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FRASER - The Fraser First Booster Club has been awarded a $28,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds, managed by the Community Foundation of Southeast Michiogan.

Coupled with additional private matching funds, this grant will add a critical element to Fraser’s McKinley Barrier-Free Park. This premier park focuses on recreation and sensory experiences for children and adults of *all abilities,* with particular focus on accessible recreation for those with special challenges.

Sherry Stein, President of the Fraser First Booster Club said, “This is fantastic! With this grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds, we can move forward with a much needed addition to the park. Parents with children will soon be able to enjoy the new swings to go along with last fall’s additions of the jet and fire truck playscapes.”

Purchase and installation of the equipment and surfacing is planned for 2018.

Located on Grove Street, north of 13 Mile Road and east of Hayes in Fraser Michigan, McKinley Barrier-Free Park is a completely renovated 15 acre park, complete

– The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan has awarded nearly $1.2

million in grants to 46 organizations through the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds. Each

grantee organization is performing critical work within the seven counties of southeast

Michigan; Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair, and Livingston.

Last year, the Community Foundation awarded $720,000 to 33 organizations from the Ralph C.

Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation established these endowment funds at the Community

Foundation to provide support to issue areas that were important to Mr. Wilson during his

lifetime: Caregiving, Design and Access, Community Assets, and Youth Sports. Endowment

funds are designed to grow over time and provide funding in perpetuity for charitable causes

according to the Wilson Foundation’s wishes.

“The grants stemming from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds are a true testament to Mr.

Wilson’s values,” said Mariam C. Noland, President of the Community Foundation. “His legacy

will live on through the impact created by each organization’s grant-funded project.”

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is a full-service philanthropic organization

leading the way to positive change in our region. As a permanent community endowment built

by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations, the Foundation supports a wide variety

of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community

development and civic affairs in the seven counties of southeast Michigan. The Ralph C. Wilson,

Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan honor Mr. Wilson’s

charitable legacy by supporting efforts across the region in caregiving, design & access, and

youth sports, as well as for community assets in Mr. Wilson’s home community of Grosse Pointe.

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