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"BEACH BIRD"

IN PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT

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The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore has sponsored one of 82 "Beach Birds" which are "nesting" in and around Ocean City, Md., through October 2003.

The colorful and creatively decorated fiberglass birds are part of a "public art exhibit and education program that celebrates artistic excellence and the creative spirit of Ocean City and Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties."

The Community Foundation's bird, designed by artist Sam Dixon, is located at 27th Street and the Boardwalk, and is entitled, "Bird's Eye View." (In keeping with its name, the bird is positioned to view the entire length of the Boardwalk.)

The Audrey L. Patilla Arts Fund at the Community Foundation provided support for the bird.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, established in 1984, works to improve the quality of life in Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties by establishing charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants, and providing leadership to address community needs. With assets of more than \$32 million, the Foundation returns nearly \$2 million to the community each year for charitable projects by nonprofit organizations. The Foundation is also the host of the Perdue-Kresge Challenge, a matching-funds opportunity to build endowments for nonprofit organizations.

For more information, contact the Community Foundation at (410) 742-9911. For more information about the Beach Birds exhibit, visit www.ocbeachbirds.com.

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