "baby boomer" volunteers to assist with community projects.

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 **\$41 million** to nonprofit organizations, principally in the four-county metro Milwaukee area. By December 31, 2014, the Foundation will have dispersed all of its assets, as directed by Miss McBeath.

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