



# The Flame

Spring 2011

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ April 14 - 16  
CS Garage Sale
- ◆ March 25  
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- ◆ March 27  
HV Community Showcase (non-perishable food collection for CS)
- ◆ June 4 (tentative)  
Dogs Playing Poker Walk
- ◆ June 16 HVS  
Diversity Council Grub Crawl
- ◆ July 10 (tentative)  
CS Garden Party
- ◆ July 13  
CS Golf Outing
- ◆ July 30  
CS Summerfest 2011:  
A Barnyard Barbeque  
at Lazy J Ranch

## Newsletter Via E-mail

If you were **mailed** a copy of this newsletter **AND** you gave us your e-mail address, we have an error in your email address. Please email us at [info@community-sharing.org](mailto:info@community-sharing.org) to correct the error.

If you haven't shared your e-mail address us yet, please help us save on postage by sharing your email address with us.

## From the Board ...

### Community Sharing Wins Art Van Million Dollar Charity Challenge Grant

Community Sharing is proud to be one of fifty recipients of the Art Van Million Dollar Charity Challenge Grant in the amount of \$10,000. In order to receive the full amount of the grant, Community Sharing needs to raise an additional \$10,000 in donations by June 2011. Between now and then, every dollar donated will be matched by the Art Van Charity Challenge Grant up to \$10,000.



In these difficult times, we can't emphasize the importance of these additional funds. We need the continued support of the community in order to serve the numbers of families coming to us for help.

Please go to the donations page on the Community Sharing website ([www.community-sharing.org](http://www.community-sharing.org)) and enter your contribution in the section indicated. Or, you can mail a check (PO Box 405, Highland, MI 48357) or drop it off at Community Sharing (2029 N. Milford Road, Highland, Mon. - Thurs, 10 a.m. – 3p.m. Your donation will be automatically applied against the Art Van Challenge Grant, thus doubling the value of your contribution. We hope you will help Community Sharing meet this challenge!

*Remember that your donation is also eligible for the "Michigan Homeless Shelter/Food Bank Credit" on your 2011 Michigan Income Tax return. The tax credit is based on 50% of the cash donated, up to a limit of \$200 for a married couple or \$100 for all others.*

## Community Sharing Cookbook Project

We are putting together a cookbook, and need your help to fill the pages. Included will be original and innovative recipes from businesses, individuals within the community, and Community Sharing staff and volunteers. It is our goal to have it published and available for sale before the 2011 Thanksgiving - Christmas holiday season.

We can't think of a better gift for your loved ones who enjoy cooking and the profits will go directly back into helping our clientele.

Some of the categories we are looking for are:

- Holiday Fare
- Side Dishes
- Desserts
- Meats
- Soups and Stews
- Pasta
- Vegetarian
- Snacks
- Salads
- Beverages
- AND of course, the tried and true casserole !

We would like to include a section of recipes submitted by children. So if your little munchkin has some talent in the kitchen, we would love to help them show off their culinary skills!

If you have something special that doesn't quite fit into any of these sections, submit it anyway. A good recipe is a good recipe! All recipes can be submitted for consideration through our email at [info@community-sharing.org](mailto:info@community-sharing.org).

Please be sure your recipe has the cooking time, temperature, all necessary ingredients and quantities required, and any special requirements to ensure that it turns out as perfectly for others as it does for you.



## Volunteer Spotlight: Jim & Carol Cox



In this issue, Community Sharing is beaming a spotlight on the dynamic duo of Jim and Carol Cox. They became volunteers four years ago when they brought in some items for a Garage Sale, and in Carol's own words "got reeled in". Not that they mind one bit. They both said they get much joy from their work with Community Sharing.

Jim works in the distribution area, helping to sort, organize and stock the food pantry. Carol is one of the 'front desk' receptionists. She is one of the first people our clients meet. She identifies what each client needs (whether it's food, clothing, help with bills, to register as a new client or a combination of these things), and points the person in the right direction.

Jim and Carol have been happily married for 43 years, and are blessed with 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren.

A retired Electrician, Jim has a passion for cars — specifically Corvettes! He is an active member of the Corvette Club of America, and is the proud owner of a 1975 and a 2001 'Vette'. He loves to spend his free time tinkering with these really nice toys!

Carol is retired from Sears. Traveling in their RV is her favorite way to get away from it all. She said they plan several trips a year, and can't wait to hit the open road to take in the sights!

Both of them say their favorite aspect of their volunteer work with us is the satisfaction they get by helping the people who need it most in a real and meaningful way. They also appreciate the people they volunteer with and the friendships that have evolved as a result of volunteering here.

## GM Proving Ground Employees Care



The employees at the General Motors Proving Ground have started an ongoing quarterly food collection project to help Community Sharing with it's pantry needs. They are even going that extra mile (literally!), and have signed up to help with deliveries to our homebound clients.

