

# The Power of Giving

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## FINDING SOLUTIONS FOR LOCAL CHALLENGES

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



*l-r, Linda Kimbel, Exec. Dir. Of Foundation, Jessica Gonder, Garcia Scholarship recipient*

The Cadillac Area Community Foundation is pleased to announce that the recipient of the \$1,000 **2009 Kelly Ann Garcia Memorial Scholarship** for the Performing Arts has been awarded to CAPS graduating senior **Jessica Gonder**. Jessica plans on majoring in Music Education at Central Michigan University. This scholarship Fund memorializes Kelly Ann Garcia, a CAPS graduate, who was known for her love of singing and her dedication to the performing arts.

**Bryce Welsh** was selected to receive \$3,000 as the 2009 recipient of the **Frederick T. Mannion Scholarship** award. This scholarship is awarded to students based on an outstanding high school GPA, a demonstration of excellent character, and participation in non-academic and volunteer activities. This Scholarship fund was established in memory of Dr. Mannion by his family.

**Maddie Masten** and **Jesse Liebler** were selected to receive the **Sue Westhauser Memorial Scholarship**. Maddie, who received a scholarship of \$2,000, will pursue a degree in Elementary Education, and Jessie, who received a scholarship of \$1,000, will pursue a degree in Special Education.

This scholarship fund was established in October 2001 to honor the memory of Sue Westhauser, recognize her commitment to quality education, her positive influence on both community and the Cadillac Area Public Schools, her dedication to the principles of education, and her creative and innovative spirit.

### TRUSTEE GRANTS AWARDED

During the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of grantmaking for 2009, the Trustee Grant Program awarded 3 grants for a total of **\$3,592**.

The **Friends of Cadillac/Wexford Public Library** were awarded \$1,000 for tutor /mentor training for the new Adult Literacy Mentoring Program. The grant covers training materials. The trained tutors/mentors will work with adults to who are reading and writing below the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level to help them improve their skills.

The **After 26 Project** was awarded start-up funds of \$1,593 to purchase marketing materials. The After 26 Project is a group of local individuals who have incorporated as a non-profit with the goal of operating a café and unique gift shop for the purpose of training the cognitively impaired who are aged 26 and over and have exited public school programming. This project is modeled after the highly successful Junction of Hope in Chesaning, Michigan.

The partnership of the **Cadillac Leadership Class of 2009** and the **United Way of Wexford County** were awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000 for the Wexford County Get connected project (2-1-1). These start-up funds will be used to help implement the nationally recognized community access number, 2-1-1, in the greater Cadillac area. Just as 9-1-1 connects callers to emergency services, 2-1-1 connects callers to community services ranging from healthcare and housing to volunteer services and financial literacy. This project has the potential to affect over 20,000 residents in our area. The 2-1-1 number will be available 24 hours per day 7 days per week, at no charge.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

The Trustee/Unrestricted Grant Program accepts grant applications throughout the year. Deadlines for each grant cycle are February 28, June 30, and October 31

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*Our mission is to develop a community-wide vehicle for permanent endowments to enhance the quality of life in the area and establish and manage worthwhile endowed funds for the benefit of our community.*

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## WHAT'S NEW AT THE FOUNDATION?

### CHALLENGE DAY FUND SUPPORTS CHALLENGE DAY AT CAPS

The Foundation and the **Cadillac Area Public Schools** (CAPS) announced in May that they hoped to raise funds through a collaboration to bring the **Challenge Day** Team to CAPS. As an incentive the Foundation pledged \$1 for every \$2 donated, up to a total match of \$6000 for \$12,000 raised. Through June 28<sup>th</sup>, the community has donated \$13,075 to this Fund. Combined with the Foundation matching grant, this fund currently has a balance of **\$19,075**. According to CAPS Superintendent Paul Liabenow, the cost to bring the Challenge Day Team to Cadillac will be approximately \$30,000. There will be additional expenses for ongoing training and program presentations over the next 3 years.

To make a donation to this Fund please send your check to the Foundation, and include the designation of "Challenge Day" in the memo portion of your check.

### CADILLAC WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE MAKES A DIFFERENCE AWARDS FIRST GRANTS

After careful deliberation, the Cadillac Women's Giving Circle awarded their first grants at their June meeting. Grant recipients were: **OASIS/Family Resource Center, \$4,000**, for family passes and transportation to the YMCA for shelter residents and transitional housing program participants; **Girls on the Run, \$3,000**, for program support; **Love and Logic, \$1,000**, to make this program available to members of the community who wish to attend but are unable to afford the program costs; and the **School for Children with Special Needs in St. Vincent and Grenadines, \$900**, to cover costs associated with children publishing a book of photos. According to Fund founders Barb Darrigan and Laurie Melstrom, it is not too late to join this Giving Circle for 2010. For information about the Giving Circle or how to become a member, please call Linda Kimbel at the Foundation office at 231-775-9911.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE ATTENDS CONFERENCE, WIN AWARD

Cadillac & Kellogg for Youth Committee members attended a regional youth conference that was held on the MSU campus from June 26 – 28. While there they participated in training exercises and met other youth committee members from a 3 state area. **Miles Kamalowski** and **Jake Mitchell** made a presentation about the \$30,000 grant that was made to the YMCA, and based on their presentation the committee placed in the top 5 in the "Great Grants Competition". In her own words, youth committee member **Stella Doering** presented her experiences.

*Hey everyone, we just got back from the YAC summer leadership conference at MSU! It was a lot of fun! We met new people from all over MI and some from Ohio and Iowa. We went to classes that would help us make our YAC more successful in helping our community. My favorite part was a performance by Kinetic Affect. They are poets who write "slam poetry" about their life experiences. It was very inspiring! Those are only a few of the great activities we participated in. I hope to see more of you there next year! I promise you'll enjoy it! - Stella Doering*

## LEGACY SOCIETY

*The Foundation would like to thank the following Members of the Legacy Society for supporting the future of our community.*

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