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### **News Release**

#### **Local Financial and Legal Advisors Talk Philanthropy**

November 24, 2010 – CARMAN – A group of local lawyers, bankers and financial advisors met the morning of Tuesday, November 23, 2010 to discuss ways of helping donors meet their personal philanthropic goals.

At a breakfast prepared by the directors of the Carman Area Foundation, eleven legal and financial professionals shared ideas about the kind of information and tools that are useful to them in responding to their clients' questions about charitable giving.

Foundation Chair Brent VanKoughnet acknowledged the valuable work that professional advisors do for philanthropy in the community, and facilitated the information sharing session. He also gave a brief overview of the Foundation's designated and undesignated funds structure that offers donors a wide range of choices in supporting programs and activities that are the most meaningful to them.

Research shows that when a person donates to a charity that he or she believes in, the act of giving can benefit the donor's mental, emotional and even physical well-being. In addition, charitable giving can play a valuable role in a tax planning strategy. But undoubtedly the greatest benefit goes to the community, where charitable donations support programs and services that enhance the quality of life for us all.

"As year end tax planning and charitable gifts are considered this holiday season, it is reassuring to have such a strong network of financial, legal and accounting professionals with the skills and abilities to assist clients with their philanthropic goals," says VanKoughnet. "It's just another part of what makes this a remarkable community."

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