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Grants Awarded by the Faye McBeath Foundation

Milwaukee, Wisconsin – October 2006...At the September 29, 2006 meeting, the Faye McBeath Foundation Trustees awarded grants totaling \$334,000, 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 grant of \$50,000, awarded to **Prevent Blindness WI** for a new partnership to provide advanced vision screening for all MPS K5 and 5th grade school children.
- ⇒ Support for a new initiative to enable older homeowners to assess and repair their homes, via an award of \$40,000 to **Layton Boulevard West Neighbors**.
- ⇒ Grants to **Pearls for Teen Girls** (\$10,000) and **Mental Health Association in Milwaukee County** (\$15,000) for outside evaluations to improve projects supported by the Faye McBeath Foundation.

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

Aurora Sinai Hospital and Medical Clinic, Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 to support the *Bread of Healing Clinic* and Pharmacy Co-op, which serves uninsured patients on Milwaukee's Northwest side.

Donors Forum of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI - \$5,000 for the *In the Public Interest* project, a taskforce formed to identify improved practices and guiding principles for members.

Greater Milwaukee Foundation/Nonprofit Management Fund, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 to support the *BoardStar* project with its focus increasing the involvement and capability of the Boards of nonprofit organizations in the greater Milwaukee area.

Layton Boulevard West Neighbors, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$40,000 for a lead grant to support the *Home Repair for Older Homeowners* project, that provides seniors with affordable home assessment and repair services so that aging-in-place can occur and older residents can remain homeowners. Partners include Rebuilding Together Milwaukee and Interfaith, among others.

Mental Health Association in Milwaukee County, Milwaukee, WI - \$15,000 for support of an outside evaluation of the *Invisible Children's Program* (ICP).

City of Milwaukee – Department of Public Health, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of the nonprofit community component of *Plain Talk*, a nationally-tested strategy that helps adults communicate effectively with young people about sexual risk-taking. The

project has sustained some noteworthy results in other cities. A key partner is New Concept Self Development Center.

Milwaukee Public Television Friends, Milwaukee, WI - \$30,000 for support of the educational component to *The Making of Milwaukee*, a book by John Gurda developed into a five-hour documentary about the City of Milwaukee's founding and emergence as a modern city.

Notre Dame Middle School, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support of the *After-School Enrichment Program*, to provide a safe haven and educational and recreational support for south side neighborhood students and graduates.

PEARLS for Teen Girls, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$10,000 for support of a third-party evaluation of the PEARLS replication process.

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$50,000 for a lead gift in support of a partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools and the Center for Urban Population Health at UW-Milwaukee that will eventually expand to screen the vision of all MPS K5 and 5th graders each year.

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Inc., Milwaukee, WI - \$29,000 for support of expansion of several Youth Social Development Programs, which aim to promote a positive future for young people, encourage youth development and youth leadership, and reduce various "risky" behaviors.

United Community Center, Milwaukee, WI - \$25,000 for support of the Latino Geriatric/Dementia Project, a collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association of SE WI, the WI Alzheimer's Institute and the Medical College of WI to create a distinctive diagnostic, service and support center for Latinos and south side Milwaukee residents living with Alzheimer's and associated dementia.

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

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