

FOUNDATION CELEBRATES COMMUNITY SUCCESS

AT 21ST ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON

Nonprofit agency and local humanitarian honored at 21st annual event

(NOVEMBER 11, 2005) --- The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore celebrated record levels of grant making, gifts and growth while honoring a local humanitarian and nonprofit agency at the 21st annual meeting on Nov. 11th at The Fountains in Salisbury.

The Foundation reports its activities during the past year in support of nonprofit organizations, in providing scholarships, nonprofit support programs and other initiatives to improve the quality of life of citizens in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Since its founding in 1984 the Community Foundation has made \$21 million in grants to support charitable programs on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Board chairman Gregory L. Stein presented the annual report to the community noting that during the past fiscal year the Foundation's assets had grown to \$51.4 million, receiving \$6.3 million in new gifts from donors and currently holds 350 charitable funds. Stein noted that in 2005 the Foundation set new records in grant making through the distribution of \$2.5 million to the community through 841 grants.

Stein recognized the dedication and work of six retiring members of the Foundation's board of directors. Retiring from the board after 12 years of service are Cecelia Dennis, Gladys Goslee, Sue Morris, Marty Neat, Tony Sarbanes and Ray Shockley.

New Community Foundation board members elected at the annual meeting from Worcester County were: Pamela D. Stansell, Berlin, and Terrence F. Blades, Pocomoke City; and elected from Wicomico County were Salisbury residents: Jacqueline Cassidy, Charles G. Goslee, Dr. Shirley-Hymon Parker, James F. Morris, and Susan K. Purnell.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of honors and awards. Stein presented the Chairman's Award to retiring board member Gladys Goslee of Salisbury. Mrs. Goslee has been an active Community Foundation board member for 12 years. She has served on the Foundation's Executive Committee, Asset Development Committee, Community Initiative Grants Committee, Excellence In Education Committee and Kresge I Steering Committee.



Gladys Goslee receives the Chairman's Award for outstanding service from Community Foundation Board Chair Gregory Stein at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Mrs. Goslee has been an active Community Foundation board member for 12 years serving on numerous committees. She and her husband, Charles, single handedly created the Youth Help Endowment Fund. As a result of their efforts, their personal contributions have drawn support from many others and grown into a \$137,000 endowment fund that will forever benefit underserved youth in Wicomico County.

Stein noted that Mrs. Goslee is a former educator who during her career frequently saw students go unrecognized because of a lack of resources it takes to develop their talents or to fulfill their potential as successful, productive citizens. To address this need, she and her husband, Charles, single handedly created the Youth Help Endowment Fund. As a result of their efforts, their personal contributions has drawn support from many others and has grown into a \$137,000 endowment fund that will forever benefit underserved youth in Wicomico County.

Two other major Foundation Awards were also announced –the Award of Excellence honoring Richard A. Henson for outstanding local nonprofits and the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award for an individual who has demonstrated outstanding service to the community.

Worcester County G.O.L.D. (Giving Other Lives Dignity) was the Henson Award recipient and honored as the year's outstanding nonprofit organization in the region. Established only eight years ago, this innovative and responsive nonprofit group has donated over \$100,000 by helping to leverage community resources to help literally thousands of children and adults in need in Worcester County.



Worcester County G.O.L.D. officers accept the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Award of Excellence honoring Richard A. Henson to recognize the organization as the year's outstanding nonprofit agency in the region. Pictured (l to r) are: Phyllis Mitchell, Treasurer; Debbie Cole, Executive Director; and Leah LeCates, Secretary.

Working from public agency referrals from social workers, case managers, medical officers, clergy and law enforcement officials, Worcester County G.O.L.D. provides vulnerable adults and children throughout Worcester with services and financial assistance for a far reaching variety of needs. A few examples of some of the programs financial assistance is provided for by this nonprofit organization includes school supplies for students, emergency baby pantry and formula needs, services for children in foster care, summer camp scholarships, free drop-in day care, several holiday assistance programs and a fund that enables principals in 14 schools to help children in need.

Worcester County G.O.L.D. also took the initiative to identify all of the local churches, nonprofits and government agencies serving people in need in the county and brought them together to establish the Worcester County Nonprofit Network, which ultimately made their combined efforts more efficient and remarkably reduced duplication of services.

The Community Foundation's Morris Humanitarian Award was presented to Dr. Clara L. Small, a professor of History at Salisbury University. A resident of Salisbury for almost 30 years, Dr. Small has become a voice of the cultural history of the Eastern Shore, especially of its African-American residents.



The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES) honored Dr. Clara Small, a Salisbury University History Professor, as the recipient of the Morris Humanitarian Award for 2005 at the Foundation's recent Annual Meeting. Pictured (l to r) are: Mrs. Susanne S. Morris, CFES Board Member; Dr. Small; and Gladys Goslee, CFES Board Member.

She is a frequent speaker on African-American history and culture locally, regionally and nationally and serves as the historian for the Thomas E. Polk, Sr. Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers who served in the U.S. Army in the western part of the United States after the Civil War.

As a historical speaker in huge demand, Dr. Small bring her living lessons on American and African-American culture to schools, churches, prisons, half-way houses, clubs, civic organizations and social groups. She also serves on the board of the Edward Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History & Culture and the board of the Pemberton Hall Mansion. She also was appointed to the Governor's Commission to study the legacy of slavery in Maryland.

As a Salisbury University professor, Dr. Small works diligently with students on campus, emphasizing the need for personal pride and compassion for others. She is the advisor to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the first Black sorority to establish a chapter at Salisbury University. She is also a founding advisor to the Black Student Union, now the Union of African-American Students.

Dr. Small also was the catalyst for establishing a student chapter of the NAACP. She also coordinated Salisbury University's efforts to send relief supplies to devastated areas after both Hurricane Floyd and more recently, Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Small also coordinates the collection of non-perishable goods for the Joseph House and the Maryland Food Bank in Salisbury.

The purpose of The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is to empower donors to make a profound difference in the quality of human and community life in Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore, today and tomorrow. The Foundation believes in the power of philanthropy to change the lives of people and communities.

As a community foundation, CFES makes grants and provides leadership in five key areas: arts

and culture, health and human services, education, historical preservation, and the environment. The Foundation also provides community leadership through local initiatives, charitable partnerships and nonprofit support programs. CFES has been an effective steward of the community's charitable resources since 1984, inspiring philanthropy in the Maryland counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester.

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