



Dear Millennium Circle Member:

The Luzerne Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Millennium Circle Grant. Grant Nominations are due by Thursday, October 1st. This year's grant award will be at least \$20,000... that should significantly address some unmet or underserved community need. We need YOU to identify the needs! As a member of the Millennium Circle, this is YOUR Fund. YOU make the nominations and YOU vote to decide how YOUR grants are distributed.

Each year The Foundation has received a number of Millennium Circle ("MC") grant nominations. The MC Advisory Committee carefully reviews all of the nominations to select 4 - 6 "Finalist" nominations for the full MC membership. Following is a list of the Finalist nominations from the last seven years just to give you an idea of the variety of needs that have been presented. The winning nominations are in **BOLD and underlined**.

Now in 2009...WHERE DO YOU SEE THE LOCAL NEEDS?

Please call The Foundation at 714.1570 if you have any questions about a prospective nomination and/or how to complete the nomination form. You may ask the nonprofit organization to help complete the form, but it must be submitted by you. The form is also available on our website in the Millennium Circle section of the site at <http://luzfdn.org/millennium-circle.html>.

Because of you and for you, we are...

Here for good.TM

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Millennium Circle Fund Grant Nomination Finalists ~ 2001-2008

2001

- **KIDSARTS** geared to children ages Pre-K to 6th Grade to expose them to performing arts and cultural activities
- Provide technology training for libraries - funding for staff training.
- Assist service organizations with their need to provide groceries and nutritional foods to people living on sub-standard incomes throughout Luzerne County.
- Hour-long presentations throughout the school districts of Luzerne County by a Philadelphia-based speaker. His message is to "be accountable to yourself and for yourself".
- **2001 Grant Recipient: "Follow Your Dreams" Presentations to 26 High Schools Reaching 16,000 young adults.**

2002

- **Domestic Violence Center** – Educate employers and employees by creating awareness about domestic violence and the availability of services.
- **Greater WB Association for the Blind** - Development of an eye safety coloring book.
- **Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre** - Voter registration campaign
- **Wyoming Valley West – C.R.A.F.T. Program.** (*Communicating to Resolve Anger with the Family*).
- **2002 Grant Recipient: Diamond City Partnership - Assistance with implementation of a downtown revitalization work plan**

2003

- **Family Service Association** – Support of Help Line
- **Volunteers of America** - Vans for Dial –A –Driver
- **Luzerne County Workforce** – Drug Awareness Program
- John Heinz Institute Equipment - Upgrade for pediatrics equipment primarily a van
- **2003 Grant Recipient : Candy's Place – expand services for cancer patients and their families**

2004

- **Osterhout Free Library** - Literacy computer learning center for economically disadvantaged children
- **Family Enhancement Center** – Provide home visitation support for first time mothers teaching them care and nurturing skills and developing a plan for the future.
- **Elder Wish** – Assisting senior citizens of the Greater Hazelton area to give them opportunities they may not otherwise have.
- **Alzheimer's Association:** Safe Return Program - to create an awareness of the needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and insure their safety through a Safe-Return bracelet program and education of emergency personnel.
- **2004 Grant Recipient: Friday's Child and the JCC Camp for Children with Autism - to offer children with autism a fun and safe place for extracurricular activities that would develop their physical and social skills.**

2005

- **Ark Learning Center** – Victims Impact Panel DVD Presentation
- **Volunteers in Medicine** – Research and establishment of Vim clinic
- **The Salvation Army** – Purchase of a new Canteen Vehicle
- **The Wilkes-Barre YMCA** – Day Camp for children with Aspergers
- **McGlynn Center - Continuation of Daily Programs at Housing Projects**

2006

- **Interfaith Clinic at St. Stephen's Church** – Healthcare for the uninsured
- **Hispanic Resource Network Center for Community Initiatives (HRN-CCI)** – Internet Technology to Connect Hispanic/Latino Community with Resources
- **The Salvation Army** –Kirby Family House
- **Commission on Economic Opportunity** – Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Community Kitchen
- **Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre** – Mid-sized Performing Arts Center
- **Luzerne –Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Program – Student Assistance Program (SAP)**

2007

- **Pennsylvania Environmental Council -COALS** - Clean Up Our American Lands and Streams Program
- **Methodist Urban Ministries: Ruth's Place/The Book Concern** ~ Providing programming to assist the homeless in achieving job skills
- **Foundation For Aging Services Second Time Around-** Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - Providing resources and services
- **Volunteers In Medicine: Volunteers In Medicine Free Medical Clinic** –Medical assistance for the working poor.

2008

- **Head Start-New Center** in Luzerne County
- **Serento Gardens-** Alcoholism & Drug Services Lifeline to Recovery
- **MEID** – Mercy Institutional Educational Development
- **Care & Concern Ministries:-Heating System renovation**

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2009 Grant Nomination Form
For
The Millennium Circle Fund
Of
The Luzerne Foundation

Millennium Circle Member:

Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

SUGGESTED NEED AND/OR GRANTEE ORGANIZATION:

(Brief description)

REASON FOR GRANT REQUEST:

Group or population affected (who will benefit?):

Grantee Organization: _____

(please provide this information)

Contact: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

Please return completed Nomination Form to The Luzerne Foundation by October 1, 2009
Call the Foundation at 714.1570 if you have any questions.
Mail to: The Luzerne Foundation; 140 Main Street, 2nd Floor; Luzerne, PA 18709 or Fax to: 570-300-1712
Use additional pages if necessary.