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PAUL AND ROSE SUCHOVSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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Paul and Rose Suchovsky, and Rose's sister, Christine owned and operated a flower stand that existed for many years on the south side of Hilltop Road between Washington and Cleveland Avenues.

Paul came to our community shortly after World War II from Muskegon, MI. He owned a distribution business named West Michigan Wholesale located where Wendy's Restaurant is now located on Niles Avenue. Through the years, Paul invested in real estate and eventually developed the Hilltop Garden Center. Unfortunately, Rose passed away in 1988 and Paul passed away in early 2010. Rose had one son, Ed Todd, whom they raised together. He is a 1954 graduate of St. Joseph high School. Several months ago, Ron Weimer from Hilliard Lyons on behalf of Ed Todd contacted Bill Marohn, president of the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation Board. He would like to donate six \$5000 scholarships annually to graduates of St. Joseph High School who plan to pursue careers in Business. These scholarships are to be named the "Paul and Rose Suchovsky Memorial Scholarships." Paul had a deep and devoted passion for business and Ed felt the creation of these scholarships would be a lasting tribute to Rose and Paul.

It is the intent that five scholarships will be presented each year to graduating seniors and one to a second year recipient. The scholarships are to be administered by the St. Joseph Public School Foundation. A scholarship committee of the SJPSF has been created and the criteria for the scholarships has been established and approved by Mr. Todd.

Because of Mr. Ed Todd's generosity, six graduating St. Joseph High School seniors will be receiving the first Paul and Rose Suchovsky Memorial Scholarships this spring.

The criteria for the award are as follows:

- be a St. Joseph High School graduating senior
- have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0
- declare his/her intention to major in an academic career path in Business
- plan to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited college or university
- complete the application form and include at least two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a member of the faculty or staff of St. Joseph High School
- provide a typewritten essay (300 words or less) discussing his/her career goals and how this scholarship will help achieve those goals

Some dates to remember are:

February 1, 2012 - Applications will be available in the High School Guidance Office

March 23, 2012 - Completed applications **MUST** be submitted to the Guidance Office

May 1, 2012 - Scholarship Selection Committee will determine scholarship recipients

Middle of May - Applicants will receive a letter indicating the Selection Committee's decision

For additional information please visit the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation web site at www.stjosephpublicschoolsfoundation.org or contact Christine Waterhouse, Foundation Coordinator at 926-3252 or cwaterhouse@sjschools.org.