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Bidding Farewell to Kent Faerber

Nearly 300 community leaders and friends gathered at an Open House on March 26, 2009, to toast the Community Foundation's second president, Kent Faerber, as he heads into his retirement.

The trustees honored Kent with a surprise dinner and a very special tribute later that evening. David Starr, Steve Davis, and Dana Barrows announced that their team had raised over \$85,000 to establish a new permanently endowed fund in Kent's name. The Board of Trustees will allow Kent to decide on the use of the fund's distributions.

In thanking his friends and colleagues, Kent writes, "My work has been reward sufficient in and of itself, but I am moved by the extraordinary goodwill of so many wonderful people, so committed to our little Pioneer Valley. It's a stunning reminder of why the Foundation has such a bright

Betsy and Sandy Belden of Hatfield wish Kent well in his retirement (bottom left) and Captain Persi Sanclemente of the Salvation Army—Holyoke Corps paid tribute to Kent at the March 26th Open House (bottom right).

future. I feel privileged to have been able to work with the best parts of the human spirit—thank you again and again."

And thanks to all who have donated to this fund. Through this permanent resource, Kent's legacy of service to the

Pioneer Valley will live for generations to come. If you would like to make a contribution to this new fund, please visit our online donations page or mail a check to the Community Foundation, designating the Kent W. Faerber Fund.



Board of Trustees, Steve Davis, David Starr, and Dana Barrows (from left to right) congratulate Kent on the new Kent W. Faerber Fund they helped establish.



Ron Ancrum Takes Community Foundation Reins

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Ron Ancrum, who will join the Community Foundation on July 15 as president. He comes to us after eight years as President of Associated Grant Makers, a membership association for foundation and corporate giving programs serving Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and with several decades of work in philanthropy and nonprofit organizations.

What interested you about joining the Community Foundation?

"It seemed like the logical next step from what I've been doing [with AGM]. It's the right kind of foundation, engaged in the community, a lot of local support. I also have some familiarity with the region."

Where do you see the challenges and opportunities ahead?

"Well, there are always challenges. I prefer to focus on the opportunities. I want to find a way to increase endowed funds and to extend our grant making to help us address critical issues facing the region."

What do you see your role being as president?

"First, as a steward of the funds entrusted to us, and our grant making activities. Second, I'd like to focus on donor services, positioning the Community Foundation as a tool and vehicle for individual donors to help them realize their goals. And third I'd like to take a leadership role as a catalyst to bring people together to address the issues facing the community."

Ron's passion for community issues and his expertise in foundation work represent a tremendous resource for the Community Foundation. We look forward to introducing you to Ron in the months ahead.



Ron Ancrum

- B.M. in Music Theory and Composition, UConn
- M.S. in Public Affairs, UMass, McCormack Institute
- President, Associated Grant Makers (8 years)
- Higher education admissions (19 years)
- Nonprofit consultant (11 years)
- Avid jazz and film fan

Family Foundations Find Refuge in Donor Advised Funds

In April, the Wall Street Journal reported that many private family foundations are transferring their assets to donor advised funds in response to declining asset values and onerous administrative costs and regulations. While the financial and reporting burden of running a private foundation can quickly overwhelm the typical individual or family philanthropist, donors may also be discouraged by governmental scrutiny and requirements that affect their philanthropic work.

The Community Foundation offers an array of services to private foundations, in addition to relief from their financial and administrative burdens. As a public nonprofit, *community-oriented* organization, our expertise is in meeting local needs and advising generous local donors and their families on how to best use their charitable resources. To find out more about the advantages of donor advised funds with the Community Foundation, please contact Kristin Leutz or Katie Allan Zobel at 413-732-2858.

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Community Foundation News

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- The Distribution Committee recently awarded \$511,500 to 55 nonprofits in the first granting cycle of 2009.
- The next deadline for grant applications is August 13, 2009. Please visit our website for complete details.
- Seven new scholarship funds available for the 2009-2010 academic year have increased educational opportunity for local students. The Community Foundation awarded over \$2.5 million in May, from a pool of over 3,000 applications.

SCHOLAR PROFILE: Joel Bradley UMass Medical School, Class of '12



It's no secret that medical school is exorbitantly expensive, and that many prospective doctors are forced to make career choices based less on their interests than on their future ability to pay back loans.

For Joel Bradley, recipient of a 2008-2009 Naurison scholarship, the Community Foundation is reducing that pressure and allowing him to focus on the ideals that brought him to medicine in the first place.

During his first year of studies, Joel provided health services to the uninsured in student-run free clinics. This summer, he will join community health workers in Argentina to help ameliorate the effects of malnutrition on the urban poor. He credits the Community Foundation with trimming away "the shadow of indebtedness that turns so many away from community and service work" and making it possible for him to fully explore his career options.

Over 100 scholarship and interest-free loan funds help hundreds of local students go to college each year. Make a gift to our Community Scholarship Fund and make a difference in someone's life. Please call us at 413-732-2858 or visit our website (www.communityfoundation.org/scholarships) for more information about making a gift or starting your own fund.

Meet our new president, connect with old friends, and share in the accomplishments of the past year. Watch for your invitation in August!

Log Cabin, Holyoke
 5:00-6:30 pm
 Hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar.

OCTOBER 19, 2009



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