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Wiggins Scholarship for Local Students

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation is partnering with The Cleveland Foundation to administer a new scholarship fund for Erie County residents. The Wiggins Scholarship Fund is now available to graduating Erie County seniors who are attending a college or university in Ohio, have demonstrated academic excellence and whose family income is high enough that it would disqualify them from receiving other need-based funds.

David Wiggins, a retailer and developer, with holdings concentrated in



Sandusky, Ohio, died in 1987. His Will includes a provision designating a share of his assets, after

specified gifts to his family, to establish a scholarship fund at The Cleveland Foundation for students in Erie and Cuyahoga counties. His wife, Bertha, a homemaker and community volunteer, died in 2001. Her will stipulates that the proceeds from the sale of her principal residence be added to the scholarship fund that her husband's estate initiated.

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation is proud to partner with The Cleveland Foundation for the benefit of Erie County residents.

Crossroads Shelter Gets New Playground

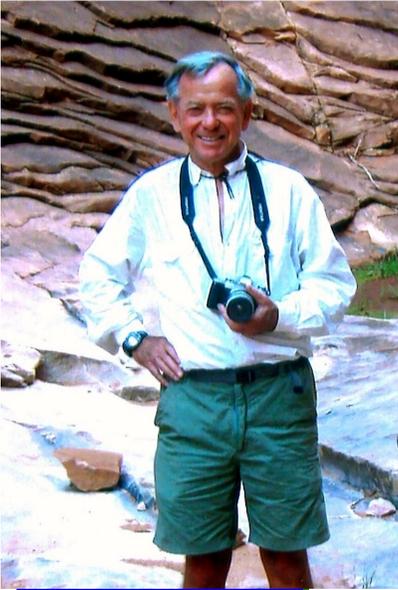


Members of Leadership Erie County pose with funders at Crossroads' new playground

Leadership Erie County, class of 2010, completed a playground for Crossroads Shelter with funding help from local foundations, including the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation. Crossroads is a shelter providing housing and supportive services to help prevent homelessness in Erie County.

As stated in the grant application, "Play is a

crucial intervention strategy to give young children who have experienced the traumatic effects of homelessness the chance to build the resiliency and competence they need to break the detrimental cycle of homelessness." Thanks to local foundations and Leadership Erie County, the children at Crossroads will now be able to play outside on their own playground.



Murray Legacy Fund Established

Michael Timothy Murray passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

He was born September 25, 1944 in Sandusky, the youngest of six children. The three boys followed in their father's footsteps, all becoming lawyers. Similarly, the three girls became nurses, like their mother.

Michael attended Sts. Peter and Paul grade school and graduated from Saint Mary's High School in 1962. He attended John Carroll University, graduating in 1966, and then attended Cleveland-Marshall Law School, while working full time as a legal aide for Cuyahoga County. He received his Juris Doctorate in 1970, graduating at the top of his class.

Following graduation, Michael joined his father, uncle, brothers, and cousins at the Murray & Murray Law firm. He loved Murray & Murray and was an outstanding trial lawyer and advocate for his clients.

He was a member of the Erie County Bar

Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the American Judicature Society, the Ohio Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers. He was also a board member of the Sandusky Cultural Center. Michael was a world traveler, and loved exploring new places and cultures with his family, including: Portugal, Spain, Greece, France, Scotland, Ireland, Costa Rica, Chile, Argentina, Panama, Ecuador, the Galapagos Island, Thailand, New Zealand, Kenya, South Africa, England, the French Polynesian Islands, Iceland, and India. He was a life long runner, finishing four New York City Marathons with his wife, Tami. On his 66th birthday he finished in the top of his age group in the Put-in-Bay 5k. He also loved cross-country and downhill skiing with his family. Michael was an avid reader on most topics that affected mankind.

On August 11, 1984, he married the love of his

life, Tami Wagner. The following day, they kicked off their honeymoon by running the Lonz' Winery race together. They have four beautiful children, Danielle, Michelle, Michael O. and Gabriel, to whom Michael dedicated his life. He lived life to the fullest, enjoying every moment of every day.

Michael was a true advocate for his clients and a zealous champion for the poor and hungry. He was donative both in terms of money and legal help, and had a strong presence within the community.

The Michael T. Murray Legacy Fund was established in order to honor his life and carry on his legacy of contribution and commitment to the community. Michael's wife, Tami, and their four children, will make recommendations for distributions from the fund each year.

We hope to carry on Michael's strong values and generous spirit by giving back to the community, just as Michael did.

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Viewpoint Shares the Harvest

The Viewpoint Senior Garden Group received a grant from the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation. The grant paid for building materials to construct raised garden beds and a storage shed for a community garden for the Viewpoint Senior Garden Group. The raised beds in the garden are designed to accommodate

seniors and wheelchair bound people. The Garden Group's first year was very successful. Residents increased their intake of fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs, increased their physical activity and reduced their food budget. The Viewpoint Senior Garden Group even donated the excess fruits and vegetables to Care and Share.



Round II Community Grants Awarded

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the completion of its 2011 Round II grant cycle. Funding for these grants was made possible as the result of another major grant to the Community Foundation from the Randolph J. and Estelle M. Dorn Foundation as well as through the generous support of many donors in the community. The Round II grants resulted in \$79,672 being awarded to 24 local, non-profit organizations. Grants were awarded to organizations in the communities of Margaretta, Kelleys Island, Milan, Berlin Heights, Perkins, Sandusky, and Vermilion. Many grants

were awarded to organizations that serve all of Erie County. Highlights from the Round II grant cycle include:

- \$4,000 to the Museum of Carousel Art and History for carousel maintenance and repairs.
- \$10,000 to Care and Share of Erie County for food assistance for needy families.
- \$2,410 to the Berlin Heights Community Center for continuation of their after school program.
- \$3,500 to Project Share of Margaretta Township for assistance to low

income families for the Holidays.

For a complete listing of the Community Grants awarded, please visit our website at sanduskyfoundation.org.

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation continues a tradition of mindful, effective grant making, addressing a variety of needs throughout Erie County. Each year, the Foundation has two grant cycles. In the sixteen years since its inception, The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million to organizations serving Erie County residents.

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In Honor and Memory of George M. Muehlhauser, III

The Foundation would like to take this opportunity to recognize and honor the life and memory of George M. Muehlhauser, III. George passed away on September 9, 2011. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

George Muehlhauser was a member of the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation's Board of Directors since its inception in 1995.

Mr. Muehlhauser was a member

of the Board of Directors at Firelands Regional Medical Center since 1985 and prior to that, a member of the Board of Sandusky Memorial Hospital from 1962-1985.

George loved to act and was a member of Harlequins, Inc. and the Huron Playhouse.

George gave of his time and talents to many organizations in Erie County helping to improve our communities for everyone.

The Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation is honored George was a part of our organization and we are better for it.

