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### Small Neighborhood Grants Make Big Difference

**Baltimore, Md.** – Strong neighborhoods make strong cities, and resident involvement and leadership is what makes neighborhoods strong. Sometimes neighbors need a little bit of outside assistance to get something started in their communities. That’s where the Baltimore Community Foundation Neighborhood Grants Program (NGP) comes in.

In the last year, the NGP has awarded 49 grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and totaling nearly \$230,000 to neighborhoods across Baltimore City and Baltimore County. (See attached list.) Recipient neighborhoods used the money for a host of purposes including signage, beautification, anniversary celebrations, and tree plantings. Grants supported local activities and programs that encourage citizen involvement in a particular neighborhood. Since its inception in 2000, nearly \$2.5 million – usually in individual grants of less than \$5,000 – has been distributed to neighborhoods to help mobilize local residents or strengthen local leadership.

“We are continually inspired by the big difference that can be made with small grants to neighborhoods,” observed Tom Wilcox, president of Baltimore Community Foundation. “The people who live in a neighborhood know their neighborhood’s needs best. BCF’s neighborhood grants – sometimes seemingly small and inconsequential – can make a huge difference not only to the look of a neighborhood, but also to the spirit, the sense of ownership and progress local residents feel. This leads to greater involvement in the future. We are pleased to have a role in accomplishing these results.”

In recent years, BCF’s Neighborhood Grants Program has been supported by an endowment funded by the William G. Baker Jr. Memorial Fund, the Goldseker Foundation and other donors, as well as by generous annual support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, and other local foundations, businesses and individuals. A newly formed fund which will boost endowment for the Neighborhood Grants Program—the William Donald Schaefer Civic Fund at BCF—is being unveiled today.

Pivotal to BCF's neighborhood efforts is informed citizen involvement as the core of community-building. For this reason, grants go to programs that:

- Increase community involvement
- Nurture resident leadership
- Improve communication among neighbors

A list of grant recipients in the last 12 months is attached.

### **About the Baltimore Community Foundation**

The Baltimore Community Foundation is the third largest grantmaker among Maryland's charitable foundations, with distributions in 2007 of \$30 million to hundreds of nonprofit organizations in the Baltimore region and beyond. With assets of \$193 million, BCF comprises more than 500 different charitable funds.

BCF's civic agenda combines economic development with poverty reduction through strategic investments in the areas of human services, youth, education, transportation, neighborhoods, diversity, environment, arts and culture, and promoting Baltimore.

BCF helps individuals, families and organizations carry out their charitable plans, with the common goal of improving the quality of life in the greater Baltimore region, today and for generations to come. To donors, BCF offers a complete toolkit for charitable giving, expert assistance in learning more about the causes they care about, and the opportunity to join others with similar interests to learn and give together. To the community at large, BCF offers a permanent, growing source of grant monies, as well as a common meeting ground and leadership on important issues in our region.

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Baltimore Community Foundation  
Neighborhood Grants Program - 2007-08 Grants