We received our first, very substantial donation from them in March. The donation of their time is especially appreciated because we (and our clients) get to make new friends through this aspect of their project.

We at Community Sharing are thoroughly convinced that they should change their name to Generous Motors Proving Ground!

## Green Thumbs Needed!

The **Huron Valley Green Team** is looking for volunteers who would like to be a part of their community garden. The growing season begins in May and volunteers are greatly needed by then.

**Community Sharing** was given a large plot within this collective to grow produce over the spring and summer months. All food grown on this plot will be brought to the Community Sharing food pantry for distribution to our clients.

If you are interested in helping our garden grow please contact Roberta Lennie at 248-684-5238 for details.



## *Pantry Needs*

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Different Flavored Jellies
- Condiments
- Boxed or Complete Meals
- Soup (family sized welcome)
- Canned Pasta
- Cereal
- Cake Mixes, Frosting & Pie Fillings
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Fruit
- Meats (Fresh or Canned)
- Coffee & Beverages
- Pet Food
- Personal Care Items

## Kroger Community Rewards: Please Re-enroll during April

Many thanks to everyone who has enrolled as a Community Sharing supporter through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. We recently received a little over \$400 from Kroger for the fourth quarter of 2010.

If we are to continue receiving Rewards checks, **all of our supporters must re-enroll in the program during April, even if they just signed up in Jan. - Mar. 2011.** To re-enroll, go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll." All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. This is the only way to enroll.

Thanks for your support, and, please, help keep those Rewards checks coming!

## Guess Who is Having a Garage Sale?

It's once again time for our fantastic semi-annual garage sale, and this time we are adding an exciting new feature to our already fantastic sale. A **BARGAIN BOUTIQUE!** We are setting up a separate section during the sale, that will be chock full of clothing, appliances, household goods and games that have never been used — brand new items at DEEPLY discounted prices. We know you will want to snap up these items before the next guy or gal does, so please make it a destination while you are at the sale.

If you are interested in giving us some time and volunteering for the set up, tear down or operational maintenance during for the sale, please sign up by calling Roberta Lennie at 248-684-5238. Volunteer help is much needed and always appreciated.

**We are currently accepting donations for the sale. Please remember that Community Sharing does not accept donations of stuffed animals, Christmas trees, computers or televisions. It also cannot accept child car seats that are past their expiration dates, and donations of items that have been recalled by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) such as drop-side cribs.**

# Community Sharing Outreach Center *Fundraiser*

## *Huge!* Garage Sale

Thursday & Friday, April 14 & 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Apollo Center Gym**

2029 N. Milford Rd., Highland,  
(1 mile north of M-59)

*Donations appreciated*

Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. & Saturday, March 12 & 26, April 9, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

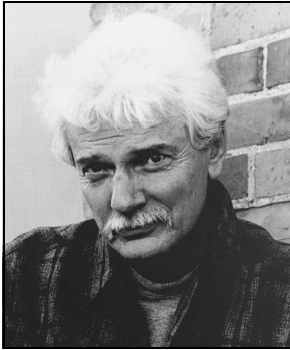
Donation pick-up available for senior citizens living in Milford & Highland

For more info, please visit [www.community-sharing.org](http://www.community-sharing.org) or call 248-889-0347

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## Will Young Stars as Ernie Harwell



Long time Community Sharing volunteer and professional actor, Will Young, will be playing the lead role in “Ernie”, an upcoming play at the City Theater in Detroit. Written and produced by Mitch Albom, “Ernie” is a loving tribute to the life and times of legendary Hall of Fame Detroit Tigers broadcaster, Ernie Harwell.

The play opens, at the City Theatre in the Hockeytown Café, to a sold out crowd on April 28th, but tickets for subsequent shows will be available through June. You can purchase tickets at the Fox Theatre box office, the City Theatre box office or through Ticketmaster. Prices are \$20 and \$25, an affordable range that will let more people share in this tribute to a wonderful man.

If you are a fan of baseball, Ernie Harwell, the theater, Will Young or any combination thereof, get those tickets and enjoy the show!

## Thank You for All the Fundraisers

The holidays always bring out the best from our community and this year was no exception! The following is a list of groups, individuals and businesses that held fundraising events for Community Sharing through the winter holiday season.

- ◆ The Milford Rotary Club with the assistance of Carl’s YMCA and The Milford High School Marching Band
- ◆ The Clothing Cove
- ◆ White Lake and Waterford Little Caesars
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop #272
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack #42
- ◆ Boy Scout Troop #33
- ◆ Cub Scout Pack #315
- ◆ Brooks Elementary School
- ◆ Grace Church Youth Group
- ◆ West Highland Christian Academy
- ◆ Spring Mills Elementary School
- ◆ Highland Middle School
- ◆ Peace Girls
- ◆ The Youth of All Saints Lutheran
- ◆ The Students of Mrs. Woods 2nd Grade Class

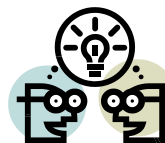
Community Sharing would also like to thank Bob Williard of Taylor Freezer of Michigan for donating an almost new commercial refrigerator. Kudos also go to Rottermond Jewelers for sponsoring 10 families through their annual Christmas Sharing Program.

