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The Founding Values Initiative



For Immediate Release

Grand Rapids, MI: We are pleased to announce Betty Ford and Susan Ford Bales will be Honorary Host Committee Chairs for the Monday, April 23rd Second Annual Founding Values Initiative Luncheon celebrating the era of Gerald R. Ford at the Peninsular Club in Grand Rapids from 12:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

2007 Recipients of The Congressman Paul Henry Integrity Award. The Peter Secchia Heartfelt Commitment Award and The Congressman Hal Sawyer Justice Award will be released by the Founding Values Awards Committee next week. Please read more about the awards on the second page of this release.

Scholarships to Calvin College, Aquinas College, Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University and a gift to Millennium Park for Secchia Grove will also be presented at the luncheon. Seating for the event is limited to 150 people. Individual tickets are available at \$125 each. Amounts raised through ticket sales will fund the five scholarships, as well as the gift to Millennium Park. Donations are also being accepted from those unable to attend. Major sponsors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be noted during the awards ceremony.

For more information and pictures from last years event go to www.foundingvalues.com or contact Hank Fuhs by phone: (616) 437-9059 or email: hankfuhs@juno.com .

The Reason For Giving.....

Congressman Paul Henry: A man of high integrity who demonstrated this by his actions, leading by example. He showed by example how to maintain integrity in the political world. Hence, he will represent the **Integrity Award**. *(Person who exemplifies continued commitment to principles of integrity through transparency in public service.)*

Ambassador Peter Secchia: A man of action and generosity. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that he gives back to our community. He is man who has given to the community from his heart. Therefore the **Heartfelt Commitment Award** will be named for him. *(Community activist who through commitment and enthusiasm moves others to action.)*

Congressman Hal Sawyer: A renowned lawyer with undeniable respect. He took on the job of prosecuting attorney for \$1, and then raised the bar for action, fairness and the highest ethical standards. He demanded fairness and justice for all. He then went on to become the congressman from the 5th district to further these goals nationally. Therefore the **Justice Award** will be named for him. *(Person who acts within the judicial system to promote respect for a government of laws.)*