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Social Development Foundation 2011 Giving

Program: Senior Companions & Youth/ Family Development Program

Grant Amount: \$400

Grant Summary: Seniors from SDC's Senior Companion Program (55+) and Youth from SDC's Youth & Family Development Program (12-24) will be gathering together on Saturday, January 8, 2011 to share their experiences with Civil Rights. Seniors will be sharing their memories from the Civil Rights Era and Youth will be sharing their current experiences with Civil Rights. After this event, Seniors and Youth will be attending a Milwaukee Bucks game on January 19 with tickets donated by the Milwaukee Bucks.

Program: Healthy Relationships

Grant Amount: \$800

Grant Summary: The Healthy Relationships & Marriage Enhancement Program will host a Dad & Kids Evening at a HeartLove Place. This Dad & Kids Evening is part of the Fathers Strengthening Families Initiative which is designed to utilize relationship and marriage enhancement education to enhance and stabilize the environment in which children live. The goal is to improve the well being of the entire family unit. The Fathers Strengthening Families Initiative will promote father-child interaction and positive parenting skills.

The Dads & Kids Evening will involve topics such as:

- Family Safety (with McGruff the Crime Dog)
- Story Time (Fathers reading to/with their children)
- Healthy Nutrition (Including a healthy Family-Style dinner and refreshments)

Every child deserves an involved, committed and responsible father who makes unique and irreplaceable contributions in their children's lives.

Program: Senior Companions & Youth

Grant Amount: \$925

Grant Summary: Super Senior Friday is an annual event held by SDC's Senior Companion Program which will take place this year on Friday, February 4 at the Clinton Rose Senior Center. Hundreds of seniors will be able to get help from a wide range of services including free tax preparation by SDC's Volunteer Income Tax Program and the Milwaukee Asset Building Coalition (MABC), free energy assistance by SDC's Energy Assistance Program, health screenings and information, and workshops on senior issues such as Social Security Benefits. Approximately 24 different community agencies will be on hand to assist seniors with their needs.

Program: YFDP Program - Cultural Outing

Grant Amount: \$980

Grant Summary: 18 YFDP Youth and 2 YFDP Staff Members would like to attend Crumbs From the Table of Joy, a play put on by Renaissance Theaterworks.

A brief description of Crumbs From the Table of Joy from Renaissance Theaterworks follows:



Told through the eyes of 17-year-old Ernestine, CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE OF JOY is a memory play about an African-American family from the Deep South that has moved to bustling Brooklyn in 1950. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage, CRUMBS is a lyrical, funny and compassionate gem that charms the heart with its delightful, unforgettable characters and its message of tolerance and love. Renaissance

The youth that would be selected to attend the show are youth who would otherwise not get a chance to attend a theatrical production, much less a theatrical production which incorporates the story of one of their peers.

Program: Community Education

Grant Amount: \$650

Grant Summary: Support from the Social Development Foundation will be used to implement a youth focused workshop within the Community Education program entitled Film Advertising and Media Education (FAME). This interactive workshop provides neighborhood youth with an opportunity to examine and critique media trends that send frank messages about gender, race, sexism, roles, and perceptions about behavior. This series of workshops will invite 120 at-risk youth to participate and will include the following components:

1. Beyond Beats and Rhymes: A documentary that examines manhood, sexism, and homophobia in Hip-Hop and Rap music culture. Participants will learn about and discuss the impact of glamorizing destructive stereotypes of manhood.
2. Killing Us Softly: This series examines how advertising creates a distorted image of femininity. Discussion, after viewing a 45-minute documentary, will challenge students to think critically about popular culture and its relationship to health, culture, sexism, eating disorders, and gender violence.
3. I Am A Man: This documentary film focuses on black identity and masculinity in America. The film links insights of black men from a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds in attempt to determine what it means to be black, and a man in America.

Program: W2 EAA Program

Grant Amount: \$800

Grant Summary: The Social Development Commission's current W-2 contract does not allow for emergency purchases for clients with the largest needs including emergency transportation (Milwaukee County Bus Tickets) and emergency food (Food Vouchers to cover food costs between enrollment and approval of Wisconsin Food Shares Program)

Program: YFDP Program ~ College Tour

Grant Amount: \$1,650

Grant Summary: An investment from the Social Development Foundation will allow for high-school aged youth to participate in this year's college tour. This year, youth will tour colleges in the Greater Philadelphia Area including Philadelphia, Allentown, Kutztown, and Reading. This year, we are partnering with the Metro Milwaukee Sports Association to lease a tour bus and to provide meals and lodging for 40 youth (20 of whom are SDC youth) who would otherwise not have this opportunity. This partnership allows a greater amount of at-risk youth to tour more colleges! However, this partnership would only be possible with your help.

