

The Foundation Recognizes Local Nonprofit Agency and Two Humanitarians at Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon

Over 340 people gathered at The Fountains Conference Center on Nov. 5th in Salisbury to celebrate the Foundation's charitable leadership and accomplishments during the past year.

The Foundation reported on its activities during the past year in support of nonprofit organizations on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore. The Foundation:

- awarded over \$4.1 million in grants and scholarships
- since its founding in 1984, distributed over \$37 million in grants and scholarships
- holds assets of \$73.6 million as of the end of October
- allocated 951 grants to nonprofits and received \$5.1 million in new gifts during the past fiscal year.
- holds 484 charitable funds that benefit the community.

James W. Almand, Community Foundation Board Chair, presented the **2010 Chairman's Award to Art Cooley**, immediate Past Board Chair of the Community Foundation Board of Directors.

The **Award of Excellence honoring Richard A. Henson** recognizes an outstanding local nonprofit organization and the **Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award** recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the community.

Sponsored by PNC Bank, the 2010 Henson Award of Excellence was presented to Executive Director **Sue Revelle** and Board Chair **Billye Sarbanes** for the region's outstanding nonprofit organization Women Supporting Women. It is the only organization that exclusively serves breast cancer survivors on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Over 2000 people's lives were affected by Women Supporting Women's support last year.

The Community Foundation's **2010 Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award** was presented to two outstanding individuals: **Donna Clark** and **Celeste Savage**.

Donna Clark left a career in the traditional nurse setting when she recognized the need to reach out and help local citizens challenged by addiction, mental health and medical issues, unemployment and homelessness. Help and Outreach Point of Entry or HOPE was established by Clark out of a sheer determination to help this population.

Celeste Savage created Hope and Life Outreach or HALO which has made a significant impact on hundreds of lives here in community. Whether she is serving in the cold weather shelter, feeding thousands in the HALO Café, or delivering food and supplies as part of "HALO on the Streets" her passion to meet peoples' needs earns her this recognition.

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Pictured (l to r): Billye Sarbanes, Sue Revelle and James Almand



Celeste Savage (left) and Donna Clark

It's Not Too Late to Set Up a Donor-Advised Fund

The holiday season is filled with activity and sometime the obligations can overwhelm even the most committed of seasonal celebrants. In terms of year-end charitable giving, donor-advised funds can simplify your life and it's not too late to start.

Many individuals and businesses find that a Community Foundation donor-advised fund offers several advantages. It's the easiest charitable fund to start and the most flexible

way to give.

Starting a donor-advised fund allows you to make a charitable gift through the Community Foundation and then remain involved in suggesting uses for your gift. You receive tax benefits immediately, but you can decide later which charities you want to receive gifts once the busy holiday season has passed.

You can set up a donor-advised fund in your name, in the name of a business, or in honor of any

person or organization you choose. The Community Foundation handles all the administrative details and issues grants to charities in your name from the fund, when you're ready!

Key gift deadlines to remember:

- Transfer of stock - December 23
- Postmarked - December 30

To learn more about how a donor-advised fund may be the answer for you, contact the Foundation at 410-742-9911.

Message from the President

Growing optimism regarding the health of charities



Spicer Bell

For the first time in two years, there is cautious but growing optimism regarding the health of charities and the economy. A group of widely respected philanthropic organizations recently conducted their 2010 Fundraising Survey and the results are encouraging. Compared to previous surveys, an increasing number of nonprofit organizations are reporting growing contributions.

Although we do not have empirical evidence, our local picture seems to be similar. In fact, when it comes to charitable giving the Lower Shore is often more generous than the rest of the nation! As we embrace the year and this Giving Season, we should reflect and be mindful of our community and remember those around us who are in need.

Whether it is a donation from your donor-advised fund, a food item, a toy for a child who is at a disadvantage, or a charitable payroll deduction through your employer, your generosity makes a difference!

This is the time of year when we share with our readers the advantages to having a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation. A donor-advised fund allows the donor to make a charitable donation and enjoy the tax deduction when it is convenient for the donor. The donation is held in the fund until the donor decides how and when it should be distributed to a charity. The Foundation then issues checks on behalf of you, the donor. You write fewer checks and your record keeping is managed for you. We invite you to give us a call to learn how you can achieve charitable giving through a donor-advised fund. Join all of us at the Community Foundation and make the 2010 Giving Season the best ever.

