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RE: Jean Yonke Asthma Scholarship

Southfield, MI 1/29/06 The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America – Michigan Chapter (AAFA-MI) is proud to announce the 2006-07 Jean Yonke Asthma Scholarship award winners!

Each year, AAFA-MI accepts applications from Michigan High School Juniors/Seniors who have excelled academically and have achieved good asthma control.

The scholarship is named after Ms. Jean Mullins Yonke, an activist who worked tirelessly on a range of issues including asthma and allergies in the greater Lansing community. Jean was a board member of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation – Michigan Chapter (AAFA-MI) for many years, and served as recording secretary for the organization. Her untimely death left us bereft and her dedication to improving the lives of those with asthma will surely be missed. To honor Jean's dedication and accomplishments, we established the Jean Mullins Yonke Memorial Scholarship.

This year, we are able to offer two \$500 scholarships to deserving students. It is our hope that the award amount will increase in the future as we continue our fundraising efforts in Jean's honor. One lucky recipient, Adam Zawisza who lives in Midland, says "Yes, I have asthma. But by taking medication consistently and regular visits to the doctor, I have been able to manage my asthma so that it does not effect me." Our other beneficiary, Megan Hryckowian is now attending Oakland University and plans on becoming a Pediatrician. Megan exemplifies our motto: "...for life without limits." She has been active in sports throughout her school years and recently said, "At eighteen, I feel I have my asthma under control and being in sports has helped me become stronger and more aware."

AAFA-MI is proud to sponsor these young Michigander's. It is our mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals affected with asthma and allergic diseases by promoting awareness through education, training and advocacy. For more on our scholarship programs or asthma and allergy issues, visit www.aafamich.org or call 888.444.0333.

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