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**Twelve Charities Receive \$300,000 in Grants from Community
Foundation for Southeast Michigan Detroit Auto Dealers Association
Charitable Foundation Fund**

Detroit, MI – Twelve area charities have been awarded grants totaling \$300,000 from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan's Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) Charitable Foundation Fund. The DADA Charitable Fund supports southeast Michigan nonprofit organizations whose programs and activities assist children and young people.

The 12 organizations and programs receiving support are:

- **Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Dearborn**, \$25,000 for an environmental stewardship and career development program for youth.
- **The Beaumont Foundation, Royal Oak**, \$22,000 for a treatment program for children with speech and language disorders.
- **Children with Hair Loss Inc., South Rockwood**, \$25,000 to train volunteer hairdressers to assist children with hair loss due to illness or injury.
- **Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Detroit**, \$25,000 for a performance series for children and families at the Samaritan Center, a community center in Detroit.
- **Development Centers Inc., Detroit**, \$26,000 for a child abuse and neglect prevention program.
- **First Step–Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Assault, Plymouth**, \$30,000 to expand a domestic violence education and prevention program for elementary school children.
- **InsideOut Inc., Detroit**, \$45,000 to expand a literary arts program for four Detroit public schools.
- **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan, Ann Arbor**, \$10,000 for resource and training materials for volunteers who “grant” children’s wishes.
- **Mentoring Solutions, Warren**, \$30,000 for school-based mentoring programs in Highland Park, Pontiac and Warren.
- **Sweet Dreamzzz Inc., Farmington**, \$12,000 for a sleep education program for children.
- **University Musical Society, Ann Arbor**, \$35,000 for an arts education program for middle and high school students in conjunction with the Royal Shakespeare Company.
- **Washtenaw Area Council for Children, Ypsilanti**, \$15,000 for a peer online safety program for teens.

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The Detroit Auto Dealers Association Charitable Foundation Fund is supported by proceeds from the North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) Charity Preview. Since 1999, the Fund has joined 10 children's charities that benefit from the show as an additional way for DADA members to support programs and activities for children and young people. Since the Fund was established with the Community Foundation, \$2,198,292 has been provided through 78 grants.

In addition, to meet future needs, proceeds from the Charity Preview are also building an endowment with the Community Foundation that will assure support for children's programs for generations to come.

The **DADA**, founded in 1908, represents more than 250 automobile dealers who own 240 dealerships. The DADA dealers sell 40 different vehicle lines in 64 cities throughout metropolitan Detroit. The DADA supports its membership through legislative and industry representation, educational programs, communication and community relations activities. The dealers and their more than 16,500 collective employees support their communities through extensive charitable involvement.

The **Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan**, founded in 1984, is a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands 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 \$492 million and, since its inception, has distributed more than \$235 million through more than 25,159 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair and Livingston counties.

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