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*Grant funds have been awarded to a new Girl Scout Outreach Troop, which will be located at First Baptist Church.*

## Youth Programs Thrive with Support from the Community Foundation

Thanks to grant opportunities from various youth-focused funds at the Community Foundation, more nonprofit organizations in the tri-county area have empowered local youth to build leadership

skills, strengthen their self esteem and realize their full potential. Over the past two years the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore awarded 105 grants to various youth related organizations totaling \$344,120. Grants were awarded from more than 40 funds including the Children's Fund, Goslee Youth Help Fund, Joyce Benjamin Youth Fund, Reading Forever Fund and Youth Foundation Fund.

Kids of Honor, a local nonprofit organization focused on empowering youth to graduate from high school, was one of the many nonprofits that received grant monies from the Community Foundation between 2008 and 2010. The group's most recent grant was used to support a high school club in Somerset County schools.

"The money we received from the Community Foundation helped us engage Somerset County high school students and close our model for all of our students," said Paula Morris, Kids of Honor Founder. "It was a strategic move because our high school club is a necessary component of our program focused on keeping our students in school."

The Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay benefited from the Goslee Youth Help Fund. The money supported a new Girl Scout troop at First Baptist Church on the west side of Salisbury.

"We started with a summer program for the girls and quickly realized they needed something year-round," said Denise Eberspecker, director of fund development and communications, Girls Scouts. "This troop is providing twenty-five girls with opportunities they wouldn't normally have. And they have a safe place to go to work on building their leadership skills, make new friends and just have fun."

Some of the other organizations that received youth grants from the Community Foundation include Worcester Youth and Family Counseling Services, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army-West Salisbury Youth Club and the Fruitland Community Center.

## Foundation begins 2010 Annual Appeal

The Foundation has begun its Annual Appeal for 2010. The Annual Appeal is the only fund raising effort conducted each year to directly support the work of the Community Foundation.

Because of the generous support of the community during the past year the Foundation's grant programs distributed over \$4.1 million in support for nonprofit and faith-based programs. We also provided over \$194,000 in scholarships to 150 area students and 345 representatives of nonprofit organizations benefited from our professional development, technical mini grant and scholarship programs.

"In a recovering economy, the support the Foundation receives from annual gifts is crucial," said Jim Almand, Board of Directors Chair, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. "The funds provide us with the resources we need to strengthen our mission, our message and share our knowledge with our community."

The Foundation's ShoreCAN Volunteer Center is wrapping up 2010 with an impressive year. As of September 2010, the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center has referred 308 volunteers to area organizations and has a total of 246 active volunteers and 99 active organizations.

Without your support, the work of the Foundation would not be possible. Donations to the Annual Appeal help to assure the Lower Shore will have a strong foundation for generations to come. Gifts to the Annual Appeal may be made by using the envelope inserted in this issue of the Pillar, or donate online at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).

*Please Join Us!*  
**THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING**  
of the



**Friday, November 5, 2010**

**11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**Fountains Conference Center, Salisbury, MD**

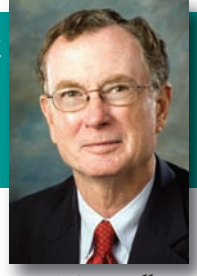
Reservations are \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of eight guests. Due to steadily increasing attendance each year, prospective attendees are encouraged to send in their reservations as early as possible. Register online at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrate all that is "good" in our community



Spicer Bell

Join us on November 5th for the Annual Meeting of the Foundation. In addition to reporting to the community on our most recent "record" year, we will be presenting the Henson Award of Excellence to an area nonprofit organization and the Morris Award to an area citizen who has given above and beyond to the community. The luncheon is always a celebration of all that is "good" in our community.

Remember, as we approach the "giving season" it's a good time to consider adopting a strategic giving approach in order to give your philanthropy the maximum long-term impact.

