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## **Wean Foundation Gives \$ 91,855 To Neighborhood Groups**

Grants part of Foundation's *Neighborhood SUCCESS* program

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*11/26/08- Warren, Ohio-*The Raymond John Wean Foundation announces the award of its latest round of *Neighborhood SUCCESS Grants*. The program identifies grassroots, neighborhood organizations in Youngstown and Warren, reviews their need for funds and awards grants between \$500 and \$5,000. Grantmaking committees made up of neighborhood residents in each city screen applying organizations and make the final funding decisions.

*Neighborhood SUCCESS* is one of several Wean grantmaking programs. The foundation also gives funding in the areas of community investment and early care and education. The *Neighborhood SUCCESS Grant* recipients are:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Citizens' Coalition- Youngstown- \$ 3,872 for block watch signs
- Agape Recreation Center- Warren- \$ 4,415 for YES Project
- Beulah Baptist Church- Youngstown- \$ 3,600 for Operation Bread Basket

- Community Volunteer Council- Warren- \$ 4,000 for children's school supplies
- Give the Children a Chance, Inc.- Youngstown- \$2,000 for a vacant lot gardening program
- Neighborhood/School Association- Warren- \$ 5,000 for coats and shoes for low-income children
- Idora Neighborhood Association- Youngstown- \$ 1,200 for beautification project
- Neil Armstrong Historical Site- Warren- \$ 3,000 for signage and maintenance
- Learning Tree- Youngstown- \$ 5,000 for tutoring program
- North East Warren Neighborhood Association- Warren - \$ 1,882 for Project Sno Blow
  - North End Environmental Development (N.E.E.D.) -\$5,000 for a community newsletter
- Mahoning County 4-H- Youngstown- \$ 3,275 for urban 4-H club
- Stop One Place Help is Available, Inc.- Warren- \$ 3,000 for direct assistance to the needy
- Mahoning Valley Bulldawgz- Youngstown- \$ 5,000 for little league football
- Mill Creek Jr. Baseball League, Inc.- Youngstown- \$ 4,425 for bleacher replacement
- Northeast Homeowners and Concerned Citizens Association- Youngstown - \$ 5,000 for Oak Street 2010 corridor project
- Plaza View 2 Incorporated- Youngstown- \$ 4,888 for after school enrichment program

- Peruvian Society- Youngstown- \$ 4,898 to help immigrants understand American society
- POGO Neighborhood Block Group- Youngstown- \$ 2,400 for neighborhood garden
- Sisters of Serenity Mentoring Corp. – Youngstown- \$ 5,000 for leadership development
- Sojourn to the Past / Youngstown City Schools- Youngstown- \$ 5,000 for historical field trips
- St. Patrick’s Church of Youngstown – Youngstown- \$ 5,000 for garden program
- Treez Please, Inc. – Youngstown - \$ 5,000 for reforestation program

The next Neighborhood SUCCESS application deadline is March 16, 2009.

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