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Community Foundation awards its annual grants

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The Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County has collectively awarded more than \$165,000 to 27 local nonprofit agencies through its 2007 Open Grant and Precision Health Network cCycles.

One of those grants, \$15,982 worth, will enable the Grace Center Inc. to use the Harrodsburg Community Center as a gathering space for adult and intergenerational arts, education and recreation activities.

The Grace Center is a non-profit agency that provides social service assistance and enhanced social, recreational and cultural opportunities for residents in Indian Creek Township, Clear Creek Township and Springville.

The 2007 grant will also will allow the Grace Center to integrate its food pantry into the community center programs.

Community Foundation Ppresident and CEO Shari Woodbury said the amount of money requested in this year's Open Grant Cycle was four times more than the dollars available through theisgrant program, indicating the importance of building a community endowment.

"The Community Foundation is pleased and proud to help these agencies fulfill their respective missions," Woodbury said. "We appreciate how donors have contributed to community endowments and hope that this support continues."

Woodbury said the Community Foundation bBoard of dDirectors recently voted to move the Open Grant Cycle and Matchstick Phase III from the spring to the fall, effective this September.

For more information, contact the Community Foundation at 333-9016, stop by the office in Suite 321 of Fountain Square Mall or visit the Wwebsite at www.communityfoundation.ws. Deadlines and application materials are maintained on the Wwebsite.

Here is the list of awards from the spring grant cycle:

PRECISION HEALTH NETWORK CYCLE

- Monroe County United Ministries: \$4,530 for health equipment and education.

- Salvation Army: \$2,400 for dental hygiene kits for low-: income and uninsured adults.
- Volunteers in Medicine: \$18,928 for chronic disease management for the uninsured.

OPEN GRANT CYCLE

- Bloomington Area Arts Council: \$3,840 for the Arts After School and Youth Scholarship Programs.
- Grace Community Center, Inc.: \$15,982 for the Grace Center Phase II, The Arts Infusion Project.
- Ellettsville Main Street, Inc.: \$3,300 for the Ellettsville Photo Preservation Project.
- Monroe County Community Alliance: \$1,200 for Materials and training for CAPE Foundation of MCCSCMCCS, \$3,069 for Sexual Abuse Prevention curriculum for MCCSC elementary students.
- R-BB Community Schools: \$1,550 for the EDGE Alternative Education Franklin Initiative, \$2,850 for the 2007 Employment Fair for High School Students.
- Bloomington Parks and Recreation: \$1,500 for Leonard Springs Nature Day, integrating municipal parks into science curriculum.
- El Centro Communal Latino: \$10,000 for Interpreter Training Program.
- New Leaf-New Life: \$3,200 for Monroe County Correctional Center Intake Program.
- Volunteers in Medicine: \$8,200 for chronic disease management for the uninsured.
- Monroe County CASA: \$4,865 for Information Technology Upgrade Special Advocates.
- Community Kitchen of Monroe County: \$4,560 for Backpack Buddies Expansion.
- Foundation of MCCSCMCCS: \$8,000 for Automatic External Defibrillators.
- Monroe County United Ministries: \$7,000 for affordable childcare.
- Riley Children's Foundation: \$2,500 for Camp Riley for Monroe County Youth with Physical Disabilities.
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard: \$8,000 for Food Pantry Program.
- Stone Belt Arc, Inc.: \$9,200 for Hand 'n Hand Project.
- Martha's House Inc.: \$2,721 for Martha's House Emergency Shelter.
- Ellettsville Fire Dept.: \$10,530 for Automated External Defibrillators.
- City of Bloomington: \$380 for Lower The Boom! Educational Campaign.

- My Sister's Closet of Monroe County, Inc.: \$2,219 Changing The Local Landscape oOf Women iIn Work.
- Middle Way House: \$6,500 for dDomestic vViolence eEmergency sShelter and tTransitional hHousing.
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank: \$6,000 for fFacility Eexpansion fFeasibility sStudy.

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