On behalf of the entire Community Foundation family, I wish you, your families and friends a joyous holiday season – may your lives be touched by the true spirit of the Season. Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year to you all!

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Counselors' Round Table Generates Valuable Resource Sharing for High School Counselors



More than two dozen educators from throughout the lower Delmarva Peninsula participated. Photos courtesy Ritch Photography.



Pictured (l to r) Katherine Harting, Executive Director, Delmarva Education Foundation and guidance counselors participate.

The Foundation co-hosted with the Delmarva Education Foundation (DEF) a four-hour workshop entitled, "Counseling for Post-High School Success: A Tools and Techniques Roundtable" on October 22nd for twenty-six area high school counselors, from schools ranging from Georgetown DE to Oak Hall, VA and from Newark, MD to East New Market, MD.

Public and private high school counselors gathered to share answers to questions as part of helping students set and reach their post-high school goals. Touching upon questions such as "How do you encourage students to meet application deadlines?" and "How do you use technology to deliver services to students and parents?" BJ Summers, Donor Relations Officer, Community Foundation, and Katherine Harting with DEF shared their knowledge of college scholarship information available to schools and families.

Over \$47,000 in Education Grants Awarded to Twenty-three Lower Shore School Programs

The Foundation honored Maryland Lower Shore schools and educators with over \$47,000 in grants through the Foundation's 2010 Education Award Grants ceremony held on November 11th at the Foundation's Eastern Shore Nonprofit Support Center in Salisbury.



Three Somerset County Schools received 2010 Education Award Grants.

Education Awards are made annually in conjunction with National Education Week through a competitive process to public and private schools on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland. Grants are made to those schools that have proposed innovative programs to benefit their students and communities.



Carter G. Woodson Elementary received the 2010 Mary Gay Calcott Award of Excellence for the most creative education program submitted this year for the Foundation's Education Awards Grant Program.

The evening featured the awarding of the Sixth Annual Mary Gay Calcott Award of Excellence to Carter G. Woodson Elementary School in Somerset County. The award was presented to the school for the creativity it demonstrated this year for a number of programs created to meet students' needs. In addition to the

Calcott Award, Carter G. Woodson Elementary also received \$500 from the Foundation's Mary Gay Calcott Memorial Fund to benefit the school.

Please visit www.cfes.org for a complete listing of the schools and their award-winning programs.

Foundation Announces Three New Members to Board of Directors

The Community Foundation announced three new members to its board of directors following a formal announcement at the Foundation's Annual Meeting and Report to the Community on Friday, November 5th at The Fountains Conference Center in Salisbury.

The following three new board members will serve a three-year term:

Stephanie Willey, a



native of Salisbury, is the Local Sales Manager for Comcast Spotlight in Salisbury. Actively involved in the community, Stephanie is a 2004 Past President of the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce. She served as the Champion for Habitat's Women Build Project in 2007. In addition, she serves on advisory boards for the Wicomico Mentoring Project, Wicomico County Tourism, and Salisbury University Town/Gown Council, the Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce, the Drug Free Wicomico Committee and the Board of Trustees for the Salisbury Award. Stephanie was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by The Daily Record in 2008 and also the 2008 Comcast Spotlight President's Club winner. Most recently, she completed Comcast Spotlight's Women in Leadership Program.

Dwight Marshall, Jr,



"Duke" is a native of Smith Island, MD and is the Nationwide Insurance and Financial Services Representative and President of Marshall's Insurance and Financial Services in Pocomoke,

Maryland. He is a member of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council (LESCH), immediate past president of Salisbury University Alumni Association and is an active charter member of the Salisbury-Sunrise Rotary Club. Dwight is a member of the Delmarva Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and is active on the Tylerton Community Council (TCC), the Smith Island Cultural Alliance Center and Tylerton United Methodist Church.

Dr. Julius Zant is a



physician with Peninsula Neurological Associates in Salisbury. He graduated from the University of Maryland College Park and the University of Maryland School of Medicine. He serves on the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Board of Visitors and is affiliated with New Life Apostolic Church and the Peninsula Regional Medical Center.