The easiest and most flexible way to accomplish this is by establishing a donor-advised fund or endowment fund at the Community Foundation. Both fund types provide several strategic benefits by maximizing the tax benefit, minimizing the record keeping and providing for long-term community impact. In the case of an endowment, your gift can be held in perpetuity with the investment proceeds distributed to charities of your choosing ...literally forever.

Another way you can have a long-term philanthropic impact is by helping advance the work of the Foundation. Your Annual Gift makes it possible for us to maintain the momentum that has now provided over \$37 million in gifts, grants and scholarships in our 26 year history. You are also supporting all of the programs the Foundation provides in order to build the capacity of the nonprofit community.

A reply envelope is enclosed in this issue of The Pillar for your convenience. You may also wish to call me or the staff to learn more about other opportunities for charitable giving available through the Foundation.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the first ever Lower Shore Volunteer Fair a tremendous success. On September 25th, fifty nonprofit organizations joined the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center to welcome almost 200 potential volunteers to celebrate the good that volunteers can do in the community. Everyone involved gave the event rave reviews.

# BREAKING NEWS

## Three Maryland Students Earn Eastern Shore Building Industry Association Scholarships



Board Members of the Eastern Shore Building Industry Association, Colleen Deptula, John Kotoski, and Mike Poole, present \$500 checks to 2010 Scholarship recipients, Lauren Abresch, Kelly Mulholland, and Zachary Long.

Three graduating seniors from the Eastern Shore of Maryland were recently awarded \$1,500 for the 2010-11 academic school year. The annual awards are provided by the Eastern Shore Building Industry Association Scholarship Fund, one of 89 scholarship funds administered by the Community Foundation.

The scholarship fund was established by the Eastern Shore Building Industry Association to provide scholarships for public and private high school students pursuing a degree in architecture, engineering or a construction-related field.

The three students are:

- Lauren Abresch, Delmar, MD, will attend The Catholic University, Washington, DC
- Kelly Mulholland, Bishopville, MD, will attend University of Maryland, College Park
- Zachary Long, Crisfield, MD, will attend University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

The Eastern Shore Building Industry Association is a professional association of more than 200 builders, remodelers and associate members with the mission to insure a standard of quality construction and affordable housing for prospective and existing homeowners.

Graduating seniors from the Eastern Shore of Maryland counties of Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester are eligible to apply for 2011. For more information go to [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org) or call 410-742-9911.

### Fall Nonprofit Training Programs Underway

The Foundation started a new round of training programs in September to provide support for local nonprofit organizations. The fall training calendar offers more programs than ever before to give nonprofits the opportunity to network and develop skills to help make their programs more effective.

Training and networking opportunities remaining on the fall schedule include:

- **October 20th** – Is Your Organization in Trouble? Federal Legislation and the Impact on Nonprofits
- **November 3rd** – Volunteer Maryland VISTA Program Information Session
- **December 7th** – Stories from the Frontlines: How to Anticipate and Resolve Challenging Issues with Volunteers
- **December 15th** – Event Planning 101: Get the Basics for Creating and Implementing a Successful Event

For more information or to register for any of the training opportunities listed above, visit "Event Registration" at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).

## Salisbury Sunrise Rotary Club Supports "Help Your Neighbor" Fund



Salisbury Sunrise Rotary presents a gift (proceeds from their Rotary Rocks Concert) to CFES for the Help Your Neighbor Fund. Left to Right: Don Murphy, Sunrise Rotary Event Chair; Tom Hebman, Sunrise Rotary Immediate Past President; Spicer Bell, CFES President and Bill Ferguson, Sunrise Rotary President

Salisbury Sunrise Rotary Club recently donated proceeds, \$3,730, from their *Rotary Rocks Concert for a Cause* event, which was held on May 8, 2010. The concert featured national recording artists Passafire as well as local talent – the Bonedaddys.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore applauds the Club's support of the Help Your Neighbor Fund. The fund was started by the Community Foundation in response to the dramatically increasing need for assistance required by local families and seniors as a result of the downturn in the economy.

