

## **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MADISON AND JEFFERSON COUNTY ANNOUNCES FALL 2011 GRANT AWARDS**

### **7 Jefferson County Nonprofits Receive Funding**

MADISON, Indiana (October 18, 2011) The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County has supported the programs and work of seven area non-profit agencies through its Fall 2011 Grant Cycle. The Community Foundation's fall 2011 grant awards included funding for repair and renovations to property owned by three local non-profit agencies; artwork on Madison's riverfront; playground equipment for Madison parks; firefighting equipment; and a local program that provides at-risk elementary school children with a sack of nutritious food, on a weekly basis, for their consumption over weekends and at other times when they do not have access to school breakfasts and lunches.

The Foundation's fall 2011 grant awards, which totaled \$42,000 in aggregate, reflect the Foundation's keen commitment to identifying the financial shortfalls faced by local non-profit agencies and to convening the resources necessary to meet those shortfalls. "The Foundation's Board of Directors, Grants Committee and I are proud to support such an amazing group of non-profits, who are leaders in meeting the diverse needs of the people of Jefferson County," said Bill Barnes, President and CEO of the Foundation.

For consideration of grant funding local non-profit agencies had to submit an application and, in the case of the finalists, host on-site visits and submit to interviews by members of the Foundation's Grants Committee. The non-profit agencies and philanthropic projects that received grant funding included the City of Madison; the Salvation Army; Pathways Youth Shelter and Family Services; Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana; Deputy Volunteer Fire Department; Habitat for Humanity; and the City Madison Parks and Recreation Department. A summary of each grant can be found on the Foundation's website at [www.cfmjc.org](http://www.cfmjc.org).

The Fall 2011 Grant Cycle was made possible by investment income earned on the Community Foundation's Unrestricted Endowment. Donors to this endowment leave the annual decision of which non-profit agencies should receive financial support from the Foundation up to the Board of Directors. Donations to the Foundation's Unrestricted Endowment, and the associated investment income earned, give the Board of Directors flexibility to tailor annual grant funding decisions to meet the constantly evolving needs of the non-profit agencies and philanthropic projects that serve Jefferson County.

“In many cases donors to the Foundation specify the local charities or philanthropic causes they want their donation to support and we always welcome that. Also critical to the continued success and relevance of the Foundation are donations to the Unrestricted Endowment. In these cases, the donor is not as specific as to how the investment income earned on their donation is to be used. It is this pool of money that gives the current Board, and future Boards of Directors, the flexibility to project and forecast for the changing needs of the community and to devise a plan to meet those needs,” said Mark Wynn, Chairman of the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Past donors to the Foundation’s Unrestricted Endowment have been made by, or in memory of, the Lilly Endowment, Inc., Barbara Ann Cowan, the Marsiglio Family, the Cronen Family, Douglas and Ann Grahn, Walter A. Greiner, Jean Graham Geiner, the Lineburg Family, Gil and Trudy McCoy, John Morgan and Family, Rinda Raines, Julius “Bud” Ritter, Dr. George Wagoner, Dr. Marjorie Jeffries Waggoner, Dr. Robert Wall and Don R. Wallis.

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