

**CHARLES WHARTON BEQUEST SUPPORTS TWO
OF FOUNDATION'S LONG TERM COMMITMENTS**

Gift from estate supports Community Needs and Capital Campaign Funds

(January 24, 2006) – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore has received a bequest of \$95,000 from the estate of Charles Elmer Wharton, Jr., of Salisbury that support two long term commitments that will enable the Foundation to continue to make a profound difference in the quality of human and community life in Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore for generations to come.

The bequest was divided between a gift to the Foundation's Community Needs unrestricted endowment and the Foundation's Eastern Shore Capital Campaign Fund.

-The endowment for Community Needs is an important permanent source of funding for local nonprofit organizations. The endowment allows the Foundation to make timely responses to the most urgent needs in this region through competitive grants from qualified nonprofit groups.

The Capital Campaign Fund was established to help provide funding for new Foundation offices which will include a new educational and resource center in Salisbury to support the work of nonprofit organizations in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. The Foundation expects the new office and nonprofit support center to be open within a year.

Bequests to the Foundation are deferred testamentary gifts by will, trust, life insurance or other financial instrument that become a part of the Foundation's permanent endowment and create a lasting legacy that benefits the community beyond the lifetime of the donor.

For more information on how to establish a testamentary gift that will become a permanent charitable benefit to the region, contact the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore at 410-742-9911.

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