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*CCF awards grants
in four general areas:*

***The Arts
Social Justice
Education
Direct Service***

*Please contact CCF for grant
guidelines and application deadlines.*

414-225-0244

Cream City Foundation (CCF) awarded two grants during their 2nd Quarter grant cycle. Grants were awarded to the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Plymouth Church. A \$5,000 grant to the center will be used to support the Center's Anti-Violence Project, providing education and outreach to the LGBT community and other professionals around the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. Plymouth Church was awarded a \$1,200 grant to hire a LGBT intern to provide ministerial support to LGBT students and others near and on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee campus.

We are so pleased with the diversity of proposals we have seen," said Michael Salinas, CCF Executive Director. Salinas said the foundation is on track to distribute a record amount of funds for the 2002 grant year. "CCF is working to ensure that the foundation can provide the charitable funds necessary to meet the increased need out there. That includes future as well as current needs," said Salinas.

Cream City Foundation is a community-based philanthropic foundation that distributes funds to programs that enhance the quality of life for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities in Southeastern Wisconsin.



2002 CAMPAIGN BEGINS!

Community Shares: Your Community. Your Choice

"Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee", formerly ACHOICE, officially launched its 2002 workplace giving campaign. The annual kick-off event was held on Thursday, August 22nd at Washington Park. The new name better defines this organization's role as a family of non-profit organizations that share workplace-giving dollars to help others in the Greater Milwaukee community. Cream City Foundation has long been an active member of the federation and the funds provided to CCF through Community Shares is an important source of support for the foundation.

Community Shares was created in 1981 to give Milwaukeeans a choice in who they support with their workplace-giving dollars. By filling that role, they've been able to help many local, independent charitable organizations, like CCF, and the thousands they serve.

Today, the federation of Community Shares members numbers 53 agencies.

Every autumn, public and private employers sponsor campaigns to encourage their employees to become philanthropists. This is generally called "workplace giving". The donor choice program allows employees to directly designate donations to agencies outside of United Way's umbrella - such as CCF. Community Shares, CCF, and 52 other agencies relies on people like you for support. You can contribute to Community Shares in both the public and private sector. In the public sector (government offices and educational facilities), employees can find information about Community Shares in their official campaign materials. If you work in the private sector, you can find information on Community Shares through the United Way's Community Donor Choice Program. If you haven't received any information, just ask your workplace-giving campaign coordinator, human resources manager or other appropriate staff for information. If your workplace does not have a charitable giving program, please call CCF and we'll talk with the Community Shares staff and develop a plan of action. Thanks for all your participation!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Cream City Foundation continues to strive in promoting philanthropy and building our community's capacity. It is through strengthening grass roots efforts that we continue to refresh our community and build leadership capability.

"To change the culture, we must change the dialogue". I'm not sure who to attribute this quote to, however, once I heard it, I found myself repeating it often. CCF endeavors to change the "dialogue" through its grantees and their impactful initiatives. The grants awarded to date demonstrate a commitment to emerging issues in our community. This can only continue through your affirming philanthropy.

We as individuals also have the opportunity to "...change the dialogue", whether that is when we cast our vote for governor or participate in National Coming Out Day. Both are key opportunities to express who we are and demonstrate our visibility, strength, and influence.

Now more than ever we must be hypervigilant to the opportunities we have in Milwaukee to educate, promote, and act. CCF is creating our community's footprint through your charitable giving. This continues to positively and assertively position the LGBT community in the greater metro area.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support of CCF and by continuing to work together we can ensure our community's sustainability.

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Denise Wise
CCF Board President

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EASY WAYS TO GIVE

1

Send your tax-deductible contribution directly to CCF

2

Participate in the Community Shares Workplace-Giving Campaign

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Become a CCF Volunteer

CCF COMMITS \$4,000 TOWARDS THE John M. Cowles Memorial Scholarship Fund. WORKS TOWARDS RAISING OVER \$10,000 MORE.

Friday, November 1st, 2002 will mark an important occasion in the history of CCF. That date marks the birth date of John M. Cowles, the namesake of CCF's John M. Cowles Scholarship Fund.

