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New Sections

This quarter we feature two new sections called "Giving Outside of the Box" and "Expanding our Role". We hope you enjoy our rotating selections.

Have You Included TCF In Your Will?

Your bequest to TCF can be a way to leave your legacy in Howard County. For more information, call Barbara Lawson, President and CEO, at 410-730-7840, or log onto www.columbiafoundation.org.

Dear Friends,

This time of year you are sure to receive a number of appeals from many worthy charitable organizations. I hope you will consider making The Columbia Foundation one of those to which you send a tax- deductible contribution. If you are one of the over 200 families, individuals and companies who have an endowment fund with us, your donation can help your fund grow and generate more income to support the causes of importance to you. Some folks even ask families and friends to contribute to their funds in lieu of exchanging holiday gifts.

Speaking of taxes, earlier this year, Congress passed House Resolution 4 which allows IRA owners to share the wealth of their retirement savings by giving directly to charity—without first counting it as income and paying income tax. In 2006 and 2007 only, holders of traditional and Roth IRAs who are at least 70 ½ years old can make direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000 per year. For anyone interested in establishing a permanent legacy of supporting our community's nonprofit organizations, this is the opportunity of a lifetime to make the gift of a lifetime.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and on behalf of all those whose programs our grants support, I thank you for your part in creating a more giving Howard County.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Creative Philanthropy

Earl Armiger/Enterprise Gift



At the November 9th Annual Dinner, Enterprise Community Partners and TCF Board member, Earl Armiger, announced a gift worth at least **\$2 million** in ownership and roughly

\$25,000 to \$50,000 in annual income.

New Funds

The Columbia Foundation is pleased to recognize the following funds established between July 1, 2006 and November 30, 2006. These individuals, families, and organizations join, our growing list of over 200 funds, in contributing to our community.

Unrestricted Endowment Funds:
Michael and Sue Galeone Family Fund

Field of Interest Funds:
Scaldara Family Fund

Donor-Advised and Designated Funds:
Calvin Porter Claggs Fund
John C. Atkinson-Maitland Education Fund
The Robin and David Steele Education Fund

Scholarship and Award Funds:
G. Wayne Livesay Education Fund
Mark Ryder Original Choreography Fund

Make A Note of it!

The Columbia Foundation is accepting project grant applications from nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) tax status delivering services to Howard County residents in the areas of human services, the arts, education or community affairs. Completed applications must be delivered to The Columbia Foundation's office at 10227 Wincopin Circle, Suite G15 in Columbia, Maryland by 5:00 p.m., February 2, 2007. Applications will be emailed to all nonprofit organizations in our database

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Grants at Work

Korean American Community Association of Howard County (KACAH)

In 2006, The Columbia Foundation began a partnership with the Korean American Community Association of Howard County (KACAH) to help them address issues concerning Korean young people. With the help of a matching grant from the Foundation, KACAH developed and distributed the Korean Youth Behavior Survey following a series of focus group meetings with members of their community, the Howard County Police Department, the Howard County Board of Education and local faith organizations.



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Donor Profile

Jim Greenfield, President of Columbia Builders

Jim Greenfield, President of Columbia Builders, describes giving to The Columbia Foundation as "a natural" for someone in business. "The maximum dollar possible goes out to the causes the Foundation supports. But it's more than that," he adds. "It's run by business people from around town who I know and trust." That community connection – knowing who is managing and distributing the money, and knowing where it goes – is important to Jim's charitable giving. In fact, he considers The Columbia Foundation a part of the social fabric of the county, with the spring party and annual dinner now traditional community events people just expect to attend each year.



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on November 28. Please call 410-730-7840 or email us at info@columbiafoundation.org to be added to our mailing list. In 2006 alone, TCF awarded \$135,000 in project grants!

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Financial Advisors/Lawyers Corner

Helping Your Clients with Charitable Giving: Listening for Charitable Opportunities

Philanthropy is a very personal decision. Giving money to improve the community reflects the values and beliefs of an individual. Many clients may wish to be more charitable, or more effective in their giving, but may be unaware of some of the opportunities for charitable giving. An attorney or advisor can help clients realize their charitable objectives by listening for charitable giving opportunities, explaining options, and suggesting solutions.

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New! Giving Outside the Box

Fountain Coins

Since 1992, the Columbia Foundation has been the recipient of nearly **\$25,000** from the coins that are thrown into the fountains at the Columbia Mall (Thanks kids!). This year alone, the Foundation has received over **\$4,400**. Karen Geary, Senior General Manager for the Mall in Columbia and a TCF Trustee says, "As a community partner, the Mall in Columbia is pleased to continue to donate to the Columbia Foundation and the Howard County nonprofit organizations that the Foundation supports."

Linda Kelley and Stephen Alpern Wedding

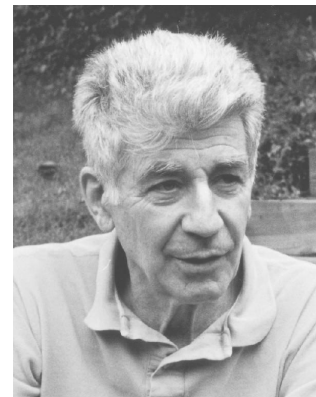
In order to share their blessings with others, Linda Kelley and Stephen Alpern chose to have family and friends make donations to their Columbia Foundation fund in lieu of wedding gifts saying that their guest's "...commemoration of their marriage will be part of a permanent legacy to the community that they both love."

So far, the donations to the Linda and Stephen Alpern Fund have totaled **\$5,240!**

New! Expanding Our Role

A First of its Kind

Howard County was home to Mark Ryder, world- renowned modern dancer and choreographer who began his career with Martha Graham and had his own touring company before joining the University of Maryland dance department in the 1970s. Following his death earlier this year, his widow Mary Ratcliffe established an endowment fund with The Columbia Foundation in a unique collaboration with the Howard County Arts Council.



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Educational Endeavors

Congratulations to Gavin West, winner of the **2006 Bonnie Schwartz Excellence in Teaching Award**. Gavin is a fifth grade teacher at Waterloo Elementary School and has received the \$500 award for excellence in the classroom. The Schwartz family established the award in 2001 in remembrance of Bonnie, a teacher at Thunder Hill Elementary School, who died from cancer that year. The award recognizes other teachers who spend each day trying to answer the question, "How do I get each child to do his or her very best?"

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