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Greater Green Bay Community Foundation Awards More than \$439,000 to Area Organizations

GREEN BAY, WI – September 14, 2006 - - - The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation granted more than \$74,000 to 14 area non-profit organizations this summer along with nearly \$ 365,000 awarded from donor advised recommendations through the Community Foundation.

The largest grant totaling \$13,000 was awarded to the N.E.W. Community Clinic, LTD. The N.E.W. Community Clinic, which offers a range of health-care services to low-income and uninsured people in the Green Bay area, will use the grant funds to help purchase emergency diabetic supplies and medication as well as assist with the cost of eye exams and glasses for low income, uninsured diabetic patients. Currently the limit is \$100 per patient for these needed supplies and exams, but the average eye exam and glasses totals \$130 per patient. The N.E.W. Community Clinic was established in 1971 as the Green Bay Area Free Clinic, with a mission to provide access to care where there are gaps in the area's health-care delivery system. The clinic administers numerous programs for low-income and uninsured or underinsured people.

The Community Foundation accepts grant proposals on a quarterly basis in order to meet the ever changing and immediate charitable needs of local non-profit organization. Community Foundation staff and a committee of community volunteers review all grant requests through an application process.

The following organizations and programs were also awarded grants during the past quarter:

Allouez Optimist

Miracle League Program

The Allouez Optimists were awarded a \$5,000 grant for their Miracle League Program. Grant funds will be used to help with the cost of building a new accessible baseball field with rubberized turf for children with disabilities. In its first year, the Miracle League Program had 65 kids ages 4 to 19 participate in the league.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Green Bay

Triple Play Program

The Boys and Girls Club received a \$10,000 grant for the Triple Play program. The Triple Play Program is designed to improve the long term health of youth participants. This program teaches kids about what constitutes good nutrition and how to make smart meal and snack choices. Participants will also be involved in sports leagues and non-competitive activities. Grant funds will cover the cost of the Triple Play Program for one year.

Brown County Sheriff's Department

STAR Parenting Program

A \$3,000 grant was awarded to the Brown County Sheriff's Office to implement the STAR Parenting Program at the Juvenile Detention Center. Many children entering the Juvenile Detention Center are currently or are soon-to-be parents. The STAR Program is designed to teach parenting skills and includes a strong anger management component. With the help of the Fort Howard/Jefferson Neighborhood Resource Center, the Brown County Juvenile Detention Center will offer the nine week program three times throughout the year.

Cerebral Palsy, Inc.

Client Garden

The Cerebral Palsy Center received a \$1,350 grant to assist in the cost of a client garden. With the help of the 2004 Leadership Green Bay group, the Center is using gardening as a way to lower clients' stress levels and increase their knowledge about nutritious food. Grant funds will also help with the purchase of special equipment and in constructing the specially designed garden with accessible pathways and accommodations.

Edison Middle School

Reach for the Stars

Edison Middle School was awarded a \$3,500 grant for the Reach for the Stars project. Reach for the Stars exposes promising economically disadvantaged ESL students to professional career opportunities at a young age. Students are accepted through an application process and participating students visit local educational venues such as theaters and museums and network with representatives from area businesses and industries.

Fort Howard/Jefferson Neighborhood Family Resource Center

Operating Expenses

A \$7,200 grant was presented to Fort Howard/Jefferson Neighborhood Resource Center to help with operating costs. The Fort Howard/Jefferson Neighborhood Resource Center has been in operation for over 10 years and offers learning opportunities for parents and families. A Primary goal is to insure that children have the developmental, emotional, and social support needed to be ready for school.

Greater Green Bay YMCA, Inc.

Girl's Night Out Program

A \$3,790 grant was awarded to the Greater Green Bay YMCA to fund a 10-week Girls' Night Out Program at Washington Middle School for 40 at-risk girls at Franklin Middle School. The program is designed to help adolescent girls sort out the various pressures they face, such as sex, drugs, violence, and media influences. The program provides tools to help the girls build self-confidence, make smart decisions and develop a positive self-identity.

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Green Bay Police Department

Police/Liaison Youth Mentoring Program

The Green Bay Police Department received a \$4,500 grant to support the Police/Liaison Youth Mentoring Program. The City's Community Police Officers and Liaison Officers seek ways to foster relationships with youth in order to establish open lines of communication with them. Through the Youth Mentoring Program, disadvantaged and minority youth participate in recreational, social, and educational activities with police and liaison officers.

Green Bay Symphony Orchestra, Inc.

Educational Program

The Green Bay Symphony was awarded a \$2,000 grant which will enable children from at-risk schools to experience a live symphonic performance. The multi-faceted educational program gives students an opportunity to learn about an orchestra and the history behind the music. Green Bay Symphony Orchestra, Inc. volunteers will connect classrooms with a comprehensive, grade-appropriate informational teaching packet while the Youth Symphony provides the symphonic performance.

Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center, Inc.

Program Expenses

A \$7,200 grant was presented to the Howe Neighborhood Family Resource Center to support three of their programs: the Early Bird program, a before school program for 45 students that helps reduce tardiness and truancy and provides enrichment activities; childcare during adult educational programs so that learning can be accessible to families; and Dinner Night to encourage family participation in school and neighborhood activities by providing a monthly nutritious meal and an educational program or activity. The Resource Center has been in operation for 10 years, coordinating, partnering and collaborating with other service providers to build individual, family, and community capacity.

Literacy Council of Brown County

English Language Learning

The Literacy Council of Brown County received a \$6,900 grant to fund English Language learning. The Literacy Council collaborates with Fort Howard/Jefferson Family Resource Center to provide English language learning for immigrants and refugees. The Literacy Council conducts classes for area residents to reach basic education competencies, while the Resource Center provides childcare and early childhood instruction for children ages 18 months to 5 years.

Mediation Center of Greater Green Bay, Inc.

Family and Neighborhood Dispute Mediation

A \$4,000 grant to the Mediation Center of Green Bay will help with the costs of offering family and neighborhood dispute mediations throughout 2006-2007. The Brown County Community Mediation Center helps people resolve disputes peacefully instead of turning to the courts for resolution. Family disputes include issues such as teen pregnancy, finances, long-term care of elderly parents, discipline of children, and estate planning; neighborhood disputes and landlord/tenant issues. In 2005, 520 low-income individuals were served and 93% of the disputes were fully resolved.

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Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Gear Up Program

The Department of Public Instruction was awarded a \$3,600 grant. Grant funds will be used to assist with the Gear Up program. The Gear Up program connects low-income students to their peers and an adult mentor by creating small, activity-based groups that include reading, tutoring, cultural experiences, and service learning projects. The program would be run with the assistance of an AmeriCorps member. DPI's mission is to help economically and educationally disadvantaged students graduate from high school and continue on in post-secondary education.

Established in 1991, the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization. Each year the Community Foundation distributes more than \$3 million in grants to many of the humanitarian, educational, and cultural organizations in Northeastern Wisconsin. The Community Foundation's mission is to aid, develop and enhance the quality of life for the communities and citizens they serve throughout Brown, Kewaunee and Oconto Counties.

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