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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – December 2007... At the December 7, 2007 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$308,000, announced Steven J. Smith, Chairman. A set of special initiatives totaling \$242,000 was also announced by the Foundation, bringing the total awarded in the final quarter of 2007 to \$550,000. Grants support a variety of projects in the Foundation's five priority areas: children, aging and elders, health, health education, and civic and governmental affairs. Each year at the December meeting, the Foundation's Trustees also recognize a few worthy organizations through small year-end gifts, which are included in the grant totals above and the grants roster in the release.

Highlights of community-led efforts supported by the Foundation include two projects that reflect a growing Trustee interest in education of young children and a promising collaboration between a hospital and veteran community service organization:

- ⇒ A two-year award of \$50,000 to the *Public Policy Forum* for an analysis of the costs and benefits of high-quality child care in the region, along with both an evaluation and ongoing measurement of public expenditures in childcare.
- ⇒ Support for *InHealth Wisconsin's* efforts to train adults and peer educators in recognizing and responding to mental health problems experienced by students; additionally, InHealth's efforts to lead a consortium of experts in crafting a workplan following a national summit on mental health training for teachers will also be supported by the \$35,000 grant.
- ⇒ In another foundation interest area, the Trustees joined Assurant Health Foundation and Wheaton Franciscan Health Care in supporting a model nurse case management program providing frequent emergency room visitors with health care alternatives. The program, operated by *S.E.T. Ministry* received a second year \$40,000 award.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations at the December 2007 meeting:

Aurora Psychiatric Hospital, Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for Kradwell School's Playground and Outdoor Classroom Project that will expand recreational and educational opportunities for this distinctive K-12 school.

Aurora Sinai Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for Project Nikki.

Boy Scouts of America, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for the Central City Youth Program.

CORE-El Centro, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for health promotion and healing services.

Diverse & Resilient, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for the Diverse & Resilient Youth Program, to improve the quality of services to gay and lesbian young people.

Donors Forum of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 to support the work of the Forum's Strategic Plan and efforts to improve the effectiveness of private philanthropy throughout the region.

Gilda's Club, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end.

Hope House of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for the organization's work in serving the homeless.

House of Peace, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for capital support of the Make Room...for Hope Campaign, that will provide assistance during and after the building renovation and expansion project for a wide variety of basic human needs programs on Milwaukee's northwest side.

InHealth Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$35,000 for "It's Time! Youth Peer Education and Mental Health Project" and a request for an additional planning grant to implement the work of a national summit on teacher training and identification of mental health challenges in the classroom.

Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI - \$11,000 as a planning grant for efforts which link law enforcement, court and community service organizations in an allied effort to replicate and adapt a violence-reduction project successful in several other communities.

Meta House, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 - as a year-end gift.

Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift to Washington High School of Expeditionary Learning for their Job Shadowing Program.

Milwaukee Renaissance Academy, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift.

Milwaukee Repertory Theater, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for middle and high school education programs.

Milwaukee Rescue Mission, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift.

Next Door Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for the Books for Kids Program.

Public Policy Forum, Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 (over 2 years) Toward Higher Quality Childhood Education: An Imperative for the Regional Economy, a study analyzing the costs and benefits to our region of a best quality early childhood education system; the research will also create a means to measure current and future investments and their impact on quality child development programs.

S.E.T. Ministry, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 for the Emergency Department Community Case Management Program, a collaborative effort of Wheaton Franciscan/St. Joseph's, S.E.T. and Assurant Health Foundation.

Samaritan Project, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift for the Children's Tutorial Project.

Sojourner Truth House, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 was awarded for a recidivism tracking and continuing education program for those who have completed the Batterer's Anonymous program.

Transitional Living Services, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for marketing and expansion of the TLS Community Pharmacy, a distinctive effort to provide persons with severe mental illness with suitable medications; the project will increase services and link TLS with allied organizations to expand the pharmacy's reach into the community.

Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift.

Warmline, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift.

Woodland Pattern Book Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for the Urban Youth Literary Arts Program, an enhanced community education effort that supports writing as a creative activity, through poetry and other projects, both in the summer and throughout the school year.

Recent Board action resulted in two additional awards:

Milwaukee Public Museum, Milwaukee, WI - \$100,000 was awarded for the Survival to Revival Campaign, which was sparked by a challenge grant from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation and an anonymous donor to help the Museum regain financial solvency and the platform from which to launch enhanced programs.

Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Milwaukee, WI - \$172,000 was awarded in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Northwest Health Foundation II, Northwestern Mutual and Greater Milwaukee Foundations to launch the *Raising the Bar* project, that will expand and diversify the public health nursing workforce in WI. McBeath's award comprised \$30,000 of the above total and the Foundation is also playing the lead role in coordinating the national and local funding for this valuable effort. There is a lengthy roster of University, public health and community partners engaged in this effort over the next two years.

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 publishes an annual report and a catalog of grant announcements is also maintained on the 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 2014, the Foundation will have dispersed all of its assets, as directed by Miss McBeath.

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