Since the fund's inception in 2009, twenty-eight grants totaling \$52,500 in emergency assistance have been provided to community members in the tri-county area. The fund provides financial assistance for utility bills, food and medical prescriptions. Community Foundation records indicate that 1,200 local families and individuals have been served by the Help Your Neighbor fund.

The Seton Center (operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Wilmington), a multi-purpose neighborhood community center in Princess Anne, is one of many local organizations that request and receive outreach money from the Help Your Neighbor Fund. The staff works to identify and respond to the needs of local residents, the Hispanic community and migrant farm workers in Somerset County.

"The Community Foundation has been very good to us," said Sister Regina Hudson, Seton Center. "The Help Your Neighbor funds keep us alive."

For more information on how you can support the Help Your Neighbor Fund call the Community Foundation at 410-742-9911.

## First ShoreCAN Volunteer Fair Receives Rave Reviews

The region's first-ever Volunteer Fair, sponsored by the Community Foundation's ShoreCAN Volunteer Center and Delmarva Power, was held September 25, 2010. Local nonprofits and charitable organizations were on hand to recruit new volunteers and showcase the services they provide to the community. The Community Foundation and the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center would like to thank Delmarva Power for co-sponsoring the event and all of the partners and volunteers who helped make the fair a huge success.



- 50 nonprofit exhibitors
- 200+ attendees
- Positive reviews from participants, volunteers and exhibitors



## GRANT GUIDELINES

The Community Foundation invites qualified nonprofit organizations to apply for these grant programs.

- **Community Needs Grants:** Support charitable programs benefiting Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Deadlines are February 1 and August 1.
- **Technical Mini-grants:** Supports capacity building activities of local 501(c)3 nonprofits. Deadline July 20 and January 20.
- **Youth Foundation:** Grants to support local youth programs. Deadline Spring 2011 (Date TBA).

*Copies of grant guidelines and application forms are available from the Foundation office or from our website at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org).*

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The Community Foundation is the only tax-exempt public foundation dedicated for all time to improving the quality of life in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. By accepting, managing and investing gifts wisely, we act as a funding resource for both present and future generations.



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## The Community Foundation Welcomes Delmarva Education Foundation to the CFES Office Center

Vacant space in the Foundation's Nonprofit Office Center, adjacent to the Foundation's offices in the East Park Professional Center, doesn't stay empty long enough for the dust to settle.

Delmarva Education Foundation (DEF) moved into the CFES complex from its location in the Wicomico County Library. DEF is a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to improve educational opportunities for residents of the Lower Delmarva Peninsula.

The Del-Mar-Va Council Boy Scouts of America opened a second office in the CFES Center. The new office will be occupied by Lee Murdoch, the regional field director covering all of the Maryland counties, Sussex County and Northampton and Accomack counties on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Murdoch joins Kevin Les Callette, regional finance director, who has been in the office complex over a year.

"When the space opened up we knew it would be a perfect opportunity to move in," said Les Callette. "It is a logical central point for the territory we serve."

The Boy Scouts filled the vacated office of Maryland Mentoring Partnership, who recently merged with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland.

## Nonprofit Partners Meeting

More than 45 leaders representing local nonprofits organizations attended the Foundation's 2010 Nonprofit Partners meeting on September 9, 2010 at Dove Pointe in Salisbury. Nonprofit partners received a report on the Foundation's 2010 investment performance from Barry Beach, Senior Portfolio Manager from the Foundation's investment advisors: Mason Companies. Nonprofits also received updates on training and services planned during the next year, including a seminar by Nancy Hall on Federal Legislations and the Impact on Nonprofits.



*Nancy Hall, President 501(c) Solutions talks with George Chevallier, Wicomico Historical Society at the 2010 CFES Nonprofit Partners Meeting.*

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