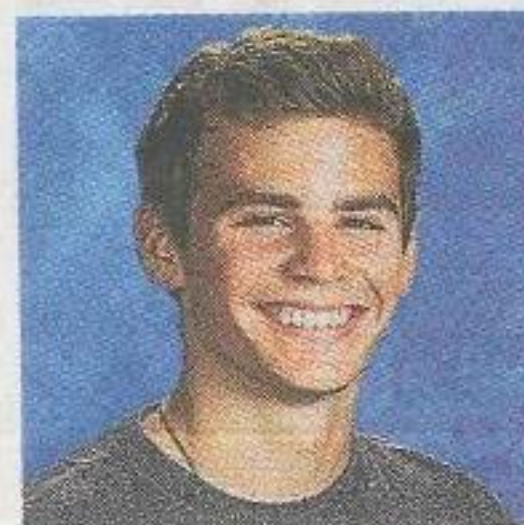


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# 'Paint the Township' to kick off foundation's campaign

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The Shelby Township Community Foundation will host a unique event, "Paint the Township," to celebrate its 20th anniversary and kick-off a \$200,000 campaign.

Residents, community leaders, and representatives of area businesses are invited to come together for the event from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. May 13 at the Packard Proving Grounds in Shelby Township.

The event provides an opportunity for guests to get involved in the creation of a mural for the Shelby Township Community Center with world-renowned artist Daniel Cascardo. On his website, the Royal Oak-based artist says that, through his work, he tries to capture the energy, spontaneity and freedom of the present moment. He said his art comes from a non-traditional, self-taught technique that he now labels as intuitive expressionism.

Lynn Wilhelm, executive director of the foundation, said the mural will depict community life in Shelby Township, such as the township's tree logo, parks, flowers, people and houses.

"The interactive process involves Daniel Cascardo starting with a 4-by-5 white canvas," she said. "He asks participants to suggest symbols that represent the township and then outlines those symbols in black on the canvas.

"Participants are then given a paintbrush and as-

sorted color paint. They then fill in between the lines, like a giant coloring book page."

After participants sign the back of the mural, Cascardo will take the canvas, complete it, stretch it, and put it on a frame, she said.

The process is really fun and creates a sense of community, Wilhelm said.

"Paint the Township" attendees also will be treated to live entertainment, and area restaurants will provide food tastings. Local businesses also will have the opportunity to showcase their services and products. Proceeds from the event, which costs \$50 per person, will support the many funds the foundation handles. The Shelby Community Foundation was established in 1996 to enhance and enrich the quality of life and community livability for Shelby Township residents by providing resources to support initiatives not normally funded through governmental sources. Grants have been awarded to organizations such as Compassion Pregnancy, Wigs for Kids, Macomb Habitat for Humanity and Macomb Literacy. Since 1996, the foundation has awarded more than \$110,000 in scholarships and \$580,000 in grants, and it holds over \$600,000 in endowments.

Wilhelm said she is very pleased to see and encourage community engagement in Shelby Township through the Paint the Township event.

"We are thrilled to be able to host a number of busi-

nesses, including Steiny's Restaurant and Banquet Center, Eataliana's, Telly's Greenhouse, Trinity Community Care, Main Street Photography, Blessings in a Backpack, the Utica-Shelby Rotary and many more all together at the beautiful Packard Proving Grounds," she said.

