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**Note to editors/assignment editors:** All the Summer Youth Program Fund grantees will meet May 11 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Marott, 2625 N. Meridian St., to discuss grant policies and procedures. For more information about programs in your area, call the Marion County Commission on Youth hotline number, 1-888-4-YOUTH-8. To request a summer youth directory, call 921-1288. More information is available by calling the Information and Referral Network helpline at 317-926-HELP.

## Lilly Endowment gives nearly \$700,000 for summer programming

A busy, fun and educational summer lies ahead for Marion County young people who participate in the varied programs of scores of local nonprofit organizations. For the 13<sup>th</sup> year, Lilly Endowment Inc. is supporting the Summer Youth Program with grants to 93 agencies totaling \$695,672.

The Endowment is one of a group of 11 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$1.3 million to 130 programs in Marion County. The grants will serve more than 38,500 youth throughout the summer.

Besides the Endowment, other funders in the Summer Youth Program are the Ackerman Foundation, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, City of Indianapolis/Front Porch Alliance, Fox 59 Community Fund, Hoover Family Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation, The Indianapolis Foundation Library Partners, *The Indianapolis Star* Season for Sharing, Irwin Financial Foundation and Moore Foundation.

The collaboration, which the Endowment has supported since 1996, involves a uniform information and application process for agencies and organizations, although the funding decisions are made by the individual funders.

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“The variety of programs for kids is especially rewarding,” said Willis K. Bright, Endowment director of youth programming. “Organizations and agencies in the Indianapolis area will offer so many different kinds of activities, supported by the funders. They can learn about computers or learn to play golf; they can learn job-readiness skills or how to improve their reading. The list goes on. There should be something for every young person who wants to participate.

“All these programs provide parents with safe places where their children can learn new activities and skills – and have fun – during working hours,” he noted.

Endowment funds in this year’s Summer Youth Program will go to 116 programs, including 13 residential camps for special populations, such as asthmatic, deaf and autistic children, \$74,900; 25 different sets of enhancement activities, such as arts and sports programs, \$152,722; 73 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$434,050; and five youth-employment programs, such as lifeguard skills and job-readiness programs, \$34,000.

The following organizations have received Summer Youth Program Fund grants from the Endowment:

**American Cabaret Theatre - \$4,000**

**American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$7,000**

**American Lung Association of Indiana - \$6,000**

**ARC of Indiana - \$4,500**

**Area Youth Ministry - \$2,500**

**Beech Grove Education Foundation - \$2,000**

**Bicycle Action Project - \$5,000**

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**Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis - \$13,000**  
**Brightwood Community Center - \$5,250**  
**Broadway United Methodist Church - \$8,500**  
**Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association - \$4,000**  
**Calvary Temple of Indianapolis - \$4,500**  
**Camp Fire Boys and Girls - \$4,500**  
**Campbell Chapel Youth & Family Services - \$1,500**  
**Camptown - \$2,222**  
**Catholic Social Services - \$12,000**  
**Catholic Youth Organization - \$6,000**  
**Children's Bureau of Indianapolis - \$10,000**  
**Community Centers of Indianapolis (3) - \$93,900**  
**Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund - \$5,000**  
**Covenant Baptist Church - \$3,500**  
**Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$6,000**  
**East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$8,000**  
**Ebenezer International Ministries - \$7,000**  
**Faith Teaching Church of Deliverance - \$5,000**  
**Family - \$5,000**  
**First Baptist Church of Indianapolis - \$7,000**  
**First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church - \$12,500**  
**Freetown Village - \$16,000**  
**Garden City Christian Church - \$4,000**  
**Girls Incorporated of Indianapolis - \$15,000**  
**Great Commission Church of God - \$7,500**

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**Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$9,000**  
**Hispanic Wholistic Education Center - \$8,000**  
**Horizon Christian Fellowship - \$3,500**  
**Immanuel Presbyterian Church - \$5,500**  
**Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$4,000**  
**Indiana Sports Corporation (2) - \$15,000**  
**Indiana State Fair Commission - \$3,000**  
**Indianapolis Art Center - \$7,000**  
**Indianapolis Humane Society - \$5,000**  
**Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$10,000**  
**Indianapolis Northside Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$2,500**  
**Indianapolis Parks Foundation - \$2,500**  
**Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$10,000**  
**Indianapolis Symphonic Choir - \$5,500**  
**Indianapolis Urban Enterprise Association - \$5,000**  
**James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association - \$7,500**  
**Jameson Camp - \$9,000**  
**Kaleidoscope Church and Community Partnership - \$11,000**  
**Life Line Community Center - \$4,000**  
**Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$2,000**  
**Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$5,000**  
**MSD of Perry Township - \$10,000**  
**Madame Walker Urban Life Center - \$10,000**  
**Marian College - \$7,000**  
**Marion County Extension Programs - \$5,000**  
**Martin University - \$9,000**

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**Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$5,000**  
**National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$7,500**  
**Neighborhood Youth Brigade - \$4,000**  
**New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,000**  
**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church - \$2,500**  
**100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$20,000**  
**Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis - \$2,500**  
**Peace Learning Center - \$6,000**  
**Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$5,000**  
**ROAR Community Development Center - \$2,000**  
**R/ROS Community Development Corp. - \$7,000**  
**Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$4,000**  
**Robinson Community Social Service Foundation - \$5,000**  
**St. Florian Center - \$15,000**  
**St. Francis Healthcare Foundation - \$3,000**  
**St. Richard's School Foundation - \$10,000**  
**St. Rita Church - \$7,000**  
**St. Vincent Unity Development Center - \$5,000**  
**Sander's Temple Church of God in Christ - \$2,000**  
**Second Baptist Church - \$2,500**  
**Seventh and Eighth United Christian Church - \$9,500**  
**Shepherd Community - \$7,000**  
**Southeast Neighborhood Development - \$4,500**  
**Theater on the Square - \$3,000**

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**United North East Community Development Corp. - \$7,000**

**Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$10,000**

**Visions - \$4,000**

**Visions Ministries - \$3,000**

**Vivian Smith House Teen Parenting Program - \$6,000**

**Westminster United Presbyterian Church - \$2,300**

**Witherspoon Performing Arts Center - \$3,000**

**YMCA of Indianapolis - \$8,500**

**Young Audiences of Indiana - \$13,500**

**Youth Job Preparedness Program - \$6,500**

**YWCA of Indianapolis - \$15,000**