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## Giving Matters

### The Columbia Foundation E-newsletter

Summer 2008

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#### Welcome Aboard

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

**Tony Burns**, *Investment Products Group Bank of America*

**Douglas Douglas**, *Chair of our Investment Advisory Committee*

**Ananta Hejeebu**, *Community Volunteer*

**Louis Jay Ulman**, *Offit Kurman*

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#### Spring Party Update

The 26th  
Annual  
Columbia  
Foundation



Dear Friends of The Columbia Foundation,

Having been here nearly a month now, I've had a chance to speak or meet with many of you. What I especially enjoy hearing about are your attachments to The Columbia Foundation, the organizations we support and to this community. Your stories demonstrate what a generous family of donors we have and spur me to think of ways to connect with those in Howard County who aren't familiar with us.

In this issue of our quarterly e-news, you'll read the stories of two families who established scholarship funds with us, one as a way to memorialize a family member, and the other as a thank you to the Howard County Public School System. Our "Grants at Work" section will tell you how an old friend and a new friend are using Foundation grants to help and inspire. We continue "Expanding our Role" with innovative programs in partnership with other nonprofit organizations, and our donors keep coming up with creative ways to continue "Giving Outside the Box."

I hope you'll forward our e-news to others in the community who haven't made a connection with us yet. It's one of my goals to learn how to incorporate their stories into the ongoing story of The Columbia Foundation. Feel free to send me an email or call, I'd love to hear from you!

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#### Donor Profiles

#### C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship

The C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship made its first award this April to Laura Bradley, a senior at Chapelgate Christian Academy. Mr. Pumphrey, a retired Clerk of the Circuit Court and a volunteer Fire Department official, passed away in December 2007. But long before he was involved with the Circuit Court, Mr. Pumphrey owned Dalton Farms, a dairy farm that is now the Thunder Hill community. And, after selling the farm, he sold John Deere equipment for many years.

The Spring Party is our only fundraiser of the year, and this year's event on May 1 raised over \$60,000 that will go directly into our grant budget! Many thanks to the over 750 attendees and a special thank you once again to our sponsors:

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As his son Jack said, "Dad's roots were in the farming community." A scholarship for students who plan to study agriculture, animal husbandry or another field related to farming would be a fitting tribute to his father. Although Jack lives in Frederick County, his parents resided together in Howard County for 58 years, and his mother still lives here. With help from The Columbia Foundation, the Pumphreys decided that graduating high school seniors from Atholton, Chapelgate, Glenelg, Howard, Mt. Hebron, Marriotts Ridge or River Hill will be eligible for the scholarship to be awarded annually.

Jack and his sister attended the Chapelgate graduation ceremonies this year to present the award to Laura. In August, the Pumphrey family plans a small get-together to congratulate her, and, as Jack explained, "to educate people about the scholarship and The Columbia Foundation." The family hopes that others will help grow the fund as a way to memorialize a husband, father, friend and former Howard County dairy farmer.

### **Lawrence and Christina Tarbell III Scholarship**

Long-time friend of The Columbia Foundation, Marie Mayor established the Christina and Lawrence (Lance) Tarbell III Scholarship Fund to acknowledge the importance of the Howard County Public School System, and, in particular, Howard High School, to her children.

Christina and Lance graduated from Howard in 1989 and 1988, respectively. "Mrs. Elaine Thomas and Mrs. Martha Holshue were two teachers who made such a difference in my children's lives," explained Marie. She went on to say that Lance had thought he would study engineering, but in his senior year at Howard, he took art from Mrs. Holshue. Within a few months, Mrs. Holshue had inspired him to become an architect, and he is now an architect in Baltimore, "and, I think, so much happier than if he had been an engineer," said his mother.

### **Make A Note Of It!**

#### **2009 Project Grants**

The Columbia Foundation, Howard County's community foundation, awarded \$100,000 in project grants to 16 local charitable organizations.

[Click here to see the entire list.](#)

Mrs. Thomas was Christina's French teacher every year in high school. Christina fell in love with the language and went as an exchange student to Paris three times. The family reciprocated and had the French children visit - and eventually so did the parents and grandparents! The relationships have enriched their lives, and Marie credits Mrs. Thomas and the school system in general. "Even though my children no longer live in the county, both of them intend to contribute to the fund as a way to say 'thank you' for the values they were taught in the Howard County schools."

