

2007 GRANT RECIPIENTS

2007 Grant Awards Provide \$50,000 of Support to 19 Organizations

Big Brother, Big Sister - \$1,500 to assist with the purchase of a new telephone system for the agency's office. Shown here is Executive Director LeeAnn Schaffer-Smith testing out the new system.



Camp Lookout - \$2,400 to help with the repair and replacement of the kitchen's flooring and subflooring at the Camp located near Montrose.

Child Abuse Prevention Council of Lee Co. - \$2,000 to assist with the continuation of the Stork's Nest program, weekly parenting classes and counseling.

Community Action of Southeast Iowa - \$2,380 - Tuck pointing and window repairs are taking place at the organization's six-plex unit in Keokuk.

Grand Theatre Corporation Foundation - \$2,000 - Keokuk's Grand Theatre is used by many organizations for plays, presentations, concerts, etc. This year's grant will be used to purchase new curtains for the back stage.

Hancock Co. Habitat for Humanity - \$2,000 - To assist with the purchase of kitchen and bathroom cabinets and hardware for the new habitat house in Hamilton, IL.

Hope Haven, Burlington, Iowa - \$1,500 - To assist with the purchase of four mobility tables and an EZ-access tri-fold ramp for the organization's vehicle.

Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism - \$6,200. The pillars and fencing around Samuel Curtis's gravesite at the Keokuk National Cemetery will soon have a new look thanks to grant assistance.

Keokuk Area Group Home - \$4,306 - These funds were used to assist the group home with obtaining new windows and storm doors for the Keokuk facility.

Keokuk Area Hospital Foundation - \$2,500. These funds were used to assist with the purchase of a cordless, fetal transducer monitor, which is used to monitor fetal vital signs while mother is in labor.

Keokuk Art Center - \$3,000. The Art Center will use these funds to assist with scheduling monthly art exhibits for display throughout the year at the Keokuk Public Library's round room.

Keokuk Catholic Schools - \$2,500. Funds will be used to expand and update the library, including the web-based accelerated reading program and to purchase furniture and artwork for the library.

Keokuk Christian Academy - \$2,500. Several young readers proudly show off new books which were purchased for the school's library with Foundation grant funding.



Keokuk Concert Association - \$1,000. Grant funding will be used to assist the Concert Association with underwriting the cost of a concert for the 2007-08 series, including educational materials for area students.

Keokuk Garden Club - \$1,500. The gardens will soon be full of color and beauty as they are enhanced by the new, concrete lawn borders recently installed by the Keokuk Garden Club.

Keokuk Little League, Inc. - \$,5000. Funds will be used to convert two existing, dirt-only ball fields into "all weather" fields at the Little League park located just north of Keokuk.

Keokuk Public Library - \$2,500 – These grant funds will be used as matching grant funds from the Bill Gates Foundation to add five new computers for public use at the Keokuk library.

Montrose Riverfront, Inc. - \$2,500 – Materials are being purchased to assist with the development of a 1,200 square foot Interpretive Center within the Heritage Center in Montrose. Once complete, the area will house historical photos, newspaper clippings, artifacts and personal remembrances of the local area.

Northeast Missouri Library Services - \$3,250 – Grant funds will be used to purchase a new scanning and printing system for the library.