We were blessed with tremendous support from many groups and businesses over the holidays. If we missed printing your name, it was due to human error, not a lack of gratitude. Community Sharing couldn’t do what we do without each and every one of you..

### Facts & Stats

- ◆ Volunteer Hours for Dec. 2010 - Feb. 2011 = 2484
- ◆ Active volunteers = 273
- ◆ Individuals served Dec 2010 - Feb 2011 = 2151  
Average number of individuals per month = 717
- ◆ Households served Dec 2010 - Feb 2011 = 808  
Average number of families per month = 270

### Got a Good Idea?



**Let’s hear it!** If you have an event planned or are thinking of organizing a fundraising activity for Community Sharing, please email our Director of Fundraising, Patty Kutil at [pattykutil@community-sharing.org](mailto:pattykutil@community-sharing.org)



*Memorials*

***In Memory of***

Louise Bohl  
 Helen M. Danahy  
 Carl Domas  
 Charles & Tim Fritz  
 Marion Howe  
 Kenneth Eversole  
 Antonina Kuffel  
 Anthony Giacomantiono  
 Madeline Mackay  
 Ronald McFarland  
 Helen Opalewski  
 Marian Skinner  
 Sam Watson  
 Mary Wildt  
 Joan Willis  
 Ben Zalupski

***From***

Richard Bohl  
 Lori Laird  
 Darel & Sara Dickens  
 Becky Willis  
 The Howe Family  
 Carole Cronin  
 The McFarlands  
 Larry & Donna Pandoff  
 Denise Godin  
 The McFarlands  
 Judi Crawford  
 John & Suzette Swartz  
 Lucille Watson  
 The Goodrich Family  
 Becky Willis  
 Betty Zalupski

***In Memory of Pat Jones***

***From:***

Bob & Ronnie Carpenter	Larry & Joanne Plant	John & Claudia Schimetz
Caspar & Ruth Hughes		Angelo & Marisa Vitali

***In Memory of John Petru***

***From:***

Anonymous Donor	Judy & Mark Fiore	Carol Lyszak	Kathy Petru	Eugene & Chris Spurges
Mary & John Bendall	Julie Flees	Linda H. Mida	Tom & Lynn Rofahl	Pauline Vanek
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Cequent Performance Products			Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Zablobski	

*Honoraria*



***In Honor of***

Apollo Staff: Sandy Nagel  
 Jamie Legato & Jane Abercombie  
 Mr. Brooks  
 Ronnie & Bob Carpenter  
 Mike & Jamie Chechel  
 Dr. Howard Dubin  
 Judy Gustin  
 Jude Halloran  
 Doris Hazen  
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 Nancy & Bob Hoffman  
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 Mr. & Mrs. M. Kramer  
 William Sample  
 Mrs. Woods  
 Sharon Zahrfeld  
 Patricia Zoch

***From***

G. Gustavo Gomez  
 8th Grade Social Studies Class at Banks Middle School  
 Cynthia, Daniel, Claire & Katharine Carpenter  
 Darlene Nowak-Baker  
 Dr. Dubin's Staff  
 Tom & Lorraine Fisher  
 Joe Halloran  
 Mary Krebs  
 Mary Niepoth  
 Judy Ulbrich  
 Bob & Ann Westenberg  
 Lucille Bammel  
 Virginia Krolicki  
 Tom & Lorraine Fisher  
 Ann Westenberg  
 Her 2nd Grade Class at Heritage Elementary School  
 Ted Zahrfeld  
 Tom & Lorraine Fisher



## Community Sharing

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### About Community Sharing

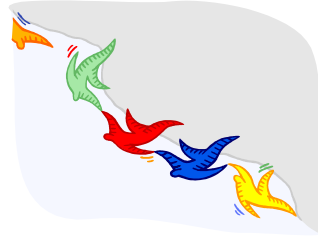
Community Sharing is a 501 (c) (3) corporation which provides food, clothing, pet food, emergency financial assistance, referrals, advocacy, and tutoring (K-12 and GED) for eligible residents of Milford, Highland and parts of Wixom regardless of race, gender or religious affiliation. Our goal is to help our clients achieve financial independence.

#### Hours of Operation:

Every Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Donations:

Food and clothing donations are accepted Mon-Wed. and every 2nd & 4th Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



#### Please Help Us to Help Others

- Volunteer your time and services
- Donate food and clothing
- Organize a food or clothing drive
- Host a special fundraiser
- Include us in your special events
- Make a monetary donation
- Tell others about Community Sharing

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