

## Dr. Angelo and Barbara Armenti 2009 Philanthropists of the Year



WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.

# Legacy



*Dr. Angelo and Barbara Armenti*

California University President Dr. Angelo Armenti spent his life in debt. In debt to his immigrant parents, who taught him the value of music and education. In debt to Sister Maria, who taught him to enjoy math, which led to his career as a physicist. Payback? They deserved it. But it was too late, so instead of paying them back, he paid it forward by establishing scholarships in their names, which would allow the next generation a chance at an education.

He married a women with an identical outlook. Barbara Armenti felt a similar debt to her coal-mining family, so the Armentis also set up a scholarship in her parents' name.

But it's not donating money that makes them philanthropists. "The word 'philanthropy' means 'love of

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### *Community Foundation Partners With Bar Association and United Way to Offer Law School for Non-Profits*

Early in 2008, in preparation of the many anticipated changes to the Federal Form 990, the Community Foundation conducted an internal review of its mission statement, operating policies and procedures, and various governance issues. This internal review resulted in the adoption of a revised mission statement and several new or revised policies, to be fully compliant with our 2008 Form 990 filing. The process was both time consuming and costly for us.

As we were conducting the review and implementing the changes, we thought of the many charities in our community, particularly the smaller ones which historically have not been required to submit the Form 990, and knew readily that we wanted to help educate the leadership of these charities, both staff

and volunteer, regarding the revised reporting requirements. And so we turned, once again, to our friends at the United Way of Washington County and the Washington County Bar Association. Both readily and enthusiastically agreed to co-host with us, another *Law School for Non-Profits*.

Scheduled for October 21 at the Holiday Inn, Meadowlands, the *Law School* offers 10 break-out sessions in two tracks, one for small and emerging NPOs and one for larger and more established NPOs. The presenters are some of the most skilled in their fields, and all are offering their services gratis, which has enabled us to keep the registration fee at only \$100 for the entire day. The fee for those wishing to register for just the

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## Recent Grants Awarded

### Arts & Humanities

**Acorn Fund**—

- \$500 to the Charleroi Historical Society/unrestricted
- \$500 to Wash Co Arts & Cultural Cntr / unrestricted

**Arts & Humanities Fund** — \$200 to Off the Wall Theater for the production “The Little Dog Laughed”

**Horne Family Fund** — \$1,000 to the David Bradford House for programming

**Richard & Edwina Cameron Fund**—

- \$2,000 to the David Bradford House / unrestricted
- \$1,000 to Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center / unrestricted

**McBride-McMaster Fund** — \$1,000 to the Washington County History & Landmarks Foundation for an inter-city survey of African-American culture.

### Education

**Acorn Fund** — \$10,000 to the Washington County Literacy Council / unrestricted

**Scott Ashmore Legacy Fund**—\$500 to Trinity School District for its hunter’s safety program\*

**Craig Gnagey Memorial Fund** — \$200 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for its ECHO program in the Trinity & Washington School Districts.

**John Bentley and Mary Gates Greenlee Fund**— \$262 to Bentleyville Public Library / unrestricted \*

**Dr. Howard Jack Public Educator Award**—\$1,000 to Peters Township High School / Thespian Troupe #185.

**Harold and Hazel Lauerman / Donora Public Library**— \$4,071 to the Library for computers and operating support \*

**Joseph Perkins Fund** — \$100 to the Wash. Hospital Foundation for its ECHO program in the Burgettstown School District.

**Judge Samuel Rodgers Fund** — \$200 to the Washington County Literacy Council for its elementary school illiteracy prevention program

**Tershel Family Fund**—\$5,000 to the University of Virginia for its athletic stadium expansion

**Louis E. Waller Leadership Fund** — \$1,000 to the ABCDE Fund for scholarships.

### Environment & Animal Welfare

**Abernathy Fund for Conservation** — \$2,000 to Washington & Jefferson College for testing the water quality at the Abernathy Field Station prior to drilling of the Marcellus Shale

**J. Edgar & Ruth E. Williams Fund** — \$300 to the Washington Area Humane Society / unrestricted

**Washington County Youth Conservation Camp Fund**— \$100 to the Wash. Hospital Foundation for the conservation component of it kids summer camp.

