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Twilight Benefit Foundation Announces 2011 Twilight Community Leadership Awards Winners

2011 Twilight Community Leadership Award winners to be honored during the September 17th Twilight Benefit Gala

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The Twilight Benefit Foundation has announced its 2011 Twilight Community Leadership Award winners. The Twilight Foundation Community Leadership Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose leadership has made a significant impact in their particular Detroit metro area communities. This work may confront societal or civic issues, address health or environmental concerns, or promote arts and humanities. The awards celebrate people who are rolling up their sleeves, taking initiative, and solving problems in their neighborhoods and communities.

This year a group of five community leaders will be honored at the Twilight Benefit Gala on September 17th. The Community Leadership Awards showcase individual or organizational excellence in leadership as demonstrated by outstanding initiative, impact of work, and inspiration of others. With each award, the Twilight Benefit Foundation publicly affirms present achievements, seeks to encourage further work on the part of the recipients, and hopes to motivate others to follow their lead in service to Detroit metro area communities.

This year's winners include:

Laurie Tarter has been selected for her work with the Winning Futures program. The program helps to guide young people through goal setting strategy seminars that concentrate on building five-year planning skills, self-reliance and personal responsibility for youths in Michigan.

Jonny Imerman is a young adult cancer survivor who founded Imerman Angels, a non-profit organization that connects a cancer fighter (or caregiver) with someone who has fought and survived the same cancer.

L. Brooks Patterson has been chosen for his involvement with countless business, community, and philanthropy program. Listed among his philanthropies are the Brooksie Way Half Marathon and 5k Race and The Rainbow Connection; both of which Mr. Patterson has established.

Stewart Francke is among this year's honorees citing his community work and involvement in the Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation. The Stewart Francke Leukemia Foundation was presented the prestigious Partnership in Humanity Award by the Detroit Newspapers.

Dr. Dawn Estelle the Vice President of Team Winter also has been selected as a winner. Team Winter is a non-profit organization with the goal to raise awareness for and help fund research for prostate cancer.

"The annual Twilight Awards Gala is such an up-lifting event, not only for specific stories of the amazing honorees but as a reflection of what is possible when the talented and driven people in Michigan put their minds to it. It's such a tremendous honor to be involved and be able to recognize individuals like this for their tremendous and selfless contributions to our communities." Said Saylor X. Frase, Board Chairman for the Twilight Foundation.

About Twilight Benefit Gala

The Twilight Benefit Gala is one of Michigan's finest and most exclusive formal events. Guest will rub elbows with some of Southeast Michigan's most prominent and up and coming professionals. This year's Twilight Foundation Gala taking place on the Ovation Yacht cruising the Detroit River on September 17th. The evening includes not only the awards ceremony but amazing entertainment including a live band, outstanding food and spirits. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available with proceeds from this year's Gala going to the Rainbow Connection, which is making wishes come true for Michigan kids with life-threatening illnesses and the Charlie Porter Research Grant for the treatment and cure of Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in children. **Tickets:** Buy Online at <http://www.twilightbenefit.com> or call (248) 896-6182

About Twilight Foundation

The Twilight Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization, existing to support and further social, philanthropic and humanitarian efforts to give something back to the community, with a focus on social needs and concerns and the continuing research for the elimination of catastrophic disease.

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