

Making music together

Youth Foundation Fund, First Shore Federal Fund team up to provide \$1,200 for urban youth band

The Youth Foundation Fund, one the Community Foundation's Field of Interest funds, was created in 1999 as a way of introducing young people to philanthropy, while providing grants to nonprofit organizations that assist underprivileged children. The Fund is directed by an Advisory Committee of high school students representing the schools in the tri county area, who are counseled and assisted by Community Foundation staff in their fund-raising and grant-making efforts.

The students recommended a \$500 grant to the Salisbury Urban Ministries in Spring 2002. The grant will help purchase musical instruments for a percussion band being created for at-risk children in grades 4 through 6 living in the Church Street area of Salisbury.

First Shore Federal Savings and Loan also will support the program, with a recent \$700 grant recommendation from their Donor Advised Fund.

Thanks to their support, children will be taught to play the instruments during a week long summer camp, and will practice and perform one evening each week throughout the year. On those evenings, the children will be provided dinner and, at the end of practice, be escorted home. The band will help to instill self esteem, while teaching discipline and teamwork. It will also provide an incentive to remain in school, as band members who are suspended from school -- or who seriously misbehave there -- may not remain in the band.

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