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Dear Friends,

Spring already seems far away, but we want to thank all our sponsors and guests for making this year's Spring Party such a success! We raised over **\$55,000** from party proceeds - and an additional **\$16,000** for the Columbia 40th Birthday Fund here at the Foundation - most of which will go into next year's grant budget. So once again, thank you to the over 650 guests who helped celebrate Columbia's 40th year at our 25th annual spring party.

I'm very excited about our Next Generation initiative, *twentyfivefortyfive*. Read more about it in the "Expanding our Role" section of this issue.

By now, I think all of you know that I will be leaving The Columbia Foundation in the fall. After 18 years, it will be quite a change for me, but one I am looking forward to. The Board has begun the interview process, so by the next issue of our e-newsletter, I expect to be saying good-bye and introducing you to my successor. Expressing my deep gratitude for the privilege of running the Foundation will be difficult, so I'm glad I have another three months to compose my thoughts to write that letter!

As always, thank you for all you do for The Columbia Foundation and the Howard County community.

Sincerely,

Barbara K. Lawson

Grants At Work

Getting a Head Start

The Columbia Foundation has awarded the Community Action Council (CAC) two project grants over the past two years to support their growing Head Start programs. Although not federally mandated to provide transportation for the program, CAC knew that many more children would be able to participate if they had a guaranteed way of getting there. By 2005, however, each of CAC's four buses had logged over 250,000 miles. Costs of maintenance and repairs on the fleet were steadily rising, and CAC President

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Howard Legacy Society

The first event for members of the Howard Legacy Society (HLS) took place June 10 at the home of Padriac and Ellen Kennedy. As a thank you to those who have made a bequest to The Columbia Foundation in their wills, The Foundation provided a picnic dinner in the Kennedy's backyard overlooking Wilde Lake, as well as tickets to the Columbia Orchestra concert featuring Mark O'Connor. **Twenty-two** guests were on-hand for what was a lovely evening to kick-off the establishment of the HLS.



To learn how you can establish a legacy of caring for your community through a bequest to The Columbia Foundation, take a look at

James Smith was concerned about the safety of the young passengers. In 2006, a Foundation project grant of \$15,000 helped CAC purchase a new bus to transport 40 three- and four-year olds to their Dasher Green and Ellicott City Head Start sites.

Head Start's Summer Enrichment Camp began as a fun half-day camp with 30 participants. It's now an all-day program that prepares over 100 four- and five-year olds for kindergarten. Along with playing traditional sports and doing arts and crafts projects, the children receive training and reinforcement in reading and math skills. CAC will use a \$3,000 Foundation grant towards field trips and other activities at the camp that operates from June to the beginning of the school year.

Anyone for Bocce?



On May 7 of this year, fifteen-year old Glenelg High School student Andy Byun completed his Eagle Scout project with a ceremony at Cedar Park West. Andy, whose younger brother Peter is an athlete with Special Olympics Howard County (SOHC), found out that SOHC didn't have a bocce court, so he created a plan to make one. He approached Howard County Recreation and Parks with his idea, and Director Gary Arthur approved the donation of land for two courts at Cedar Park West. Setting a goal of raising \$3,000, Andy solicited friends and family for contributions and applied for a grant from The Columbia Foundation. With the Foundation's grant of \$2,500 and a \$1,000 donation from the Walmart in Columbia, Andy more than met his goal; in fact, he raised close to \$4,200! Volunteers from his Boy Scout Troop 72 in Glenwood helped build the courts and a happy group of bocce players surrounded Andy at the May 7th event.

Donor Profile

Dreyer's Ice Cream Social Fund

The largest ice cream factory in the world is located in Howard County! "It's a great place to work - with one of the perks being you

the [Ways to Give](#) section on our new website or contact Barbara Lawson at 410-730-7840.

2007 Project Grants

We are pleased to announce our 2007 Project Grant Awardees. Congratulations to the 26 non-profits that received over \$135,000 in funding.

