



**CFES Receives Bequest
from Estate of
Thasi M. "Bobbi" Biron**

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Gift from estate creates \$800,000 legacy of caring for five charitable funds

(December 13, 2005) --- Charitable giving was always an important part of the late Thasa M. "Bobbi" Biron's life during her lifetime, so it was not surprising to friends and family when she continued her legacy of philanthropy with a bequest of \$800,000 to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore upon her death on Dec. 29, 2004.

A longtime Salisbury resident, several years ago Ms. Biron made arrangements with the Community Foundation to have her gift divided among five of the Foundation's permanent endowment funds that support causes she cared about during her lifetime. By designating that her gift be distributed among the five endowment funds, grants will be made by the Foundation to each cause every year in perpetuity.

The five funds that received gifts from Ms. Biron's estate were:

- The Bobbi Biron Fund for Wicomico County Needs which will support the residents of Wicomico County as determined by the Community Foundation's Board of Directors.
- The Bobbi Biron Fund for the Salisbury Zoo Education Fund to enhance educational programs at the Salisbury Zoo.
- The Bobbi Biron Fund for Saint Peter's Church to provide support for church programs and facilities.
- The Friends of Poplar Hill Mansion Fund to provide income to provide for the maintenance of this historic Salisbury landmark and enhancement of educational programs in support of the mansion.
- The Charles and Gladys Goslee Youth Help Fund to provide opportunities for children to

participate in educational programs in Wicomico County public schools that they otherwise would be unable to afford.

During her lifetime Ms. Biron made many charitable gifts, including a permanent endowment gift to the Salisbury University Foundation Theater Department. In her will, Ms. Biron gave an additional \$500,000 to the endowment to support the university's theater which was named in her honor prior to her death..

Ms. Biron was a charter member of the Community Foundation's "Legacy Society." Members of the Legacy Society declare in writing their intent to make a deferred gift to the Foundation by will, trust, life insurance or other financial instrument that creates a lasting legacy that benefits the community beyond their lifetime.

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

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