



TREE FUND BULLETIN – DECEMBER 2006

Thank you to Bandit Chippers and Power Great Lakes for successfully auctioning off a Bandit Model 1590 drum chipper at the TCI Expo to benefit the TREE Fund. Tim Gamma, a TREE Fund trustee and owner of Gamma's Shield Shade Tree in St. Louis, MO, was the highest bidder. According to Bandit's Jerry Morey, who is a past TREE Fund treasurer and the auction's organizer, we will receive a gift of over \$15,000 as a result of this event. We are grateful for both Jerry and Tim's generosity, interest and support of the TREE Fund.

Our "Careers in Arboriculture DVD" has won two media awards: the 2006 Jersey Shore Public Relations and Advertising Association's Silver JASPER Award and a BMA Impact Award for 2006. Over 3,000 DVDs have been distributed to urban and community schools so far.

The Board of Trustees recently passed our 2007-2010 strategic plan and the 2007 budget to sustain the TREE Fund into the future. This year (2006), our Research Committee, led by Dr. Robert Miller, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, recommended and the board approved awarding over \$220,000 in research grants. In addition, we provided more than \$10,000 in scholarships to arboriculture students and continued to fulfill our commitments to multi-year awards over the past five years.

If you feel our funding of these projects and those in the past have impacted you in some positive way, please consider making a year-end tax deductible gift by going to our Web site www.treefund.org and making a gift online or by sending a check directly to TREE Fund, 711 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton, IL 60187.