

**Phone-a-thon Is October 25 And 26...**

# Community Fund Drive Gifts Touch People's Lives



Barnesville High School seniors Maleah Johnson, Kaitee Stewart and Richard Lewis are three of the students who will be manning phones on October 25 and 26. They will be assisting the Barnesville Area Community Fund with a phone-a-thon that will wrap up the month long fund drive campaign.

Community members will have the opportunity to enhance the Barnesville Area Community Fund's ability to touch people's lives by answering the telephone over the weekend.

On Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26 Barnesville High School students will be making phone calls inviting area residents to support the efforts of the Barnesville Area Community Fund. Phones will be manned during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Even if a contact cannot be made, contributions are welcome by sending a check to Barnesville Area Community Fund, PO Box 461, Barnesville, MN 56514.

Throughout the month of October, the Community Fund has been coordinating a major fund drive. Various tactics are being used to reach the pledge goal of \$175,000.

The campaign got a big boost at the onset thanks to the generous support of four lead donors. The collective pledges from City of Barnesville, Wells Fargo, Midwest Bank and Barnesville Lions totaled more than half of the goal. Other strategies used included personal contacts and a mailing to BHS alumni and past donors. The phone-a-thon this weekend will conclude the fund drive efforts.

To date, the lead gifts, personal contacts and checks received in the mail total \$145,000.

The Barnesville Area Community Fund is proud to assist others through its five different funds:

- Dollars for Scholars - awards scholarships to graduating BHS seniors to help with secondary education expenses;

- School Foundation - enhances the quality of education by providing funds for school programs and

student activities;

- Grants Fund - assist with the funding of activities that promote quality arts, civic, charitable, educational, environmental and health programs;

- Humanitarian Fund - assists area residents who have experienced a tragic loss; and

- Revolving Loan Fund - provides "gap financing" for the start up, expansion or succession of businesses in the Barnesville area.

The phone-a-thon is being held on the same day as Make a Difference Day. Each year, the fourth Saturday of October is designated as Make a Difference Day. This day is a time when ordinary people can perform extraordinary deeds for others.

So when the phone rings this weekend, say yes and make a pledge to the Barnesville Area Community Fund.

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