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**Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan awards \$9 Million  
in grants to improve region's quality of life**

*Funds will help stimulate economic development, strengthen services offered by agencies, and support other key projects in the region.*

*Detroit* – The board of trustees of the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan recently awarded \$9 million in grants to nonprofit organizations working to improve the quality of life in the region. The following is a list of some of the organizations receiving grant awards:

- **HP Devco Inc.**, *Highland Park*, \$60,000 to support an economic improvement strategy for Woodward Avenue in Highland Park. The project will implement structural, physical and organizational recommendations that will attract new businesses and more jobs to the city.
- **Michigan Nonprofit Association**, *Lansing*, \$25,000 to support the Metro Detroit Partnership, a new project to provide capacity-building services for nonprofit organizations in southeast Michigan. The goal is to assist organizations in improving the quality and effectiveness of their programs and operations.
- **Greater Detroit Area Health Council**, *Detroit*, \$50,000 to support a regional health care quality-improvement and cost-savings project. The project, “Save Lives, Save Dollars,” aims to increase the use of evidence-based practices to reduce health-care costs while improving quality care for southeast Michigan residents.
- **New Center Community Mental Health Services**, *Detroit*, \$37,500 to support the establishment of a pilot program to meet the mental-health needs of adolescents and young adults in partnership with Covenant House of Michigan.
- **Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services Inc. (DHIS)**, *Farmington Hills*, \$19,500 for support to help deaf and deaf-blind individuals navigate the health care system. The grant will fund an expansion of DHIS’s interpreter services to help deaf and deaf-blind older adults enroll in and make changes to their Medicare insurance plans and comply with new rules and regulations.
- **Women A.R.I.S.E.**, *Detroit*, \$25,000 to support a criminal justice resource center for women. The center will address the particular needs and challenges of previously convicted women who are re-entering society.
- **City of Oak Park**, \$28,500 for support to increase accountability and monitoring of domestic violence offenders by the 45B District Court. Known as Project

IMPACT (Intensive Monitoring of Probation and Coordinated Treatment), this one-year project will reorganize the probation department and enable the court to devote targeted resources to monitoring and supervising domestic violence cases.

- **HelpSource**, *Ann Arbor*, \$5,000 to support a teen parent outreach program. Led by teen parents, HelpSource's Teen Outreach Program educates teens about the myths and realities of being a teen parent. The group has made presentations at high schools, residential facilities and other organizations. The grant will allow them to provide additional outreach sessions and enhance their presentation materials.

The **Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan**, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to the future of southeast Michigan. The Foundation works to improve the region's quality of life by connecting those who care with causes that matter. The Foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development and civic affairs. The Foundation has assets of \$470 million and, since its inception, has distributed more than \$230 million through more than 24,500 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.