John M. Cowles was an active and vibrant member of the LGBT community who died of complications of AIDS on January 12, 1990 at the age of 36. John was born in Wyoming, Michigan on November 1, 1953. He attended the University of California, Berkeley, and Michigan State University where he earned the B.S. in Chemistry in 1975. He later attended Marquette University and received a Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry in 1983. John worked as an organic chemist at the University of California, San Francisco, and at his untimely death he was a Senior research Chemist at Miller Brewing Company where he obtained two US patents for hops chemistry. John was happy and proud to be gay and was pro-active in LGBT issues.

He was an enthusiastic supporter of the LGBT community and would have contributed much more had he lived on. He was a founder and president of GAMMA, an early CCF board member, was active in AIDS awareness and prevention programs as early as 1982 and was active in the GAMMA Rays volleyball league. John was also an avid cook and bridge player. His professional passions were scientific research and the teaching of science.

For those who knew him, his long illness was painful and his ultimate loss of life was a great sorrow. He had so much more to do.

In his remembrance to the community and his devotion to science, the John M. Cowles Memorial Scholarship Fund was initiated in the Fall of 1990. The scholarship fund is an aid to other LGBT students majoring in science and a fitting legacy to his continued memory. Dr. David F. Stowe and Christina Cowles, the two individuals originally involved in establishing the fund through John's estate, have pledged their support in working with CCF to refocus attention towards the replenishment of the fund, with a goal of reaching permanent endowment status. CCF has committed to adding \$4,000 to the fund, with a goal of raising \$10,000 more dollars within the next few months. CCF is also developing an aggressive outreach plan to create greater awareness of the fund to donors and to LGBT students and administrations at colleges and universities throughout Southeast Wisconsin. "Compared to people at large," said David Stowe, "relatively few LGBT students pursue careers in science. The John M. Cowles Scholarship will assist deserving Milwaukee area LGBT students at the undergraduate level to develop careers in the natural sciences."



CCF is holding "A Toast to Scholarship", a reception to help keep John's legacy growing. The event will be held on Friday, November 1st, at 6:00 PM at the historic Brumder Mansion, located at 3046 West Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. The reception will include entertainment provided by vocalist Jerry Grillo and guided tours of the 1910 Victorian mansion by hosts Bob and Carol Hirschi. Additional sponsors of the event include the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's LGBT Resource Center, Marquette University Gay/Straight Alliance, Grasch Foods, M&M Club, Brumder Mansion and Jerry Grillo.

For information on attending the "Toast to Scholarship" event or to donate to the fund, please call CCF at **414-225-0244** or e-mail at **creamcityfnd@voyager.net**.

CCF HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

In July, over 50 people attended CCF's donor appreciation reception at Plymouth Church on Milwaukee's east side. Attendees at the event were able to meet CCF's new Executive Director, Michael Salinas. The theme of the event was Spanish all the way. Peter Baime played intricate flamenco rhythms on the guitar. The food served was strictly Spanish tapas, including such delicacies as goat cheese quesadillas, manchego cheese with quince paste, beef tips in garlic and marinated olives. Andrew Warner, a CCF board member and Associate Pastor for Plymouth Church, was the gracious and talented chef for the event. Andrew was assisted by some wonderful CCF volunteers. The event offered an opportunity for CCF to give some long-overdue recognition of its past Presidents. CCF is celebrating its 20th year of charitable giving to the LGBT community.

As the foundation excitedly looks ahead to the future, it also acknowledges and appreciates its past. From its humble beginnings, CCF has grown to a foundation that provides over \$30,000 annually in charitable support to LGBT and LGBT-related organizations in Southeastern Wisconsin. CCF's growth and presence as a LGBT community foundation was built upon the work of many, many volunteers over the years. Those volunteers included individuals that dedicated a large amount of their time to provide leadership for the foundation.

Congratulations and thanks to all their support, commitment and work. CCF also thanks the sponsors of the event. The sponsors were: Taylors • 1451 Renaissance Place • Breitlow Studios • Downtown Auto Body • Plymouth Church

The presidents honored were: Don Schwamb
Warren Breitlow • William Frank • Tony Rhodes • Mary Messerlie



CCF AT A GLANCE
CCF HAS MOVED UP

SAVE THE DATE

CCF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Stephane Geline, pictured here with friend Mike Daxiader, were joint winners from CCF's drawing at Project 2182. Stephane's holding her new CCF award.


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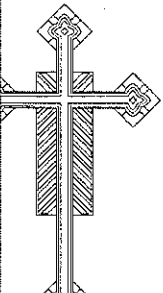
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