*Some fund names have been abbreviated for spacing.*

The Foundation strives each year to make grants in each of six broad funding areas. Grants are awarded throughout the year. For application deadlines and other guidelines please visit [www.wccf.net](http://www.wccf.net) or by contacting us at [info@wccf.net](mailto:info@wccf.net).



*The Washington County Community Foundation’s mission is to improve the quality of life by providing a vehicle for philanthropic giving across a broad spectrum of giving levels to support diverse community needs and to provide prudent stewardship of those charitable funds.*

## Recent Grants Awarded

### Health & Fitness

**Berman Family Fund** — \$263 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for its bereavement program \*

**Community Endowment for Peters Township** — -\$2,500 to Canonsburg General Hospital for its Project Healthy Children.

-\$2,500 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for its Children's Therapy Center.

**Ed DeVoge Fund**—\$1,000 to The Washington Hospital Foundation for its ECHO Program

**Eleanor M. Campbell Fund** — \$375 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for its nursing program \*

**Diabetes Education Fund** — \$378 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for Diabetes education \*

**Washington Hospital Community Endowment** — \$165 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for operating support \*

### Human Needs

**Acorn Fund** — \$500 to CASA for Kids / unrestricted

**J. Edgar & Ruth E. Williams Fund** — \$300 to Washington City Mission / unrestricted \*

**Johna Belfiore Memorial Fund** — \$250 to ARC Human Services for Camp Laugh-a-Lot \*

**Mother's Fund** — \$10,000 to Transitional Employment Consultants for short-term transportation and child care for disadvantaged women entering the workforce

**McBride-McMaster Fund** — \$1,000 to Try Again Homes for its Young Adult Independent Living Program (YAIL)

**Salvitti Family Fund**—\$550 to Washington-Greene County Blind Association / unrestricted

**O.W. Wilkerson Memorial Fund** — \$1,000 to Claysville Volunteer Fire Department for an artificial smoke machine used for training

**United Way Community Endowment Fund**—\$351 to the United Way for community grants \*

### Religion & Faith-Based Programs

**Acorn Fund** — \$500 to Interfaith Hospitality Network / unrestricted

**Beichner Family Fund** — \$500 to John F. Kennedy Catholic School for its scholarship fund

**Catholic Endowment for Educational Development** - \$3,000 to John F. Kennedy School for the school and the TCE Program at Immaculate Conception Church \*

**W. Scott Russell Fund** — \$121 to First Presbyterian Church 1793 for the Oratorio Fund \*

**Salvitti Family Fund** — \$550 to Catholic Charities for its Pregnancy & Parenting Program

**William Todd Fund** - \$200 to Crossing the Jordan Christian Health Center / unrestricted \*

**Weaver Miller Fund**—\$124 to the Third United Presbyterian Church / unrestricted \*

\* This is a designated agency fund and only the agency or agencies designated by the founding donor may receive grants from the fund.

### Minimums to Create Permanent Funds

*Discretionary, Designated Agency, Geographic, or Field of Interest Funds - \$10,000*

*Donor Advised or Scholarship Funds - \$25,000*

*(Minimums may be contributed over a five year period using a variety of assets as gifts.)*

*Agency Endowment (created by a NPO for its own benefit) - \$25,000 contributed in lump sum*

# *Washington Kiwanis Scholarship Fund to Benefit Western Area Career and Technology Center Students*



Kiwanis Club of Washington is helping to fulfill this mission locally by creating a permanent scholarship fund through the Washington County Community Foundation. A \$25,000 contribution has been given to the Foundation to initiate the fund which will be used to benefit graduating seniors of the Western Area Career & Technology Center. "Our Club has been providing scholarships for students at the Western Area Career & Technology

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. The

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Center for some time," said Bill Nickles, Club Treasurer. "It has been very rewarding for us as a Club to help these students, who sometimes can be overlooked by other groups providing scholarships. By partnering with the Community Foundation, we have ensured that the awards will continue forever."

The first distribution of the scholarship is expected to be issued in the Spring of 2010. The 28 volunteer members of the Kiwanis Club are also active within the Washington Community in numerous other

ways, such as participating in the clean-up of the intersection at Beau Street and by providing volunteers for the Pony League World Series.

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breakout sessions is \$60 and the fee for those wishing to register for just the dinner is \$50. A limited number of scholarships are available for the smallest NPOs.

