



Prairie Meadows Gives More Than \$1.5 Million in Betterment Grants, Honors Recipients on March 6

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PRAIRIE MEADOWS, Altoona, IA— At noon on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, Prairie Meadows will honor the torchbearers of more than 150 community betterment organizations in the grand ballroom at Prairie Meadows' new events and conference center.

This year's recipients received more than \$1.5 million all told, the funding coming from Prairie Meadows' 2006 fiscal year budget to foster programs in education, human services, economic development, and the arts.

It will be the tenth consecutive year in which Prairie Meadows has been able to support non-profit projects in our community.

"Prairie Meadows, itself, is structured as a non-profit," says Prairie Meadows President / CEO Gary Palmer, "which means that every dollar our organization earns over and above operating and capital expenses goes back into the community. We feel fortunate that Prairie Meadows has been able to help the people of our community for the past decade."

The deadline for this year's Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant funding is August 15, 2007.

Prairie Meadows also offers each year two \$2,500 college scholarships to graduating seniors at each high school in Polk County.

Through 2010, Prairie Meadows has committed an additional \$2.2 million to larger community projects such the Des Moines Public Library, the Science Center of Iowa, the Drake University Stadium, Greater Des Moines Partnership, and the Institute for Character Development.

Since 1995, Prairie Meadows has given more than \$345 million to Polk County plus more than \$38 million to promote education, economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism in Iowa.

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2006 Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grant Recipients

African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa
Altoona Kiwanis Club
Altoona Little League
Altoona, City of - Altoona Public Library
Alzheimer's Association, Greater Iowa Chapter
Amanda Cares, Inc. (Amanda the Panda)
American Red Cross, Central Iowa Chapter
Anawim Housing
Animal Rescue League of Iowa, Inc.
Ballet Theatre of Des Moines
Beacon of Life
Beaverdale Neighborhood Association
Bernie Lorenz Recovery, Inc.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Iowa
Big Creek Historical Society, Inc.
Blank Park Zoo Foundation
Bondurant, City of - Bondurant Community Library
Bondurant, City of - Bondurant Emergency Services
Bondurant, City of - Kinney Park
Boy Scouts of America, Mid-Iowa Council
Brain Injury Association of Iowa - Central Area Support Group
Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation
Camp Hertko Hollow, Inc.
Central Iowa Shelter and Services
Central Place Family Resource Center
Child Abuse Prevention Council
Children & Families of Iowa
Christ the King Church
Chrysalis Foundation
Civic Center of Greater Des Moines
Civic Music Association
Clive, City of
Community Housing Development Corporation
Cottage Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
Dallas County Local Housing Trust Fund, Inc.
Des Moines Area Community College
Des Moines Area Community College Foundation
Des Moines Health Center, Inc.
Des Moines I Have A Dream Foundation
Des Moines Independent Community Schools Library Support Group
Des Moines Playhouse
Des Moines Symphony Association
Des Moines, City of - Des Moines Police Department
Dowling Catholic High School
Drake University
Drake University Legal Clinic, Joan Lyle Middleton Center for Children's Rights
East High School

Easter Seals Society of Iowa, Inc.
Eastern Polk Regional Development, Inc.
Edmundson Art Foundation (Des Moines Art Center)
Everybody Wins! Iowa
Eyerly-Ball Community Mental Health Services
Food Bank of Iowa
Girl Scouts of Moingona Council
Goodwill Industries of Central Iowa
Grand View Child Development Center, Inc.
Grandview Little League
Greater Altoona Community Service Campus
Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association
Greater Des Moines Community Foundation
Greater Des Moines Community Foundation - Restoration Ingersoll
Greater Des Moines Partnership
Greater Des Moines Soapbox Derby Association
Historic East Village, Inc.
Holy Family School Inner-City Youth Foundation
Homes of Oakridge Human Services (Oakridge Neighborhood Services)
Homestead Living Learning Center for Autistic Adults (The Homestead)
Hospice of Central Iowa
House of Mercy
Institute for Social & Economic Development
Iowa Able Foundation
Iowa Amateur Athletic Union (Iowa AAU)
Iowa Association of Business & Industry Foundation
Iowa Coalition for Housing & the Homeless
Iowa Comprehensive Manpower Services, Inc.
Iowa Friends of Foster Children Foundation
Iowa Labor-Management Work Preservation Fund
Iowa Legal Aid
Iowa National Guard Memorial Association
Iowa Radio Reading Information Service
Iowa Senior Games, Inc.
Iowa Shrine Bowl Games Inc.
Iowa State University
Izaak Walton League - Des Moines Chapter
James B. Morris Scholarship Fund
Jim Ellefson Free Medical Clinic
Junior Achievement of Central Iowa
Keep Iowa Beautiful
Latino Resources, Inc.
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Link Associates
Living History Farms Foundation
Lutheran Services in Iowa
Mainstream Living, Inc.
Make A Wish Foundation of Iowa
Mentor Iowa
Metro Arts Alliance of Greater Des Moines
Mitchellville Public Library Foundation
Music Under the Stars, Inc.

On With Life Foundation
Orchard Place
Perkins Academy PTA (Des Moines)
Pleasant Hill Development Corporation
Pleasant Hill, City of - Pleasant Hill Emergency Services
Port of Entry, Inc.
Prevent Blindness Iowa
Prevent Child Abuse Iowa
Primary Health Care, Inc.
Progress Industries
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Iowa, Inc.
Rotary Club of East Polk County
Runnells Elementary School
Runnells, City of
Sacred Heart School
Salisbury House Foundation
Scholarship America - Iowa Dollars for Scholars
Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
South Central Iowa Federation of Labor
Southeast Polk Senior High
Special Olympics Iowa, Inc.
St. Gabriel Benedictine Priory
St. Paul A.M.E. Church
St. Theresa Church of the Child Jesus - St. Theresa School
The Blood Center of Iowa
The Heart Connation Children's Cancer Programs
United Way of Central Iowa
University of Iowa
Urban Dreams
Visiting Nurses Services
VSA arts of Iowa
Warren County Board of Health
Warren County Economic Development Corp.
West Des Moines Historical Society
Windsor Heights, City of
Woodrow Wilson PTA (Newton)
World Food Prize Foundation
YMCA of Greater Des Moines
Youth Emergency Services & Shelter of Iowa
Youth Homes of Mid-America
YWCA of Greater Des Moines

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