The value of giving back is one The Columbia Foundation is happy to help families pass down, whether through a scholarship or another type of fund in our endowment.

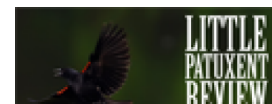
### **New Funds**

The Columbia Foundation is pleased to recognize the following funds established between

### **Grants at Work**

#### **Little Patuxent Review**

One of the newer organizations to receive a



March 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. These families and businesses join our growing list of over 250 funds in contributing to our community.

**Donor-Advised Fund:**  
Mikki Saar Family Fund

**Scholarship Fund:**  
Christina and Lawrence Tarbell III Scholarship Fund

#### Board Awards

Mary Ann Scully, Vice Chair of the Foundation and President and CEO of Howard Bank, will be recognized by SmartCEO magazine as one of the top 25 female executives this month at the 4th annual Bravo! Women Business Achievement Awards. Congratulations!

#### Come Fly With Us!

For the past few years, The Columbia Foundation has had a gallery exhibit as part of the Columbia Festival of the Arts' ArtWorks at LakeFest. This year, our "Flights of Fancy" show features pastels by Cher Compton and nature photography by Michael Oberman.

Cher Compton teaches painting and drawing at University College at the University of Maryland, in her studio and through Howard County Recreation and Parks. Her work appears in the publication "Best American Artists and Artisans: Pastels" and has won numerous

project grant is the Little Patuxent Review (LPR). Some of you might remember a Howard County literary and arts journal with the same name in the late 1970s. Much like that one, this LPR was founded by a group sitting around someone's living room in Columbia and it showcases the work of writers and artists from Howard County and the Baltimore-Washington region.

*The theme of this edition of Little Patuxent Reivew is "Nature," and features the photography of Michael Oberman (above).*

Published twice a year, LPR just released its fourth issue, this one with the theme of "Childhood." Contributors, including Lucille Clifton, Rafael Alvarez and Tom Nugent, read their work at a free event held at Howard Community College in conjunction with the Columbia Festival of the Arts. Themes for the January and June 2009 issues are "Turning Points" and "Animals," respectively.

Along with providing an outlet for the community to express and appreciate their creativity, LPR hosts a salon series in collaboration with the Columbia Arts Center. Each month since the beginning of 2008, writers and artists have shared a conversation about their work with very enthusiastic audiences. Opening with Tim Singleton talking about haiku, the salon then featured a pottery-making demonstration by Winnie Coggins, a multi-media production by Dr. Frederick Foote about his experiences treating Iraqi war wounded aboard a hospital ship and Seth Kibel's Klezmer musical performance on clarinet, saxophone and flute. Once the Art Center's new windows are installed, the salon will resume in September.

The Columbia Foundation is pleased to support this new organization that gives the Howard County community a place - both literally and figuratively - to make the arts part of the conversation of everyday life. Check out their web site at [www.littlepatuxentreview.org](http://www.littlepatuxentreview.org) for submission guidelines and information about subscriptions.



*Grassroots Executive Director Andrea Ingram shows Lynne Nemeth the bedrooms of the expanded and renovated homeless shelter (left).*

**Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.**

The Columbia Foundation is proud to be among the many contributors to Grassroots' newly expanded facility on Freetown Road. The homeless population in Howard County is often invisible, but not to the staff at Grassroots. Their new building increases the number of beds in the shelter from 32 to 55, and they expect many if not all to be filled most nights, especially during the cold weather. In addition, they have more space to handle the multiple hotlines that they manage and to provide privacy for clients coming in for counseling services.

awards at juried exhibitions regionally and nationally.

Michael Oberman's "Dragonfly on Blue Waterlily" was picked as one of the Top 16 nature photos of 2007 by Parade Magazine and the Nature Conservancy and appeared in the December 2 issue of Parade. His work also was on the cover of the 2008 winter issue of "Little Patuxent Review" and at the Slayton House Gallery's exhibit "The Nature of Wilde Lake ... and More." He teaches classes on digital photography at Slayton House.

The Columbia Foundation gallery, in the American City Building at 10227 Wincopin Circle, is open from 10:00 to 5:00 Monday-Friday and will feature the two artists through the end of July.

