

## Wean Foundation Grants, December 2008

At its December Meeting, The Raymond John Wean Foundation made grants of over \$275,000 to benefit the community.

The Foundation provided \$20,000 to the **Alliance Community Outreach Program (ACOP)** in Warren. The funding will be used to continue programming focused on underserved youth while the group makes strategic decisions for the future.

The **Children's Museum of the Valley** received \$15,000 from the Foundation to procure assistance with strategic development and decision-making. The group is going through a process to determine the most effective and efficient way to serve the children of the Valley.

The Foundation authorized a grant of \$35,000 to **D & E Counseling Center** to support the development of a model to improve the skills of preschool teachers who deal with challenging behaviors in classroom settings.

**Millcreek Children's Center** will be supported with a grant of \$25,000 to increase its administrative capacity to ensure the future sustainability of a high quality preschool located in Youngstown's South Side.

**Potential Development** received \$20,000 to develop a new strategic plan to better serve the special needs of children with autism and developmental delays in the Mahoning Valley.

Recognizing that education is key to a shift from old energy to a new clean energy economy, The **Warren Joint Apprentice and Training** has received \$50,000 from The Foundation to install a combination of solar/wind power system at their training center. This system will allow training through the installation process, as well as ongoing continuing education for its members and apprentices.

In support of their effort to build organizational capacity, the Foundation has awarded \$12,875 to the **YWCA** of Warren to provide a series of diversity/cultural awareness and racial justice workshops for their Board of Trustees and staff.

The Foundation made another grant of \$100,000 to the **Ohio Board of Regents** to continue its work to develop a local community college. Significant progress has been made that will result in the expansion of educational opportunities in the Valley.