



TURFGRASS 2010

Individual Fund Opportunities

Annual Fund

Annual contributions that are not designated to one of the endowments are the lifeblood of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. These contributions fund annual research and support grants to MSU faculty. All grant requests are first reviewed by an industry committee, ranked in priority by this committee, and then referred to the MTF Board of Directors for action. Annual funding helps solve current research problems in turf and supports the MSU turf team in meeting the extension needs of turf managers in Michigan.

LaFontaine Endowment

The Gordon LaFontaine Endowment for Turfgrass Research was created to establish a solid source of funding for basic research in the field of turfgrass science. Basic research tends to be longer term, more involved and more expensive than applied research. The very nature of this research requires a stable source of funding. Donations to the LaFontaine Endowment create a legacy to fund research long-term, as these donations work in perpetuity to generate interest for fundamental research projects. Donations to the LaFontaine Endowment help solve tomorrow's problems today.

Rieke Endowment

Dr. Paul Rieke is a dedicated MSU faculty member who made major contributions to turfgrass science through research, education, and outreach and shared his knowledge and expertise through the guidance of many graduate students. The Paul Rieke Turfgrass Endowed Graduate Assistantship was established by the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation with generous contributions from Dr. Rieke, friends, family and colleagues at Paul's retirement.

As part of Turfgrass 2010, the Rieke Endowment will help fund the communication and outreach efforts within the turfgrass industry, the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, and the MSU Turf Team.

Founders Society

The Founders Society is an endowment used to purchase specialized research and support equipment for the turf program at MSU. For example, donations to this fund will provide funding to install additional lysimeters at the Hancock Center to expand research on nutrient fate and water movement – key research validation to better position the turfgrass industry for the continuing statewide debate on water policy and nutrient management. Funding is also needed to update the Hancock Center, including new office equipment and a heating system for the Fuller Building.

Michigan Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Program (MTESP)

The MTESP is the premier environmental stewardship program in the country. This program continues to address the regulatory and environmental issues of the turf industry in Michigan. The MTESP continues to expand its offerings to the golf segment and is beginning to reach out to other turf segments for environmental assistance. Donations to the MTF can be earmarked to support the MTESP.



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The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation accepts gifts and pledges via cash, check or credit card for the Annual Fund or any of the three endowed funds. The MTF can also accept planned or immediate gifts from estates, insurance, real estate, stocks, bonds and other negotiable securities for any fund. The MTF can also work with donors through the MSU Foundation to set up a variety of trusts.

The MTF is a 501c.3 non-profit foundation. Donations to the MTF are tax deductible (check with your accountant or financial planner) and donors receive full gift credit from Michigan State University for any donation to the MTF.

Contact Kay Patrick to make cash donations or pledges to the Turfgrass 2010 campaign. (517) 321-1660

Contact Tom Smith for non-cash gifts, planned giving, wills and trusts. (517) 202-3019.

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MICHIGAN TURFGRASS FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Impact the lives of Michigan citizens and protect our natural resources by making your tax-deductible donation to Turfgrass 2010!

\$ _____ ANNUAL RESEARCH FUND
(annual MSU research & support projects)

\$ _____ FOUNDER'S SOCIETY
(for purchase of specialized research equipment)

\$ _____ LAFONTAINE ENDOWMENT
(supports basic research)

\$ _____ PROFESSOR'S ENDOWMENT
(provides support for Graduate Assistant)

\$ _____ MICHIGAN TURFGRASS
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
(provides environmental education to turf industry)

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