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Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation (NWACF) announced \$106, 077 in *Shared Gift* grants to 45 Northwest Arkansas Nonprofits. The community foundation, our funds, donors, and supporting organizations have invested more than \$42 million in the community since 1999.

“Most funds are directed by the donor’s or foundation’s intent. *Shared Gift* grants are generously supported by current and former Board Members, Advisory Committee, and Friends of NWACF. *Shared Gift* grants give NWACF an opportunity to support additional organizations with unrestricted funds. This is the fourth year that the foundation has made *Shared Gift* grants and the four-year grant total is now \$367,659.

Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation Board member Fadil Bayyari chaired the grants committee for 2007. "With more than 150 applications, it is never easy to decide which nonprofit organization is more deserving of a grant; however, we are excited to continue to invest in Northwest Arkansas Nonprofits," explained Bayyari.

Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation provides flexible giving tools for donors and works with nonprofits to build their endowments. “In addition, NWACF serves to positively impact the community and key social issues through strategic philanthropy; nonprofit capacity building; and facilitation of community discussion and action,” said Jack Butt, chairman of the NWACF Board of Directors.

Northwest Arkansas Community Foundation serves Benton, Carroll, Madison, and Washington counties. The *Shared Gift* fund can make grants in six key areas including animal and environmental welfare, arts and culture, education, health, human services, and public society benefit. In 2007, applications were accepted for equipment purchases, board and staff training, and for special projects.

Adult Development Center of Benton County, Inc. received \$2500 for Technology Upgrade

Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders Association, Inc. received \$2500 for Alzheimer's Risk Reduction Workshops in NWA

Bella Vista American Amputee Foundation, Inc. received \$2500 to establish a NWA Amputee Support Group

Fayetteville Ark Special Olympics, Inc. received \$2500 for Special Olympics Ark Winter Games

Arts Center of the Ozarks received \$2500 for Upgrade of Wireless Communication System

Benton County Women's Shelter received \$2400 for Daycare Assistance

Bentonville Child Care & Development Center received \$2500 for NWA Child Care Training Expansion

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of NWA received \$2500 for Equipment

Botanical Garden Society of the Ozarks, Inc. received \$2500 for Technology Upgrades

CASA of Northwest Arkansas received \$2500 for Fundraising and Donor Management Tools

Circle of Life received \$2500 for the Prescription Delivery System

Credit Counseling of Arkansas - Fayetteville Branch received \$2500 for On-line Distance Learning

EOA - Children's House received \$2348 for Education and Therapeutic Equipment

Eureka Kids received \$2500 for Laptops for Education

Eureka Springs Elementary School received \$2500 for the Literacy and Technology Converge in the Classroom Project

Friends of the Siloam Springs Library Foundation received \$2500 for the Books for Babies Program

Genesis House, Inc. received \$2365 for Bicycle Transportation for Siloam Springs

Gentry School District - Gentry Primary School received \$2380 for Book Replacement in the School Library

Good Shepherd Humane Society received \$2290 for Animal Shelter Storage Shed

Greenland School District - Greenland Middle School received \$2426 for a Student Security System

Helping Oncology Patients Excel (HOPE, Inc.) received \$2500 for Staff Development

Horses for Healing, Inc. received \$2500 for Pasture Fencing

Jones Center for Families (Health & Wellness) received \$2470 for an Automate External Defibrillator

KIDCARE received \$2500 for the Hands-On Art Program

Kids for Health received \$1356 for Health Equipment

Life Styles, Inc. received \$2500 for Supported Employment "Scholarships"

Loaves and Fishes Food Bank, Inc. received \$2500 for a Commercial Refrigerator

Madison County 4H Foundation received \$2500 for Staff Development Training for Volunteer Leaders

Manna Center, Inc. received \$2500 for a New Food Pantry

NWA Land Trust received \$1900 for the Identification for Protected Areas Project

NWA Radiation Therapy Institute (NARTI) received \$2500 for the Patient Transportation Program

Ozark Food Bank received \$2036 for Grounds Maintenance

Ozark Guidance Center Foundation received \$1700 for Recovery Services and ACT Equipment

Ozark Natural Science Center received \$2500 to participate in The Association of Nature Administrators Peer Consultation

Peace at Home Family Shelter, Inc. received \$2000 for Staff Training

Richardson Center received \$2355 for the Removing Barriers Training Initiative

Samaritan House Community Center received \$2500 to upgrade the Soup Kitchen

Siloam Springs Adult Development Center received \$2500 to Replace Defunct Tables and Chairs

Siloam Springs School District - Siloam Springs High School received \$2406 for a Spanish Connection Literacy Program

Shiloh Museum of Ozark History received \$2500 for the Ozark Voices Exhibit

St. Francis House NWA Inc. received \$2500 for Audio-Visual Equipment

United Cerebral Palsy of Arkansas received \$1795 for Parallel Bars w/ Balance Beam and Ladder Steps

Volunteer Ambulance Service of Northeast Benton County received \$1500 for Firefighter Equipment

West Fork School District - West Fork Elementary School received \$2500 for the River Glade Project

Winslow Community Development Council received \$2350 for Food Preparation and Service Upgrade