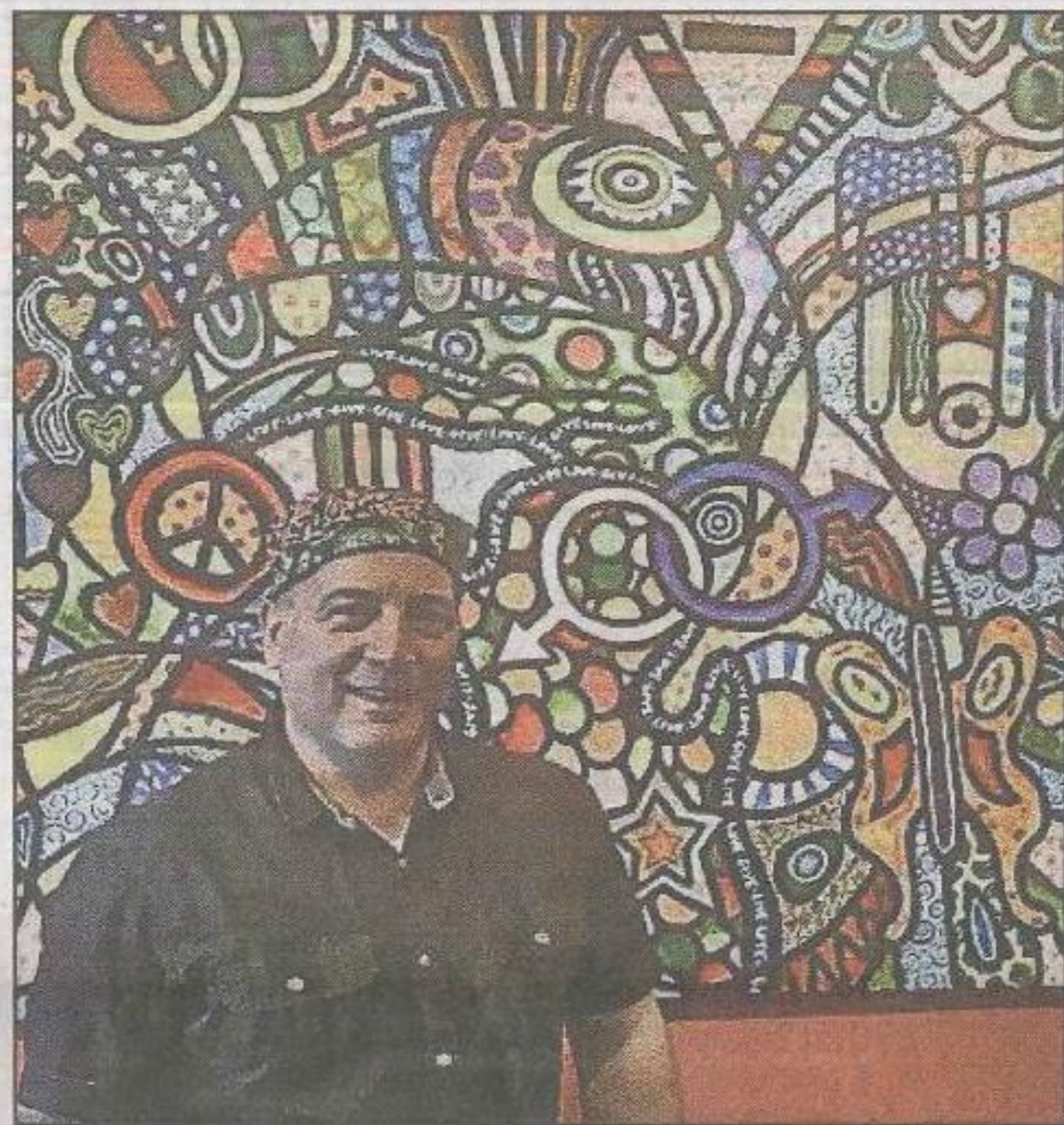
Additionally, the event will serve as a kick-off to the SCF's yearlong campaign to raise \$200,000 for scholarships and other funds that benefit the community.

Richard Wright of Urban Land Development in Shelby Township was the first to donate \$1,000 and has initiated a challenge to 100 of his colleagues to join him to become champions of this cause.

"We are thrilled to have the support and generosity of Shelby Township leader Richard Wright," said Nancy Bates, SCF board chairwoman. "We applaud Mr. Wright for encouraging additional community leaders to donate. With these funds, we will continue to be able to provide scholarships and other support to thousands in our community."

A challenge board will be unveiled during the festivities. Following the event, the boards will be featured at various locations in Shelby Township. Donors will be acknowledged on these recognition challenge boards to show campaign progress each week.

To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, visit the SCF website at [shelbycommunityfoundation.org](http://shelbycommunityfoundation.org).



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Royal Oak-based artist Daniel Cascardo says that his art comes from a non-traditional, self-taught technique that he now labels as intuitive expressionism. Guests of the Shelby Community Foundation's "Paint the Township" event on May 13 can help him design a mural that depicts life in Shelby Township.



During the Shelby Community Foundation's "Paint the Township" event, guests will be invited to help design and paint a mural depicting life in Shelby Township, which will be placed in the community center or other township-owned property.