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Exclusively Lower Eastern Shore

In June the Foundation launched the premier edition of "Exclusively Lower Eastern Shore," a publication that features some of the finest businesses, professionals and nonprofit organizations in this region. This special publication benefits the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. Anyone who wishes to receive a copy of Exclusively should contact the Foundation at 410-742-9911. *Photos from a publication reception introducing Exclusively appear on page 4.*

NEW CHARITABLE FUNDS

Eleven new charitable funds have been established at the Community Foundation since the Spring Pillar Newsletter was published in April. A total of 37 new funds have been established at the Foundation year-to-date for Fiscal 2008. The new funds include: five scholarship funds; three agency/nonprofit partner funds; two designated funds; and one donor-advised fund. The 11 new funds are:

- Wor-Wic Marilyn & Andrew Booth Scholarship
- Donald Lee Schul, Jr. Scholarship
- Donald Bartlett/Goldsboro Vol. Fire Dept. Scholarship
- Deaf Independent Living Association Endowment
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4503 Scholarship
- John Gehrig Family Fund
- Walter 'Trae' Cohee Memorial Fund
- Snow Hill Christian Nursery School Fund
- St. Peter's Episcopal Church Endowment
- G. Charles Pennewell Memorial Fund
- Max Cooley Memorial Fund

Foundation begins 25th year of charitable leadership

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is beginning its 25th year of charitable leadership and inspiring philanthropy on the Eastern Shore. The Foundation has significantly increased local charitable funds and empowered donors to make a profound difference in the quality of human and community life in this region

Since 1984, the Foundation has been an effective steward of the community's charitable resources and has been a leader in grant making for the benefit of charities and nonprofit organizations in the Maryland counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester.

"The mission of the Foundation is made possible through the dedication and support of donors, volunteers, professional advisors, board members and a network of highly effective charitable organizations throughout the region," said Art Cooley, Foundation Board Chair.

"As we begin our 25th year, we honor the foresight of those who founded this extraordinary organization," said Spicer Bell, Foundation President. "All of us affiliated with the Foundation rededicate ourselves to building on their vision to not only meet the challenges of today, but to create new opportunities to benefit the citizens of the Eastern Shore for generations to come," he added.

During its first 24 years of service, the Foundation has distributed \$32 million through over 12,000 grants to nonprofit and faith-based organizations that provide essential services to individuals, families and communities on the Eastern Shore.

Throughout the next 12 months the Foundation will be celebrating the 25th anniversary in a variety of ways, including special events, grants and community outreach efforts. The Foundation has three sponsors to help offset the expenses related to 25th Anniversary activities. Those sponsors are: BB&T Bank; Delmarva Power; and Mason Investment Advisory Services. For more information about the 25th Anniversary visit the Foundation's website at www.cfes.org.



SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendar today for these very special events!

Please "Save The Date" for two special events we believe you'll want to attend during the Community Foundation's 25th Anniversary Year.

Friday, Nov. 7, 2008
CFES 25th Annual Meeting
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, May 8, 2009
25th Anniversary Celebration
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Why Not Give Anonymously?



Spicer Bell

A donor who recently gave the largest gift in the history of the Opera Santa Barbara made the pledge anonymously. The donor said, "I don't want to walk into the coffee shop and have strangers come up and talk to me about this gift."

Locally, a donor started a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore five years ago and wished to remain anonymous. During her lifetime, protection of her identity allowed her to award over a dozen scholarships without public fanfare.

By prior arrangement, when she passed, her identity and the extent of her philanthropy became public. Through a generous bequest to the Foundation, Mrs. Elizabeth Pusey created the largest single scholarship program available to Wicomico County high school graduates – a fund that will award over \$75,000 in scholarships every year.

According to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, "unnamed donors gifted nearly \$1.1 billion in 2007." While a large majority of donors still like to be recognized, some fear publicity could bring calls from other charities, or unwanted visibility. Assurance of anonymity allows donors to achieve their charitable goals.

In 2006 Westmont College received an anonymous gift of \$75 million – its largest ever. According to the college's vice president, "This donor would like to stay in the background so they don't get approached by dozens of other organizations looking for gifts. The Los Angeles Times states, "anonymity allows donors to look in, unnoticed, on the objects of their generosity."

Anonymous giving is one more option for donors who choose to channel their philanthropy through the Community Foundation. If anonymity fits your needs, learn more by contacting a Foundation staff member.

WMDT-47 Leadership Award

Kathleen McLain, WMDT-47 General Manager, receives a Community Foundation Leadership Award, from Spicer Bell, Foundation President, for her initiative and foresight that inspired a fund raising partnership between the TV station and the Community Foundation. The campaign raised \$65,858 in just four weeks to benefit the Wicomico Child Advocacy Center. The Center coordinates an interagency effort that responds to and reduces child neglect and abuse in Wicomico County.



CFES supports Smith Island Water Trail



Citizens from throughout the Eastern Shore celebrated the opening of the Smith Island Water Trail in May including Jim Rapp, Executive Director of Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE) and Congressman Wayne Gilchrest. The Community Foundation was one of the funding organizations for the project.

To help paddlers navigate the channels, cricks and guts of Smith Island, Maryland, Delmarva Low-Impact Tourism Experiences (DLITE) recently led a collaborative effort to create the Smith Island Water Trail.

The water trail was dedicated in the village of Tylerton on May 2, in order to promote tourism and economic development on Smith Island.

The development of the Smith Island Water Trail was made possible entirely through the generosity of private foundations and volunteers. Contributions to the project included a grant from the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. More than 200 volunteer hours were

donated towards water trail map design and sign installation.

