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Crofton Community Foundation preparing for Q125 celebration

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The Crofton Community Foundation held a meeting on Wednesday, June 14 to discuss old business and a number of new projects that will kick-off this year for Crofton's 125 year birthday celebration which will take place starting June 30.

The Foundation will have a float in the parade and will pass out flyers at the Alumni Banquet. The foundation will also have an information tent at one or more of the Q125 events.

This year the Foundation has two campaigns to be promoted, the Q125 Endowment Campaign and the Pioneer Scholarship Campaign. The Q125 endowment Campaign was initiated by an anonymous alumni that pledged \$5,000 if the Foundation can raise \$10,000, for a total of \$15,000 that would be added to the foundations Permanent Endowment Fund. Anyone can talk with any of the foundation members for additional information on the Q125 Endowment Campaign, with more detail of the challenge coming soon.

The second campaign is the Pioneer Scholarship program/fund. The Foundations plan is to have a self-sustained scholarship program in place by the end of the year. The foundation goal is to have \$1,000 annual scholarship awarded to one student that is graduating from Crofton High School and continuing their education at a higher level. The requirements to qualify and the second of the recipients will be conducted solely by a group/board within the Crofton High School. This fund would have a permanent base established and only the money earned in the fund's investments would be awarded on an annual basis. Therefore the foundation needs at least \$25,000 in the fund to provide an annual scholarship of \$1,000. The fund has been established and a donor can specify how they want their donation utilized including specifically to the Pioneer Scholarship Program/Fund. The initial suggestion and some of the \$25,000 needed was provided by group of family members that has had family history in the area for generation.