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HCCF Announces Six New Funds

THE HILLSDALE County Community Foundation is continuing its commitment to promote philanthropy and meet the needs of the people of Hillsdale County with the introduction of six new funds.

The mission of the Hillsdale County Community Foundation is to receive and administer funds for artistic, charitable, educational and scientific purposes for the residents of Hillsdale County, and the Foundation is proud to announce the following funds:

- The **211 Community Support Fund** was created to provide financial support for 2-1-1 resource referral services in Hillsdale County.
- The **Alice M. Britton Scholarship Fund** was established to award an annual scholarship to a Hillsdale County resident of any age pursuing a college degree in education or nursing.
- The **Domestic Harmony Fund** was created to provide financial support to the operation and programs of Domestic Harmony.
- The **Hillsdale County Fair Renovation Fund** was established to provide ongoing financial support to the maintenance and renovation to the Hillsdale County Fair buildings and grounds.
- The **Hillsdale County Parks Commission Endowment Fund** was created to provide financial support for three county parks: Lewis Emery Park, Bird Lake Park and the Kathe & Cali Memorial Park.
- The **Pittsford Public Library Community Fund** was created to provide financial support to the Pittsford Public Library and its growth and expansion efforts.

Online Giving Available

PLEASE visit our website, www.abouthccf.org, to learn of the many giving opportunities available. HCCF offers a secure, confidential online giving option.

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HCCF Hosts Hillsdale County College Fair

ON OCTOBER 5, 2010, over 50 college and universities from the tri-state area, as well as armed forces representatives, came to the Dow Center on the campus of Hillsdale College. College-bound individuals had the chance to speak with and receive information from the attending representatives. Over 500 students and parents attended this highly successful event.

The College Fair was also the first opportunity for those interested in scholarships administered by the Foundation to acquire the 2011 Scholarship Book and application information. The scholarship book, now available, outlines all available scholarships and their respective application and eligibility requirements.



Along with the Foundation, this event was sponsored by the Aequus Institute, GEM Asset Management, County National Bank, Osbourne, March, Condon & Co., and South Central Michigan Works.

HCCF Announces New Board Members

THE HILLSDALE County Community Foundation is honored to have three dedicated community leaders join us as the newest members of our Board of Trustees.

Patrick Dillon, General Education Director for the Hillsdale County Intermediate School District, joins us from the Reading community. Pat, whose hobbies include reading, baseball, yard work, and attending family gatherings, has worked in the education field for 29 years. Pat and his wife Elizabeth, a Special Education teacher at Camden-Frontier Schools, have three children: Matt, Erin and Ryan.

Our second new member, Jeremiah (JJ) Hodshire, joins us from the Camden area. Formerly the Undersheriff of the Hillsdale County Sheriffs Office, JJ is the Director of Organizational Development for the Hillsdale



Pat Dillon



JJ Hodshire



Jay Williams

Community Health Center, and currently serves on the board of directors and as a member of several Hillsdale County organizations. He also entered the private business sector in 2009 and serves as President/CEO of Sunset Monument Company, with locations in Hillsdale and Branch Counties.

Jay Williams is a Vice President-Commercial Lending with Southern

Michigan Bank and Trust, providing business financial services to customers in the Hillsdale County area. He lives near Waldron with his wife Kelli and three sons. In addition to his career with Southern Michigan Bank and Trust, Jay and Kelli also own and operate Stoney Ridge Farms, a 1050 acre farm raising corn, soybeans and wheat. Jay is also involved in the Hillsdale County community

as the Hillsdale County Farm Bureau President, Vice Chair of the Waldron Board of Education, member of the Hillsdale County Agricultural Council and as a member of the Cambria Baptist Church.

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation is please to have these three talented and dedicated members of the community on board.

HCCF Recognizes Previous Board Members

THE HILLSDALE County Community Foundation would like to thank Bob Henthorne, Bill Smith and Mollie Wolf for their commitment and dedication through years of service on our Board of Trustees. Your time and efforts are appreciated!



