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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – October 2007... At the September 2007 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$350,000, announced Steven J. Smith, Chairman. 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.

Highlights of community-led efforts supported by the Foundation include these projects that reflect a growing Trustee interest in education of young children:

- ⇒ A grant in partnership with *Greater Milwaukee Foundation* to support a promising strategy to quell conflict in violence in 7 Milwaukee high schools.
- ⇒ Support for a family-school linkage effort involving child advocates and family members designed to improve student performance initiated by *Urban Day School*.
- ⇒ Continued support for the *WI Council on Children and Families* and their efforts to link the work of Milwaukee-area experts and child care providers to stimulate healthy brain development among young children.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

COA Youth and Family Centers, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 Family-Centered Programming Initiative that links youth recreational, educational and community services with families and parents - 3rd year support.

Family House Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 Men with Vision project which provides peer support, mentoring and opportunities for community services for young males in the Family House target area.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund's BoardStar project and its mission to increase the involvement and capability of the Boards of nonprofit organizations in the greater Milwaukee area.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI – \$35,000 for the Violence-Free Zone, a project involving the Latino Community Center and Running Rebels, coordinated nationally by the Center for Neighborhood Enterprise.

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 support for the Senior Housing and Neighborhood Connection Program, that focuses on providing seniors with home assessments, repairs and neighborhood service connections to remain in their home and to play an active role in the community – 2nd year support.

Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of the HELP (Helping the Elderly with Legal Problems) Program that seeks to improve the review and appeals process for Social Security Disability, with emphasis on older adult applications.

Milwaukee Turners, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 in continuing support for the 4th Street Forum, the civic and civil conversations, broadcasting and distribution of local and national expert's views on a wide range of challenges facing Milwaukee.

United Community Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000, 2nd year support for the Latino Geriatric Center, a model project serving older Hispanics in the Milwaukee area.

Urban Day School, Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 for two different projects: a program pairing advocates with designated students and families to improve student achievement, and for a series of visioning conferences to determine the role of school in supporting students and families in an urban setting, as well as guidelines for the school's strategic plan.

UWM Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 support for the Helen Bader Institute for Nonprofit Management – ENTECH, a model University effort involving students, campus resources and philanthropic support to enhance the nonprofit sector's use of technology.

WI Council on Children and Families, Madison, WI - \$35,000 Ready, Set, Grow Technical Assistance and Training Project – 3rd Year support for the Council's efforts to build an area "Brain Team" to stimulate conversation and action among child care and health providers on healthy brain development and to provide technical assistance to selected child care providers on stimulating healthy brain development among very young children.

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

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