

Lear Corp. is named the 2011 Corporation of the Year during the 20th annual General Motors Supplier of the Year event last week in Detroit. From left, General Motors Vice President Global Purchasing and Supply Chain Bob Socia, Lear Executive Vice President Ray Scott, Lear President and CEO Matt Simoncini, GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson, and GM Vice Chairman Steve Girsky together celebrated the supplier achiement. The Detroit Institute of Arts hosted the event.

GM Honors Suppliers at DIA Function

DETROIT — General Motors pacity management and total uct and performance achieverecognized 82 of its best global automotive suppliers representing 13 countries last week with its 2011 General Motors Supplier of the Year award durnents. Lear has been honored ing the 20th annual awards as a Supplier of the Year 13 presentation held at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"The Supplier of the Year award winners' partnership, dedication and commitment to consistently perform above expectations played an important role in GM's success in 2011," said Bob Socia, vice president, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain.

"In 2012, we will continue to improve supplier relations to achieve a world-class supply chain focused on quality, ca-

The Corporation of the Year was Lear Corp., a supplier of seats and electrical compotimes previously.

Of the 82 winning recipients, 63 have been recognized at least once since the awards began in 1992.

Nineteen companies won the award for the first time, and three diversity suppliers were honored: ABC Group Inc., Chemico Mays LLC, and Ideal Contracting, LLC.

significant contributions of GM's suppliers in 2011 as part ees working out of 207 faciliof the company's global prod-ties across 35 countries.

ment.

The winners represent GM's view of the best the automotive industry has to offer in innovative technology, superior quality, outstanding launch support, crisis management and competitive total enterprise cost solutions.

The Supplier of the Year winners are chosen by a global team of GM purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing and logistics execu-

Lear, based in Southfield, has long been one of metro The award recognizes the Detroit's stalwart auto suppliers. Lear has 98,000 employ-

Relay for Life in Warren Scheduled for June 9-10

by Gerald Scott News Dept.

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, the local Relay for Life Event for 2012 lands at Warren City Hall and City Square the weekend of June 9-10.

That was the word from the for Life kickoff event earlier this month at the Royalty House in Warren.

"This year, our Relay is going to be our best year ever, that's our goal, to have the most outstanding event that we can," said Bev Watson, event chair, at the kickoff function.

"We're coming on with a lot more community participation and support, so I think it's going to be a really great

Relay for Life raises funds to support the American Cancer Society mission of saving lives from cancer by helping people stay well, helping people to get well, by finding cures and by fighting back.

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The June 9-10 Relay event at City Square is a campout and gathering point for participants to publicly display their support for all of these various cancer education and remediation activities.

While fundraising for Relay for Life is fun and competi-American Cancer Society tive, it is also crucial to con-(ACS), which held its Relay tinuing the mission of the American Cancer Society.

> Since the ACS research program was started, more than \$3.4 billion has been awarded to cancer researchers across the nation, including 44 who have gone on to win the Nobel

Through Relay for Life activities held across the nation and in Warren, participants make it possible for ACS' ongoing lifesaving research to continue on and thrive. It helps all of the Society's education, advocacy and service programs to continue on as

"(Volunteers or participants) can call Maureen Rovas (at 586-530-6554) and she can give them informa-

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Organizers of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life/Warren fundraiser held a kickoff party at the Royalty House earlier this month. From left are Mary Comfort (ceremonies chair), Bev Watson (event chair) and Maureen Rovas (ACS). The event will be held June 9-10 at Warren City Hall and City Square grounds.

tion, or they can go to our on- she added. Web RelayforLife/WarrenMI.org and they can sign on right there, or see where the next meeting's going to be," said event chair Bev Watson.

One trend Watson cited was even more participation from the local auto industry - supplier Henkel, which produces sealants and has factories in Madison Heights and Warren, will have its employees participating in an organized fashion for the first time.

'We've got a few other companies from Warren and Center Line, it's a blended com- had 25 teams but we had munity event (participating)," thousands of people."

"Every hour at the event, there's a brand new theme activity - even in the middle of the night we're going to have a sock hop. There's going to be lots of fun stuff all through the day.

"But of course, we'll focus on what the mission is for the event itself - celebrating those that are fighting cancer, teaching people how to fight back, and also an opportunity for them to honor, or remember those who are fighting cancer or lost their life.

"Teamwise, last year, we

GM Foundation Donates \$2.5M to Focus:HOPE

tors Foundation is granting \$2.5 million to the Focus: HOPE Fund for its education initiatives, specifically a program to help students earn engineering degrees through partnership with select universities.

The Foundation's support of the fund totals more than \$3.8 million.

The latest contribution was announced at the "Light for HOPE" Eleanor M. Josaitis Tribute dinner held March 10 in Detroit. Josaitis, the cofounder of the civil rights and human rights organization, died last August at the age of 79. GM's donation helps to celebrate the long-term Josaitis legacy, officials say.

The Foundation's contribution to the Focus: HOPE Fund, a community campaign that was launched in 2005 to raise \$100 million for the agency, will go to the Center for Advanced Technologies (CAT). The CAT program offers students, who may not have access to a college education, an opportunity to earn an engineering degree at select universities.

12,000 students Nearly have graduated from Focus: HOPE job training programs since 1981.

"Through our \$2.5 million grant to Focus: HOPE, the General Motors Foundation continues its long-standing support of the organization's education initiatives," said Diana Tremblay, GM global chief manufacturing officer and a board member of the GM Foundation and Focus: HOPE.

"This grant will continue the important work that

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DETROIT - The General Mo- Eleanor Josaitis began, and it will allow Focus: HOPE to continue its education programs that positively impact thousands in the Detroit community each year."

The donation to Focus: HOPE is part of the GM Foundation's larger commitment to the city of Detroit and supporting local organizations dedicated to educating tomorrow's innovators leaders. Over the last decade, the

GM Foundation has donated more than \$50 million to organizations in metro Detroit to help improve education, increase access to cultural events and advance the overall quality of life within the community. "We thank the General Mo-

tors Foundation for their partnership and continued support of Focus: HOPE, and for carrying on Eleanor's legacy," said William F. Jones, Jr., CEO of Focus: HOPE.

"This donation strengthens our community and helps prepare Detroit's hardworking men and women for careers in engineering and other important fields.

Focus:HOPE's Co-founding executive Fr. William Cunningham died in 1997 and it was Josaitis who guided the nonprofit entity through the 2000 tornado and other economic and programming challenges prior to her death in 2011.

Meanwhile, since its inception in 1976, the GM Foundation has donated hundreds of millions of dollars to American charities, educational organizations and to disaster re-

lief efforts worldwide. The GM Foundation focuses on supporting Education, Health and Human Services, Environment and Energy and Community Development initiatives, mainly in the commu nities where GM operates.

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