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Bay Area Community Foundation Awards \$357,530 in Scholarships

98 High School Seniors Received the Bay Commitment Scholarship

Bay Area Community Foundation held the second annual Bay Commitment Scholarship Award Ceremony at the Scottish Rite Cathedral on May 19, 2009. Ninety-eight graduating seniors from Bay City Public Schools each received a \$2,000 scholarship to attend Delta College or Saginaw Valley State University.

The Bay Commitment Scholarship program is in the second year of a two year pilot period. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be the first generation in his or her family to attend college working toward a college degree, have attended Bay City Public Schools for six years, and will be attending either Delta College or Saginaw Valley State University.

The intent of the Bay Area Community Foundation is to expand the Bay Commitment Scholarship to all high schools in Bay County upon the completion of the pilot program. The ability to do so will be based on

available funding collaboration with local school districts. Bay Commitment, patterned after the Kalamazoo Promise, is designed to work with multiple donors, provide partial funding to attend a local college or university, and to grow a locally educated workforce.



180 Donor Sponsored Scholarships Awarded

The Bay Area Community Foundation is pleased to announce 180 college scholarships, representing a combined total of \$161,530, were awarded on May 28, 2009 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Over 130 students from high schools throughout Bay and Arenac Counties were recognized for their achievement.

The Foundation's scholarship program began in 1985 with one \$300 scholarship. We are delighted the Bay Area Community Foundation's scholarship program has grown to assist students alleviate some of the financial burden of paying for college.



The scholarships are made possible through endowed funds established by donors at the Bay Area Community Foundation. These funds were created by families, civic organizations, and businesses throughout the area who recognize the value of education and understand how financial obstacles prevent the achievement of educational goals.

A complete list of scholarships funds can be found on the Bay Area Community Foundation's website, www.bayfoundation.org.



SAVE THE DATE

- **July 24** - YAC Rocks Concert - 6:00 PM - Wenona Friendship Shell
- **Aug. 20** - Legacy Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Pere Marquette Depot
- **Nov. 3** - Faces of Philanthropy Dinner - 5:30 PM - DoubleTree Hotel
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Burns, CEO of Dow Corning Corporation
- **Dec. 10** - Legacy Luncheon - 11:30 AM - Pere Marquette Depot

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Bay Area Community Foundation Awards \$173,382 in Grants to Area Non-Profit Organizations

The Bay Area Community Foundation awarded \$173,382 in grants to local non-profit organizations in Bay and Arenac Counties. The grants will assist programs in arts and culture, community development, education, environment, health, and human services. More than \$12 million has been invested in our community through grants to non-profit organizations since the Foundation was established in 1982.

The Foundation's grant committees spend considerable time evaluating proposals from non-profit organizations before making awards. Each year the Bay Area Community Foundation receives many more requests than can be supported. The grants committees are compelled to make funding decisions based on the worthiness of the projects, their relation to community needs, potential results, and their impact on the greatest number of area residents.

Bay Area Women's Center received funding for the Family Recreation Program. This program allows shelter families to attend recreational activities to promote and encourage a positive family experience. Events may include swim days, bowling, movie passes, family skating, memberships to Bay County Boys and Girls Clubs, school activities and field trips.

Junior Achievement of Northeast Michigan received funding for high school economic materials to be used by teachers and classes taught by a local business people. The goal of the project is to fund high school economic program that have a strong possibility of being reduced due to budget cuts.

The organizations mentioned above were only two of the thirty-four organizations in Bay and Arenac Counties that received a Bay Area Community Foundation grant. The complete list of all organizations is below.