The dinner and keynote address were added this year to encourage attendance by

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United Way at 724-225-3310.

Board Members. And, courtesy of our Signature Sponsor, WesBanco Trust and Investment Services, one of the NPOs present at the dinner will be chosen to receive a \$1,000 unrestricted grant. To register, please contact

## *Law School for Non-Profits Topics and Presenters*

### *New & Emerging NPOs*

*"Nuts & Bolts & Fundamentals of Survival"*  
Attorneys Sara Miller, Cordelia Grabiak  
K&L Gates, LLP

*"Grant Writing 101"*  
Peggy Outon, Bayer Center for Non-Profit  
Management at Robert Morris University

*"Tax & Legal Reporting Requirements"*  
Attorney R. Maureen Myers

*"Finance & Internal Controls"*  
Kathy Houston, CPA  
Houston Walker & Associates

*"Fundraising 101"*  
Michael Grzesiak, Washington & Jefferson College

### *Established NPOs*

*"Mergers and Collaborative Efforts"*  
Attorney Penina Lieber  
Jeff Mascara, Southwestern PA Human Services

*"Government Grant Writing"*  
Kim Nelson

*"The Revised Form 990"*  
Carlyn Belczyk, CPA  
Guthrie Belczyk & Associates

*"Endowments & Investment Strategies"*  
Robert Cupp, Michael Klick  
WesBanco Trust & Investment Services

*"Advanced Fundraising"*  
Richard Mahoney, Washington Hospital

## First Commonwealth Bank Continues Sponsorship of Mother's Fund



Our deepest appreciation is extended to First Commonwealth Bank who contributed \$5,000 earlier this year as the **Signature Sponsor** of the **Mother's Fund**. The Fund makes grants in support of disadvantaged women and children.

"First Commonwealth Bank is devoted to the financial well being of women, holistically and enthusiastically," remarked Deborah Takach, Vice President, First Commonwealth Bank. "We understand their unique concerns – for themselves, their families, their businesses and their future. At First Commonwealth we believe our highest achievement is to earn the trust, loyalty and

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respect of the women who serve our communities so well. It is our honor to continue our sponsorship of the **Mother's Fund.**"

First Commonwealth began its sponsorship of the Fund in 2007, when it contributed \$10,000 as the *Exclusive Sponsor* of the Fund's yellow rose pin. The rose pins were and continue to be distributed, via counter-top displays in various businesses in Washington County, in appreciation for a \$5 contribution to the **Mother's Fund**.

We are interested in obtaining additional sites for the counter-top displays and encourage interested businesses to contact us for information and supplies.

Individuals, community, church and youth groups are also welcome to help distribute the pins and raise awareness of the work of the Fund.

*"It is an honor to be able to make an impact on the well-being of our community through the Washington County Community Foundation. To be able to help realize our community's aspirations through philanthropy is a passion our family intends to continue."*

- Neil Bassi, President,  
Charleroi Federal Savings Bank

*"Many of my clients utilize the services of the Community Foundation to fulfill their charitable goals, whether those goals are immediate or longer-term. Because giving through the Community Foundation can be very tax-wise, many of my clients are able to give more."*

- Warren E. Lemley, Jr.,  
Certified Public Accountant

*"When we began working to create a scholarship fund in the name of our late band director, Dave Pew, the Community Foundation could not have been more helpful. Thanks to the Foundation's invaluable assistance, the Dave Pew Memorial Scholarship Fund became a reality, and his legacy will now be perpetuated."*

- Judge John DiSalle,  
Washington County Court of Common Pleas

*"When Big Bank & Trust Co. refuses to administer a charitable trust, the WCCF provides an invaluable vehicle to carry out the desire of a person to help others. The WCCF should be on the checklist of anyone considering their estate plan and anyone providing advice to those people."*

- Daniel F. Svidro, Orphans' Court Audit Attorney,  
Washington County Court of Common Pleas

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humanity.” he says. “We teach our students the duties and responsibilities that come from being part of a group. They can give any of the three T’s: time, talent, or treasure.”

Washington attorney and WCCF Trustee Charles Keller, who nominated the Armentis as the Philanthropists of the Year, says Dr. Armenti has “Developed, promoted and supported a contagious atmosphere of philanthropy” on the Cal U campus. Since the university is partially funded by the taxpayers, Dr. Armenti feels that, while the students can’t pay their benefactors back directly, they must find ways of paying it forward.

