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*An Endowment Fund of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation*

## A dollar a day makes a difference

Kathryne Olds grew up in Grand Haven as Kathryne Jerovsek, graduated from GHHS in 1977, and married Matt Olds, a 1974 graduate of Spring Lake High School. They stayed in the area and raised three Buccaneers: a son Taylor, who graduated in 2001; a daughter, Danielle, GHHS '03; and son Louis, graduated in 2008.

An accountant by profession, Olds manages the finances of husband Matt's business, KM Sales Agency, and also works with her father and his partners in their real estate development business.

It was one of those ventures, a mobile home park, which helped her relate to the mission of GHSE.

"The nature of the business we're in makes me aware of the challenges that at-risk children face everyday. We've been managing low-income rentals for about 15 years, and I see kids who need opportunities. I want there to be opportunities for them," she said.

When asked for a contribution to GHSE, however, at first she hesitated.

"We give to many different causes and campaigns, I didn't want to commit to still another, but then I realized that I could make a significant pledge without writing one big check," Olds explained. So she pledged \$1,200 over five years, and pays \$20 a month. "It's not even a dollar a day, so I don't miss the money," she said.

In addition, the \$240 a year she donates to the endowment qualifies for a 50% credit on her Michigan income tax as well as a federal tax deduction. For a married couple in the 25% tax bracket, for example, \$240 "costs" only \$60, but the full \$240 will be invested in the community, for good and for ever.

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*Left to right, Matt, Louis, and Kathryne Olds at 2007 Buccaneer Football Parents' Night.*

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GHHS Class of '77**

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