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GINSBURG COMMUNITY FUND

ANNOUNCES WESTCHESTER GRANTS, DONATIONS TOTALING \$448,000

Ginsburg Community Fund awards \$624,000 overall in monetary and in-kind donations

VALHALLA, N.Y. (Feb. 22) – Forty-four organizations from across the Hudson Valley and Connecticut, including 26 in Westchester County, have received grants and in-kind donations totaling \$624,000 from the Ginsburg Community Fund, the corporate giving arm of Ginsburg Development Companies. Grants to Westchester groups totaled \$448,000.

The Ginsburg Community Fund (GCF) awarded \$279,000 in 2006 with pledges of an additional \$84,000 in multi-year gifts and \$84,000 in recurring grant contributions. The GCF additionally made an in-kind donation of its Ichabod's Landing sales trailer to the Village of Sleepy Hollow, valued at \$177,000.

In addition to the sales trailer donation, Westchester organizations received \$165,000 in 2006, \$53,500 in multi-year gifts and \$52,500 in recurring grant contributions. The Ginsburg Community Fund was established in 2004 to commemorate GDC's 40th anniversary.

“We formally created the Ginsburg Community Fund to ensure that we are always connected with the cities, towns and villages where we build our homes,” said Martin Ginsburg, founder and principal of GDC. “Each of the organizations that we have pledged to provide vital services to different segments of our region and we are proud to help these institutions in any way we can.”

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Last year, the GCF awarded grants totaling \$432,280. The Fund awarded \$836,500 in 2004.

Below is a list of the latest Westchester grants:

-- Village of Sleepy Hollow (Sleepy Hollow): In-kind donation of Ichabod's Landing sales trailer to the Village of Sleepy Hollow to use as the first phase of the village's senior center. Value: \$177,000

--Westchester Arts Council (White Plains): Funding to support White Plains Performing Arts Center. Grant: \$50,000

-- Grace Church Community Center (White Plains): Program support for the hiring of a bilingual intake coordinator, part time clinicians, and to increase housing capacity for those in need. Grant: \$15,000

-- Tarrytown & Sleepy Hollow Arts Council (Tarrytown): Program support for several art events and programs including the Hudson Ferry-Go-Round and the Art-in-the-Park event. Grant: \$15,000

-- Westchester Jazz Orchestra (Mount Kisco): Program support for three jazz concerts scheduled to be performed. Grant: \$10,000

-- Junior Achievement of the Hudson Valley, Inc. (Tarrytown): Program support for classes in underserved communities in Hudson Valley with materials, staff, insurance etc. \$30,000 in funding to be allotted equally over three years. Grant: \$10,000

-- WCC Gateway Center (Valhalla): Funding to support construction a new Gateway Center. Grant of \$20,000 to be equally allotted over two years. Grant: \$10,000

-- Westchester County Department of Planning (White Plains): Funding to support the Westchester RiverWalk signage pilot program. Grant: \$10,000

-- Historic Hudson Valley (Tarrytown): Program support for restoration of the New World Dutch Barn at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. Grant: \$5,000

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- Bridge Fund of Westchester (White Plains): Program support to produce interest free grants and loans to help prevent homelessness. Grant: \$5,000
- Scarsdale Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (Scarsdale): Program support for construction of new building and operational costs. Grant of \$15,000 to be equally allotted over three years. Grant: \$5,000
- White Plains School District (White Plains): Program support for Project Early Read, which serves public housing students in White Plains. Grant: \$5,000
- National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependency/Westchester (White Plains): Program support to cover office operating expenses. Grant: \$5,000
- Family Services of Westchester (Port Chester): Program support to pay for roof, siding, and other repairs to elderly complex. Grant: \$5,000
- Peekskill High School PBIS Committee (Peekskill): Program support to fund program materials, staff, those in need of intensive support etc. Grant of \$9,000 to be allotted equally over three years. Grant: \$3,000
- SHORE (White Plains): Funding to support preliminary research on AF Housing site in Greenburg. Grant: \$2,500
- Village of Sleepy Hollow (Sleepy Hollow): Program support for comprehensive support of downtown village beautification program. Grant: \$2,500
- Garden Club of Peekskill, Inc. (Crompond): Program support to help re-establish Petals Garden and support production of printed materials including brochures and banners. Grant: \$2,500
- Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of New York, Inc. (White Plains): Funding to support program that helps children attend school regularly and in a timely manner, assure their educational needs are met, and help at-home relationships. Funding of \$10,000 to be allotted equally over four years. Grant: \$2,500
- Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Inc. (White Plains): Funding will be used to hire program manager to establish environmental awareness programs/events. Grant: \$2,000

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Below is a list of recurring Westchester GCF grants awarded in February 2006:

- Paramount Center for the Arts (Peekskill): For additional staff, improvements in office systems and marketing efforts. Grant: \$15,000 (Multi-year grant of \$45,000 over three years)
- Downtown Improvement Committee of Dobbs Ferry (Dobbs Ferry): For signage, streetscape and lighting. Grant: \$10,000 (Multi-year grant of \$30,000 over three years)
- Housing Action Council (Tarrytown): Funding to support four-day teaching program. Grant: \$10,000 (Multi-year grant of \$25,000 over four years)
- Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, Inc. (Hastings-on-Hudson): Funding to support Keeper's House into an education and visitor's center. Grant: \$7,500 (Multi-year grant of \$22,500 over three years)
- Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art (Peekskill): To fund the "Support for Peekskill Project 2006." Grant: \$5,000 (Multi-year grant of \$25,000 over five years)
- Housing Action Council (Tarrytown): For technical assistance to community organizations and small builders for affordable housing. Grant: \$5,000 (Multi-year grant of \$10,000 over two years)

Ginsburg Community Fund grants are awarded bi-annually – on Feb. 1 and June 1 – and will range from \$1,000 to \$100,000. The next deadline for applications is April 1. Ginsburg grants will provide monies for operating support, start-up support/seed money, organizational capacity building or technical assistance.

The Ginsburg Community Fund gives preference to programs that concentrate on four areas of focus:

- Arts, Culture and Education
- Environmental Improvements
- Community Revitalization
- Affordable Housing

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For an application, go to GDC's Web site at www.gdc-homes.com.

Active GDC communities include: Fairways at Wallkill (N.Y.); Ichabod's Landing in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.; Harbors at Haverstraw (N.Y.); Marbury Corners in Pelham, N.Y.; Riverbend in Peekskill, N.Y.; Liberty at Newtown (Conn.); and The Greens at Gillette Ridge in Bloomfield, Conn. To place your name on GDC's priority list, go to www.gdc-homes.com, click on "Coming Soon" and then "name of development" or call 1-866-GDC-4-HOMES.

Ginsburg Development Companies (GDC), established in 1964 and based in Valhalla is one of the nation's premier full-service real estate design, development and management companies. Martin Ginsburg is the president and chief executive officer. The firm has developed and built over 4,000 for-sale homes, apartments, office buildings and commercial shopping centers. GDC's Web site is www.gdc-homes.com.