

YOUTH FOUNDATION SEEKS GRANT PROPOSALS

Group to award \$4,000 to Lower Eastern Shore Youth Programs

(January 9, 2007) – The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore’s Youth Foundation Fund is seeking grant proposals from qualified nonprofits on the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland prior to March 9th.

The grant proposals must benefit young people in the region of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. This year, the Youth Foundation will award \$4,000 to nonprofit organizations in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties that support youth and focus on their concerns and needs.

“The Youth Foundation Fund was established as a hands-on way for area youth to learn about the importance of endowments and the rewards of charitable giving while helping other youth,” said Dr. Spicer Bell, Foundation President.

The fund was inspired by the vision of a local student, Sheila Chandrasekhara, for the purpose of enabling young people to actively take roles in helping others that make a difference in the betterment of the community.

The fund makes a difference by addressing youth needs, bringing awareness to youth and encouraging students to participate in a worthy cause. Kevin McGinnis, current Youth Foundation Chair, noted the fund provides an opportunity for local youth to become involved in a beneficial extracurricular activity, to give back to the community, and learn the benefits of charitable giving.

Each year student representatives from schools across the Tri-County region volunteer to serve on the Youth Foundation Advisory Committee. In the fall, efforts are devoted to the Advisory Committee’s annual Koins 4 Kids fundraiser. Each spring, the Advisory Committee solicits and reviews grant proposals from local nonprofits and awards funding to programs benefiting area youth.

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is a charitable foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life for residents of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties by building charitable endowments, maximizing benefits to donors, making effective grants and providing leadership in addressing community needs.

For guidelines and an application form for this opportunity, please click [here](#). For more information concerning the Community Foundation’s Youth Foundation Fund, contact the Community Foundation by e-mail at: joseph@cfes.org; or phone 410-742-9911; or postal mail: CFES, 1324 Belmont Ave., Suite 401, Salisbury, MD 21804.