

First Scholarship Awarded to Jawonio

Apr 26, 2008 -- The Keith B. Hayes Foundation awards first scholarship of \$1,000 to the Jawonio Foundation, New City, NY for the benefit of the 2008 summer camp program at Jawonio

New City, NY – The Keith B. Hayes Foundation, a component fund of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, was created to honor and memorialize Keith, who passed away on September 14th, 2007 at the age of 20, and to continue his spirit of giving to others in need.

The Keith B. Hayes summer scholarship is awarded for this summer season of camp at Jawonio. This scholarship will be responsible for funding to cover a 1:1 Aide for a 3 year old boy named Gary with a diagnosis of Cerebral Palsy. While he is in Jawonio's Daycare program, Gary demonstrates significant delays in all areas of his development. He is dependant on others for most of his movement activities. He is non-verbal which inhibits his ability to make his needs known. He enjoys participating in his present classroom activities but his affect is flat and he requires warm-up time to reach a comfort level that enables him to be spontaneous. His social skills are compromised by all of these delays.

In addition, through The Keith B. Hayes Foundation, a scholarship will be awarded to the Ramapo College of New Jersey Foundation for the benefit of students who are afflicted with similar muscular and skeletal diseases and facing similar physical challenges as Keith.

The Keith B. Hayes Foundation is also pleased to announce its new website at www.TheKeithBHayesFoundation.org. A key feature of this site will be "Spreading Wings Online" where there is a discussion board as well as an instant "chat room" so that young people can share ideas, thoughts, concerns and to give support to others in need of help or inspiration.

The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan helps individuals, businesses, and organizations establish permanent Charitable Funds that award grants and scholarships forever. Nearly 80 charitable funds have been created since 1999 and have awarded more than \$850,000 in grants in the areas of land preservation, education, health/human services, youth development, the arts and culture. Simple and cost effective, it costs nothing to establish a fund and the Foundation charges a modest fee annually to administer the fund. For more information, contact Karen VanHouten at 469-4469 or www.cfoc-ny.org. To contribute to The Keith B. Hayes Foundation or to establish your own charitable fund in the name of your business or family, contact Karen VanHouten at 469-4469 (vanhouten@cfoc-ny.org) or www.cfoc-ny.org.