

Area programs get Skillman grants

After three decades of helping children and community-related programs in the Detroit area, The Skillman Foundation has topped the \$100 million mark in total donations.

New grants amounting to \$2.1 million, included a number of programs based in Oakland County. These include money for full scholarships for minority youth from low-income families to attend Cranbrook (\$141,000), Detroit County Day (\$114,000) and Roper City and County School (\$38,000).

Grants to other Oakland County-based programs include:

- \$40,000 to the Fresh Air Society in West Bloomfield for its summer camp for emotionally disturbed children.
- \$156,000 to Judson Center, Inc. in Royal Oak for its family foster care.
- \$15,000 to the Greater Detroit Area Chapter of the National Council on Alcoholism and Other Dependencies, based in Southfield, for substance abuse awareness and prevention.
- \$18,000 to Pontiac Area Urban League for mentorship program for Hispanic youth.
- \$85,000 to Michigan Colleges Foundation, Southfield, general operating support.
- \$25,000 to Foodbank of Oakland County, a capital grant to improve capacity.

WITH GRANTS OF nearly \$2.1 million, The Skillman Foundation has now awarded a total of just over \$100 million since it was formed in 1960 by the late Rose Skillman, widow of Robert H. Skillman, vice-president and director of 3M.

"This milestone marks an important point in the evolution of this foundation," said Leonard Smith, president of Skillman. "It has grown from a pass-through foundation of Mrs. Rose Skillman's personal philanthropy to one of the largest, professionally managed foundations in Michigan."

Rose Skillman's personal generosity exceeded \$2 million a year until her death in 1983, when the foundation received her estate. Since then, The Skillman Foundation has been able to invest an average of \$10.5 million a year in children, family and other community programs in the Detroit area. Today, the foundation has assets of \$350 million.

"The strong investment performance of the foundation's managers enables us to project awarding \$15 million in grants in 1992," Smith said. "February's awards only marks our first \$100 million in grants. We have already begun working on our second \$100 million."

In education, the Foundation's Skillman Scholars Program, established in 1985, will provide more than \$500,000 in 1992 scholarships to educate 35 disadvantaged students from Detroit at selected independent schools.

With headquarters in Detroit, The Skillman Foundation is a private, grantmaking foundation with assets of \$350 million. The Foundation makes grants in the areas of child and family welfare, child and family health, education, juvenile justice, youth development, basic human needs, strengthening major community institutions, and culture and the arts.

OU raises dorm rates

It will cost more to eat and live in the Oakland-University residence halls next year.

The university's Board of Trustees approved a 6-percent increase in room and board rates for the 1992-93 academic year that begins with the 1992 summer session.

The board cited a variety of increased costs including wages, utilities, the repair expense, and some restoration and renovation projects as reasons for the increase.

New rates for the combined fall and winter semesters and the 19-meal plan total \$3,715, an increase of \$215 over 1991-92.

Room and board for summer of 1992 has increased \$52 to \$190 and includes 19 meals. Room and board for spring of 1992 will be \$146, an increase of \$49 and based on 14 meals maximum. The increases for summer and spring were also set at 6 percent.

The university is studying dorm occupancy and measures that may be taken to ease future residence hall costs for students. Trustee James Sharp Jr. voted against the increase with six of the seven board members present supporting the new rates.

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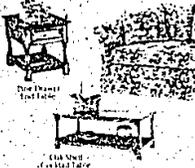
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