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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – March 2007...At the February 2007 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$340,525, 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 lead grant for the 2007 summer reading program of the **Milwaukee Public Library** which will actively engage over 10,000 young people in activities ranging from individual and group reading activities, to a summer poetry camp.
- ↪ Renewed support for the Nonprofit Management Funds serving the four-county Greater Milwaukee Area, hosted by the **Greater Milwaukee Foundation**.
- ↪ A grant for local matching dollars to launch a Milwaukee-area effort to improve public health nursing, headed by the **Wisconsin Center for Nursing**.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Columbia St. Mary's Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for the Madre Angela Dental Clinic, to support expanded dental care for low-income residents of the City.

Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for the Pathfinders runaway and homeless youth program, providing shelter, counseling, case management, street outreach, and supportive services for teenagers.

Grand Avenue Club, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$20,000 for Learning and Earning, a young adult supported work program that helps with high school to college transition and college graduation.

Greater Milwaukee Committee, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 funding the hiring of a facilitator and completion of a strategic plan for the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$65,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund serving Milwaukee, Ozaukee and Washington Counties. The fund provides small technical and management assistance grants to small and medium-sized organizations to improve their business, governance and financing activities.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for the Nonprofit Management Fund of Waukesha County, which provides technical and management assistance grants to Waukesha-County based organizations.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$2,500 for continued funding for the Report Card on Philanthropy, the annual benchmark report on philanthropy in the metropolitan area.

Ko-Thi Dance Company, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for transition support and expanded business planning for the organization's efforts to improve administration and secure a permanent home for the dance and arts education facility.

Milwaukee Public Library Foundation, Milwaukee, WI - \$48,025 for the 2007 Summer Reading Program of the Milwaukee Public Library.

Milwaukee Urban League, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for Project ALIVE, which will test specific strategies in several schools to increase student and family participation in education and student achievement.

Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for expansion of the home repair program, and to assist in creating community partnerships to provide free home repairs to low-income homeowners with physical disabilities and/or are over 60 years old.

West Allis/West Milwaukee Recreation & Community Services Department, West Allis, WI - \$20,000 for the Irving School Special Needs Accessible Playground, designed for special needs students as well as the general population.

Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Inc., \$60,000 over two years for the "Raising the Bar" project to demonstrate new methods of educating and employing public health nurses. The award is part of a national application to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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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