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Pinellas Community Foundation Honors Outstanding Educator

On Wednesday, January 20, the Pinellas Community Foundation helped pay tribute to Lisa Fagan-Brown, who was selected as the 2010 Outstanding Educator of the Year for Pinellas County, by awarding her a \$3,000 gift in honor of F. Kiernan Schoonmaker. Ms Fagan-Brown is the library information specialist at James B. Sanderlin IB World School in St. Petersburg.

“The Pinellas Community Foundation is grateful to Ms. Fagan-Brown for her outstanding work with the youth of Pinellas County and we are thrilled to be part of this annual event”, said Julie Scales, Executive Director of the Foundation.

The Community Foundation’s award was made possible through the generosity of Peggy Schoonmaker, a long time supporter of the Foundation, who established 2 funds in memory of her husband, F. Kiernan Schoonmaker. Income from one of the funds established by Mrs. Schoonmaker is used to make an annual cash award to the Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Mr. Schoonmaker was affiliated with the First National Bank of Clearwater, predecessor in interest to Regions Bank, was active in civic affairs, and served on the boards of many organizations. He was the first Chair of the Community Foundation’s Trustees Committee.

“The Outstanding Educator of the Year Award is one more example of how the Pinellas Community Foundation helps connect donors who care with causes that matter”, noted Scales.

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