

Partnership programs get support

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A foundation has given the Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership's Scholarship Program a shot in the arm, while students from the Keystone Job Corps Center gave the partnership's Gateway beautification a boost.

The St. Pierre Foundation has given the Scholarship Program a \$6,000 endowment for scholarships given to students who have majors that meet local business and industry job needs, and who agree to stay in the area and work for at least three years after graduation.

"This donation is a big help," said Bob Skulsky, the partnership's executive director. "It's a tremendous help for students we have in class (who have already received scholarships). The yearly contributions the foundation has been giving us keep us going."

Skulsky also noted Cargill Meat Solutions in the Humboldt Industrial Park has made a significant contribution to the program.

The latest contributions will help, but this coming year, funds will probably only allow one scholarship to be given.

Each year, the partnership awards a scholarship of up to \$6,000 over two years, provided students meet the criteria of the program.

Meanwhile, Skulsky said students from the Keystone Job Corps Center in Drums recently aided the partnership by helping to refurbish flower, shrub and tree plantings made to beautify the entrance to Hazleton along Route 924.

"They provided tremendous support," Skulsky said. "We had 20 students and their supervisors help us with the gateway as their contribution to a Day of Caring."

Skulsky said the students did more work than he anticipated being accomplished.

"They cleaned up and used up the rest of the mulch we got from the state in the spring," Skulsky said. "They got rid of all the crown vegetation, and even dug holes for additional planting next spring."

Using state funds to purchase materials and volunteers to do the planting, the gateway