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- December 15
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 Grants Deadline
- January 31, 2008
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**VIVIAN AND LULA TAYLOR
 RECEIVE HAMILTON COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

The Community Foundation's John D. Hamilton Community Service Award exists to honor individuals who have shown "dedication, leadership, and support in furthering community spirit and enhancing the quality of life in the Chautauqua region." Two individuals have exemplified this phrase over their lives in Chautauqua County, which is why Vivian and Lula Taylor of Jamestown were named the Award's 2007 recipients.

After their marriage in August 1950, Vivian and Lula Taylor moved to Jamestown. Vivian immediately immersed himself in a lifestyle of community service. Over his life in Chautauqua County, he has compiled an impressive resume: 24 years as a City of Jamestown councilman; board member for the Lucile M. Wright Air Museum; board member for the Senior Citizens Center; Jamestown Civil Air Patrol Senior Squadron member; former member of Chautauqua Region Family Services; commissioner for the Boy Scouts; and member of the YMCA's "Y's Men". Awards he has received include: the Dewitt Clinton Award, which is awarded by the Masonic Lodge for community service, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Award, and being named to the *Who's Who Among Black Americans*.



From left: CRCF president Lyman Buck, Lula Taylor, Vivian Taylor and CRCF Executive Director Randy Sweeney at the Hamilton event.

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**THE WALTER & GRACE HAZZARD FUND
 CONTINUES GIVING TODAY**



Grace Hazzard

The Community Foundation administers over 200 separate scholarship funds. This number demonstrates the charitable nature of community citizens who see the importance of providing educational assistance to area students. This was exactly the thinking of Walter and Grace Hazzard over 50 years ago.

Walter and Grace Hazzard were prominent in Chautauqua County through most of the early to mid-1900s. Both were Jamestown residents much of their lives, very active leaders in the community, were involved in numerous activities and organizations, and were very charitable to causes in which they believed. The Hazzards truly lived with a philosophy of: You are only as good as what you give back to your community.

In 1954, the Hazzards died in a tragic automobile accident, but the impact they made in the past continues to be seen today. After their deaths, an Educational Trust Fund was established at the Bank of Jamestown, based upon the terms of their will. The Trust

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2007 HAMILTON AWARD...(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

"We have never looked at skin color or race. We just see people...and we enjoy lending a helping hand."

- Vivian Taylor, on receiving the Hamilton Community Service Award



Family and friends of Vivian and Lula were on hand for the award event.

Clinton Award in 2003 with her husband and was named a YWCA Woman of Achievement for her work through government in 2005.

As a couple, the Taylors are co-founders of the Chautauqua County Black History Committee; co-chairs of the Jamestown Interracial Forum; attend the Blackwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, with Mrs. Taylor serving as Youth Director of the Youth Fellowship; served as members of Reachout Ministries; the Underground Railroad Tableau Project Steering Committee; and have been very involved in Euclid and Washington School PTA.

The Taylors received the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award at a ceremony in their honor on September 6. However, they are to be commended every day for the service they have given to the Chautauqua Region. The Taylors have indeed followed in the footsteps of John D. Hamilton, and their work continues on today.

Portions of this article were published in the September 9 edition of *The Post-Journal*.

CRCF WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

CRCF hired Christine Ditz for the position of Program Associate this past August. Mrs. Ditz occupies the newly created position to help support CRCF's efforts in the areas of grants, scholarships, and general programming.



Christine Ditz

Mrs. Ditz is a 2006 graduate of Jamestown Business College. Prior to joining the Community Foundation, she worked as an Eye Care Consultant at the Wal-Mart Vision Center in Warren, Pennsylvania, where she held various office management responsibilities and was involved in customer service. Prior to her job as an Eye Care Consultant, Mrs. Ditz worked at Corry Memorial Hospital for one year and at Osram Sylvania in Warren for 12 years. Both positions provided her with the opportunity to develop technical expertise, interpersonal skills, and a strong work ethic within a professional environment.

Mrs. Ditz, who resides in Warren, Pennsylvania, is pleased to bring her skills to Chautauqua County in an effort to assist the Community Foundation in "enriching the quality of life in the Chautauqua region." On being hired for the new Program Associate position, Mrs. Ditz stated, "I am very excited to be working with the Community Foundation and very much look forward to learning more about this community and the wonderful people within it. In time, I hope my contributions will help enhance the Foundation's mission, while bringing a continued level of excellence to the staff."

Of the recent addition to the staff, Community Foundation Executive Director Randy Sweeney said, "As the Community Foundation grows, so does the need to bring in qualified people, such as Christine, to support our everyday activities. Christine is a great addition, and her assistance in the areas of grants and scholarships will help ensure the Foundation's continued trend of growth."

"I look forward to learning more about the community and the wonderful people within it."

- Christine Ditz, on joining the CRCF staff

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Give to Charity Through “GoodSearch”



There is now a new way to give to your favorite charity by simply searching for content on the internet. The website titled *GoodSearch* (www.goodsearch.com) serves like any other internet search engine, such as Google or Yahoo. You go to the site’s homepage, simply input key words you would like to search for and hit “search.”

