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Name: Jan Dolan
Age: 70
Occupation: Retired lawmak-
er
Years in the community: 31



Involvement: Botsford Hospital trustee, Farmington Rotary board member, American Association of University Women board member, Oakland Community College Foundation board and state board of Planned Parenthood, former Farmington Hills City Council members (14

years); for state Representative for 37th House District (8 years).
Why involved: "When I was in Lansing I served on Appropriations and I saw that addressing concerns of children is one of the major concerns there. It's not just in terms of education. When we don't invest in them earlier enough, the cost to taxpayers just goes up exponentially."

Goals: "I'd like to see the foundation get to the point where enough there is enough money... to generate interest and generate programming that is needed. It cannot all be done with volunteers."

Name: John Anhut
Age: 74
Occupation: Former owner of Botsford Inn (42 years)
Years in the community: 51



Civic involvement: Chairman of Economic Development Corporation of Farmington Hills, Grand River Improvement Committee chair, Botsford Hospital trustee.

Why involved: "I'm very familiar with this chap Todd Lipa. I've never seen a person more concerned and committed to children and youth than this person. He's inspired me. I don't mind it's the devil's workshop. So keep them busy."

Goals: "I hope that they pursue what Lipa is trying to do, open these youth centers after school so they are busy in their off hours. . . . It doesn't mean recreation, it could mean computer skills or other things to keep them busy in their off hours."

Name: Dennis Fitzgerald
Age: 55
Occupation: Financial consultant
Years in the community: 34



Involvement: President of Farmington Optimist Club, chairman Farmington Hills Ice Arena Advisory Committee and active chairman of Ways and Means Committee of Foundation. Past chairman Farmington

Hills Parks and Recreation Commission (15 years).
Why involved: "My consulting has been using philanthropy as a major planning tool. I know I have some experiences in that area I'd like to share with the community."

Goals: "My goals are to make a significant contribution to and make it more recognizable and more important part of the community. It's rooted in a critical issue that is important to the health of the city."

Name: Mary Bush
Age: 44
Occupation: Real estate broker
Years in the community: 1
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Community involvement: Farmington City Council, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Planning Commission, World War II Commem-

oration Committee, 50th Anniversary of Air Force, SAGE teams with Jack Curd.
Why involved: "The foundation needed a representative from Farmington City Council. I feel very strongly about supporting support for the children in the community. Even though I don't have children, they are our future."

Goals: "To continue to strive to improve support of our children in our communities."

Name: Joanne Smith
Age: 71
Years in the community: 41
Profession: Master of social work

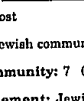


Involvement: Former Farmington Hills councilwoman and mayor, former Zoning Board of Appeals member, former Planning Commission member.

Why involved: "I absolutely believe in the core mission: Which states children are at risk for problems that we as adults didn't have. . . . Children need that extra direction and guidance."

Goals: "As co-chair of the annual Cornucopia Ball, my main thrust is to raise money so we can continue the program. We have a grant and that will eventually run out and we have to find alternative funding."

Name: Alan Yost
Age: 47
Profession: Jewish communal professional
Years in the community: 7 (17 working here)



Civic involvement: Jewish Community Center trustee, Jewish Family Service trustee, Jewish Welfare Federation trustee

and former member of Ethics Commission for Farmington Hills.
Why involved: "I think serving youth is one of the most important responsibilities a person could have. I want to give back to the community I live and work in and I thought this was a great opportunity."

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Name: Judge Marla Parker
Age: 42
Profession: 47th District Court judge
Years in the community: 12

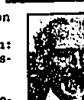


Civic involvement: Oakland County Bar Association Board, Oakland County District Judges Association, City Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Farmington Optimists, Women Bar Association, National Association of Women Judges, Farmington

ton/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.
Why involved: "I saw it as an opportunity to further the interests of the citizens of Farmington and Farmington Hills and as a way to benefit the community, and to provide things that the cities might not be able to provide. I've always had a strong interest in children and youth. I do a lot of things such as having court in the schools, having Boys and Girls Scouts in the courthouse. I think it's important to encourage opportunities for the children and families."

