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Lilly Endowment gives \$2 million for summer youth programs and capital projects

Thousands of Indianapolis young people already have signed up for full schedules of summer activities that will enhance their academic performance and help them develop valuable new skills and perspectives - while having plenty of fun besides.

The Summer Youth Program Fund - the collective effort of 11 area funders - will tempt youngsters with classes on calculus, art, critical thinking, creative writing, photography, reading, public speaking, computer math, editing, maps, music, painting, geography, drama, gardening, science, vocabulary, United States history, writing, math, spelling, insect identification and rocket science.

They will learn about anger management, budgeting, leadership development, self-confidence, decision-making, conflict resolution, cultural studies, self-discipline, financial literacy, healthy lifestyles, money management, social skills, career planning, employer expectations and problem solving.

The healthy dose of fun will include swimming, canoeing, mountain biking, basketball, hunting and fishing, horseback riding, archery, gymnastics, skating, dancing, camping, bowling, backpacking, rock climbing – and visiting virtually every known cultural institution in town.

The Endowment is one of 11 area funders who together this year have awarded more than \$2.4 million in program funding for 186 summer programs in Marion County. Of this total, the Endowment has awarded more than \$1.4 million for program grants. More than 40,000 youth will be served throughout the summer through activities funded by these grants.

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Summer Youth Programs/Capital Projects
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Other funders of the summer youth programs are the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, City of Indianapolis/Department of Metropolitan Development, Clowes Fund, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, 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 has participated in this effort since 1995. The collaboration 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.

The cooperation among funders and the scope of the program have attracted the attention of the National Summer Learning Association, formerly the Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University. The association considers the Summer Youth Program Fund as a model for other cities to follow. This fall, Nov. 9-10, more than 400 youth-serving professionals will head to Indianapolis for the association's national annual conference, during 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.

Capital grants totaling \$457,352 were awarded to 28 organizations listed at the end of this release. They fund facility renovations and the purchase of computer equipment, vans and mini-buses to transport program participants. The Marion County Commission on Youth also received a grant of \$133,528 to fund youth staff training, evaluation and end-of-summer educational awards.

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Endowment funds this year will be used to support 161 agencies (conducting 186 different programs). These programs are categorized as follows:

- 23 residential camps for special populations such as asthmatic and autistic children, \$164,500;
- 51 different sets of enhancement activities such as arts and sports programs, \$370,610;
- 94 daily programs based in churches or community organizations, \$729,510; and
- 18 youth-employment programs, \$144,500.

The following 161 organizations have received grants from the Endowment for these programs:

Abundant Life World Outreach Ministries - \$4,000
Adult & Child Center - \$10,000
African Community International - \$5,000
American Diabetes Association, Indiana Affiliate - \$9,500
Anglican Church of Resurrection - \$3,500
Antioch Neighborhood Restoration & Outreach Ministry - \$9,000
Art With a Heart - \$14,000
Asante Children's Theatre - \$3,000
At-Your-School (AYS) Child Services - \$3,000
Bethesda Temple Apostolic Church - \$4,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana - \$1,800
Bob Sanders Chasing Dreams Foundation - \$4,000
Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre - \$3,000
Bosma Industries for the Blind - \$3,500
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis (6) - \$43,500
Brebeuf Preparatory School - \$2,500
Brightwood Community Center - \$5,000
Broadway United Methodist Church - \$7,500
Butler University - \$6,000
Camptown - \$9,500

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Care for Kids - \$5,000
Catholic Charities Indianapolis (2) - \$14,520
Catholic Youth Organization - \$7,000
Children's Bureau - \$18,500
Christamore House - \$9,000
Christel House Academy - \$2,500
Circle City Frontiers Club - \$7,500
Claude McNeal's Musical Theatre Training Program - \$7,000
Coburn Place Safe Haven - \$3,500
Community Action of Greater Indianapolis - \$3,000
Community Alliance of the Far Eastside - \$19,500
Concord Center Association - \$22,500
Coppin Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - \$7,500
Cornerstone of Hope Church - \$3,500
Cosmo Knights Scholarship Fund - \$6,800
Damar Services - \$6,500
Dance Kaleidoscope - \$3,500
Day Nursery Association of Indianapolis - \$3,000
Dayspring Center - \$7,500
Devington Community Development Corp. - \$5,000
Diabetic Youth Foundation of Indiana - \$8,500
Dirty Dozen Hunting and Fishing Club - \$6,000
DREAM Alive - \$6,000
Dyslexia Institute of Indiana - \$8,000
East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$12,000
Edna Martin Christian Center - \$14,000
Englishton Park Presbyterian Ministries - \$5,000
Fay Biccard Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek - \$12,500
**Felege Hiywot Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church Children Welfare and
Development Center - \$8,500**
First-Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church (2) - \$31,250

