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### **Wean Foundation Announces 2018 Neighborhood SUCCESS Grants 27 Warren and Youngstown Grassroots Groups Awarded**

*(Feb. 8, 2018, Warren, Ohio)* – The Raymond John Wean Foundation awarded \$105,736 to 27 resident-led organizations seeking to transform their neighborhoods and communities.

The funds were awarded as part of Neighborhood SUCCESS, a program of the Foundation which supports grassroots organizations seeking to develop resident participation and leadership, promote communication and collaboration among residents and build on existing resources in their communities. Neighborhood SUCCESS provides annual grants of \$500 to \$5,000 to projects aligned with the Foundation’s strategic priorities of community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity and public service leadership.

“The 2018 Neighborhood SUCCESS grantees are leveraging existing resources and engaging residents to implement innovative solutions for their neighborhoods,” said Corrie Adams, program officer for the Foundation.

Organizations seeking grants participate in a process that includes an orientation, technical assistance workshops and interviews. Funding decisions are made by a council composed of residents from Warren and Youngstown. Those seeking grants must match the amount they are seeking with volunteer labor, cash and in-kind donations.

Among the 2018 grantees are the Junior Organizers, a group of Warren G. Harding students, working to create meaningful opportunities to support other youth in Warren through mentoring and enrichment.

In Youngstown, West Princeton Block Club is working to transform a vacant lot into a Peace Corner for neighbors to gather, recreate and meditate.

Since 2008 Neighborhood SUCCESS has awarded \$1.6 million to more than 485 projects in the Mahoning Valley.

## 2018 Neighborhood SUCCESS Grant Awards

Name	Project Title
A Bridge from Coal to Diamond Girls	ABC Diamond Girls
Boulevard Park Block Watch	Beautiful Boulevard Park Neighborhood
Brownlee Woods Neighborhood Association	Lynn Park Playground Improvements
Citizens Uniting Citizens, Inc.	Family Ties
Crandall Park South Neighborhood Association	Neighborhood Safety and Tree Planting
Dave Grohl Alley Committee	Dave Grohl Alley - ReFRESH
Downtown Youngstown Partnership	Downtown Youngstown Street Tree Replacement
Earth Angel Farm	Earth Angel Farm Earth Tub and Recycle Room
Friends of the Mahoning River	7th Annual RiverFest
Historic Perkins Homestead Neighborhood Assoc.	Perkins Rose Garden Revitalization Project
Junior Organizers	Operation Outlet
Know Your Neighbor Block Watch	VOICES
Martin Luther Lutheran Church	Hope For Newport Community Garden
Mount Hope Veterans Memorial Park, Inc.	Mount Hope Cemetery – Maintenance and Beautification
Northeast Homeowners and Concerned Citizens Association	Verona Avenue Neighborhood - Improvement and Beautification
Quilts from the Heart	Quilts from the Heart
Rocky Ridge Neighborhood Association	Mahoning Ave. Corridor Connections
St. Patrick's Church of Youngstown	South Side Orchard
Stop One Place Help is Available, Inc.	General Assistance to Families
T.N.R. of Warren, Inc.	A Purrfect Solution for Neighborhoods and Community Cats
The Mahoning Valley Sojourn to the Past	Sojourn to the Past
The Upton Association	4th Grade Ohio History Tour
Trumbull County Historical Society	Look Here: Warren's Past in the Present
Upper North Heights Neighborhood Association	UNA Beautification Project
Urban Farm Cooperative	Urban Farm Cooperative Beginning Farmer Initiative - Annual/Perennial Project
West Princeton Avenue Block Watch Club	Peace Corner
YSUscape	Community Painting Day

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**About The Raymond John Wean Foundation**

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Raymond John Wean, after having achieved success in the flat-rolled steel processing industry, in 1949 created the Foundation that bears his name in Warren. Since then, more than \$100 million in grants have been awarded to a broad variety of nonprofit organizations in support of its vision to empower residents to create a healthy, vibrant, equitable and economically stable Mahoning Valley. To achieve greater impact, the Foundation leverages a powerful combination of support, alignment and partnerships among programs, organizations and efforts in the strategic priorities of community revitalization, economic opportunity, educational opportunity and public service leadership. The Foundation recognizes that our community is best served when diverse organizations and constituencies come together and share their knowledge, resources and experiences to address issues and opportunities.