

GREATER FOSTORIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEWS



Grant Recipients Announced ~ ~ ~

The Greater Fostoria Community Foundation recently awarded **\$10,687.74** in grants for the fall of 2007 and the spring of 2008.

Those who received grants were:

FALL GRANTEES:

- **Hancock County Humane Society** - **\$2,000** to purchase vehicle accessorizing equipment including adequate slings, lifts, cages and weather appropriate ventilation. The Hancock County Humane Society provides service to all of Hancock County.
- **VISION 2020/FEDC Mentoring Program** - **\$2,000** to implement more planned activities for the mentoring program and provide financial support for supplies used by the mentors.

SPRING GRANTEES:

- **Daybreak of Fostoria** - **\$1,187.74** from the Mary Esther & Orville Miller Memorial Fund to provide scholarships for client's with Alzheimer's disease. Accessible and affordable adult daycare is provided by Daybreak.
- **Seneca County Humane Society** - **\$2,500** to help develop a low cost spay and neuter program that serves all of Seneca County.
- **VISION 2020/FEDC - Mentoring Program** - **\$3,000** to expand the current program to include middle and high school students.



Longfellow student Scott Hopkins and mentor Linda Anderson celebrate the end of the year at the mentoring program's Game Day.

Point of Interest:

**Since 1998, the GFCF has awarded more than \$665,860 in charitable grants to support the programs of local non-profit groups and organizations.*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARDI GRAS 2009 will be held on **February 20th** at Meadowbrook Ballroom. **Rusty Vinyl** will provide the music to keep the party going and **Mardi Gras Mystery Bags** will be featured again. Table sponsorships are currently being offered. Contact **Amie Hathaway** at 419-435-2823 to reserve your table for this spectacular party. This is the signature event to raise funds for the Foundation's operating expenses.

What does the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation do?

The Greater Fostoria Community Foundation issues grants to local non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations to further their programs and projects. Funding for these grants comes from earnings on the endowed funds which are made up of gifts from individuals and corporations. Therefore, a donation to the Foundation will continue to generate funds for grants forever.

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SHIFF FAMILY HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Esther Shiff was honored at the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation annual luncheon held on May 14th at the Roppe Training Center.

In special recognition for community commitment and service, GFCF board president Don Miller, presented her with a piece of Fostoria glass from his collection as a token of thanks, honoring Esther and her late husband Jay Shiff.

The Shiffs invested over six decades together in the Fostoria community.

Jay had been a Fostorian since age 5; he passed away this past December.

"He was very invested in Fostoria," says daughter Kathi Shiff.

Jay attended Ohio University on a basketball scholarship, and it was there that he first met Esther.

During World War II he enlisted in the Navy which sent him to Florida to finish his degree at Miami University and receive officer's training at Columbia University. He later commanded a Landing Craft Infantry for three and a half years.

During his naval service he married Esther and the two settled in Fostoria at the close of his military term.

Fostoria Iron and Metal, a company founded by his father, is where Jay worked, retiring just this past June. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Jay volunteered as a YMCA board member and they were members of the Fostoria Country Club.

Esther, while raising three children, Kathi, Stuart and Larry, managed to also be an active volunteer for many local organizations.

She was a Girl Scout leader, Boy Scout leader, Camp Fire leader and den mother. Esther helped with local bloodmobiles and was a tutor at Longfellow Elementary School volunteering for Governor Taft's literacy program.

She has served on the boards of the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation, United Way, the YMCA, Fostoria Community Hospital, and the Fostoria Community Hospital Foundation. She received her 40-year pin from the Hospital Auxiliary, having also served as their president.

Esther was a GFCF board member from 2000-2006.

She is an avid bridge player, having been a member of various bridge groups, and she still plays today.

Esther and Jay spent nearly 62 years together, mostly in Fostoria, setting a marvelous example for others of what it means to give back to the community in which you live.

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Don Miller makes gift presentation to Esther Shiff.

Buy Your Raffle Tickets!



Win 2 tickets to the Ohio State/Michigan Football Game in Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, November 22, 2008

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 and available at WFOB, Custom Corner, the Focus and the Foundation office.

All proceeds benefit the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation and the Zero Tolerance Task Force.

Drawing date September 2, 2008

FOUNDATION FOLLOW-UP

MENTORING

A \$2,000 grant was given to the Vision 2020/FEDC Mentoring program in the Fall of 2007. The purpose of the grant was to help fund the implementation of more planned activities and provide supplies used by the mentors.

Through volunteer mentors from the Fostoria community the program provides educational, social and/or emotional support for at risk students in grades K -4 as identified by their teacher. Toni Lucadello, Program Coordinator, hopes to expand the program to both the middle and high school.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

To date the Greater Fostoria Community Foundation has issued over 40 grants to local non-profit organizations.

Some of those recipients include:

- American Red Cross
- Camp Fire USA
- City of Fostoria/FEDC
- Daybreak
- Dry Haven
- FACT
- Fostoria Community Arts Council
- Fostoria Community Schools
- Geary Family YMCA
- Good Shepherd
- Lions Club
- SCAT
- St. Vincent DePaul
- St. Wendelin Schools
- United Way
- Wesley Center

The Foundation has a particular interest in providing seed money for new programs designed to meet emerging community needs or to expand existing successful programs.

For more details on the grant process contact Amie Hathaway, 419-435-2823, at the Foundation.

FOSTORIA GLASS HERITAGE GALLERY

In the spring of 2006 the Fostoria Glass Heritage Gallery received a grant of \$2,900. The purpose of the grant was for building renovations. The objective of their project was to strengthen the building structurally and improve its appearance. (See photos below.)

Renovations included tucking and pointing the brick on the front. In addition, renovations at the rear included removing the hinged metal covers on the lower windows and filling them in with durable material, covering with stucco and then parching them. Not only did this improve the building's appearance but made it more secure.



ZERO TOLERANCE TASK FORCE STATISTICS

		2006	2007	2008	Total
1	Total Incidents	100	103	33	236
2	Criminal Arrests	70	136	37	243
	a. Minor Misdemeanors	40	46	14	100
	b. Misdemeanor Requests	101	87	18	206
	c. Felony	48	77	19	144
	d. Warrant		16	4	20
3	Type of Arrests				
	a. Drug Offense	87	120	26	233
	b. Weapons Offense	5	0	2	7
	c. Assaults/Violence	1	1	1	3
	d. Vehicle Related	44	60	5	109
4	Total Traffic Stops	852	730	233	1815
5	Total Warnings Issued	698	531	225	1454
6	Total Traffic Arrests	325	173	37	535
	Traffic Arrest Type				
	a. DUS/NO OL/LIC VIOL	59	58	14	131
	b. OVI/OMVUAC	47	18	4	69
	c. Intersection Related Cit.	5	8	3	16
	d. Restraints/Child Seats	0	0	0	0
	e. Other Traffic Violations	137	89	16	242

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FOUNDATION ... MORE THAN A GIFT ... A LEGACY***

The Greater Fostoria Community Foundation is a public, charitable not-for-profit organization that strives to improve the quality of life in Fostoria by building a permanent endowment to support community needs in areas such as the arts, culture, humanities, economic development, civic affairs, education, health and social services. One hundred percent of the donations received by the Foundation stay in Fostoria.

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