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Note to editors/assignment editors: All the Summer Youth Program Fund grantees will meet May 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Washington Park Family Recreation Center, 3130 E. 30th Street, to discuss grant policies and procedures. For more information about programs in your area, call the Marion County Commission on Youth hotline (1-888-4-YOUTH-8), or call 317-921-1288 to request a summer youth directory. Additional information is available through the Information and Referral Network helpline at 317-926-HELP.

Lilly Endowment gives \$1 million for summer youth programming

All kinds of activities – from arts to sports to learning academic and job skills – are on the agenda for young people in Marion County who participate in the programs of scores of local nonprofit organizations. For the 17th year, Lilly Endowment Inc. is supporting the Summer Youth Program with grants to 119 agencies totaling \$1 million.

The Endowment is one of 14 area funders who together this year have awarded nearly \$1.8 million to 151 programs in Marion County. The grants will serve more than 29,000 youth throughout the summer.

Besides the Endowment, other funders in the Summer Youth Program are the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation & Project E, City of

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Indianapolis/Department of Metropolitan Development, the Clowes Fund, the Efroymsen Fund, Hensel Fund, Hoover Family Foundation, the Indianapolis Foundation, the Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund, Irwin Financial Foundation, Irwin Mortgage Corp., Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust and the Women's Fund of Central Indiana.

The collaboration, which the Endowment has supported since 1995, involves a uniform information and application process for agencies and organizations, although the funding decisions are made by the individual funders.

“Youngsters who attend these programs will be in safe places where their parents won't have to worry about them during working hours,” said Willis K. Bright, Endowment director of youth programming. “The variety of the programs is truly special. There should be something to interest every youngster who wants to participate.”

Endowment funds in this year's Summer Youth Program will go to 145 programs, including 20 residential camps for special populations, such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$126,395; 35 different sets of enhancement activities, such as arts and sports programs, \$235,648; 83 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$575,027; and seven youth-employment programs, such as lifeguard skills and job-readiness programs, \$62,930.

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

Adult and Child Mental Health Center - \$5,000

African Community International - \$5,000

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Agape Therapeutic Riding for Handicapped People - \$1,000

American Cabaret Theatre - \$5,500

American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$8,500

American Lung Association of Indiana - \$7,500

Antioch Neighborhood Restoration Outreach Ministry - \$2,000

ARC of Indiana - \$7,500

Area Youth Ministry - \$5,000

Art With a Heart - \$3,300

Bands of America - \$5,000

Bicycle Action Project - \$13,000

Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (10) - \$45,450

Broadway United Methodist Church - \$9,000

Brookside United Methodist Church - \$7,000

Butler-Tarkington Neighborhood Association - \$8,000

Camp Fire Boys and Girls - \$4,500

Camptown - \$6,500

Catholic Social Services (2) - \$12,700

Catholic Youth Organization - \$7,000

Center for Health & Human Services - \$2,000

Cherubims - \$5,000

Children's Bureau of Indianapolis - \$15,000

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Christamore House - \$9,000

Community Alliance of the Far Eastside (2) - \$15,000

Concord Center Association - \$19,000

Coppin Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - \$4,500

Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund - \$7,000

Crooked Creek Service Center - \$8,500

Damar Services - \$8,500

Dayspring Center - \$3,000

Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$7,500

Dirty Dozen Hunting & Fishing Club - \$4,500

Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$6,800

East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$9,000

Eastern Star Jewel Educational Services - \$5,000

Ebenezer Baptist Church Dollars for Scholars Foundation - \$5,000

Edna Martin Christian Church - \$7,000

First Baptist Church, North Indianapolis - \$7,000

First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church (2) - \$27,000

Forest Manor Multi-Service Center - \$10,000

Freetown Village - \$17,000

Garden City Christian Church - \$6,000

Girls Inc. (2) - \$14,400

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Good News Mission - \$8,000

Great Commission Church of God - \$9,750

Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$12,000

Hawthorne Social Service Association - \$19,000

Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County - \$7,500

Healthy Opportunities for At-Risk Children - \$5,000

Hispanic Center - \$5,400

Hispanic Education Center - \$12,700

Hook's American Drug Store Museum - \$5,500

Hoosier Capital Girl Scout Council - \$5,000

Indiana Athletic Teen Basketball Association - \$2,500

Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$4,000

Indiana School for the Deaf - \$4,000

Indiana Sports Corp. - \$10,000

Indiana University Foundation - \$7,500

Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$15,000

Indianapolis Art Center - \$5,800

Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$9,000

Indianapolis Northside Interfaith Hospitality Network - \$3,500

Indianapolis Parks Foundation (4) - \$15,575

Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$15,000

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Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$7,500

Jacer Inn - \$2,295

Jameson Camp - \$13,000

Kaleidoscope Church and Community Partnership - \$12,000

Life Line Community Center - \$5,500

Life-Leadership Development - \$4,600

Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$6,650

Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$6,500

Lutheran Child and Family Services of Indiana - \$7,300

Madame Walker Urban Life Center - \$15,000

Marian College - \$8,000

Marion County Commission on Youth - \$2,512

Marion County Extension Programs - \$4,540

Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Service Center - \$10,000

Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center - \$11,000

Metro Ministries (2) - \$12,500

MSD of Perry Township - \$15,000

MSD of Washington Township - \$5,800

Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$5,500

National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$7,500

Near Eastside Multi-Service Center - \$5,200

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NESCO Charitable Trust - \$2,000

New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,250

New Light Christian Church - \$3,300

Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis - \$3,000

Oaks Academy - \$7,000

Oasis Christian Community Development Corp. - \$4,300

Old Centrum Foundation - \$4,300

100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$13,000

Peace Learning Center - \$10,000

People's Burn Foundation - \$5,300

Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$7,500

Project Seed - \$10,000

Riley Children's Foundation - \$8,000

St. Florian Center - \$20,000

St. John's Community Care Services - \$3,000

St. Richard's School Foundation - \$15,500

Salvation Army - \$6,000

Save the Youth Program - \$5,300

School on Wheels - \$2,300

Scott United Methodist Church - \$3,500

Second Baptist Church - \$5,000

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Shepherd Community (an urban ministry of the Church of the Nazarene) –
\$7,500

Southeast Community Services - \$5,300

Speedway Baptist Church - \$3,500

Tabernacle Presbyterian Church - \$7,500

Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$12,500

Very Special Arts of Indiana (2) - \$10,178

Visions - \$5,000

Westminster United Presbyterian Church - \$7,000

Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church - \$3,200

Worthmore Academy - \$7,500

YMCA (9) - \$29,500

Young Audiences of Indiana - \$17,000