[Click here to see the list](#)

Welcome Aboard

The Columbia Foundation is pleased to introduce our newest Board of Trustees members:

Andy Barth, *Reporter*

Bernestine Bradley, *InSight Performance Group, LLC*

Annie Geiermann, *Citizens National Bank*

Barbara Van Winkle, *Nancy Adams Personnel of Columbia*

[Click here to see our entire board](#)

One Door Closes, Another Opens

Two Howard County non-profit organizations that were closing their doors turned to The Columbia Foundation to ensure that the needs of their clients would continue to be met. Both used their remaining assets to establish funds within the Foundation's endowment.

get to sample the products," says Darren Ellegood, People Support Manager of Dreyer's Ice Cream in Laurel. "But it's difficult to respond to the many requests for sponsorships and charitable contributions we receive." That's one reason why Dreyer's turned to The Columbia Foundation to establish the Dreyer's Ice Cream Social Fund. Another was the Foundation's reputation. Darren says The Foundation came highly recommended through word of mouth in the community. Dreyer's will rely on the Foundation's expertise and experience to identify organizations and programs the Social Fund will support. (The rest of us can rely on that factory for Dreyer's, Nestles, Edy's and Haagen Dazs ice cream!)

Financial Advisors Corner

Gift of a Lifetime: Shopping for Charity By Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz

Having more retirement money than you need is a great problem to have, and one that's now easier to solve. But generous IRA donors still face multiple options for their gift. Support the entire community? Underwrite a special cause? Shore up a favorite charity? Here are three suggestions:

- **Unrestricted Funds: Meeting ever-changing community needs.** IRA transfers to a community fund address a broad range of current and future needs. A community foundation evaluates all aspects of community well-being - arts and culture, community development, education, environment, health and human services - and awards strategic grants to select projects and programs. "For people who care deeply about this community and its people," says Barbara Lawson, President and CEO of the Columbia Foundation, "this fund is an excellent way to address our most pressing needs, today and tomorrow."
- **Field of Interest Funds: Connecting personal values to high-impact opportunities.** IRA transfers to Field of Interest Funds allow donors to target gifts to causes important to them: arts, AIDS services, urban education, neighborhood revitalization, youth welfare and more. A community foundation awards grants to community organizations and programs addressing the donor's specific interest area. "For those who are particularly passionate about a single cause," says Lawson, "Field of Interest Funds provide strategic, lasting support - even as needs change over time."
- **Designated or Scholarship Funds: Helping local organizations sustain and grow.** IRA transfers to Designated Funds allow donors to support the good work of a specific nonprofit organization - a senior center, museum or any qualifying nonprofit charitable organization. "For people who want to help secure the future of their favorite charities," says Lawson, "our endowed Designated Funds give nonprofits a steady stream of income, plus planned giving and investment management services."

Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz is the director of the Maryland Community Foundation Initiative, Columbia Foundation Trustee, and a member of the Women's Giving Circle Advisory Board.

With a contribution of \$100,000, the Health Alliance created the **Health Alliance Emergency Fund**. This fund will support programs and organizations providing medical, dental and pharmaceutical assistance to Howard County residents who are without health insurance and financial resources. The first grants from the fund will go to the Howard County Health Department and FISH.

The Urban Rural Transportation Alliance (URTA) presented the Foundation with a \$60,000 check to establish The **Al Hobby Urban Rural Transportation Fund**. Named after URTA's founder Al Hobby, the fund will support programs and organizations providing transportation to Howard County residents in need.

Both organizations were former recipients of grants from The Columbia Foundation. By establishing these funds as part of the Foundation's endowment, their important missions will continue to benefit those in need.

New Funds

The Columbia Foundation is pleased to recognize the following funds established between March 30, 2007 and July 15, 2007. These families and businesses join our growing list of over 200 funds in contributing to our community.

Donor-Advised and Designated Funds:
Appletree Family Fund
Alex Waters Education Fund

Giving Outside The Box

The Columbia Bank Joins the 40th Birthday Celebration

In celebration of Columbia's 40th Birthday, the Columbia Bank made a \$40 donation to the Columbia 40th Birthday Fund for every customer who opened a new checking account. So far, the Columbia Foundation has received over **\$1600** from the Columbia Bank! Thanks to John Scaldara, Mike Galeone and the entire Columbia Bank team for their support!