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Flanner House - \$8,000
Fletcher Place Community Center - \$4,250
Forest Manor Multi-Service Center - \$17,500
Freetown Village - \$17,000
Garden City Christian Church - \$7,000
Girl Scouts of Central Indiana - \$7,500
Girls Inc. (2) - \$17,500
Good News Mission - \$6,500
Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana - \$5,000
Great Commission Church of God - \$11,500
Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$18,000
Harrison Center for the Arts - \$7,500
Hawthorne Social Service Association - \$23,500
Hear Indiana - \$4,000
Hemophilia of Indiana - \$5,000
Horizons Urban Summer Enrichment Program - \$17,500
Indiana Deaf Camps Foundation - \$5,500
Indiana Golf Foundation - \$6,000
Indiana INTERNnet - \$5,000
Indiana Juvenile Justice Task Force - \$6,000
Indiana Minority Health Coalition - \$7,500
Indiana Plan for Equal Employment - \$5,000
Indiana School for the Deaf - \$5,000
Indiana Sports Corp. - \$9,000
Indiana State Museum Foundation - \$3,500
Indiana University Foundation - \$7,500
Indianapolis Algebra Project - \$30,000
Indianapolis Art Center - \$10,000
Indianapolis Early Learning Center - \$6,250
Indianapolis Junior Golf Foundation - \$8,500

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Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$7,500
Indianapolis Parks Foundation (5) - \$27,500
Indianapolis Public Housing Agency - \$17,000
Indianapolis Public Schools Education Foundation - \$5,600
James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association (dba Riley Children's Foundation) - \$7,500
Jameson Camp - \$17,000
Jerusalem Christian Center - \$2,746
John H. Boner Community Center - \$5,000
Julian Center - \$2,044
Keep Indianapolis Beautiful - \$4,000
La Plaza (2) - \$17,500
Latter House Foundation - \$4,000
Lawrence United Methodist Church - \$5,000
Life Line Community Center - \$9,000
Little Bethel Missionary Baptist Church - \$9,000
Little Red Door Cancer Agency - \$7,500
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana - \$8,000
Marian University - \$7,500
Marion County Commission on Youth - \$7,500
Martin Luther King Multi Service Center - \$6,500
Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center - \$25,000
Metro Ministries - \$8,000
Metropolitan School District of Perry Township - \$7,500
Metropolitan School District of Pike Township - \$6,000
Metropolitan School District of Washington Township - \$9,000
Mission Indy - \$4,000
Mizpah-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$7,000
Montessori Educational Charity - \$6,500
Muscular Dystrophy Association - \$6,000

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Music for All - \$6,500
National Junior Tennis League of Indianapolis - \$10,500
National Society of Hispanic MBAs - \$6,500
New Covenant Church & Ministries - \$5,500
New Light Christian Church - \$4,000
Noble of Indiana - \$6,000
Northside New Era Community Outreach - \$3,500
Nu Corinthian Baptist Church - \$5,500
Oasis Christian Community Development Corp. - \$5,000
100 Black Men of Indianapolis - \$23,000
PASSWORD Community Mentoring - \$5,500
Pathway to the Future Learning Center - \$5,000
Peace Learning Center - \$13,000
People's Burn Foundation of Indiana - \$5,000
Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$10,000
Phillips Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church - \$5,000
Project SEED - \$19,000
Promise Land Christian Community Church - \$6,000
Purdue University - \$7,500
Redeemer Hospitality Mission - \$5,000
Ruth Lilly Center for Health Education - \$5,500
St. Florian Center - \$25,000
St. John's Community Care Services - \$6,000
St. Vincent Hospital Foundation - \$5,000
Salvation Army (2) - \$10,750
Save the Youth - \$6,500
Say Yes - \$5,000
Senior Connects Corp. (dba Net Literacy Corp.) - \$10,500
Shepherd Community - \$15,000
Social Health Association of Indiana - \$6,500

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Sociedad Amigos de Columbia de Indiana (SADCO) - \$7,310
Southeast Community Services - \$6,000
Speedway Baptist Church - \$5,500
Speedway United Methodist Church - \$5,000
Starfish Inc. - \$3,000
Technology on the Move - \$5,000
20/20 Inner Vision - \$7,500
21st Century Charter School at Fall Creek - \$7,500
University of Notre Dame - \$4,000
Urban Arts Consortium of Indianapolis - \$7,500
Victory Inner-City Ministries - \$5,000
Vision Ministries - \$6,000
VSA Arts of Indiana - \$7,500
Westminster Neighborhood Ministries - \$8,000
Wishard Memorial Foundation - \$4,000
Writers' Center of Indianapolis - \$3,250
YMCA of Indianapolis (12) - \$53,050
Young Audiences of Indiana - \$20,000
Young Life (Indianapolis) - \$3,000
Youth Job Preparedness Program - \$7,000
Y-Press - \$2,000
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - \$5,000

Capital grants were made to the following 28 organizations:

Art With a Heart - \$9,750
Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis - \$20,000
Brightwood Community Center - \$10,850
Children's Bureau - \$13,368
Concord Center Association - \$8,767
Dirty Dozen Hunting and Fishing Club - \$25,000

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East Tenth United Methodist Children and Youth Center - \$25,000
**Felege Hiywot Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church Children Welfare and
Development Center - \$9,200**
Flanner House - \$23,847
Happy Hollow Children's Camp - \$10,000
Hawthorne Social Service Association - \$9,100
Indiana University Foundation - \$25,000
Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Foundation - \$25,000
Indianapolis Parks Foundation - \$14,000
Julian Center - \$20,533
Life Line Community Center - \$3,600
Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana and Kentucky - \$9,449
Marian University - \$17,500
Marion County Commission on Youth - \$25,000
Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center - \$17,000
Mizpah-Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church - \$25,000
PASSWORD Community Mentoring - \$12,000
Philharmonic Orchestra of Indianapolis - \$3,248
Promise Land Christian Community Church - \$25,000
Save the Youth - \$15,715
Shepherd Community - \$25,000
YMCA of Indianapolis - \$9,425
Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church - \$20,000