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Lilly Endowment gives \$1.8 million for summer youth programs and capital projects

Since 1982 Lilly Endowment Inc. has supported organizations that provide summer youth programs for Marion County youth. Many young people who participate in these programs lack the means to afford summer camps or other supervised activities. These programs emphasize activities that expose youth to arts and culture, recreation and sports, and educational enrichment.

The Endowment is one of 11 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$2.2 million in program funding for 176 summer programs in Marion County. Of this total, the Endowment has awarded more than \$1.2 million for program grants. More than 40,000 youth will be served throughout the summer through programs funded by these grants.

Other funders of the summer youth programs are the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, City of Indianapolis/Department of Metropolitan Development, Clowes Fund, Hoover Family Foundation, Indianapolis Foundation, Indianapolis Foundation Library Fund, JP Morgan Chase Foundation, Lumina Foundation for Education and Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.

The Endowment since 1995 has participated in this collaboration, which uses a joint orientation, application and evaluation process for agencies and organizations; however, the funding decisions are made by individual funders. Adult and youth staff can take advantage of training opportunities that focus on planning programs suitable for various age groups, providing engaging educational activities and other relevant topics.

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This example of cooperation among funders and the scope of the program have attracted the attention of the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University, the only university-based center in the United States dedicated just to summer learning. The center is looking at the Summer Youth Program Fund as a possible model for other cities to follow. Next year more than 400 youth-serving professionals will head to Indianapolis for the center's national annual conference, at which the Indianapolis collaboration will be featured.

"The staff and volunteers of the organizations that provide summer youth programming in our community impress us each year with their enthusiasm and creativity," said Willis K. Bright, Endowment director of youth programming. "Their commitment to serving as effectively as possible the youth who participate in these programs is truly exemplary. We are pleased to support their efforts to provide a myriad of safe, constructive and fun summer activities for our community's youth."

This year the Endowment provided funding not only to support summer programs but also to pay for modest capital projects. To be eligible for the capital funding, an organization had to show that the project is needed to improve its capability to conduct its summer programs.

Twenty-four capital grants totaling \$436,077 were awarded. They fund facility renovations and the purchase of computer equipment and vans and mini-buses to transport program participants. The Marion County Commission on Youth also received a grant of \$85,840 to fund youth staff training and end-of-summer educational awards.

Endowment funds this year will be used to support 149 agencies (conducting 172 different programs) and 24 capital projects. These programs include the following:

- 21 residential camps for special populations such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$146,500;
- 56 different sets of enhancement activities such as arts and sports programs, \$382,450;
- 80 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$629,633; and
- 15 youth-employment programs, \$119,500.

The following 149 organizations have received grants from the Endowment for these programs:

Adult & Child Center - \$9,000

Alpha Foundation for the Youth - \$3,500

American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$9,500

Antioch Neighborhood Restoration & Outreach Ministry - \$8,500

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Art With a Heart - \$14,000
Asante Children's Theatre - \$3,000
At-Your-School (AYS) Child Services - \$2,500
Auntie Mame's Child Development Center - \$5,000
Bethesda Temple Apostolic Church - \$4,500
Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre - \$3,000
Bosma Industries for the Blind - \$3,500
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (5) - \$38,250
Broadway United Methodist Church - \$9,000
Brookside Community Youth Program - \$9,000
Butler University - \$4,000
Calvary Temple - \$5,000
Camp Kesem - \$5,000
Camptown - \$9,000
Care for Kids - \$5,000
Catholic Charities Indianapolis (2) - \$14,500
Catholic Youth Organization - \$4,000
Children's Bureau - \$17,500
Christamore House - \$7,500
Circle City Frontiers Club - \$7,500
Claude McNeal's Musical Theatre Training Program - \$6,500
Coburn Place Safe Haven - \$3,625
Community Action of Greater Indianapolis - \$4,000
Community Alliance of the Far Eastside - \$20,000
Concord Center Association - \$21,200
Coppin Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - \$7,500
Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund - \$6,500
Crossroads Rehabilitation Center - \$5,000
Damar Services - \$5,500
Dance Kaleidoscope - \$2,500
Day Nursery Association of Indianapolis - \$2,500

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Dayspring Center - \$7,000
Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$8,500
Dirty Dozen Hunting and Fishing Club - \$6,000
DREAM Alive - \$4,000
Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$8,000
East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$12,000
Edna Martin Christian Center - \$10,200
Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries - \$5,000
Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek - \$12,000
**Felege Hiywot Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church Children Welfare and
Development Center - \$7,000**
First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church (2) - \$31,000
Flanner House - \$7,000
Fletcher Place Community Center - \$4,000
Forest Manor Multi-Service Center - \$16,500
Freetown Village - \$17,000
Friends of Holliday Park - \$4,000
Garden City Christian Church - \$6,500
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana - \$7,500
Girls Inc. (2) - \$21,000
Good News Mission - \$6,500
Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana - \$5,000
Great Commission Church of God - \$11,500
Greater Faith Apostolic Church - \$4,000
Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$17,500
Harrison Center for the Arts - \$7,500
Hawthorne Social Service Association - \$22,000
Hear Indiana - \$4,000
Heart of Sailing - \$3,500
Hemophilia of Indiana - \$5,000
Horizons Urban Summer Enrichment Program - \$17,500

