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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Foundation Awards Its 110<sup>th</sup> Scholarship**

TROY (Mi). Gail Easterbrook, Chairperson for Scholarships, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Alexis Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler, a graduating senior from Western Branch High School in Chesapeake, Virginia, was selected from nearly 5,000 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.

"Alexis's essay truly reflects the attributes that Ashley held dear," said Easterbrook. "She truly sounds like this is a friend we should all strive to have. Her teacher commented on the seriousness of her responsibilities...this is a young lady who cares about others. Her essay stated she is willing to promote being the party pooper and maintain sobriety to be a friend you can trust....Be a friend and save a life."

Wheeler will be attending Christopher Newport University this fall to pursue studies in accounting.

The Foundation has awarded more than \$310,000 in the twelve years since Ashley's death. More information regarding the Foundation and its' program can be located at [www.ashleysdream.org](http://www.ashleysdream.org).