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STANSELLS ESTABLISH COMMUNITY FUND

Leadership gift supports Foundation's Community Needs Campaign

(August 16, 2005) - Pam and Macky Stansell, owners of Macky's Bayside Bar and Grille in Ocean City, have once again taken a leadership role in Worcester County charitable giving by establishing a permanent endowment fund to support the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore.

The new fund was created through a gift from the Stansells as a result of the Foundation's first-ever Community Needs Campaign. The Foundation will establish a permanent named endowment, the "Pam and Macky Stansell Fund For Community Needs", in recognition of the couple's leadership gift.

"The Community Foundation appreciates the contribution the Stansells have made to the Community Needs Campaign and their longstanding support for charitable giving in Ocean City and Worcester County," said Dr. Spicer Bell, president. "Despite a record amount of grants by the Foundation in the past three years to improve the quality of life in our area, needs for funding continue to outpace our ability to provide grants," he added. "This gift by the Stansells will help the Foundation to reduce this gap."

The Community Needs Campaign builds the endowment that allows the Foundation to make timely responses to the most urgent and pressing needs in the community. These funds also enable the Community Foundation to support the creation of innovative nonprofit programs to meet new challenges and opportunities as this region changes and grows. All Community Needs Grants are awarded on a competitive basis after local nonprofits submit grant applications to the Community Foundation.

Recent grants this summer in Worcester County from Community Needs Funds include: a grant to support the expansion of Worcester Youth and Family Services; an award to support the a minority outreach strategy for the Maryland Coastal Bays Program; a grant for a public address system for the Ocean City Development Corporation, and an award to the Worcester County Commission on Aging to support the publication of new brochures and to start a new website.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is the leading philanthropic organization for charitable giving serving the Lower Shore of Maryland. The Foundation is a public charity and is the largest nongovernmental source of support for nonprofit and faith based community improvement organizations in the Lower Eastern Shore.

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