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Name: Gerson Cooper
Profession: President, Botsford Hospital
Civic involvement: Executive Committee, Temple Israel; board of trustees, Ecumenical Institute; board member, Michigan State Chamber of Commerce; member of Oakland County Business Roundtable in 1993;



formerly affiliated with American Hospital Association and American Osteopathic Hospital Association. He and his wife Carol, in November, 1992, were awarded the Justice Louis D. Brandeis Award by the Zionist Organization of America. The award is given in recognition of "dedication to the advancement of Jewish values, steadfast support of the State of Israel and outstanding leadership in professional health services."

Why involved: "I believe in this mission statement, giving our kids a strong foundation."

Name: Nancy Bates
Age: 64
Profession: Retired; former business owner
Years in the community: 30



Civic involvement: Farmington Hills City Council member; charter member of Farmington/Farmington Hills Art Commission; Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Aging.

Why involved: "As we started to do the work we wanted to accomplish (on the Commission on Children, Youth & Families)

we saw a piece missing. We wouldn't be able to include (donations from) corporations without a 501-C3. The foundation was formed to take care of that fund-raising process. Bates, the mother of three adult children, added that she has "enormous anxiety about what's happening to and what's not happening for children in America."

Goals: "To ensure continuation of youth programs by providing appropriate funding. . . . We also want to involve the families of these children. We see so many exciting things to do from the children right on up to grandparents."

Name: Richard Daguanne
Age: 69
Profession: Attorney, Daguanne & Accettura in Farmington Hills
Years in the community: 15



Involvement: One-time chairman, Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth & Families; formerly on board of directors, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce; member of Farmington Hills Ice Arena Advisory Committee; active with South Farmington and Farmington Federation Baseball Leagues.

Why involved: He was recruited by Nancy Bates to serve on the Commission on Children, Youth & Families, with the Foundation evolving out of that. His interest was sparked by his dedication to provide more opportunities for children and to reverse the breakdown of the American family. "Now we have the opportunity to put our money where our mouths are."

Goals: His goals mirror those set by the Foundation, to raise as much money as possible to encourage and support proactive community-based efforts on behalf of children, youth and families in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Name: Douglas Ebert
Age: 51
Profession: Banker, Michigan National Bank
Years in the community: 4



Involvement: Co-chair, Greater Detroit One to One; governor, Cranbrook Institute of Science; trustee, Detroit Symphony Opera Hall; executive committee, United Negro College Fund; trustee, Detroit Renaissance; trustee, Detroit Econom-

ics Club.
Why involved: Ebert said the development of youth and education "are the two most significant issues challenging our society today." The Foundation is working to make that happen, due largely to "a coherent plan and committed people."

Goals: "To provide an environment and variety of programs to give our children the ability to avoid the factors (drugs, alcohol, gangs) that can put their self-development and self-realization at risk."

Name: Robert Heinrich
Age: 63
Profession: President and CEO of Metro-bank in Farmington Hills
Years in the community: 20



Civic involvement: Board of Farmington Area Philharmonic; trustee, Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association; member of the Farmington Exchange Club; director, Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

the community is the responsibility of every citizen. He believes Metrobank is obligated to do the same. Volunteer involvement is the vehicle to do that. "Too often, we look first to our federal government to provide for our needs or to solve the problems that we face instead of working together with volunteers and leaders around us to determine the best solutions."

Goals: Heinrich said he would like to see "even more people" volunteering time or donating money to the Foundation, in order to "preserve the work of the community centers for years to come."

Why involved: Giving back to

Name: Bob Miel
Age: 55
Profession: Superintendent, Farmington Public Schools
Years in the community: 3 1/2



Civic involvement: Member of Farmington/Farmington Hills Exchange Club; on steering committee of Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural, Multiracial Community Council.

