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AMHERST, OH – The Nord Family Foundation announced the list of nonprofit organizations in the fields of health and social services, education, civic affairs, and arts that have been awarded grants this cycle. At the February 21, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting, grants approved totaled $1,025,000 to be disbursed in Lorain County, Ohio; Cuyahoga County, Ohio; Columbia, South Carolina; and Denver, Colorado. Eighty other actions totaling $76,043 were also ratified at the meeting bringing the total grants authorized in this round to $1,101,043. Attached is a complete list of the grants authorized by the Trustees at their recent meeting.

The Nord Family Foundation is a successor to the charitable trust originally established by Walter G. Nord in 1952. The predecessor organization contributed more than $12 million to a variety of charitable causes between 1953 and 1988, primarily in Lorain County, Ohio. The Nord Family Foundation has contributed more than $73 million to nonprofit organizations in northern Ohio and selected geographic areas of family interest. The Foundation’s major areas of focus over the last several years have been those projects endeavoring to strengthen families and strengthen the public service.

The Foundation’s grantmaking guidelines and annual report are available at www.nordff.org or you may write to 747 Milan Avenue, Amherst, Ohio 44001, or call (440) 984-3939 or 1 (800) 745-8946. The Foundation only accepts grant applications on-line. The application can be accessed through the Grant Applications tab on our website. The Board of Trustees of the Nord Family Foundation will meet again in June 2009. Deadline for consideration of online grant applications is April 1, 2009.
The Nord Family Foundation
Approved Grants from the February 21, 2009 Board of Trustees Meeting

Arts and Culture

The Cleveland Orchestra  $10,000
Cleveland, OH
in support of The Cleveland Orchestra’s Education Concerts for Children

Great Lakes Science Center  5,000
Cleveland, OH
in support of general operations for programs and services

Great Lakes Theater Festival, Inc.  20,000
Cleveland, OH
in support of the annual Surround program

Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland (MOCA)  25,000
Cleveland, OH
in continued support of the Family and School Initiatives

Northern Ohio Youth Orchestra, Inc.  10,000
Oberlin, OH
in continued support of general operations and tuition assistance.

Think360  10,000
Denver, CO
in support of the Arts in Education Equity Project

Total Arts and Culture  $80,000

Civic Affairs

Amherst Downtown Betterment Association  $20,000
Amherst, OH
in continued support of commercial revitalization efforts

Boys & Girls Clubs of Lorain County  75,000
Oberlin, OH
in support of plumbing and electrical upgrades at a new club site and community center in South Elyria

The Children’s Developmental Center  40,000
Amherst, OH
for a new roof and gutter system

Cornucopia, Inc.  10,000
Lakewood, OH
in continued support of job readiness and placement services for people with severe disabilities

El Centro De Servicios Sociales  75,000
Lorain, OH
for a new roof and HVAC system

Main Street Elyria  20,000
Elyria, OH
in continued support of commercial revitalization efforts
Mainstreet Wellington, Inc.  
Wellington, OH
in continued support of commercial revitalization efforts
New Agrarian Center  
Oberlin, OH
in continued support of "City Fresh Lorain County," an urban gardening and food distribution program
Young Americans Center for Financial Education  
Deaver, CO
in continued support of International Towne, a financial literacy program for youth

Total Civic Affairs  $290,000

Education

Baldwin Wallace College  
Berea, OH
in continued support of Conservatory of Music Summer Outreach Programs for the 2009 season
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands  
Columbia, SC
in support of Project Learn
Educational Service Center of Lorain County  
Elyria, OH
in support of a county-wide Project Lead The Way program
KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy  
Denver, CO
in support of the KIPP Denver - Sunshine Peak Academy Planning/ preparation for opening of KIPP Denver Collegiate High School
Lake Erie Nature and Science Center  
Bay Village, OH
in support of "Atmosphere Adventures" Science Enrichment Program Presentations
ideastream  
Cleveland, OH
in continued support of the 2009 FIRST Buckeye Regional High School Robotics Competition, March 26-28, 2009 and also an educational summit on science education and technology
The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, Inc.  
Columbus, OH
in continued support of The Nord Family Foundation Scholarship Program and The Nord Family Foundation Minority Scholarship Program
United Negro College Fund, Inc.  
Cleveland, OH
in continued support of the Annual Scholarship Campaign

Total Education  $184,000

Health and Social Services

Blessing House  
Lorain, OH
for general operating support
Conflict Resolution Center of the West Shore, Inc. 25,000
Westlake, OH
_for general operating support_

The Cooperative Ministry 20,000
Columbia, SC
_for general operating support_

The Delores Project 15,000
Denver, CO
_for general operating support_

The Gathering Place 25,000
Denver, CO
_for general operating support_

The Linden School 30,000
Elyria, OH
_for general operating support and the Scholarship Program_

Lorain County Health & Dentistry 75,000
Lorain, OH
_for general operating support_

Lorain United Methodist Ministries 5,000
Lorain, OH
_in support of Camp I.D.E.A.S. (Individually Developed Educational Activities in the Summertime)_

Oberlin Early Childhood Center 100,000
Oberlin, OH
_in support of the Scholarship Program, over two years_

Open Doors, Inc. 9,000
Cleveland Heights, OH
_in support of professional development and training for staff and volunteers_

Save Our Children of Elyria, Inc. 36,000
Elyria, OH
_for the Summer Youth Program and Teens In Action Internship Program_

Sisters of Charity Ministry Development Corporation 20,000
Columbia, SC
_in support of Healthy Learners Midlands_

Volunteer Guardianship Program of Lorain County 12,000
Elyria, OH
_for general operating support, over two years_

Volunteers of America of the Carolinas 29,000
Columbia, SC
_in support of Children’s Garden_

West Side Catholic Center 20,000
Cleveland, OH
_in support of the Drop-In Center_

Total Health and Social Services 5471,000

Grand Total 1,025,000