



YOUTH FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Youth Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore awarded a grant of \$1,750 to the Fruitland Community Center to support conflict resolution training for Fruitland area youth. This program is offered in partnership with Salisbury University's Center for Conflict Resolution. Pictured are (l to r) Kevin McGinnis, incoming Youth Foundation Chair; Alexis Dashield, Director of the Fruitland Community Center; Erin Michaud, outgoing Youth Foundation Chair; and Katherine Mann, vice-chair of fund raising for the Youth Foundation.

*Students support fund
for betterment of local youth*

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(June 12, 2006) - New officers for the 2006-07 academic year have been elected for the Youth Foundation Fund Student Advisory Committee at the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore. The endowment fund supports programs for the betterment of youth from the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Elected to the committee were: Chair – Kevin McGinnis, Parkside High School; Vice-Chair of Fund Raising – Katherine Mann, Bennett High School; Vice-Chair of Service Projects – Emily Smith, Stephen Decatur High School; Secretary/Treasurer – Laura Cooper, Bennett High School; and Publicity – Amy Smith, Stephen Decatur High School.

High School students from public and private schools on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland participate in fund raising and grant making for the Youth Foundation Fund. "The Community Foundation established this fund six years ago as a hands-on way for area youth to learn about the importance of endowments and the rewards of charitable giving while helping other youth," said Spicer Bell, Foundation President.

The Student Advisory Committee oversees a fund of over \$55,000 dedicated to youth programs on the Lower Eastern Shore. The committee operates within the policies and guidelines of the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Inc., to ensure that all of the charitable giving activities are of the highest standards.

The Youth Foundation Fund is one of the Community Foundation's Field of Interest funds. It supports projects which motivate children by building self-confidence; increases youth awareness of the need to help underprivileged children; assists underprivileged children in participating in academic, social and cultural opportunities and encourages and rewards academic excellence by youth.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties by

building charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants to nonprofit organizations and providing leadership in addressing community needs.

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