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Greater Green Bay Community Foundation Awards More than \$950,000 to Area Organizations

GREEN BAY, WI – March 14, 2005 - - - The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation granted \$51,387 to nine area non-profit organizations this past quarter (December 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006) through an application process along with nearly \$900,000 to 283 non-profits granted from donor advisor recommendations through the Community Foundation.

The largest grant totaling more than \$13,000 was awarded to the Northeastern Wisconsin In-School Telecommunications/ Cooperative Education Service Agency 7 (NEWIST/CESA 7). Grant funds will be used to implement a program where artist work with Alzheimer's patients. The program will bring artists from Arts for the Aging (AFTA) and Northeast Wisconsin regional artists to local nursing homes and senior centers. Activities in the visual arts, dance, music and poetry will be provided. These programs will help patients improve alertness, verbalization, socialization skills, and occasional stigmatization of short term memory.

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, make awarding decisions, and conduct site visits for all grant applicants.

The following organizations and programs were also awarded grants during the quarter which ended on February 28, 2006:

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA.) of Brown County was awarded a \$5,000 grant. Grant funds will be used to train new volunteers as advocates for children. The volunteers advocate for children who have been neglected or abused by their families by monitoring cases, developing in-depth reports to the courts, and providing emotional support for these children. In 2004, 250 children in Brown County were eligible for an advocate, but only 22 were able to be assisted by CASA volunteer.

The **Brown County Sheriff's Department** was granted \$4,080 for the purchase of two ballistic protective shields for the Emergency Response Unit. These shields will be used in situations where individuals have or may violently confront officer teams to provide protection to the face, lower torso and legs of the team. The shields will allow the team to use less lethal tactics and will also assist in the evacuation of victims and innocent bystanders.

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Cerebral Palsy, Inc. received a grant for \$6,200 to support the Common Paths Childcare Center. The Common Paths Childcare Center serves 79 children with and without special needs from the ages of 6 weeks to seven years. The center's inclusive setting is individualized to each child's skill and development level. The Common Paths Childcare Center enables special needs children to experience a more typical learning environment and to interact with their peers. The Community Foundation grant will be used to offset the annual cost of two special needs children.

Gillett High School was awarded a \$4,600 grant to purchase 25 GPS Units in order to introduce students to technology and make learning relevant to their lives. The GPS units will be used to teach graphing and scaling drawings of land sections in Algebra classes and demonstrate the use of farm equipment in Agronomy, survey properties in Building Trade classes, finding longitude and latitude in Geometry, and teach orienteering in Environmental Science.

A grant totaling \$3,800 was presented to **Hand – N – Hand of Northeastern Wisconsin, Inc.** to fund parent and community education, facility fees, activity and office supplies, food, and deaf and hard of hearing technology. Hand-N-Hand of Northeastern Wisconsin offers a play group for deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth to five and their families. The program promotes language, literacy, social and emotional development for hearing impaired children, and education on hearing loss to families.

N.E.W. Community Clinic, LTD an organization dedicated to providing low-income and homeless individuals with health care, has been granted \$6,000 to cover the cost of emergency diabetic supplies, medication, eye exams and glasses for low-income, uninsured diabetic patients for 6 months. Between June and November of 2005, 164 diabetic patients were provided with emergency supplies.

The **Wisconsin Foundation of Independent Colleges (WFIC)** received a grant for \$3,000 to help provide transportation to 55 Green Bay area students attending the WFIC's College Readiness 21 Program of Northeast Wisconsin program. The program aims to improve the educational opportunities for disadvantaged high school youth by helping increase their college preparatory skills, gain exposure to college environments, improve academic skills, and increase knowledge about the college admission process.

A \$4,000 grant was awarded to **Worry Free InHome Care Services, Inc.** to assist low income elderly individuals needing non-medical services in Oconto County. Worry Free InHome Care Services provides services to senior citizens with disabilities and chronic illnesses to help them remain independent and to prevent them from entering nursing homes prematurely.

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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