President David Pope, Outgoing Trustee Mollie Wolf, Vice President Hal March, Outgoing Trustee Bob Henthorne



Vice President Hal March, Outgoing Trustee Bill Smith, President David Pope

YOUTH Give Back in 2010



Leah Giacobassi, Kendra Lantis and Jami Hubbard encourage Kroger shoppers to donate during the 2010 Fill the Freezer food drive

SO FAR this academic year, the HCCF YOUTH have planned and participated in three different activities to give back to the Hillsdale County community.

With planning and filming taking place in September, the YOUTH have placed an ad in the local movie theater, detailing the dangers and potential consequences of texting while driving. The public service announcement began running in late October, and will be shown at the theater through May 2011. Hillsdale High School students Dan Vear and Mackenzie Hill created and filmed the piece, which is the focus of the YOUTH's awareness campaign for 2010-2011.

In response to the increasing need for food pantry services in Hillsdale County, the YOUTH held a "Fill the Freezer" Food Drive on November 20th. The food drive, which was held at Kroger, was planned in order to support local food pantries with donations of frozen and non-perishable food items for the 2010-2011 YOUTH community service project. Nine participating Hillsdale County food pantries each came away with a shopping cart heaped with groceries, both frozen and non-perishable, as well as some paper products. YOUTH members also bagged groceries throughout the day, and all funds raised through tips were used to purchase items for the food pantries.

THANK YOU

HCCF would like to extend a special thanks to Larry Jose for taking the Board of Trustee, staff and YOUTH photos for our most recent annual report calendar. Thanks also to Sonja Colcun and Don Heckenlively for providing several scenery photos.

For their 2010-2011 volunteerism project, the YOUTH chose to focus on community interaction by sponsoring a bingo party at the Hillsdale County Medical Care Facility on December 23. YOUTH members were on hand to play bingo with the residents, and also to hand out prizes to all who played. The YOUTH made ornaments to use as prizes, and also provided goodie bags with other prizes for each resident.

As the final project for 2010-2011 will focus on fund raising to add to the Kellogg Youth Advisory Fund, the YOUTH are in the planning stages for a 5k run/walk to be held early in the summer of 2011.

These service objectives, as well as grantmaking activities, keep the YOUTH committee busy throughout the year. Several YOUTH members also volunteer to assist the Foundation with other events, such as walking in the Hillsdale county fair parade, assisting at the College Fair, and giving their time and talent for the Elementary Philanthropy program community service day.



2011 SCHOLARSHIP BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE

If you are interested in applying for any of the over 150 scholarships available through HCCF, contact your school counselor or the Foundation office for a book and application. The scholarship book outlines all available scholarships and their respective application and eligibility requirements. Our applications require the submission of academic transcripts, letters of recommendation, and FAFSA information. The due date for scholarship applications is March 1. Completed scholarship applications are due in the HCCF office or must be postmarked by this date.



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HCCF Holiday Assistance

IN 2010, the Foundation supported several programs to assist Hillsdale County residents during the winter holidays.

- **Warm the Children**—provided warm winter clothing for 167 children and took in over \$9,000 donated by generous community members and the HCCF Board of Trustees
- **Beth Ann Blanchard Memorial Children’s Fund**—provided financial support for Warm the Children
- **Carl Densmore Memorial Christmas Wish Fund**—provided financial support for Christmas programs for the Manor Foundation and Salvation Army
- **HCCF YOUTH**—purchased gifts for over 60 area children through a pro-active grant to the Salvation Army for the Angel Tree program
- **HCCF**—awarded a \$1,000 pro-active grant to the Manor Foundation for the Angel Tree program
- **HCCF Board of Trustees, YOUTH and staff**—every year adopts a family through the Salvation Army



[TOP] Lieutenants April and Chris Clarke of the Salvation Army and HCCF Communications Officer Amber Yoder, with the gifts purchased with a pro-active YOUTH grant for the Angel Tree program. [BOTTOM] HCCF Executive Director Sharon Bisher and Program Officer Susan Stout with Jon Beal, Development Coordinator for the Manor Foundation

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