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Neighborhood</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grant amount</b>
Abell Improvement Association	Abell	Summer Film Series & Community Kiosk	\$ 2,069.00
Ashland Garden Communities	Madison East End	Rails & Irons	\$ 4,950.00
Ashland Garden Community	Madison East End	Landscaping for Ashland	\$ 4,996.41
Ashland Park Mews Community Association	Ashland Park	Garden of Eden	\$ 4,175.00
Better Waverly Community Organization	Better Waverly	Better Waverly Life Newsletter	\$ 2,866.50
Bolton Hill Garden Club	Bolton Hill	Historic Park	\$ 5,000.00
Citizens for Washington Hill	Washington Hill	Youth on Their Way	\$ 5,000.00
Colgate-Northbrook-Eastpoint Improvement Association	Colgate	Family Fun Day	\$ 5,000.00
Community of Curtis Bay	Curtis Bay	Live, Work & Play Here	\$ 5,000.00
Concerned Citizens of Catonsville	Catonsville	Historic Winters Lane Signage	\$ 5,000.00
Coppin Heights Community Development Corporation	Coppin Heights/Rosemont	Keep Our Vacant Lots Clean	\$ 4,996.10
Covenant Community Association	Middle East	Changing the Landscape for Life	\$ 4,378.83
Covenant Community Association		We Owe It to Them	\$ 3,400.00
Dickeyville Garden Club	Dickeyville	Small Greening Projects	\$ 10,000.00
Eastfield Stanbrook Civic Association	Eastfield Stanbrook	50th Anniversary Festival	\$ 5,000.00
Emmanuel Lutheran Church	Westview Park	Community Healthy Fair	\$ 4,831.50
Forrest Street City Farm	Johnston Square	Forrest Street City Farm	\$ 5,000.00
Friends of Patterson Park	Patterson Park	Park Stewardship Program	\$ 5,000.00
Friends of Woodshire	Lansdowne	Common Area Beautification	\$ 4,429.00
GardenVillage Community Association	Gardenville	Community Fun Day	\$ 5,000.00
God's Glory to Glover Street Association	Madison East End	House Railings	\$ 3,622.50
Greater Homewood Community Corporation	Greater Homewood	Remington Public Gardens	\$ 9,340.00
Hillen Road Improvement Association	Hillen Road	Community Meet N Greet	\$ 2,414.31
Kids on the Hill	Reservoir Hill/ Penn North	Youth Leadership Team	\$ 5,000.00
Lakeside Neighbors Coalition	Reservoir Hill	Alley Gating Project	\$ 4,364.00
Lansdowne Improvement Association	Lansdowne	Community Gateway Sign	\$ 5,000.00
Lansdowne Improvement Association	Lansdowne	Lansdowne Day Parade	\$ 4,998.45
Linover Improvement Association	Overlea/Fullerton	Community Block Party	\$ 2,080.00
Madison East End	Madison East End	Technology in MEE	\$ 5,000.00
New Antioch Baptist Church	Randallstown	Community Health Expo & Celebration	\$ 10,000.00
Newington Avenue Neighbors Association	Reservoir Hill	Newington Community Garden	\$ 2,500.00
Northpoint Village Civic Association	North Point Village	North Point Village Day	\$ 4,934.30
Overlea Community Association	Overlea	New Resident Recruitment	\$ 1,798.20
Park Heights Community Health Alliance	Park Heights	Youth Basketball League & Clinic	\$ 3,690.00
People's Homesteading Group	East Midway/Barclay	Fentress' Garden	\$ 5,000.00
Randallstown Association for Resident Awareness	Randallstown	Neighborhood Signage	\$ 5,000.00
Randallstown Elementary 100 year Anniversary Planning	Randallstown	100 Year Anniversary Carnival	\$ 5,000.00
Rehobeth Church of Deliverance	Brooklyn	Festival	\$ 3,900.00
Relay Improvement Association	Relay/St. Denis	Relay Day Festival	\$ 1,527.00
Robert W. Coleman Community Organization	Greater Mondawmin	Community Beautification Phase II	\$ 3,310.00
Save Middle East Action Coalition	Middle East	Listening and Empowerment Project	\$ 10,000.00
Scotts Hill Community Association	Scotts Hill	Neighborhood Signage & Beautification	\$ 5,000.00
Southeast Community Development Corporation	Highlandtown	Arts District Signage	\$ 4,923.00
Turner Station Conservation	Turner Station	Community Announcement Board	\$ 5,000.00
Upper Fells Point Improvement Association	Upper Fells Point	Neighborhood Signs	\$ 4,962.30
Valley Park Community Association	Gardenville	Putting the Garden Back in Gardenville	\$ 5,000.00
Waltherson Improvement Association	Waltherson	Youth Work Service Project	\$ 4,140.00
Wyman House Tenant Council	Wyman Park	Activity Room Updates	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Club of Westhills	Westhills	Community Summer Fest	\$ 5,000.00