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Lilly Endowment releases 2009 annual report: Building Lives, Connecting Communities

Since Lilly Endowment began in 1937, its grantmaking has focused on efforts to promote human dignity and self-reliance, help individuals build meaningful and rewarding lives, and foster strong, healthy, cohesive and secure families. In so doing, the Endowment has helped strengthen over many years a variety of institutions whose missions and programs are aimed at the accomplishment of these objectives. The Endowment believes that the quality of life it seeks to foster for individuals and families depends on the presence of vibrant communities that have a mix of effective and interconnected cultural, educational, religious, civic and governmental organizations.

The 2009 annual report of Lilly Endowment features stories that highlight the roles Endowment-funded institutions have recently played in enhancing the quality of life of individuals and families. In particular, these stories relate to the following subjects:

- *The Indiana storms and floods of 2008.* 2008 brought horrendous weather to Indiana. Floods, storms and tornadoes wreaked havoc across the state. A \$45 million grant from the Endowment to the Indiana Association of United Ways (the Endowment's largest-ever single grant for disaster relief and recovery) helped the state's local United Ways and community foundations lead relief and recovery projects in more than 80 hard-hit counties. The Endowment for many years has funded the strengthening of the United Way system in Indiana and the establishment and growth of community foundations in all 92 Indiana counties.

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- *Northeast Indiana's Talent Opportunity Success 2015 initiative.* Through this initiative targeted at the impressive defense and aerospace industry cluster in the 11-county region, the area's present and future workforce will be better prepared to take advantage of the cluster's significant economic opportunities. A \$20 million Endowment grant to Community Partnerships, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, supports the initiative.
- *The Atlanta-based Fund for Theological Education.* Although the Endowment works with many religious institutions, the Atlanta-based Fund for Theological Education, which the Endowment has supported since 1975, has taken a leadership role in administering and coordinating Endowment-funded programs throughout the country. These programs attract topnotch young people into the ministry, support their seminary studies, and ensure their successful transition from student to pastor.
- *Connecting and Supporting Veterans and Their Families.* Indiana's veterans and their families are under all the pressures that war brings: the stresses of combat itself, extended absences from family and friends, the need for access to the best medical care, financial distress, the problems of reconnecting with civilian life, and getting an education that leads to a good job. A series of Endowment grants totaling \$27.7 million addresses these issues through the work of the Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University, the Indiana National Guard Relief Fund, and Crane Learning & Employment Center for Veterans with Disabilities.

The report's executive message also addresses this "time of serious economic challenge." The report states: "The situation is sobering. We are confident conditions will eventually improve, but it may be some time before the impact of a recovery is felt broadly throughout society. Continued attention and support need to be given to those most negatively affected by the economic crisis."

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In this vein, another story in the report describes the founding of the Community Economic Relief Fund (CERF). Ten other funders and the Endowment joined to establish CERF, which is administered by the United Way of Central Indiana (UWCI). Organized quickly (by the end of 2008) and working through local social-service agencies, CERF has helped more than 6,000 citizens in Central Indiana with immediate needs like housing, utilities and food. These funds were provided in addition to the funders' regular support for UWCI.

The executive message also notes that the founders' establishment of the Endowment in 1937 in the midst of the Great Depression "emboldens us to marshal the resources available to us in the most effective way to promote the values they espoused." It states: "Their faith in forming this foundation has resulted in more than \$7.3 billion in grants since its founding. We are committed to keeping this institution strong and vital so that it can continue to help the countless dedicated and talented individuals who conduct the programs of the Endowment's grantees in pursuit of their worthy aims."

The finances and grantmaking section of the report shows that Lilly Endowment's assets at the end of 2009 (Dec. 31, 2009) were \$5.3 billion. The Endowment paid grants totaling \$276.1 million, including Community Development Division grants of \$76.4 million (28 percent), Education Division grants of \$126.7 million (46 percent), and Religion Division grants totaling \$73 million (26 percent).

In 2009 the Endowment approved grants totaling \$282.3 million to 655 grantees, 256 of them new to the Endowment. Education grants totaled the most dollars at \$132.9 million (47 percent); Community Development Division totaled \$76.2 million (27 percent), while approvals for the Religion Division totaled \$73.2 million (26 percent).

In both the grants-paid and grants-approved categories, most of the funds went to Indiana organizations--\$210.5 million (76 percent) of the grants paid and \$216.5 million (77 percent) of the grants approved. A full listing of the 2009 grants is provided in the report and on the Endowment's Web site.