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Focus On: *Community Partnerships*

Most of us dread that knock on the door from the student next door selling candy/stationery/books/cookies to support the baseball team/choir/scout troop/dance team. It's not that we don't want to support the student, it's that we don't need one more thing to eat or gather dust. Well, the Salem High School Baseball team has found a unique and productive way to raise money and give



Large rolls of straw were laid out for protection of the grass as it grows.

something back to their community.

The team has "adopted" Flodin Park at the southeast corner of Morton Taylor and Saltz in Canton and spent Sunday, April 22 – Earth Day – beautifying the park. More than 70 players and their families spent the afternoon raking away rocks, grading the ground and laying rolls of grass seed and straw on three large hills within the park. Canton Leisure Services provided oversight and materials for the project.

"We want the boys to understand that they are part of a larger community than just their families or the school," explains Doug Bricker one of the parents who came up with the idea. "They are learning about community service as well as teamwork. In a sense they are earning the money being donated, it's not just being handed over."

The Foundation was instrumental in bringing the two groups together to achieve this win-win solution. Canton

Township wins by having available manpower to support bigger projects that would be cost prohibitive. The team wins by working together to raise funds and give back to the community. And, businesses win by supporting the beautification of the community where they earn their livelihood while also supporting school activity.

A fund has been established at the Foundation which allows those making a donation to receive a tax deduction. The team is looking for local businesses and individuals to sponsor their activities with donations to "The Flodin Park Project." Recognition signage will also be provided to those that support the program.

If you are interested in supporting the team's efforts, checks can be made out to the Canton Community Foundation with an indication of Flodin Park Project in the memo section and mailed to the Foundation's office. A receipt will be provided for tax purposes.



Township Parks and Facilities Manager Brad Sharp directs the activity at Flodin Park.

Thoughts on Giving... *Designated Funds*

Each quarter we have focused on a different opportunity for establishing a fund through the Foundation. Any of the funds we have discussed can be established in an individual's name or in the name of a family, organization, or honoree. All grants distributed from the fund – now and in the future – are then awarded to charities in the name of that fund. It's a great way to always be involved with, and remembered for, your community investment.

DONOR DESIGNATED OR AGENCY FUNDS

A donor designated/agency fund allows an investor to direct a gift to a specific nonprofit organization or purpose. They can provide ongoing funding for a senior center, museum or virtually any nonprofit charitable organization. Nonprofit organizations can use a designate fund through the Foundation to build their endowment and enhance their ability to accept large and complex gifts.

The Canton Community Foundation currently has three designate funds, First Step, the Plymouth Symphony Youth Music Initiatives, and Leadership Canton Alumni Association.



Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle Continues to Grow

Educating members is a big part of Giving Hope, Women's Giving Circle, and a special event was held in May which taught members a great deal about what can be accomplished by active, concerned women.

Giving Circle Facts

May 1, 2007

- 45 Current Founder's Members
- \$52,480 pledged
- \$25,982 received to date (includes Patron's and Circle Donations)
- \$6,919 Available for immediate Granting
- \$1,732 designated for Operations & Staffing Expenses

Rochester's women's giving circle has been in existence for 5 years. Our members were excited to see what can be accomplished and know we will be equally active in this community.

The Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester Peggy Hamilton and Cindy Benedict of Oakland County's Lighthouse presented a program about giving circles and what they add to a community. More than 40 Giving Hope members and their guests attended the May 1st event.

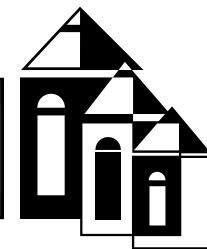
The Giving Circle also held a Founding Members get together in March so members could talk about their vision for the circle and get to know each other better. Nearly all of the 45 current members were in attendance.

The Pass the Purse proceeds from these two events went to support the GEMS (Girls Excel in Math and Science) Program in the middle schools, and the New Hope Center for Grief Support.



Giving Hope founding members (from left) Linda Radtke, Shahnaz Broucek and Nancy Richter attended both of the circle's events held this spring which helped increase camaraderie within the circle and introduce other community women to the group.

News & Notes



CONGRATULATIONS!



Bob Boyer

Several current and former board members were honored by the township at the annual *Salute to Canton's Celebrated* reception held on April 1st. **Bob Boyer** received the Community Achiever Award for his work on preserving the Cady Boyer Barn; former board member **Joe**

Van Esley received the Community Supporter Award for his on-going participation in the community; and former board member **Judge Mike Gerou** was inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame.

Also in respect to his work on preserving the barn, **Bob Boyer** received the Michigan Historic Preservation Network 2007 Citizen Award for "contributions in historic preservation in the Charter Township of Canton." The annual award celebrates an outstanding individual, who through personal effort or involvement in historic preservation projects, or both, has made a significant contribution to the preservation of Michigan's heritage.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT EXCELS

Fulfilling a life-long passion to be a meteorologist, **Adam Davis** is excelling in his first year at the University of Michigan while studying calculus, physics, engineering and computer programming. Davis received the Yazaki North America scholarship in 2006. In January he also participated in the U of M Model United Nations conference, a four-day event which gives hundreds of delegates from high schools around the Midwest the chance to debate international issues from the perspective of an assigned country in mock UN committees.

Former scholarship recipient **Sandy Koelzer** recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Wayne State

University with a major in Elementary and Special Education. Sandy received the Canton Business and Professional Women's scholarship from the Foundation in 2001 to attend Schoolcraft College. Upon completion of her work at Schoolcraft she went on to receive a full scholarship towards her bachelor's degree at Wayne State.

FOUNDATION SAYS THANKS

A special thank you goes to Canton Construction and the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters for building and donating two sheds, benches and planters which were raffled off during the 2-day Home Expo event held at the Summit. More than \$600 was raised.

Thanks also goes to Yazaki North America for donating gently used file and storage cabinets to the Foundation, First Step and Growth Works. In addition, reception tables and chairs, a conference table and some desk chairs also found a new home at the Canton Human Services Building in Cherry Hill Village. The equipment became available as Yazaki reorganized office space in the headquarters.

BRICKS FOR SALE



Plymouth Veterans' Memorial Park

Brick pavers are still available for purchase through the Foundation for both the Plymouth Community Veterans' Memorial Park and the

Canton Rotary Clock project. Check the Foundation's website for details www.cantonfoundation.org.

Upcoming Events

Get in the Swing of Spring

Spring has finally arrived and hopefully you're getting that swing in shape for Thursday, June 14th and the Foundation's annual Golf Outing. There are still sponsorships and foursomes available for this fun-filled day at Pheasant Run Golf Club. Check the Foundation's website, www.cantonfoundation.org, or call 734-495-1200 to sign up!

Scholarship Reception

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will again be the site of the Foundation's annual scholarship reception on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Come and meet this year's scholarship recipients and their families, and celebrate the outstanding students in our community.

Senior Summit

Rep. Phil LaJoy's annual Senior Summit will be held Monday, September 10 at Summit on the Park Local seniors can reserve their free ticket by calling 734-394-5485. .