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Horseshoe Foundation hands out grants

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Scribner House exterior

The Scribner House is pictured in downtown New Albany in this 2014 file photo.

NEW ALBANY — Even William Culbertson would be impressed with the money the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County has handed out to non-profits and educational institutions in the last 16 years. That sum after Wednesday now totals \$36.6million.

Culbertson was one of early New Albany's great philanthropists, helping those in need including funding the construction of the Culbertson Widows Home as well as an orphanage. He invested in New Albany and its people.

The Horseshoe Foundation, on a much larger scale, is doing the same. Wednesday afternoon, inside the mansion Culbertson built, 35 organizations received fall grants from the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County totaling \$300,000. That money will be used for various projects, and will benefit thousands of people in the years to come.

"It's great that we can celebrate so many charitable organizations that do so much for the community," said Jerry Finn, executive director of the foundation.

The smallest amount given to an organization Wednesday was \$1,420 to the Challenger Team while the largest grant was \$20,000 presented to the Piankeshaw Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution to help restore the Scribner House. While the grant amounts were different there was one common denominator Wednesday, plenty of smiles from those receiving money.

"It's so good to have the Horseshoe Foundation here to help out so many organizations," said IU Southeast Chancellor Ray Wallace. "They have made a huge difference in the community."

IUS received three grants — \$4,272 for IUS Counseling services, \$6,245 for the school of education, and \$12,500 to the Ogle Center to enable Floyd County students to attend Children's Series performances free of charge.

"It will help us get more counseling and introduce more students to the arts," Wallace said. "We are fortunate to have the Horseshoe Foundation here."

Christine Harbeson, executive director of Hope Southern Indiana, would agree to that. Hope received a \$15,000 grant Wednesday to fund the emergency needs program which provides financial support for families in need.

Harbeson said her organization helps people with heating bills and other utilities, and those facing eviction.

"There are a whole lot of people living on the edge all the time," she said. "It's not just one thing, it's a series of things that can happen [to people] and then everything falls apart. This money will help with rent assistance and to pay for basic utilities."

The \$20,000 received by the Piankeshaw Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will help finish the outside restoration work on the Scribner House in 2016 — New Albany's oldest framed house.

Organizations receiving grants Wednesday will not be eligible for spring grants. The deadline to file a grant application for the spring cycle is March 31.

For more information go to horseshoefoundation.org.

Below is a list of the organization receiving grants.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Arts Institute-IU Southeast, \$2,940, for group music therapy sessions to benefit Floyd County children with development disabilities

Best Buddies Indiana, \$3,000, to sustain the current Best Buddies chapter at New Albany High School

Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Kentuckiana Inc., \$5,000, for Project REACH activities which help to increase skills, learning and youth development

Brandon's House Counseling Center, Inc., \$9,300, to provide 300 hours of free, Master's level counseling to teens and families

Center for Lay Ministries/Bliss House, \$15,000, for Floyd County residents to receive recovery/treatment services while in residence

Challenger Team, \$1,420, to provide a sporting and team outlet for a group of individuals with disabilities

Dare to Care Food Bank, \$15,000, to support their Feeding Families program, helping to cover the cost of purchasing fresh produce and non-perishable foods

Down Syndrome of Louisville, \$12,000, to provide speech therapy and communication development services for children and adults with Down syndrome in Floyd County

Education Matters Southern Indiana, \$12,500, to increase the enrollment, retention and educational completion rates of adults with some post-secondary education but no degree or certification

Floyd Memorial Foundation, \$12,500, to offer therapeutic massage during treatment at the Cancer Center of Indiana

Friends of the Town Clock Church-KNAC&G, \$13,111, to restore two of the 12 stained glass windows in the historic Underground Railroad church

Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, \$2,500, to provide basic scout uniforms and scouting manuals to girls in need in Floyd County

Hoosier Hills AIDS Coalition, \$5,000, to provide emergency services for clients with need that are affected by HIV/AIDS

Hope Southern Indiana, \$15,000, to fund the Emergency Needs Program which provides support for families

IU Southeast/Ogle Center, \$12,500, to support the 2016 performing arts season, which will enable them to offer free admission for Floyd County students who attend the Children's Series performances

IU Southeast Counseling Services, \$4,272, to provide funds for Mental Health First Aid training

IU Southeast School of Education, \$6,245, to train students to integrate technology in their teaching

Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana, Inc., \$10,000, to support Junior Achievement classroom programs for 1,300 Floyd County students

Kentucky Harvest, Inc., \$8,000, to fund operating costs of Kentucky Harvest Services

Louisville Public Media, \$5,000, to expand the Education Outreach Program so that Floyd County students will receive greater exposure to classical music through donated instruments, community events and school performances

Metro United Way, \$7,500, to fund Beginndergarten, a four-week program designed to help low-income and under-served children who have not attended preschool prepare to enter kindergarten

Mount Tabor Elementary School, \$4,857, to purchase Conscious Discipline items for staff which will help them implement them in the classroom

New Directions Housing, \$10,000, to fund Repair Affair Neighborhood Impact Program to help elderly, disabled low income homeowners in Floyd County

Norton Healthcare Foundation, \$2,500, to fund yoga classes for individuals with M.S., Parkinson's, stroke, etc..

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, \$3,000, to help fund the installation of a chair lift for those with mobility challenges

Piankeshaw Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, \$20,000, to restore the exterior of the east and south side of the Scribner House in New Albany

Region 10 Adult Education, \$5,625, to help pay the high school equivalency test for low-income students

Slate Run Elementary School, \$3,350, to fund school administrators to attend the Conscious Discipline Advanced Institute and complete the certification process

St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities, \$15,000, for construction costs of the Marie's Ministry Community Distribution Center which distributes essential items for infants to community residents in need

St. John Center, Inc., \$4,280, to support client assistance and client-related shelter expenses

StageOne Family Theatre, \$15,000, to offer educational theatre arts programs and In-School Residencies that help teachers reach curriculum goals

The Healing Place, \$10,000, to expand The Healing Place's Men's Campus in Louisville

Volunteers of America Mid-States, \$8,000, to help replace two vehicles with new wheelchair-accessible vans

Walden Theatre/Blue Apple Players, \$4,600, to provide two of its early childhood learning programs to 397 preschool students

YMCA of Southern Indiana, \$16,000, to support the DIAMONDS/Y-CAP after-school groups for middle and high school students to help them overcome academic and life obstacles