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## **Endowment to Support City College Debate Team Honors Gil Sandler**

*(Baltimore, MD, 4/1/08)* The Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) announced creation of The Gilbert Sandler Fund for Speech and Debate at City College at a March 30 event marking the archiving of the beloved Baltimore historian's newspaper and radio commentaries at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. The event was co-hosted by WYPR radio, which broadcasts Sandler's weekly series, "Baltimore Stories."

Sandler has for many years raised funds from friends and acquaintances to provide annual support for the City College Speech and Debate Team. "We hope to build the endowment to \$500,000," explains BCF President Tom Wilcox, "In order to provide \$25,000 annually to support high school debate. We were delighted to announce on March 30 that we had already raised \$252,000 toward that goal."

The team has a long and proud tradition, dating back to 1876 with the establishment of the Bancroft/Carrolton-Wright Literary Societies. City College emphasizes and competes in speech and debate at the highest of levels, including the Baltimore Urban Debate League (BUDL), the Baltimore Catholic Forensics League (BCFL), and other national tournaments.

The Gilbert Sandler Fund for Speech and Debate at City College will ensure that students have the opportunity to participate in the rigorous and rewarding discipline of debate for generations to come.

Information on how to contribute to the fund is available online at <http://www.bcf.org/givenow/givenow1.aspx?c=SANDL>.

### **ABOUT THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Baltimore Community Foundation is the third largest grantmaker among Maryland's charitable foundations, with distributions in 2007 of \$30 million to hundreds of nonprofit organizations in the

Baltimore region and beyond. With assets of \$193 million, BCF comprises more than 500 different charitable funds.

BCF's civic agenda combines economic development with poverty reduction through strategic investments in the areas of human services, youth, education, transportation, neighborhoods, diversity, environment, arts and culture, and promoting Baltimore.

BCF helps individuals, families and organizations carry out their charitable plans, with the common goal of improving the quality of life in the greater Baltimore region, today and for generations to come. To donors, BCF offers a complete toolkit for charitable giving, expert assistance in learning more about the causes they care about, and the opportunity to join others with similar interests to learn and give together. To the community at large, BCF offers a permanent, growing source of grant monies, as well as a common meeting ground and leadership on important issues in our region.

In addition, BCF provides grantmaking oversight for two independent foundations, the William G. Baker Jr. Memorial Fund and the Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Charitable Foundation.

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