Expanding Our Role

twentyfivefortyfive

The Columbia Foundation has launched an exciting Next Generation initiative with the moniker *twentyfivefortyfive*. Led by a committee of community leaders and co-chaired by Associate Director Candace Dodson Reed and Chair of the Foundation Board Meg Moon, this effort promotes philanthropy and community involvement among 25- to 45-year-olds in Howard County.

The first event was May 14th at Trapeze restaurant in Maple Lawn where Howard County Executive Ken Ulman spoke to the 70 attendees about giving time, money or talent to the county's many nonprofit organizations.

Our second event - "Give to Greet" - was held at the Domestic Violence Center (DVC) on July 18. We collected over 70 items from the DVC "Wish List"!

For more information about the initiative and for details about future events, contact Candace at cdodsonreed@columbiafoundation.org or 410-730-7840.

Happy Birthday Columbia!



The Columbia Foundation was both an active participant in and a beneficiary of the celebration for Columbia's 40th Birthday. Many of our guests at our 25th Annual Spring Party donated an extra \$40, all of which went into the Columbia 40th Birthday Fund in our

Field of Interest Funds:

Dreyer's Ice Cream Social Fund
Health Alliance Emergency Fund
AI Hobby URTA Fund

Unrestricted Funds:

Columbia's 40th Birthday Fund
Eagan Family Fund

Have You Included TCF In Your Will?

Your bequest to The Columbia Foundation 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

A few Columbia 40th Birthday Club member notes from the Spring Party

"It has been such a special place to call home! Happy Birthday!"

-Lou and Diana Ulman

"40 years of greatness."

-Becky Mangus

"It has been great growing with Columbia! Happy Birthday!"

-James and Ronnie Ferry

"The greatest place on Earth to live!!"

-Cindy Coyle

"Best wishes for a glorious Birthday!"

-C. Vernon Gray

"The best is yet to come!!"

endowment, as did proceeds from the sales of the 40th Birthday pins.

If you haven't had the opportunity to do so, stop by our gallery in our office at the American City Building. Our current exhibit - *40 Great Years and More!* - was part of the Columbia Festival of the Arts' LakeFest and features works for sale by two local artists, Denee Barr and Alice Webb. Denee Barr is the recipient of a 2003 Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award Grant for artistic excellence in photography. She studied film, painting, printmaking and papermaking at the University of Maryland and frequently combines these media to create photo-based works. Alice Webb works in watercolors, oils and etching and teaches watercolor painting in her Ellicott City home. Her artistry has been featured on covers of the Baltimore Sun "Hometown Guides" for the local Maryland counties.

40 Great Years and More! features the artists' mixed media photographs, watercolors, etchings and giclee prints of landscapes throughout Howard County and is open Monday through Friday during business hours until the end of the year. Stop by and see it!

Educational Endeavors**Scholarships**

Donors who wish to build a legacy around education have established scholarship funds with The Columbia Foundation for Howard County public high school seniors to attend two- or four-year colleges or universities and training or technical schools. Congratulations to this year's winners

Ascend One Scholarship: Keith Richard from Howard High School

Robert J. Gaw Memorial Scholarship: Christine Wirth of Hammond High School

Karen and Howard Scholarship: Michael Atlas, Glenelg High School

Mike Chang Sunshine Scholarship: Colin McKeivitt of Hammond High School

Freeman K. Hill Scholarship: Laura S. Huaman Ayala of Wilde Lake High School

Bob Kittleman Scholarship: Afton Vechery of Glenelg High School

Ernesto Phillips Scholarship for Talented Youth: Wossen Ayele of Atholton High School

Stephanie Russel Scholarship: Roxanne Bublitz of Hammond High School

Stillman Scholarship: Lauren McCarthy of Atholton High School

-Suellen
 "Here's to the next 40 (and then some!)"
 -Frank and Carole Chase
 "To another Healthy 40!"
 -ALLCare of Maryland, LLC
 "Still the best!"
 -Helen and Ralph Adams
 "Here's to Columbia- a complete community!"
 -Faith Horowitz

Tropf Family Scholarship: Gabriela Bob of Wilde Lake High School, Jeddalyn Puzon of Long Reach High School, Jennifer Thorne of Oakland Mills High School and Lisa Tom of Atholton High School.

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