The main difference with *GoodSearch* is that when you go through the internet search process, you can enter a charity name, such as the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and when you complete your search, 1 cent will be donated to the Community Foundation by *GoodSearch* for every search completed.

While this might not seem significant, when you factor in the traffic on the internet each year, this number could add up into the thousands and even tens of thousands of dollars on an annual basis given to one charity.

CRCF is now a registered charity with *GoodSearch*, so take time to use the site for all your internet searching needs. You will be able to find what you are looking for on the web, while giving to charity at the same time!

GoodSearch Fact:

Since its launch in 2005, over 46,000 U.S. non-profits have registered with *GoodSearch*.

CRCF Presents Endowment-Building Seminar

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, in partnership with the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, offered an endowment-building seminar on November 2. The aim of the seminar was to educate local non-profit organizations on the benefits of endowment funds in ensuring financial stability and organizational growth and prosperity.

Ralph Serpe, a 1985 graduate of SUNY Fredonia and Certified FundRaising Executive from the Princeton Area Community Foundation, served as presenter. His extensive experience includes 20 years in planned giving and endowment-building.



Ralph Serpe makes a presentation to area non-profits on endowment-building at JCC.

Two identical sessions were held in the South and North County, with over 75 individuals from Chautauqua County non-profits attending the two seminars. With the education of area non-profits on the minds of both community foundations, additional joint seminars may be held in the future, focusing on a wide variety of charitable giving topics.

If you are interested in learning more about endowment funds or wish to build an endowment of your own to benefit the community, contact the CRCF staff at 661-3390.

What is an Endowment Fund?

Permanent gift to CRCF that is invested for growth over time, with a portion of that growth granted back to the community for a charitable cause.

Foundation Awards Over \$750,000 in Scholarships



A CRCF General Scholarship Committee reviews applications and makes award recommendations.

The Community Foundation is all about awarding grants and scholarships. This combined assistance has equated to over \$24,000,000 awarded to the community since the Foundation’s inception in 1978.

After the completion of 2007, this number of total monies granted will grow leaps and bounds, as the Foundation is set to award a record amount of scholarships this year, totaling over \$750,000.

The scholarship monies awarded to area students in 2007 signifies a \$60,000 increase from 2006 and almost a \$120,000 increase from 2005 demonstrating the growth of CRCF scholarship funds over time.

In October and November, the CRCF scholarship committees met to make recommendations for the 2007 awards. From these Meetings, it was determined that over 800 students will receive scholarship assistance this year. Overall, these scholarship numbers are significant, but there is always more that can be done. Please contact the Foundation if you wish to learn more about scholarships or start a fund of your own to benefit area students.

CRCF Scholarship Facts:

Since 1978, CRCF has awarded \$9.1 million in scholarship assistance to Chautauqua region students.



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Make a Year-End Gift Online

CRCF began offering online giving in September 2006. Over the past year, CRCF has found that this giving option has become a convenient way for many donors to give, as it can be done at any time, at any amount, and at any place that has a computer and an internet connection.

Follow these simple steps to make an online donation:

- Go to: www.crcfonline.org.
- Click on "Donate Now!" on the left-hand menu bar.
- Search for the fund you wish to give to; then click "Donate."
- Enter your gift amount and click "Final Checkout."

You will then be asked to create an account and enter some personal information to process your gift.

After you have submitted your gift, CRCF staff is notified and acknowledgement letters are mailed.

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was established to serve as a scholarship fund for students from Cassadaga, Falconer, Frewsburg, Jamestown, Maple Grove, Panama, and Southwestern High Schools and to help provide these students with the means to attain a college education. In 1984, a petition was brought to transfer the principal of the fund, totaling over \$700,000 at the time, to the Community Foundation.

In just the past ten years alone, over 1,200 area high school students have received a scholarship award from the Walter and Grace Hazzard Scholarship Fund. In that same time, over \$700,000 was awarded. Most impressive, with significant growth over time, the fund now stands at over \$2 million in assets.

Today marks the 3rd Annual Walter and Grace Hazzard Scholarship Fund Picnic. The picnic, which was started by a local attorney with ties to the Hazzards, welcomes former Hazzard Scholarship Fund recipients and other individuals who wish to remember this great couple. The picnic was originally established with the idea to celebrate the Hazzards' lives and to remember their philanthropy and leadership of over 50 years ago. The picnic also stands as recognition of the Hazzards relevance today, as the action they took so many years ago is continuing to have a substantial impact on the lives of local students. If you are a Hazzard Fund scholarship recipient, we would like to hear from you; so please call the Foundation staff at 661-3390. This will ensure you are invited to this picnic in coming years.

Walter and Grace Hazzard are an ideal example of what giving today can mean 20, 50, or even 100 years down the road. Over 50 years ago, Walter and Grace Hazzard saw a need in the community and created a fund to address that need. Today, the impact their fund is making is immeasurable. If you see a need in the community that you would like to address, call 661-3390 and talk to the CRCF staff about starting a fund. If more people followed the lead of Walter and Grace Hazzard, the community would be in good hands for years to come.