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Board members of the Zion-Benton Coalition for Healthy Communities are thrilled with the grant they received from The Charmm'd Foundation.

## Coalition for Healthy Communities receives grant from foundation

The Zion-Benton Coalition for Healthy Communities was honored last Wednesday with a \$5,000 grant and an award by The Charmm'd Foundation in recognition of the successful launch and implementation of its 2012 Zion-Benton Leadership Academy whose purpose is to develop a new cadre of community leaders.

Recognition was given for the strategic planning and collaborative efforts of ZBLA and the significant impact it is already having in the community. The Coalition plans to continue ZBLA and will use the grant to further its success by providing funding to offer high-quality leadership development

opportunities to strengthen both ZBLA and its participants, who in turn will help build a stronger community.

The mission of the Coalition is to lead its communities in a collaborative effort to improve identified health, wellness and social issues in Zion-Benton. Going forward, this group plans to further its efforts by developing new community leaders while building a blueprint for other communities to adopt.

Created in 2005, The Charmm'd Foundation provides resources for tax-exempt leaders to help develop themselves personally and professionally and in turn, build a stronger community.