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PRESS RELEASE

Foundation Awards Its 111th Scholarship

TROY (Mi). Gail Easterbrook, Chairperson for Scholarships, recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Catherine Marencik. Marencik was selected from nearly 5,000 applicants and is a graduating senior from Lawrence High School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey

The Foundation is named for Ashley Marie Easterbrook, a Troy teenager killed by a drunk driver June 3, 1997, five days prior to her high school graduation at Troy High. Ashley's two friends, Michael Jamieson and Andy Stindt also perished. 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.

"Catherine is just so much like Ashley", said Easterbrook with a big smile on her face. "She simply cares about others and is a mature young lady". Catherine is the youngest of three children, and it was "very apparent that her Mom and Dad have had a positive influence on her life" in regards to understanding the issues surrounding alcohol. "Her big brothers are also great role models!" Catherine will be attending Providence College in Rhode Island this fall.

More information regarding the Foundation and its' program can be located at www.ashleysdream.org.

"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*