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## Graham-Bowman Scholarships Awarded

In June, the Board of Governors approved the recommendations of the advisory committee that reviews applications for scholarships funded by the bequest of Selma Bowman Graham. A total of 18 students, all graduates of Pinellas County high schools, will be receiving awards to pursue their studies in law (9), medicine (5) and nursing (4). The average award to law students, who are attending Stetson College of Law, is \$2,240 while the medical students at the University of South Florida College of Medicine have an average award of \$5,400 each.



The nursing scholarships, which are for undergraduate studies at St. Petersburg College, are \$2,800 each.

The advisory committee will be meeting again in December of this year to make the final awards. A total of \$70,000 was available for scholarships.

The high schools from which the students graduated are: Boca Ciega (1); Clearwater

(1); Clearwater Central Catholic (2); Dunedin (1); East Lake (1); Lakewood-St. Petersburg (3); Northeast-St. Petersburg (4); Pinellas Park (1); Seminole (1); St. Petersburg (2); and Tarpon Springs (1).

Mrs. Graham specified that awardees must have attended Pinellas high schools and that the scholarships were to be for law, medicine and nursing. The Advisory Committee added the requirement of financial need. It also specified nursing studies at the undergraduate level only and that the colleges would be local institutions.

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## Spotlight On: Affordable Housing

Shown in the photo on the outside cover is the newest agency to join our Affordable Housing family: **Pinellas Habitat For Humanity**. Habitat received its first operating grant from the Foundation in 2004 and joins four other agencies receiving such

grants that provide affordable housing and related services in Pinellas County: **Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, Community Service Foundation, Pinellas Village and Shepherd's Village.**

**Community Service Foundation** has been in our affordable housing group the

longest. Based in Clearwater, CSF provides affordable housing options, counseling, training, referral services, financial assistance and a Homebuyers Education Program. CSF also owns or manages 88 apartments, duplexes and houses throughout Pinellas County which are available to low and moderate income

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Pinellas and  
Graham-Bowman  
Scholarships”*

## Summer Competitive Grants

This summer we have received 60 applications from 30 agencies requesting a total \$274,000 for projects ranging in cost from \$2,000 to \$25,000. \$80,000 is available for awards. The Summer Competitive Grants Committee met in July and will be taking their recommendations to the Board of Governors in September.

Eligible projects for these grants must be durable and non-programmatic in nature. In addition, only agencies already receiving Regular Operating



Grants from the Foundation qualify for consideration.

The various grants are named for **Glenn and Carol Arthur, Edith B. Green, Mildred Stribling** and **Theodore and Marian Tonne**. The collective contributions of

these generous donors have made possible the Summer Grants Program. In addition, AmSouth, through its annual contribution to the Membership Program, funds the \$10,000 Small Project Grant named after Edith B. Green. The remaining revenues from the Membership Program are also used to supplement the funding of this cycle of competitive grants.

The Foundation will notify all Members of the Foundation of the awards and the projects to be funded by them.

## College Fund of Pinellas: Helping Pinellas Students Since 1965

Graham-Bowman is one of our newest scholarship funds. One of the oldest associated with the Foundation is **College Fund of Pinellas**. Established in 1965, College Fund has been awarding need-based college scholarships to Pinellas County students. Since its inception, the fund has assisted a total of 544 students who have attended 133 colleges through-

out the country. Pinellas County residents who qualify for the Federal PELL Grant program and meet enrollment requirements are eligible for a scholarship through the Fund. A unique feature of the College Fund is its mentoring program: the Fund places students with career professionals who help with academic and career planning. The Fund is all-volunteer

which means that, after payment of costs for printing, mailing, and legally required fees and permits, all money raised through donations and grants go to scholarships.

The Foundation has been giving Regular Operating Grants to the Fund since 1977. In addition, the Fund receives annual distributions from an endowment at the Foundation.

## Meet the Graham-Bowman Committee!



Because Selma Bowman Graham specified that the scholarships funded through her bequest to the Foundation would be for the study of law, medicine and nursing, the Foundation decided that the committee reviewing and advising on the applications should be primarily composed of persons familiar

with those professional disciplines. Hence, the Committee has three physicians: Committee Chair **William E. Hale, M.D.**; **Harry S. Wilks, M.D.**, who is also Chair of the Board of Governors; and **Sherman H. Pace, M.D.**, a former member of the Board of Governors.. Three attorneys represent the field of law: : **Louie N. Adcock, Jr.**; **William E. Reischman**; and **Thomas R. Bruckman. Betty Wa-**

**jdowicz** with the College of Nursing at St. Petersburg; **Willa Carson**, founder of Greenwood Community Health Care Center; and **Elizabeth James**, a former Foundation Board member, are each nursing professionals serving on the Committee

Completing the composition of the Committee is **Janet Henderson**, a small business owner and community leader.

# Affordable Housing (cont'd)

families.

The mission of **Pinellas Village** is to provide single-parent families the opportunity to achieve economic and emotional self-sufficiency through on-site and community based resources with safe affordable housing. Located in Largo, Pinellas Village has been part of the community for over a decade. It operates a 120-unit apartment complex providing a range of services for low income, single parent families. These services are designed to allow access to other commu-

nity resources to enable the participating families to achieve self-sufficiency within a five-year time frame.

Also located in Largo, **Shepherd's Village** has a mission similar to that of Pinellas Village: assisting single parent families in establishing a stable family life and developing self-sufficiency. Services include affordable housing, training in life management skills, parenting development, financial planning and clarifying vocational and educational goals.

### **Clearwater Neighborhood**

**Housing Services** is another old friend. Besides providing many services at the Greenwood Apartments complex in Clearwater, it provides down payment assistance throughout Pinellas County, provides rehab and foreclosure prevention loans and credit repair assistance. It also provides credit counseling and new construction assistance.

WE WELCOME PINELLAS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TO OUR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FAMILY!

*“Having a secure place to live may allow someone to excel and pursue avenues never before imagined”*

## We Hear From “Our Students”

Following are excerpts from letters received from recipients of Graham-Bowman scholarships.

**USF medical student:** “The fact that I had been selected as one [of the recipients] filled me with a sense of gratitude. Especially because I hold my hometown of St. Petersburg and the education that I was blessed with from Pinellas

County Schools in such high esteem. I am deeply indebted to all my past teachers and to Mrs. Selma Bowman Graham and her husband who have helped me realize my dreams.”

**Student Nurse at St. Petersburg College:** “Considering having to juggle school,, study time, and being a single parent, I had limited time to work and earn a living.

Your generosity has inspired me to participate in donating funds to scholarships such as this one when I graduate.”

**Stetson Law Student:** “I began my academic journey at Tarpon Springs High School in Pinellas and this award will be an enormous asset in the continuance of my journey to become an attorney.”

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## From the Executive Director



As I began this Newsletter, I wanted, first, to report on the wonderful effect of the scholarship fund established by Selma Bowman Graham in memory of Warren J. Bowman and, second, to feature one of the many services, in this case affordable housing,, which this Foundation helps to fund. As I

finalize this report, I realize that one thing our scholarship programs and affordable housing organizations share in common is that they each offer opportunity. Though focused on different needs, both these programs help to open doors for people who might otherwise be denied access because of circumstances over which they may have little control. Scholarships make possible career paths that may not have

been taken; affordable housing provides the setting that allows people to choose productive paths. In future issues of our newsletter, I will be featuring the ways in which the agencies supported by the Foundation offer opportunity in the community of Pinellas: whether to children, to families, to the disabled, to the elderly.

— Julie Scales

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