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**Blaze Belfiore Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Will Benefit St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning**

The Schuylkill Area Community Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of the Blaze Belfiore Memorial Scholarship Fund, which benefits students at St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning in Pottsville. The scholarship will be awarded annually to St. Joseph Center for Special Learning for the tuition of a student attending the center. A committee will recommend the recipient of the award with Mr. Belfiore serving as a member of the selection committee

Robert Belfiore, Girardville, donated \$10,000 to create the scholarship in memory of his son Blaze. Bayada Nurses were caregivers for Blaze and they graciously donated an additional \$10,000 towards the development of this scholarship. "Bayada Nurses is thrilled our donation will be put to good use, benefiting the students of the St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, said Kathaleen T. Reevy, Division Director.

Bayada Nurses provide the home care services delivered with compassion, excellence and reliability. They offer a full range of home care services, from skilled nursing and personal care to rehabilitation and therapies, for pediatric, adult and geriatric clients. There are several Bayada offices that serve Schuylkill County.

"I wanted to create a scholarship in memory of Blaze for St. Joseph's Center because it is a safe, loving environment, emphasizing individuality and family values", stated Bob Belfiore. "This is the only alternative to public education for children with special needs in Schuylkill County. Bayada Nurses is more than heroes on the home front as their slogan states, and they were like family and certainly like mothers to Blaze".

Blaze was born on January 6, 1998 and passed away on December 17, 2005 at 7 years of age. He attended at St. Joseph's Center for Special Learning and enjoyed several trips to Disney

World, music by Woody Wolfe, switch toys, lights, T-ball, walks and he especially loved his dad. He was always smiling and loved giving hugs.

Schuylkill Area Community Foundation is extremely proud to work with Mr. Belfiore and other residents of Schuylkill County. To contribute to the Blaze Belfiore Memorial Scholarship Fund or to learn more about establishing a fund or making a contribution to an existing fund, please contact the Schuylkill Haven office by calling 570-385-4180.

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