Bay City State Recreation Area



Trinity Lutheran Playground - Auburn



Saginaw Bay Community Sailing Association

- American Red Cross
- Bay Area Women's Center
- Bay County Division On Aging
- Bay County High Schools
- Bay Regional Medical Center
- Bay Valley Christian Church
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Chippewa Nature Center
- Friends of Bay City State Recreation Area
- Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
- Golden Horizons Adult Day Care Center
- Good News Ministries Lutheran Church
- Good Samaritan Rescue Mission of Bay City
- Junior Achievement of Northeast Michigan, Inc
- Literacy Council of Bay County
- Mayor's Scholarship Fund (Pinconning)

- MSU Extension Bay County - Farmers Market
- Nathan Weidner Children's Advocacy Center
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- New Dimensions
- Northeast Michigan Arts Council
- Pinconning Area High School
- Pinconning Cub Scout Pack 3139
- Riverwalk Baptist Church
- Saginaw Bay Community Sailing Association
- Saginaw Bay Resource Conservation & Development Area
- Saginaw River Marine Historical Society
- Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum
- Santa House
- Special Olympics
- St. Mary's of Michigan Standish Hospital
- Studio 23
- Trinity Lutheran
- United Way of Bay County
- YWCA

2009 Annual Celebration and Report to the Community



Nancy and Gary Greer

Bay Area Community Foundation held its Annual Celebration and Report to the Community on May 21. The Foundation announced the election of new Trustees and provided information on the spring 2009 scholarship and grant awards.

The Bay Area Community Foundation is fortunate to have a flourishing organization that continues to support the needs of our community. Endowed funds have allowed the Foundation to grant over \$14 million for scholarships and community improvements since 1982. None of this would have been possible without donors who shared their financial legacy with our community. In these turbulent economic times, we are focused on serving as good stewards of donors' funds and strive to create the greatest positive impact through grant allocations.



Mike and Sheila Hanisko, Jane Hagen

The following individuals were elected as the 2009/2010 officers of the Foundation: Gary Bosco, Chair, Darbee, Bosco & Hammond, P.C.; Debra Lutz, Vice-Chair, Delta College; Michael Hanisko, Treasurer, Weinlander Fitzhugh, P.C.; and Michael Stoner, Secretary, Bay Metro Transit.

New Trustees elected to serve three year terms were William Mulders, Andrews Hooper & Pavlik, Amy Rodriguez, Weinlander Fitzhugh, P.C., and Cathy Washbaugh, Michigan Public Service Commission.

Bay County community members elected to a second, three year term on the Foundation's Board of Trustees were: Kay Burks, Independent Bank and Linda Stevens, Dow Corning Corporation. Elected to a third, three year term were Michael Devedy, Bay-Arenac ISD and Michael Kelly, The Conservation Fund.

Continuing to serve on the Foundation's Board are William Bowen, Community Volunteer, Beth Elliott, F. P. Horak Company, Robert Hetzler, Community Volunteer, Carolyn Goslin, Community Volunteer, Jeffrey Martin, The Dow Chemical Company, Anne Trahan, Anne Trahan Photography, Abel Torres, Bay County Circuit Court, and Carolyn Wierda, Bay City Public Schools.



Youth Advisory Committee Members
Kelsey Allen, Karla Ambrozziak, Glenn Madigan



Presented by The Bay Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee

The Bay Area Community Foundation's first annual YAC ROCKS concert will take place July 24th. The concert is presented by the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). You can get your YAC Rocks tickets at the gate for a \$5 donation.

The concert will feature Bay City's own TAKE THE CITY. This great family event with activities for all ages! Visit www.bayfoundation.org for more information.

Friday, July 24, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Location: Wenona Park



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New Endowment Funds Established in May 2009

Wings of Mercy East Michigan Designated Fund: Established to serve the people of East Michigan by providing free air transportation for patients with limited incomes needing treatment at distant medical centers within 600 miles of Eastern Michigan.

Bay County Make-A-Wish Endowment Fund: Established to receive donations from area citizens to create sustainable resources for the Bay County Make A Wish program. Monies generated from this fund will be specifically used to meet the needs of Bay County residents.

Donations to all Bay Area Community Foundation Funds may be made online at www.bayfoundation.org or by calling 989-893-4438.