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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – January, 2007...At the December 2006 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$364,000, announced Steven J. Smith, Chairman. Grants support 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:

- ⇒ A new project designed to train and engage older adults in educational and advocacy activities to protect and enhance the area's fresh water supply, via a grant to **Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers**. This award is the result of a collaboration overseen by the Donor's Forum of Wisconsin.
- ⇒ Renewed support and underwriting to assist in evaluating a program treating persons with a history of domestic violence, via a grant to **Sojourner Truth House**.
- ⇒ A two-year grant to strengthen curriculum development at **Creative SHARP Presentations**, a successful program integrating the arts and art history into school classroom instruction.
- ⇒ In addition, the Trustees awarded a series of year-end grants, recognizing the work of 18 nonprofits in the greater Milwaukee area. These awards are made at the discretion of the Board and no applications are accepted for these grants.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

African American Children's Theatre, Ltd., Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support of organizational capacity-building including participation in the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.

Bay View Community Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift for continuance of serving families on the southeast side of Milwaukee through programs that develop the individual, provide support and strengthen families.

Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support of the *Family Focus* program, providing disadvantaged families with varied activities as well as free museum membership and a transportation subsidy.

Cornerstone Achievement Academy, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift to continue offering curriculum incorporating "work-base" learning exploration activities to "at-risk" students within Milwaukee Public Schools.

Creative SHARP Presentations, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$45,000 over two years for a staff position to oversee curriculum development that creates teaching techniques and materials to integrate the arts and arts history into Milwaukee area schools.

Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for support of *Becoming an Advocate for Clean Water: An Engagement Program for Seniors*, leadership training for volunteers, 55 and older to become advocates on water quality and water use issues in the greater Milwaukee area. The effort is based on a "Senior Statesman" program operated in Madison and Milwaukee.

The Gathering of Southeastern Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift to support the retention of the mental health nurse on site at the Breakfast Program.

Gilda's Club, Milwaukee, WI - \$5,000 as a year-end gift for the Community Outreach Program, connecting to underserved communities in the metropolitan Milwaukee area.

The Guest House of Milwaukee, Inc. Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support to enhance services of the agency's Emergency Shelter and related support services offering opportunity to the greater Milwaukee area hungry and homeless.

Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc. (in collaboration with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill), Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for support of the *Protective Payee* program, providing financial management support to people with mental illness in order to reduce homelessness.

Interfaith Caregiving Network, Inc., Waukesha, WI - \$25,000 for support of the Community Outreach Expansion program, to further assist seniors and adults with disabilities to remain living independently in the community with the aid of volunteers who provide supportive, neighborly services.

Matt Talbot Recovery Center, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 as a year-end gift in support of the Family Reunification Initiative, to facilitate re-connections between recovering addicts and their minor children.

Milwaukee Public Schools Foundation, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 as a year-end gift in support of the March of Champions program.

Milwaukee Urban League, Milwaukee, WI - \$3,000 – as a year-end gift in support of the National Achievers Society program.

Milwaukee Wave of Kindness, Milwaukee, WI - \$5,000 – as a year-end gift in support of introducing and advancing the sport of soccer with children, especially those from low-income families in the Milwaukee area.

The Nehemiah Project, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift to the Nehemiah House in Milwaukee, an agency assisting residents with a stable educational environment and productive family relationships.

The Parenting Network, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for renewed support of the *MELD Parenting that Works* program, a nationally accredited curriculum using teaching, exercises and peer support to improve parenting skills and prevent child abuse.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift in support of efforts to engage local church leaders in the central city area of Milwaukee in educational programs for children and families.

The Prescription Advocacy & Referral Service, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift to support the Emergency Medications program.

Repairers of the Breach, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift in support of continuance of programs and services addressing the challenges facing the homeless, from day time shelter to assistance with job seeking.

Running Rebels Community Organization, Milwaukee, WI - \$2,000 – as a year-end gift for continuance of offering a youth program that focuses on education and recreational activities, providing Milwaukee area youth with positive alternatives to gangs and substance abuse.

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$35,000 for the *Overnight Respite* program, providing respite services for elders, family and other caregivers.

Skylight Opera Theatre, Corp., Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support and evaluation of the *Enlighten* program, an education initiative serving Milwaukee Public Schools students, offering writing and theatre workshops, student productions and performances and touring presentations.

Sojourner Truth House, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$35,000 for support of enhancement and evaluation of the Batterer's Anonymous program, which administers education, support groups and counseling to give batterer's the skills to recognize and communicate feelings without violence.

StretcherBearers Ministries, LLC, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift for support of the Inside Journal, a newspaper for the incarcerated to be used in the process of Restorative Justice, with the goal of connecting incarcerated parents with their children.

Transitions: Men of Tomorrow Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$2,000 – as a year-end gift for continuance of support programs for African American males.

Volunteer Services for the Visually Handicapped, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift for support of Transcription Services, which will develop and implement the new Digital Talking Book format for books and written material.

Walker's Point Youth & Family Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift to continue serving runaway, homeless and other youth in crisis and their families through counseling and other services.

Women's Center of Waukesha, Waukesha, WI - \$4,000 – as a year-end gift to support the Grandparents Parenting Again program.

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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