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Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$5,500
Indiana Golf Foundation - \$5,500
Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force - \$5,000
Indiana Minority Health Coalition - \$7,500
Indiana School for the Deaf - \$5,000
Indiana Sports Corp. - \$9,000
Indiana State Museum Foundation - \$3,000
Indiana University Foundation (2) - \$12,500
Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$25,000
Indianapolis Art Center - \$7,500
Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$8,500
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$7,500
Indianapolis Parks Foundation (4) - \$24,500
Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$15,000
Indianapolis Public Schools - \$10,000
Inquisitive Kids - \$3,000
James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association (dba Riley Children's Foundation) - \$8,000
Jameson Camp - \$17,000
Jerusalem Christian Center - \$3,000
John H. Boner Community Center - \$5,000
Julian Center - \$1,858
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - \$2,000
La Plaza - \$12,000
Lawrence United Methodist Church - \$5,000
Life Line Community Center - \$9,000
Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$7,000
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana - \$8,000
Marian College - \$7,500
Marion County Commission on Youth - \$7,500
Martin Luther King Multi Service Center (2) - \$9,700

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Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center - \$25,000
Metro Ministries (2) - \$12,000
Metropolitan School District of Perry Township - \$7,500
Metropolitan School District of Pike Township - \$4,500
Metropolitan School District of Washington Township - \$7,500
Mission Indy - \$3,500
Mizpah-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$6,500
Montessori Educational Charity - \$7,000
Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$6,000
National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$10,500
National Society of Hispanic MBAs - \$6,500
New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,000
New Light Christian Church - \$4,000
Noble of Indiana - \$4,000
Northside New Era Community Outreach - \$3,500
Nu Corinthian Baptist Church - \$5,500
Oasis Christian Community Development Corp. - \$5,000
Odyssey VistaCare Hospice Foundation - \$5,500
100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$21,000
PASSWORD Community Mentoring - \$5,000
Pathway to the Future Learning Center - \$5,000
Peace Learning Center - \$13,000
People's Burn Foundation of Indiana - \$4,000
Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$10,000
Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church - \$5,000
Project SEED - \$18,000
Promise Land Christian Community Church - \$5,500
Purdue University - \$7,500
Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$5,000
Ruth Lilly Center for Health Education - \$5,500
St. Florian Center - \$24,500

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St. John's Community Care Services - \$6,000
St. Vincent Hospital Foundation - \$1,500
Salvation Army (2) - \$10,000
Save the Youth - \$6,500
Say Yes - \$5,000
Second Baptist Church - \$5,000
Senior Connects Corp. (dba Net Literacy Corp.) - \$9,000
Shepherd Community - \$10,000
Social Health Association of Indiana - \$3,250
Southeast Community Services - \$6,000
Speedway Baptist Church - \$5,500
Speedway United Methodist Church - \$5,000
University of Notre Dame - \$3,500
Uriel Ministries - \$5,750
VSA Arts of Indiana - \$7,000
Victory Inner-City Ministries - \$5,000
Westminster Neighborhood Ministries - \$8,000
YMCA of Indianapolis (10) - \$41,750
Young Audiences of Indiana - \$20,000
Young Life (Indianapolis) - \$3,000
Youth Job Preparedness Program - \$6,500
Y-Press - \$1,000
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - \$5,000

Capital grants were made to the following 24 organizations:

Art With a Heart - \$25,000
Brookside Community Youth Program - \$17,000
Butler University - \$4,200
Camptown - \$25,000
Catholic Charities Indianapolis - \$25,000
Coburn Place Safe Haven - \$15,000

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Concord Center Association - \$9,915
Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$24,585
Edna Martin Christian Center - \$25,000
**Felege Hiywot Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church Children Welfare and
Development Center - \$19,068**
Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$12,500
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$24,300
Martin Luther King Multi Service Center - \$22,000
Metro Ministries - \$24,500
Mizpah-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$24,774
National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$1,795
New Light Christian Church - \$8,440
100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$15,000
Pathway to the Future Learning Center - \$24,200
St. John's Community Care Services - \$25,000
Shepherd Community - \$25,000
Southeast Community Services - \$6,500
Speedway United Methodist Church - \$24,200
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - \$8,100