

**For Immediate Release**

**The 2009 Ettabelle Schwartz Memorial Scholarship to be awarded  
to qualifying Stow-Munroe Falls High School senior**

STOW, Ohio—March 13, 2009—The family of longtime Stow resident Ettabelle Schwartz has announced the 2009 Ettabelle Schwartz Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Stow-Munroe Falls High School (SMFHS) senior this year.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schwartz of Shaker Heights and Mr. and Mrs. Russ (Rachel) Jones of Aurora will each donate \$3,000 in matching gifts to contribute at total of \$6,000 in scholarship funds toward furthering the education of a SMFHS student in memory of their mother who was the first in her family to attend college.

“My mother believed in this community and in its school district,” said Rachel Jones. “She personally knew the value of education and appreciated the impact it had on her life as well as her children’s lives. I think that helping a high school student fulfill his or her desire for a college education is a perfect tribute to all that she stood for – education, community and giving back.”

A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Schwartz was born in Chicago, Illinois, and was raised in a small apartment behind a hardware store run by her parents. She graduated from the University of Illinois with a B.S. in Philosophy, summa cum laude with university honors.

She resided in Stow from 1977-1982 where she raised three children, Monica, Ken and Rachel. Her eldest two children are graduates of SMFHS. She also served on the levy campaign responsible for building the modern-day SMFHS.

She later moved to Kent with her then husband, Michael Schwartz, who was president of Kent State University (KSU). She served as a board member for the Portage County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health. She was also a member of the League of Women Voters of Kent, the Kent Elm Garden Club, and co-chair of the KSU United Way Campaign.

She returned to Stow in 1991 and remained until her passing last year. She was active in the Stow Friends of the Public Library Organization serving as president and also working the annual book drive each year.

Schwartz was employed at The Learned Owl Bookstore in Hudson from 1996-2008 where she facilitated many book discussion groups, leading one group in particular in over 100 books.

She was diagnosed with lung cancer in December 2008 and lost the brief and difficult battle in March 2009.

Qualified candidates who have attended SMFHS throughout all four high school years and who will be the first member of their immediate family to attend college are eligible. Students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average and plan to attend a four-year college or university. Special consideration will be given to those who can demonstrate financial need. Scholarship funds will be awarded to one or more qualifying students. Applications for the 2009 Ettabelle Schwartz Memorial Scholarship can be obtained through the SMFHS guidance office. Application deadline is April 24, 2009.

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