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**Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation**

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin – May 2008**...At the May 2008 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$314,850, 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 in the welfare of children and include the following community-led efforts:

- ☞ Three awards to build playgrounds providing fun, safe places for children to play, one to the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee** for the Daniels-Mardak site, the second to the **Garden Homes Montessori School** and the third to the **Hartung Park Community Association**.
- ☞ **Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Circle of Life Foundation** to expand the PEACE Program, a successful effort that reduces threats and bullying and promotes problem-solving skills in elementary and middle schools.
- ☞ A two-year grant to the **Center for Blind & Visually Impaired Children** for the support of a new Program Director position and the enhancement and expansion of programming at the Center.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI** - \$10,000 for equipping the KaBoom! Playground at the Daniels-Mardak Club.

**Center for Blind & Visually Impaired Children, Milwaukee, WI** - \$60,000 over 2 years, for the support of a new Program Director position and for expanding the Center's program capacity.

**Engineers & Scientists of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI** - \$15,000 for the STEM7 Project to build a regional resource and outreach initiative to improve school planning, policy and curriculum to support Science, Technology, Engineering and Math courses and activities.

**Garden Homes Montessori School, Milwaukee, WI** - \$10,000 for the development of a new playground that will serve 3 schools and their northwest-side neighborhood.

**Hartung Park Community Association, Inc., Wauwatosa, WI** - \$10,000 toward the construction of a playground during Phase I of the Hartung Quarry development, an impressive neighborhood initiative involving Wauwatosa, Milwaukee and area leadership.

**IMPACT Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, Inc., Milwaukee, WI** – \$10,000 to support a 5-year Analysis of 2-1-1 caller data and to produce a report of results.

**La Causa, Milwaukee, WI** - \$35,000 for the Crisis Nursery & Family Respite Center that assists families, prevents abuse and neglect, and provides temporary respite.

**Milwaukee County Department on Aging, Milwaukee, WI** - \$50,000 over two years for the expansion of the Connecting Caring Communities program, a successful, multi-agency effort that helps neighborhoods and communities better serve and support older residents.

**Our Space, Milwaukee, WI** – \$30,000 for the Peer Support Project, which in partnership with a local church and other leaders, will launch a community-based peer support program involving persons coping with mental illness.

**Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI** – \$30,000 for the Emergency Home Repair Program that will provide a rapid response to older adults in immediate need of minor repairs that will allow the owners to remain in their homes.

**Volunteer Service for Visually Handicapped, Inc. (soon to be ABLE, Inc.), Milwaukee, WI** – \$15,000 for textbook production and operating support, and to build the capacity to promptly provide Milwaukee students with textbooks suitable for those with limited vision or blindness.

**Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, Milwaukee, WI** – \$39,850 for the PEACE Program, which will enable expansion at existing schools and the adding of several new schools. The program's goal is to promote problem-solving and reduce the incidence of violence in middle and elementary schools.

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](http://www.fayemcbeath.org), the Foundation's web site. The Foundation's 2007 annual report will be added to the website by the end of May.

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

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