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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Foundation Awards Its 109<sup>th</sup> Scholarship**

TROY (Mi). Gail Easterbrook, Chairperson for Scholarships, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Cassandra Davenport. Davenport, a graduating senior from Madawaska High School in Madawaska Maine, was selected from nearly 9,000 applicants in the country wide search.

The Foundation is named for Ashley Marie Easterbrook, a Troy Michigan teenager killed by a drunk driver June 3, 1997, five days prior to her high school graduation at Troy High School. Ashley's two friends, Michael Jamieson and Andy Stindt were also killed in the crash. The three innocent teenagers were stopped at a red light when a drunk hit their car at more than 100 miles per hour. Ashley had been accepted to the University of Michigan - School of Nursing, and had a dream of helping others. The Foundation was established to help others achieve their dreams.

"Cassandra's essay was very powerful, it just jumped out at you," said Easterbrook. "Her extra curricular activities and her academic achievements were outstanding. Her counselors and instructors unanimously agreed with what we gleaned from her application...this is a young lady who cares about others, and will make a difference in the lives of those she comes in contact with."

Davenport will be attending the University of Maine at Fort Kent this fall to pursue studies in psychology.

The Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in the eleven years since Ashley's death. More information regarding the Foundation and its' program can be located at [www.ashleysdream.org](http://www.ashleysdream.org).

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"Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamed of helping people.....I am very determined, and know that through my experiences of helping others, I will continue to receive a sense of pride (and) satisfaction.....just knowing that I have put a smile on someone's face."

*--Ashley Marie Easterbrook  
September 14, 1978 - June 3, 1997*