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## Highfields Accepting Applications for Aldinger Scholarships

Onondaga, Michigan – February 15, 2017 – Highfields is accepting applications for Aldinger Scholarships until Friday, March 10, 2017. Scholarships are awarded for up to \$1,500 to individuals who have received services or have a family member who has received services through Highfields. This includes students from Highfields' after-school program, Reaching Higher, Breakthrough course participants, family counseling clients, residential clients, and Ingham Academy students.

The purpose of this fund is to support individuals to pursue educational goals, such as adult education or enrichment programs, college courses, vocational training programs or trade schools.

Highfields' CEO, Brian Philson, said, "Offering Aldinger Scholarships is one way that Highfields provides educational advancement opportunities for the children and families we support."

Highfields will award several scholarships annually depending on the availability of funds. Each scholarship application will be reviewed by the Endowment Committee and in special circumstances additional funds may be made available. Funds that are approved will be sent directly to the educational institution in the applicants' name.

To apply for a scholarship, please submit an application by Friday, March 10, 2017. The application can be found at: <a href="www.highfields.org/resources">www.highfields.org/resources</a>.

The Aldinger Scholarship was created in 1996 in the name of local philanthropist, John Aldinger. Aldinger was a successful businessman who believed in the power of education. He made generous contributions to Highfields before his death in 1995.

Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 12 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit www.highfields.org.

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