The trails connect kayakers and canoeists to the three Smith Island villages of Tylerton, Ewell and Rhodes Point. The map also features important safety information, paddling tips, and information about the nature and culture of Smith Island.

For more information about the Smith Island Water Trail, please contact DLITE Executive Director Jim Rapp at 443-944-8097.

Plan your personal legacy through planned giving

Some of the most significant and far-reaching gifts made to charity are through "Planned Giving." This type of gift allows donors to plan their charitable gifts during their lifetime, but defer the actual transfer of assets to the Community Foundation until after their passing.

Donors identify the charitable causes they wish to benefit from gifts from their estate and make plans to ensure their wishes are fulfilled through arrangements made with their legal and financial advisors working in cooperation with the Community Foundation.

The most common planned gifts are made through a bequest in an individual donor's will. Many bequests are made to the Community Foundation to benefit one or more nonprofit organizations with a gift to an existing or new endowed fund specifically established for this purpose.

To learn more about your planned giving options, contact the Community Foundation at 410-742-9911.

Donor Profile

Goslee vision for helping youth blossoms into lasting legacy

Retired Wicomico County educators Gladys and Charles Goslee are still making a significant impact on fulfilling the needs of local underserved youth through their "Youth Help Fund" at the Community Foundation.



Salisbury residents Charles and Gladys Goslee retired as educators in the Wicomico County School system, but through their generosity and vision they are continuing to help local youth with a fund they started at the Community Foundation.

In 1997 Charles, a former Wicomico County Principal, and Gladys, a former teacher and current teacher mentor, established the "Youth Help Fund" with a personal gift. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial aid to students in need in Wicomico County public schools.

Grants from the fund are distributed to qualified nonprofit organizations that provide programs to support Wicomico County students in need. Grants also purchase school supplies and underwrite field trip costs for students who would otherwise not be able to participate in these school sponsored activities.

The Goslees believed their leadership would encourage others to contribute to the fund. In 2005 their faith in the generosity of the community was confirmed as their vision came to fruition with a generous bequest from the Bobbi Biron Estate.

From humble beginnings, the income from this endowment fund now makes a significant impact on fulfilling the needs of youth in Wicomico County every year and will continue to provide this critical support to local youth in perpetuity.

BREAKING NEWS

CFES Welcomes Plotts & Rossi

Two new faces you will see at the Foundation are David Plotts and Jessica Rossi. David recently joined the Foundation as an accountant and management information systems specialist. David, a native of Salisbury, is a graduate of James M. Bennett High School and graduated from Salisbury University in December 2006.

Jessica is also a life-long resident of Salisbury and a graduate of Bennett High School. She is a corporate communications major at Elon University in North Carolina, entering her junior year in the fall. She is serving the Foundation as a summer intern.

Mary Gladys Jones receives award

Mary Gladys Jones, a distinguished retired educator and the founder of the Fruitland Community Center, has been named the 2008 "Wicomico Friend of Children Award." Mrs. Jones has been instrumental in providing after school education and services to the youth of Fruitland for over two decades. Mrs. Jones was nominated for the award by the Community Foundation.

Youth Foundation awards four grants

The Youth Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation awarded \$4,000 to help serve the needs of local youth through its 2008 grant program. Awards were made to: Maple Shade Youth and Family Services; Agape Project, Inc.; 4 Steps Therapeutic Riding Program; and the Town of Princess Anne for Project Speak. Youth Foundation Advisory Committee officers for 2008; Harsh Desai, president; and Laura Leigh Cooper, vice-president; were recognized for their leadership at the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting in June.

Community Needs Grants top \$220,000

The Foundation recently announced the awarding of the third cycle of Community Needs Grants in June. A total of \$70,000 was distributed to 13 government and nonprofit organizations in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. The Community Needs grant total for all three cycles in 2008 was a new single year record of \$220,586. For more information about the awards visit the press release section of the Foundation's website at www.cfes.org.

Foundation grants reach \$3 million

For the second consecutive year total distributions to nonprofit and faith-based organizations from the Foundation reached \$3 million. The Community Foundation is the leading philanthropic organization for charitable giving on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore awarding over \$32 million in grants to the community since 1984. The Foundation is a public charity and is the largest non-governmental source of support for nonprofit and faith based community organizations in the region.



Macky's Reception

The Foundation's second annual reception hosted by Worcester County Board members was graciously hosted in May by Macky and Pam Stansell at Macky's Bar and Grille in Ocean City. The annual event allows residents of Worcester to learn more about the Foundation and the financial support and services provided to nonprofits in the county and region.

Pictured are Michelle and John Fager of Ocean City, two of the many guests who attended the reception.

GRANT GUIDELINES

The Community Foundation invites qualified nonprofit organizations to apply for these grant programs for FY09 (2008-2009).

- **Community Needs Grants:** Support charitable programs benefiting Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. Deadlines are April 1, August 1 and December 1.
- **Technical Mini-grants:** Supports capacity building activities of local 501(c)3 nonprofits. Deadline July 20, 2008 and January 20, 2009.
- **Excellence in Education:** Awards schools for innovative programs. Deadline: Sept. 5, 2008.
- **Youth Foundation:** March 6, 2009.

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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Exclusively Lower Eastern Shore Reception

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Patsy and Greg Feltbousen with Kathleen Geipe



Audrey Schulbe and Dr. Christopher Pellegrino



*Above:
Melody Nelson, Vonie Beatty and
Kim Magaba*



*Left:
Greg and Emmajane Olinde with
Debbie and David Vorbis*