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Community Foundation unveils 'Paint' mural

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A colorful mural created by Royal Oak-based artist Daniel Cascardo and painted by more than 100 Shelby Township residents and business owners during the "Paint the Township" event earlier this year was unveiled on June 21 by members of the Shelby Community Foundation.

"We invited all the community members to join us to paint a mural for our new Community Center," said Lynn Wilhelm, executive director of the Shelby Community Foundation. "We had vendors there, and it was a great turnout."

Cascardo said he was contacted by Wilhelm and asked to work on the project, which he called the "Cascardo Art Action Experience," for the May 13 fundraiser, which took place at the Packard Proving Grounds.

"What I did is come up with a black line drawing or line painting, and then at the event we invited people to add colors, patterns and shapes to the image," he said. "I think over 100 people put their mark on it."

Cascardo said he found inspiration for the image after looking online and talking to "a few people" to learn what Shelby Township is all about.

"So you have different seasons, housing, a golf course, water, parks, families, trees, apple orchards, the Shelby Township logo,

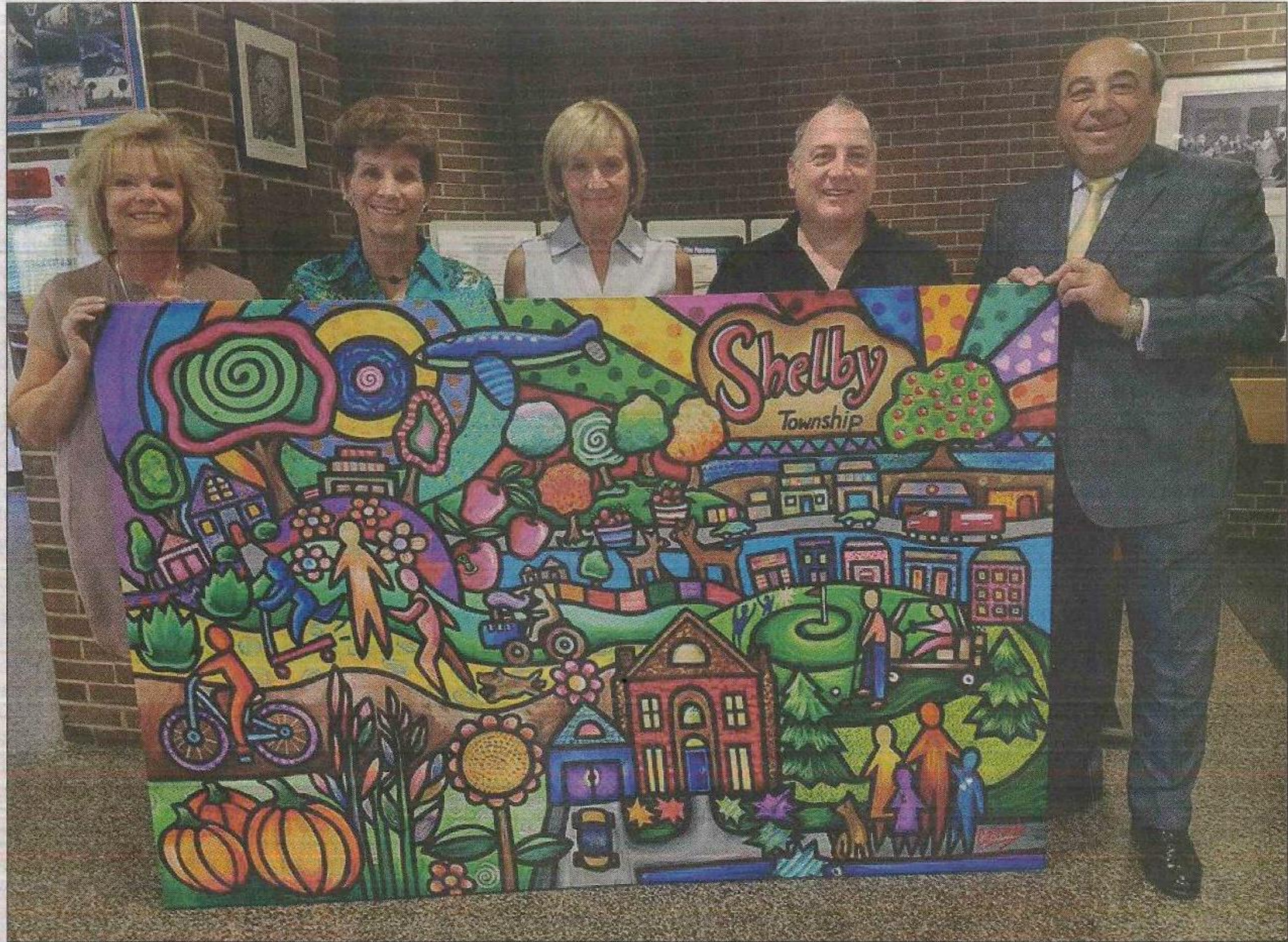


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and more," he said. "It's a fantastic array of imagery to represent the township. I think it came out pretty darn good."

According to James Andary, vice chairman of the Shelby Community Foundation, proceeds from the event will be used to sup-

port the many funds the foundation handles.

"The Shelby Community Foundation is now enjoying its 20th year, and over those years we have given out hundreds of thousands of dollars for scholarships and grants," Andary said. "We want to keep doing

it, and with the help of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Shelby Township, we think we can do it. So thank you for giving us this opportunity."

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 more than \$600,000 in endowments.

For more information, visit shelbycommunityfoundation.org.