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**EDYTH BUSH CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AWARDS NEARLY \$2.8 MILLION IN GRANTS IN 2006**

**WINTER PARK, FL...**The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation continued its mission of “providing nonprofit programs and grant making designed to help people help themselves” by awarding \$2.795 million in grants during its fiscal year 2006 (September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006).

The Foundation awarded 56 grants during this period to organizations from the civic and community, cultural, education, health care and human services sectors. More importantly, more than 80 percent of the grants awarded during fiscal year 2006 were given to organizations based in Central Florida (Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties). The grants are used by organizations to fund programs and initiatives that have a direct impact on people in need.

Organizations that benefited from grants awarded by the Foundation include the Winter Park Public Library, United Arts of Central Florida, the Morning Star School, Anthony House, Children’s Home Society, Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida and United Cerebral Palsy of Central Florida just to name a few. To view the complete list of grants awarded or the procedures used by the Foundation to award grants, please visit [www.edyrbush.org](http://www.edyrbush.org).

“We are pleased to be able to continue our support of organizations that are doing great things in our community,” stated Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation President and CEO, David Odahowski.

The past year also marked the passing of one of the Foundation’s most influential leaders, H. Clifford (Cliff) Lee, who passed away on July 16, 2006. Known as the “Dean” of Florida Philanthropy, Lee served 40 years in the field of philanthropy and was co-founder of the Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation was created in 1973. Since then, it has been enriched by the Richard J. Conlee Fund and the H. Clifford Lee Fund. To date, the Foundation has issued 2,148 grants to more than 400 organizations throughout the state, but primarily in Central Florida, totaling more than \$83 million. Though it does not actively solicit outside donations, the Foundation will work with philanthropists to achieve their charitable goals. For more information, please visit [www.edyrbush.org](http://www.edyrbush.org).