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Mutual of Omaha Foundation Awards Third Quarter Grants

A new outreach program in north Omaha is giving youth the opportunity to overcome poverty through education and positive reinforcement, thanks in part to a grant provided by the Mutual of Omaha Foundation.

The Foundation recently awarded the Hope Center for Kids a \$50,000 grant to help fund its Preparation for Higher Learning program. The program aligns with the Foundation's family-centered mission by helping teenagers identify and develop individual strengths with the goal of providing a brighter future.

The grant was one of nine awarded by the Foundation during the third quarter of 2007, totaling more than \$1.2 million in funding to nonprofit organizations throughout the community. Also included among the grants were four multi-year gifts made on behalf of large capital campaigns, including a \$200,000 five-year grant for the redevelopment of the Joslyn Art Museum campus, a \$200,000 two-year grant for the construction of the Charles E. Lakin Human Services campus in Council Bluffs, a \$250,000 five-year grant for the development of Omaha South High School's stadium and a \$500,000 five-year grant for the construction of the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

"We're very excited about the programs and organizations that received funding during the third quarter," said Christine Johnson, president of the Mutual of Omaha Foundation. "Our hope is that through this support, these organizations will continue to build a stronger community."

Organizations and programs that received funding during the third quarter included:

Recipient	Project Description	Award
American Red Cross	Disaster Response	\$15,000
Family Housing Advisory Services	Educare Parent Education Project	\$24,245
Heritage Services	South High School Stadium Development Campaign	\$250,000
Hope Center for Kids	Preparation for Higher Learning Program	\$50,000
Joslyn Art Museum	Joslyn Art Museum Campus Redevelopment	\$200,000
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska	Refugee Resettlement Match Grant Program	\$13,200
MICAH House Corporation	Charles E. Lakin Human Services Campus Construction	\$200,000
Salvation Army Central Division	Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center	\$500,000
Salvation Army Western Division	Material Assistance and Feeding Programs	\$15,000

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