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He recently addressed 1,500 incoming students, gave each an envelope, and asked them to place a dollar in it. The envelopes were collected, one name was drawn and that student received a \$1,500 scholarship. The students saw how one life was affected by many small gifts.

Dr. Armenti’s greatest honor may be having his name on a tee-shirt. One student created “Armenti’s Army” tee-shirts, sold them on campus and donated the money to three charities. “It proves they get it,” Dr. Armenti says. “I am so proud of them!”

Dr. Armenti is quick to dispel the stereotype of a

philanthropist as a wealthy person who donates millions of dollars, preferring to focus on the three T’s, as does his wife, Barbara.

Barbara Armenti is a role model for giving time and talents. She chairs the Mon Valley United Way campaign, volunteers with the Heart Association, and raises funds for local organizations. “She’s busier than I am!” her husband chuckles. “If you need to raise money, just call Barbara!”

“I love being involved,” she says. “It has afforded me the opportunity to meet wonderful people.”

They both feel humbled by this recognition.

“Barbara and I derive great satisfaction and pleasure to help the way we were helped. We enjoy seeing young people

achieve their goals and encourage them to pay it forward.”

“Dr. Armenti is inspiring a new generation to philanthropy,” says Keller. “He will leave a mark for generations to come.”

WCCF will establish “The Dr. Angelo & Barbara Armenti / CAL U Scholarship Fund”.

“We are honored to be among the wonderful people who have received this award in the past,” says Barbara Armenti. “I never imagined we would be in that company,”

*By Dorothy Tecklenburg*



# Steelers Ticket Raffle

## 4 Great Tickets (Section 224 End Zone) and Limousine Service to/from **STEELERS vs. RAVENS**



Heinz Field, Sunday, December 27, 2009

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Proceeds benefit the *Acorn Fund* which makes grants to local charities - \$10 per chance

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The Washington County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization.

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## *Charitable Gift Annuity Program*

In our promotion and facilitation of local philanthropy, we seek to continuously improve upon our philanthropic services to donors and the community. And, with our current marketing focus on the *Next Generation of Philanthropy*, it was obvious that the next donor service we should add to our service menu was a *Charitable Gift Annuity Program* to enable our donors to support the *Next Generation of Charity*.

The WCCF Charitable Gift Annuity Program provides the vehicle for our donors to support their favorite charitable causes in the future while

<i>Charitable Gift Annuity Rates</i>	
One Life	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
55	4.8%
60	5.0%
65	5.3%
70	5.7%
75	6.3%
80	7.1%
85	8.1%
90	9.5%
<i>*Rates subject to change.</i>	

receiving a tax deduction today and maintaining an income stream for the rest of their lives.

The annuity rates for the program are the suggested uniform gift annuity rates of the American Council on Gift Annuities. Approved rates for gift annuities are very attractive, particularly in the current economic environment. Payments may begin immediately or be deferred. The minimum age for a gift annuity is 55.

Please contact the Foundation if you would like to have a confidential and personalized illustration prepared for your consideration.

### *Benefits of Gift Annuities*

The benefits of a Gift Annuity include:

- A current charitable deduction for a part of your gift. This could be particularly helpful to offset increased taxes incurred in conjunction with gas royalty payments.
- The ability to bypass a portion of capital gains tax for gifts of certain assets.
- Attractive annuity rates which are fixed and guaranteed for life.
- The ability to support the charities that are important to you.
- The ability to ensure your charitable legacy or that of a loved one.
- Potential to increase your annual income in retirement particularly if you are contributing stock which pays minimal dividends.

### *How is the Residuum Used?*

At the completion of the gift annuity term, the residuum (remainder) will be used for a charitable purpose you select. Options are to:

- Create a new fund at the Foundation in your family name or that of a loved one to benefit a cause you select
- Add to an existing fund at the Foundation
- Provide a lump sum payment to another qualified charity including your church, community center, local library, volunteer fire department, etc.

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*"With the importance of fixed income investments to so many Washington County residents, we applaud the Community Foundation's efforts to start a Charitable Gift Annuity Program. This type of gift giving benefits the donor as well as the community and is a valuable alternative at this critical time in our economy. WesBanco is proud to be a part of this great program"*

*- Robert T. Cupp, Vice President  
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