Christian Shelter Celebrates 30 years of Providing a Safe Shelter and Ministry to Those in Need



(LEFT) Standing (l to r) founding Christian Shelter board members: Ted Evans, David Smith, Dan Williams, Bryan Nurfree, David Downes and Joanne Grier celebrate Christian Shelter's 30th Anniversary

(BELOW) The Foundation presented a Community Service Award to the Christian Shelter. Pictured (l to r) are: Jim Thomas and Don Taylor, CFES board members and Ted Evans and David Downes, Christian Shelter Board members.



The Christian Shelter in Salisbury celebrates thirty years in our community by providing temporary emergency shelter, nutritious meals and practical and spiritual counseling to people in crisis.

"Our faith is the true power behind 30 years of mission and ministry," said Joanne Grier, founding Christian Shelter Board member.

In its first year, the Shelter:

- served 703 people
- provided 5,870 nights of shelter
- prepared an average of 2,000 meals per month

Presently, the Shelter has a total of fifty-one beds spread among two dormitory style wings. In 2010, the Shelter has:

- accompanied 24,000 total guests
- provided 156,000 nights of shelter
- served 427,000 meals

In 2007, the Shelter initiated the first phase of an expansion to add eight additional family rooms to the facility. Gifts of plumbing fixtures, heating and cooling elements and labor were donated to the renovation project. Local contractors have brought the renovation of the building to 75% complete.

1980 - Christian Shelter opened its doors to those in need of a warm bed, a hot meal and spiritual/practical direction. Its first week in operation, the Shelter took in a couple people. Presently the staff is forced to turn people away because the beds are full.

1986 - Shelter acquired an adjacent property on Barclay and Front streets with two dilapidated buildings.

1990 - Shelter was given the empty 30 square foot Gant shirt factory.

The Christian Shelter is open to those in need of temporary shelter seven days a week. All guests are welcome including single individuals, families, those who are ill, suffering from addiction problems or those who have been previously incarcerated. In addition to the maximum thirty-day stay, a warm bed and hot meals, all guests are offered job counseling and assistance to find permanent housing.

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NEW CHARITABLE FUNDS ESTABLISHED

Several new charitable endowment funds have been created at the Community Foundation during the first five months of fiscal year 2010. They include two scholarship funds and one designated fund. The new funds are:

- Hunter Wright Spina Bifida Fund
- Trinity United Methodist Church – Rev. George Patterson Scholarship Fund
- Wicomico County Ministerial Alliance Scholarship Fund
- Louise Vaughn Morgan Scholarship Fund
- Charles Berry Memorial Fund
- Carol Steffy Spirit of Esther Fund

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 March 4.

Copies of grant guidelines and application forms are available from the Foundation office or from our website at www.cfes.org.

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The Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 **Community Needs Grant** to the **Volunteers of Deer Head, Inc.** to provide transportation and emergency assistance for dialysis clients who are experiencing increased financial hardship. Pictured above (l to r) are: Erica Joseph, CFES Program & Development Director; Helen Young, Volunteer Director; Reba Goslee, Auxiliary President and Mashelle Purnell, Kidney Dialysis Social Worker.



The Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 **Community Needs Grant** to the **Maryland Food Bank Eastern Shore** to support weekly mobile food distribution at partnering sites throughout the Lower Shore. Pictured above (l to r) are: Jennifer Small, Maryland Food Bank Eastern Shore's Branch Manager and Erica Joseph, CFES Program & Development Director.

Foundation Announces 2011 Nonprofit Support Program Trainings

Nonprofit organizations serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties should mark their calendars for the Community Foundation's 5th Annual **Nonprofit Resource Day** scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local nonprofits will gain valuable tools and tips to help increase the effectiveness of their volunteer programs. Multiple presenters will provide information on topics such as recruitment, retention and effective management of new and existing programs. CFES will be partnering with Wor-Wic Community College and the ShoreCAN Volunteer Center for this annual sell-out event.

In addition, a series of networking lunches and training programs will be offered in Spring 2011 and the full program of events will be announced shortly. For registration information on **Nonprofit Resource Day** and updates on program offerings, visit the Foundation's website at www.cfes.org.

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