Greater Green Bay grants support kids, families

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The Greater Green Bay Community Foundation recently awarded more than $82,000 in grants to 20 local nonprofit programs, and more than half the funds will support programming for families and children.

"Families in northeast Wisconsin have been hit hard by economic challenges," foundation President David Pamperin said in a written release. "We believe it is important to support programs that build healthy families, because healthy families are the core building blocks of a vibrant community."
Five of the grants support summer programming for kids:

•The Boy Scouts of America-Bay Lakes Council received $5,000 for its after-school summer program in Pulaski.

•The Brown County Salvation Army received $8,900 for scholarships for Camp Hope, a program for children in working, low-income families.

•The Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay received $650 for financial aid for Camp Tekawitha participants.

•The Navarino Neighborhood Association received $750 to help purchase books for the Navarino Literacy Program.

•The Center for Childhood Safety received $2,250 to provide partial scholarships so children from at-risk families can attend the Safety Town summer program.

Other groups to receive grants include The Einstein Project, Encompass Early Education and Care Inc., Family and Childcare Resources of NEW, Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin, Green Bay Head Start, Jefferson Elementary School and St. Vincent Hospital.

Eight grants also were given to programs serving people with disabilities, the elderly, English language learners and the homeless, including ASPIRO, the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition, Clarity Care Inc., Kingdom Come Inc., Literacy Green Bay Inc., MyTeam Triumph, N.E.W. Curative Rehabilitation Inc. and New Community Shelter

The grants were awarded based on a competitive application process and were approved by the foundation's board of directors.