

Dear Editor

I want to thank Parkland College's entire district for generously contributing time and funds to the Parkland College Foundation's annual campaign. Because of you the Parkland College Foundation Annual Campaign raised \$655,000 breaking all records for annual fundraising in 2007. This is \$150,000 more than the campaign's total for 2006.

These funds will give deserving students college scholarships. In 2007, the Foundation awarded 241 scholarships to 207 students and helped create 7 new scholarships and endowments. In addition to scholarships, these funds will purchase equipment and make program improvements so students will be well prepared for future careers, and provide capital for additional college buildings to accommodate the needs of the students.

Congratulations and thank you to campaign co-chairs Barbara and Joe Henderson, both Parkland graduates, for recognizing Parkland's value to the community and for making this campaign a success. Many thanks to honorary campaign co-chairs Mayor Jerry Schweighart and Kim Schweighart, and Julie McGown, assistant director of the Parkland Foundation, who played a major role in organizing and implementing the campaign. Finally, thank you to the volunteers and division chairs of this year's campaign Bonnie Blair, Scott Bechtel, Ron Birkey, Todd Black, Joseph Chamley, Matt Deering, Doug Fields, Kelly Ford, Laura Frerichs, Mike Guth, Terry Harter, John Hecker, Gary Hedge, Fred Heinrich, Craig Hunt, Beth Jordan, Robert Keller, Harold Miller, David Morse, Mark Pelafos, Terry Prillaman, Dan Rock, Jerry Schweighart, Marty and Karl Smith, Nick Stokes, Neil Strack, Jeff Troxell, Charlie Younger, and Jay Znaniecki.

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