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## **Lilly Endowment Reports on Grants 'For the Sake of the Future'**

INDIANAPOLIS – When J. K. Lilly Sr. and his sons J. K. Jr. and Eli created Lilly Endowment Inc. in 1937 during the height of the Great Depression, they demonstrated a commitment to building a brighter future for their contemporaries and successive generations.

Today that commitment to the future endures and continues to inspire the Endowment's grantmaking. It's a conviction that is reflected in the 2014 Annual Report, "For the Sake of the Future." The report highlights how Endowment grants help improve the lives of the youngest generations and strengthen organizations that will serve them well in the years to come. Stories in the report feature the following:

- **Community foundations** that are nurturing grassroots philanthropy in all 92 Indiana counties as part of Phase VI of its GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative
- **Early Learning Indiana** and **the United Way of Central Indiana**, two organizations leading efforts in Indiana to strengthen early childhood education and make high-quality programs available to more children
- **Campus ministries across the United States** that are helping students enrolled in some of the nation's largest public universities live their faith more deeply and hear the call to meaningful careers
- **Indianapolis Museum of Art, People for Urban Progress** and **IndyHub**, three organizations that are building new connections with millennials and fostering the next generation of arts patrons and community leaders
- **La Plaza**, one of the more than 150 groups in Indianapolis dedicated to helping children have terrific summer experiences that are fun, educational and enriching
- **The New Media Project** and **the National Study of Youth and Religion**, two national initiatives exploring the religious beliefs and practices of young people so congregations and other religious institutions can better engage them

Since the Endowment began in 1937, it has disbursed \$8.5 billion in grants to 9,164 charitable organizations, most of them in Indiana. Of the \$8.5 billion, \$3.5 billion supported education initiatives (41 percent), \$2.8 billion supported community development initiatives (33 percent) and \$2.2 billion supported religion initiatives (26 percent). At the end of 2014 the Endowment's assets totaled approximately \$10.1 billion.

During 2014, the Endowment paid grants totaling \$328.6 million. Community development grants accounted for \$125.9 million (38 percent), education grants accounted for \$116.9 million (36 percent) and religion grants accounted for \$85.8 million (26 percent).

Most grants were paid to organizations in Indiana – a total of \$253.2 million (77 percent). Of the payment total of \$328.6 million, \$197.6 million (60 percent) was paid to non-Marion County grantees in Indiana and \$55.6 million (17 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Organizations outside of Indiana received \$75.4 million (23 percent). Most of these grants paid outside of Indiana were religion grants.

During 2014 the Endowment approved 691 grants for a total of \$344.4 million to 535 grantees, 132 new to the Endowment.

Education grants totaled \$132.9 million or 39 percent of the total. Approvals for community development grants totaled \$125.7 million or 36 percent and approvals for religion grants totaled \$85.8 million or 25 percent.

Similar to the geographic distribution of the grants paid in 2014, more than three-fourths (78 percent) of grants approved went to Indiana organizations. Of the \$344.4 million in grants approved, \$213.6 million (62 percent) was approved for non-Marion county grantees in Indiana and \$55.4 million (16 percent) to Marion County (Indianapolis) grantees. Indiana organizations thus were awarded \$269 million (78 percent) of grants approved. \$75.4 million (22 percent) in grants was approved for non-Indiana organizations.

The annual report includes a complete list of 2014 grants, and it is available on the Endowment's website, [www.lillyendowment.org](http://www.lillyendowment.org).

#### **About Lilly Endowment Inc.**

Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly and his two sons, Eli and J.K. Jr., with gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical company. Gifts of stock in Eli Lilly and Company remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment. It is, however, a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. The Endowment is primarily committed to the causes of community development, education and religion.