Why involved: Maxfield, as were all of the original Foundation board members, were invited to serve. But what particularly intrigued him was how it

could help middle school children find healthy, after-school outlets. "It clearly supports the work of the school district and the need to provide a safety net for kids."

Goals: To raise enough money through the Cornucopia Ball to sustain the three (soon to be four) teen centers and other endeavors funded by the Foundation. Another goal is "wrestling with the issue of breadth versus depth. Does (the Foundation) support a very broad range of activities or does it focus its primary effort" on the teen centers. "There's a danger with either extreme. The answer is somewhere in between."

Name: Cathy Webb
Age: 45
Profession: Self-employed, retail advertising artist
Years in the community: 18



Civic involvement: Farmington Board of Education; chairwoman of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth & Families; member of Farmington Hills Crime Prevention Advisory Council; member of Farmington YMCA board of directors.

Why involved: As a commission member, Webb already knew there was a crucial need to

give children and youth a variety of recreational opportunities. Webb also knew money is needed to run such programming. So, when the idea to form a Foundation was presented, she "jumped at the chance."

Goals: Besides the "huge undertaking" of organizing the annual Cornucopia Ball, Webb said finding more ways to raise money for programming is essential.

"Corporate sponsorship and grants, that's where the money is," she said. "We're also talking about starting up a Friends of the Foundation." The latter endeavor would also give individuals an opportunity to donate as little as \$25 to the cause.

Name: Lawrence West
Age: 56
Profession: Certified public accountant
Years in the community: 18

Involvement: Service organizations through his company
Why involved: "I learned

about the foundation through the chairman Dick Daguanne. Mr. Daguanne and myself have certain business connections and he explained the foundation to me. I think my particular interest was it is involved assisting young people in the community."

Editor's note: Some board members were unable to be reached for this story: Mark Jensen, Diana Lewis and Tyrone Chris Tarr.

centers running into the 21st century. Enter the similarly named but autonomous Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Children, Youth and Families.

"The goal is essentially to ensure the continuation of the youth programs by providing appropriate funding," said commission/foundation cog Nancy Bates, also a Farmington Hills City council member.

That funding currently is coming from \$385,000 in grant money obtained by Farmington Hills and another \$200,000 from the parks and recreation millage. Beginning in 1999, however, the centers will literally bank on the efforts of the foundation — primarily its annual Cornucopia Ball slated for Saturday, Nov. 15 at the William Costick Activities Center.

"We're hoping to get to the point each year where we raise \$100,000" through the Cornucopia Ball, said Maxfield, one of 19 members on the foundation. "We'd like to continue to build on that and maybe increase it by 10-20 percent annually. . . . The key is developing enough of a nest egg that you're able to live off of the interest."

Foundation member Richard Daguanne concurred that donations from corporations and individuals are essential "to encourage and support proactive com-

munity-based efforts on behalf of children, youth and families in Farmington and Farmington Hills."

Daguanne called Bates "the moving force" behind the commission and the foundation that evolved from it. Bates created the commission in 1993, when she was mayor of Farmington Hills. The foundation was begun two years later, said member Joanne Smith.

But Bates credited Farmington and Farmington Hills people for getting behind the need to provide something extra for children.

"Raising funds is important," Bates said. "But here's a community that stepped forward and showed responsibility for the kids that live here. And that's wonderful."

Cathy Webb was on the original commission and "jumped at the chance" to join the foundation when it was organized.

"I very much believe in the work the foundation is doing," said Webb, also on the Farmington school board.

The roster of the foundation, which meets six times a year, is diverse. It also includes 47th District Judge Marla Parker, Channel 7 anchorwoman Diana Lewis (as an honorary member), plus prominent clergy leaders, bankers and hospital administrators.

Foundation facts

Here is some capsule information about foundations, including definitions and facts, based on materials from the Grand Haven-based Council of Michigan Foundations:

What is a foundation?

