The Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County awarded \$300,000 in grants to community organizations on Wednesday, June 27th, 2011. The celebration will be held at the Cardinal Ritter Birthplace, on East Oak Street, in New Albany.

"The Grants Committee and Board are continually impressed with the great work being done in our community by charitable organizations- as well as the great need," Horseshoe Foundation's Executive Director Jerry Finn said. Forty-two applicants sent requests to the foundation this spring totaling \$680,000. Thirty organizations received grants totaling \$300,000. Those organizations included:

Georgetown Optimist Club To help purchase a room divider to store club equipment. \$1,960 Community Foundation of Southern Indiana To provide a free dictionary to 3rd grade students in Floyd County to encourage literacy. \$2,000

Parkinson Support Center of Kentuckiana To expand group exercise class designed for Parkinson's patients. \$2,400

Riverside Aquatic Club To provide funds for the purchase of a new score board for Highland Hills Middle School. \$3,000

Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services, Inc. To supplement programs that address the safety and success of Floyd County families in crisis. \$4,500

Sunnyside Master Gardener Association of Southern Indiana To install a Sensory Demonstration Garden at the Purdue Technology Center to educate and inspire gardeners. \$4,935

Camp Quality Kentuckiana To fund a week-long camping experience and year round support vehicle for Floyd County Children with cancer. \$5,000

Louisville Visual Art Association To help fund the Children's Fine Art Classes program which provides free art classes to children. \$5,000

YPII-Indiana Grantmakers Alliance To provide 200 Family Philanthropy Gift Boxes to youth-serving organizations in Floyd County. \$5,000

IU Southeast School of Natural Sciences To purchase a computer for computational chemistry and molecular modeling lab. \$5,297

New Albany High School To purchase iPad 2s for teachers to create learning and teaching opportunities that develop the skills required in order to participate in today's world. \$8,862 House of Ruth, Inc. To expand outreach efforts so more individuals affected by HIV/AIDS can utilize services for treatment, housing and programming. \$9,250

Greenville Elementary School To install audio enhancement systems in classrooms to allow every student to hear better and promote student engagement. \$10,000

Clarksville Little Theatre To purchase a light control board, monitor lighting, fixtures and wiring for Clarksville Little Theatre. \$10,000

Georgetown Elementary School To help purchase and install SMART Boards. \$10,000 Highland Hills Middle School To purchase SMART Boards in special education classrooms at Highland Hills Middle School. \$10,000

City of New Albany To fund the YES! Program putting local high school students to work during

the summer. \$10,000

Youth Count To promote positive behavior for our children and youth by building the 40 Developmental Assets for and with youth. \$10,000

Arts Council of Southern Indiana To support arts education, exhibits and programs in Floyd County. \$10,000

Actors Theatre of Louisville To bring Playwriting in the School in-classroom residency to sophomore English classes at Floyd Central High School. \$10,000

S. Ellen Jones Elementary School To improve safety, attendance, and parent relationships, with a school public safety officer. \$11,200

IUSoutheast School of Nursing To provide funding for a NOELLE birth simulator and Newborn HAL to be used in the School of Nursing. \$12,500

Volunteers of America of Kentucky, Inc. To help fund the Upward Mobility program which provides handicapped accessible transportation to residents in Floyd County. \$13,709 Holy Family School To provide wireless Internet access in the middle school classrooms to access online textbooks and resources. \$15,000

Down Syndrome of Louisville, Inc. To provide academic tutoring and group classes for adolescents and adults with Down syndrome. \$16,519

Regional Youth Services To purchase new servers to upgrade the technology infrastructure. \$17,500

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School To renovate the basement area of the school to accommodate a new music area. \$18,168

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Kentuckiana To provide an out-of-school safe haven for youth which promotes academic success, good character and healthy lifestyles. \$18,200

Floyd Memorial Hospital Foundation To provide therapeutic massage to patients suffering from cancer, pain or terminal illness. \$20,000

New Albany Floyd County Education Foundation To match funds for Great Classroom Projects which will enhance the educational experience in NAFC classrooms. \$20,000

Mark Seabrook, Horseshoe Foundation Board President noted, "I can't imagine how tough it would be for organizations in Floyd County without the funds we receive from Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Their benevolence does so much good for our community." Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County was established in 1999 by Horseshoe Indiana in partnership with Floyd County and New Albany officials. The Foundation was established to provide resources to nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and governmental agencies for the benefit of residents in New Albany and Floyd County.

Since 1999, the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County has awarded \$27 million to benefit the citizens of Floyd County. Additional information about the philanthropic work of the foundation can be found on their web site at www.HorseshoeFoundation.org.