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**Toledo Community Foundation's Stranahan Supporting Organization Awards Grant to Diabetes Youth Services.**

TOLEDO, OHIO, (1/22/2010) – The Board of Trustees of the Stranahan Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation has approved a grant to Diabetes Youth Services in the amount of \$10,000. These funds will be used to fund general operating expenses.

The Stranahan Supporting Organization grant will be used to support operating expenses for programs for children with diabetes and their families in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. DYS strives to reach as many children with diabetes as possible. Teaching them to live independent lives despite a lifelong, life-threatening condition, has shown to help prevent complications associated with living with diabetes. If DYS can instill health practices and lifestyle modes that keep blood sugars in line, health care costs for the families of these children can be reduced.

DYS Board Chairman Timothy Eichenauer said, "We are very pleased to be a recipient of this Stranahan Supporting Organization grant, and are committed to using these funds wisely to meet the education, development, and healthcare needs of the children in our service area suffering with diabetes."

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Supporting families, preventing complications, and improving lives.*

The Toledo Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charitable organization created by citizens of our community to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation now has over 450 funds with assets of approximately \$138 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses, and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs. For more information on the Foundation, visit the organization's website at [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org).

Diabetes Youth Services (DYS) is an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization providing educational and supportive services for young people with diabetes, their families, schools, and communities throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. DYS services are sustained through the generous support of individual, corporate, and community partners. All programs are staffed by experienced pediatric diabetes educators and provided at low or no cost.

DYS is accepting donations to continue to provide programs for young people with diabetes. For more information on Diabetes Youth Services or how you can support its community efforts, please call Susan Harms, Executive Director at 419-887-8739.

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