A foundation is a non-governmental, nonprofit organization, with funds and programs managed by its own trustees or directors, established to aid social, educational, charitable, religious or other activities serving the common welfare, primarily through the making of grants.

How many foundations are there in Michigan and how many significant ones are there in Oakland County?

Of the estimated 38,800 grant making foundations in the United States, there are 1,270 in Michigan, with total assets of \$14.379 billion and charitable expenditures in their last reporting year of \$860.5 million. There are 354 foundations with assets under \$100,000.

In Oakland County there are 27 private foundations with assets of more than \$5 billion and/or which have charitable expenditures of more than \$300,000. In all, there are 223 foundations headquartered in the area headed by the 11th U.S. Congressional district in southern Oakland county and parts of Wayne County. There are 57 in the 12th district, which is in Oakland and Macomb counties, and 59 in the ninth district, which includes much of northern Oakland County.

There is an Oakland County-based community foundation with assets of more than \$1 million, but the Detroit-based Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan covers Oakland and six other counties. Also three of the state's 27 largest Michigan company-sponsored foundations are based in the county: the Chrysler Corporation Fund in Auburn Hills, Erb Foundation in Bloomfield Hills and Kelly Services Inc. Foundation in Troy.

Additionally, there are numerous small community foundations, mostly to serve public school programs.

What is a private foundation?

A private foundation (which may also be called an indepen-

dent foundation) is a fund or endowment designated by law as a private foundation, with a primary function of making grants. Assets most commonly are derived from gifts of an individual or family.

What is a community foundation?

A community foundation is one which receives and administers endowment and other funds from private sources and manages them under community control for charitable purposes, primarily on local needs. They are classified by the Internal Revenue Service as "public charities."

What is a company-sponsored foundation?

A company-sponsored foundation or corporate foundation is a private foundation under the tax law and derives its funds from a profit making company. It is independently constituted and its purpose is to make grants often on a broad basis.

Where is the money allocated?

There are 26 major field areas for grant distribution, with 10 basic divisions: humanities, education, environment, health care, human services, international, public benefit, religion, social benefit, and disability. In Michigan, according to the latest figures, 22.81 percent of all grants went to public benefits (such as community improvements, social science research, public transportation systems); 22.39 percent went to education (about 22.08 percent went to human services (jobs, nutrition, housing, youth development, etc.).

How can I find out more about foundations?

You can contact specific foundations or corporations directly, including request of an annual report. You can visit special library reference centers organized with foundation collections. The only one in Oakland County is at the Farmington Community Library. You can also contact The Foundation Center in New York, N.Y., at (212) 620-4230, as well as getting additional information from the consumer protection and charitable trust division of the state attorney general's office (617) 737-1162.

Kresge is one of country's largest

The Kresge Foundation, based in Troy, is the second largest private foundation in Michigan and, with assets of 1.8 billion, is one of the 19 largest in the United States. Last year, trustees of the foundation awarded 144 grants totaling \$87.8 million to nonprofit organizations in the U.S., Canada and England.

The Kresge Foundation was established in 1924 by Sebastian S. Kresge. It is not affiliated with any corporation or organization. The foundation awards challenge grants to organizations operating in the fields of higher education, arts and humanities, human service, health and long-term care, science and the environment, and public affairs. Grants are pri-

marily made in support of the construction and renovation of facilities, purchase of equipment and the acquisition of real estate.

Only the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek is larger in Michigan than The Kresge Foundation. It has assets of \$6 billion. The Bloomfield Hills-based Herick Foundation, meanwhile, ranks sixth in size with \$200 million in assets.

Among the state's largest company-sponsored foundations, three are in Oakland County: The Chrysler Corporation Fund in Auburn Hills, Erb Foundation in Bloomfield Hills and Kelly Services Inc. Foundation in Troy. The Chrysler fund ranks fifth.

— Larry Paladino