A bridge from poverty to self-sufficiency



Program: HERC Healthy Heart

Grant Amount: \$600

Grant Summary: The Health Education and Referral Center (HERC) will provide SDC clients a serial Healthy Heart Nutrition workshop. The workshop will

include education and demonstration activities that will help at-risk clients manage their health through a series of sessions:

1. Healthy Heart Education
2. Incorporating healthy physical activity into daily living
3. Learning to plan and prepare healthy meals that are affordable- this will be a 2-day course- first to plan the meals, and a second to prepare them.
4. Examine personal habits and health status through tracking weight and blood pressure and through a personal consultation with a health professional.

The goal of the project is to provide interactive and educational activities to at-risk individuals and to refer them to a healthcare home for medical follow up.

Program: Policy & Planning Head Start Survey

Grant Amount: \$750

Grant Summary: The SDC Intergovernmental Relations & Research will conduct a survey of Head Start parents that will be used as one component of a larger Head Start Community Assessment scheduled for completion in 2012. More grant allocations will be used for gift cards for Head Start parents as an incentive for completing a two-page survey that will assess the educational, social service, literacy, dental, transportation, nutrition, and mental health needs of Head Start children and their families.

The SDC Head Start Program collaborates with five community-based organizations, which serve as host sites to provide early childhood development programming to over 3,000 low-income children every year. As a regulatory requirement for the receipt of grant funds, the SDC performs a triennial community assessment of the needs of Head Start children and their families. The Head Start parent survey is a critical component of the assessment because it obtains data that is used to best match services with the children and families who require them. Thus, the survey has an immediate benefit to children by identifying their priority needs. The Head Start parent survey is also used for the long-term planning of Head Start operations.

Program: Healthy Relationships

Grant Amount: \$750

Grant Summary: SDF will again be the lead sponsor of the On My Shoulders READ Event (Reading, Eating, & Activities with my Dad). READ is the final graduation for fathers who have completed the On My Shoulders Fatherhood classes. READ also allows for Fathers to invite their children to the program which includes the graduation ceremony, Story Time (hosted by storyteller Tejumola "Teju" Ologboni), and arts and crafts activities. Fathers are also able to take home for free books donated by the NDF Books for Kids Program.

Program: GED Graduation

Grant Amount: \$950

Grant Summary: The men and women being honored at the GED Graduation will have completed coursework and testing for the GED and other alternative high-school-equivalency programs of SDC's Education & Training division. In going back to school to earn their diplomas, the graduates overcame many obstacles and challenges. Friends and family will join them to celebrate their accomplishments at the graduation ceremony. Funds from SDF will be used to purchase caps & gowns for the graduates.

Program: YFDP Creating Lasting Family Connections

Grant Amount: \$650.

Grant Summary: Creating Lasting Family Connections is a US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) approved research-based model that supports parents and reinforces family unity. The curriculum is taught to youth and their parents together and is designed to help build proactive skill development to help youth avoid the use of substances, resist negative peer pressure, and develop strong social skills. It also provides training and support for at-risk youth.



A key component of the model is the provision of family dinners. Funds from SDF allows families to gather around an actual dinner and use what they have learned in class to function as a family unit.

Program: Weatherization

Grant Amount: \$1,050

Grant Summary: Funds granted through SDF will allow the Weatherization staff to meet the costs to upgrade the condition of the home that make it eligible for Weatherization. Last May the Weatherization crew volunteered their sweat equity on a Saturday to assist Russ and Charmaine, an elderly couple who were deferred from Weatherization because of the condition of their home. Even though the couple was enrolled in Energy Assistance, they struggled with the exorbitant energy costs of their home, a 2-bedroom bungalow that had no basement. The home was difficult to heat in the winter because of the lack of insulation and a poorly operating furnace. However, because the home had some structural and electrical issues, they were placed on a deferred status until the homeowners were able to make some repairs on their own. While many homeowners are placed on the Weatherization deferral list for similar reasons, the staff at Weatherization felt that this vulnerable couple needed a tangible and immediate

solution. Of particular concern was the health and safety of Charmaine who was wheelchair bound as a result of polio. In May, many staff members from Weatherization met and completed the following tasks on the home:



1. Repaired necessary plumbing issues;
2. Repaired and repainted the interior dry wall in the ceiling to support added insulation;
3. Repaired minor electrical issues;
4. Replaced the gutters and down-spouts to improve site drainage;
5. Replaced all light fixtures with energy efficient bulbs;
6. Cleaned out crawlspace for better access to the furnace;
7. Patched the concrete foundation;
8. Installed bathroom grab bars.

Program: BEST

Grant Amount: \$1,000

Grant Summary: Boosting Employability & Soft Skills (BEST) Program participants a late-summer BEST Program Participant appreciation luncheon. The clients will also receive a basket of household supplies including laundry and cleaning supplies as well as health/hygiene items.

Program: YFDP Back to School Picnic

Grant Amount: \$1,150

Grant Summary: The Youth & Family Development Program will hold its annual Back-to-School Celebration on Saturday, August 20th at McGovern Park on 51st and Silver Spring Drive. During this celebration, YFDP Youth are encouraged to return to their studies after summer break. Activities include education-focused workshops, a picnic, and distribution of back-to-school supplies. This year, YFDP hopes to have 100 middle and high school aged youth attend the Back-to-School Celebration