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Allegan County Community Foundation Recipients Gather to Receive 2009 Grant Awards

ALLEGAN – With the challenging economic situation in our county, the request for assistance is growing, while the income for non-profit, social service organization is dwindling. Therefore, the event held at the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, was timely and meaningful.

The 2009 grant recipients gathered to accept their grant awards. Recognizing the urgency these organizations face when serving the community, the Foundation provided the grant awards two months sooner than originally scheduled. “This is not the time to hold onto funds for the sake of a grand event,” shared Theresa Bray, ACCF Executive Director, “the need is significant, the reaction time critical and we must work together to achieve the greatest impact.” Some recipients indicated that these grant awards would be used that day to initiate programs that are a direct response to the needs of our communities.

During these financially trying times, the ACCF is doing what they can to respond to the needs of Allegan County nonprofits. The Foundation’s Board of Trustees and Bray are looking at ways to innovatively stretch their financial support by convening like organizations that can benefit from each other’s success and efficiencies. Bray indicates that more on the specifics of this direction will be forthcoming in the weeks and months to come

The 2009 Award Recipients are:

LEGACY GRANTS

In 2009 Legacy grant requests were limited to those that addressed basic human needs or vulnerable populations.

Christian Neighbors (Douglas) – food for pantry - \$1,500

Allegan Ministerium Central Food - food for pantry - \$7,000

Association for the Blind – support & assistance for those with vision loss - \$3,000

Christ Community Church (The Vine) – food for pantry - \$1,000

Christian Neighbors (Otsego) – general operating funds - \$5,300

Family Planning & Women's Health – outreach efforts for newly eligible - \$4,790

Housing Resource Center – temporary homeless shelter - \$6,000

Hungry for Christ – general operating funds - \$5,000

Love, I.N.C. – establish Pullman pantry & community services - \$2,000

Martin Area Resource Center – general operating funds - \$6,000

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center – forensic interviewer - \$5,000

Seeds of Grace – medical clinic - \$5,000

St. Vincent DePaul – pantry & emergency assistance - \$5,000

Sylvia's Place – general operating funds - \$5,500

Wings of Hope Hospice – pain medication - \$15,000

DONOR-ADVISED 1 GRANTS

Second Harvest Gleaners – Allegan County Depot Initiative - \$1,000

Christian Neighbors (Otsego) – general operating funds - \$1,000

Love, I.N.C. – establish Pullman pantry & community services - \$6,000

Martin Area Resource Center – general operating funds - \$1,000

TAG Team GRANTS

TAG: The Youth Advisory Council of the

Allegan County Community Foundation

Adventist Community Church – diapers, socks and underwear for children - \$1,000

Christian Neighbors (Otsego) – furniture for children’s area - \$429

Family Planning & Women’s Health – Teen pregnancy prevention - \$3,200

Martin Area Resource Center – socks and underwear for cloths pantry - \$700

Safe Harbor Children’s Advocacy Center – safe sleeping awareness - \$4,585

Sylvia’s Place – therapeutic toys for children’s counseling - \$1,000

United Way (Imagination Library) – books for children - \$1,000

Wings of Hope Hospice – Seabiscuit: youth grief program - \$3,086

TAG Team MINI-GRANTS

Grants initiated by children to benefit a cause larger than themselves.

Hamilton High School – provide clothing & personal items to students in need - \$400

Ransom Library Teen Advisory Board – work with preschoolers on reading - \$307

Hopkins Future Farmers of America – Farm Safety 4 Just Kids - \$400

Eric Hascall – Otsego High School trail project - \$80

Hamilton High School Student Leadership Connection – recycling project - \$255.76