#### 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 Beverley Francis, President and CEO, at (410) 730-7840 or log onto [TCF's website](#).

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The Columbia Foundation congratulates the hard-working staff of Grassroots and all those who helped make the expansion a visible sign of a community that cares for one another.

#### Giving Outside the Box

Ted and Dee Peck are long-time supporters of The Columbia Foundation and the Howard County community in general. Back in the 1980s they first established what was then called a "named fund" with the Foundation. Now the Peck Family Endowment Fund has grown substantially, and the Pecks have made a creative contribution through the fund to help another nonprofit organization in the county.



With a transfer of money from the fund, the Pecks established an agency endowment for the National Family Resiliency Center (NFRC). The Foundation's agency endowment program makes it possible for smaller organizations to have the benefits of an endowment without spending the time and money needed to manage and administer one. When the group's endowment has a value of at least \$10,000, the group can withdraw up to 5% of its value annually. The Foundation takes care of all record-keeping, accounting and investment management so the organizations can concentrate on their mission and fund-raising.

For many years, Ted Peck was a board member, including serving as Chair, when the NFRC was still called Children of Separation and Divorce (COSD). Dedicated to helping families going through painful transitions, and encouraging parents to keep the focus of their decision-making on their children, the organization "provides sorely-needed assistance to the people in the community," he said.

To the Pecks, The Columbia Foundation provides more than "just an accounting function - it tries to see what the community needs and then provide it." Agency endowments are one way the Foundation fulfills the part of its mission that calls for strengthening nonprofit organizations. The Pecks are helping the Foundation in that role with their creative giving. As Risa Garon, Executive Director of the NFRC, said, "Dee and Ted's generosity and understanding of what families in transition need will support NFRC in providing services for a long time to come."

#### Expanding Our Role



A new collaboration between The Columbia

Foundation, the Howard County Arts Council (HCAC) and Leadership Howard County (LHC) will help arts groups strengthen their positions in the community.



Arts organizations with annual budgets under \$300,000 are now eligible for an HCAC Technical Assistance grant to have a staff person or board member attend Leadership Howard County's ten-month program. The Columbia Foundation will match the Arts Council's \$1,500 grant, and Leadership will contribute as well, so the participating arts group's cost will be no more than \$500 of the \$4,600 tuition.

The LHC program provides a comprehensive overview of county institutions and systems. It also offers attendees a powerful networking opportunity, which can help arts groups develop relationships with people in businesses unrelated to the arts. These connections can prove valuable in identifying new board members who can bring essential skills such as accounting, marketing or finance to the organizations, and to expand fund raising and sponsorship options.

Applications can be found at [www.hocoarts.org](http://www.hocoarts.org) and are due at the HCAC by August 1, 2008. Once the Council's Committee on Grants has selected an applicant, he or she must still apply through LHC, an interview that takes place in April. The program begins in late summer. This year's inaugural participant is Lesley Malin, managing director of the Chesapeake Shakespeare Company.

## Educational Endeavors

### Scholarships

Donors who wish to build a legacy around education have established scholarship funds with The Columbia Foundation for Howard County 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:** Kathryn Rouse of Glenelg High School

**Karen and Howard Carolan, Jr. HCYP Scholarship:** Kyle Feldman of Marriotts Ridge High School

**Mike Chang Sunshine Scholarship:** Nathan Bolton of Hammond High School

**Robert J. Gaw Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Miller of Long Reach High School

**Freeman K. Hill Scholarship:** Timothy Honchel of Glenelg High School

**Bob Kittleman Scholarship:** Peter Greenberg of Glenelg High School

School

**Ernesto Phillips Scholarship for Talented Youth:** Meg Sawyer of Atholton High School

**C. Merritt Pumphrey Memorial Scholarship:** Laura Bradley of Chapelgate Christian Academy

**Stephanie Russel Scholarship:** Bernice Frimpong of Long Reach High School

**Stillman Scholarship:** Julia Lustbader of Atholton High School

**Tropf Family Scholarship:** Anthony Coburger of Wilde Lake High School; Matthew Jones of Atholton High School; Daniel Park of Long Reach High School and Andrea Williams of Oakland Mills High School.

Each scholarship has its own application and criteria as determined by the individual or family establishing the fund. The Foundation sends applications to high school guidance counselors and a committee of board members and community leaders makes the final selection for each cash award.

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