

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PROVIDES FREE ACCESS TO FOUNDATION CENTER COOPERATING COLLECTION

(January 15, 2007) The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's (CFES) Nonprofit Resource Center now offers free public access to the Foundation Center's Cooperating Collection that is a valuable resource for research and information for nonprofit organizations in the region.

The Community Foundation provides the only Cooperating Collection anywhere on Maryland's lower Eastern Shore and is part the Foundation Center's nationwide network of libraries, community foundations and other nonprofit agencies with this information. The Foundation Center is based in New York City.



Sylvia Wells, (seated), Major Gifts Officer for the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES), is introduced to the free public access to the Foundation Center's Foundation Directory Online the Community Foundation's Nonprofit Resource Center in Salisbury. Explaining the benefits of this information resource to local nonprofits are: (standing l to r), Nancy Owen, Assistant Program Officer; and Erica Joseph, Program Officer for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The Cooperating Collection provides nonprofits with grantmaker directories, books on fundraising and nonprofit management and the Foundation Center's electronic database, The Foundation Directory Online. This fully searchable database includes detailed profiles of all active foundations in the United States, as well as an extensive file on recent grants awarded by the nation's top funders.

The Cooperating Collection's online database includes reference information on over 84,000 national and international foundations that are a potential source of grants for nonprofit organizations in our region. The Collection complements a growing number of books and hard copy reference materials that are available in the Community Foundation's Nonprofit Resource Center library.

"The Community Foundation is pleased to bring this important resource to the region as a free service to local nonprofits," said Spicer Bell, CFES president. "It is a key component of our growing Nonprofit Support Program to help enhance the capacity of nonprofit groups in the lower Eastern Shore tri-county area," he added.

The Cooperating Collection is available at the Community Foundation's Nonprofit Support Center, 1324 Belmont Ave., Salisbury, MD and is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is the largest non-governmental source of support for nonprofit organizations in the Maryland lower shore counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester.

Gifts to the Community Foundation, a public charity, create permanent endowment funds that steadily grow in value over time and produce income for grants to local charitable nonprofit organizations. In fiscal 2006 the Foundation made a total of 844 grants to the community representing \$2.6 million. For more information about the Community Foundation, please continue browsing this web site at [www.cfes.org](http://www.cfes.org), or phone 410-742-9911.