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**Foundation Presents Director's Choice Award and Mother's Fund Grant**

The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) presented a total of \$24,000 in grants during its Legacy Gala held in June. Receiving the Director's Choice Award and accompanying \$10,000 operational grant from the *Acorn Fund* was the Washington County Literacy Council. To be eligible to apply for this award, charities were required to have an operating budget of less than \$250,000, have been in existence for at least three years, and provide a program in one of the six areas supported by the *Acorn Fund* - arts & humanities, education, environment & animal welfare, health & fitness, human needs or religion & faith-based. Applicants were judged on quality of programming, community impact as gauged by the number of people served, programs offered, or other measurable component, and improvement in the balance sheet over a period of years. The Washington County Literacy Council has been providing basic adult literacy services in Washington County for over twenty years. The Council works primarily as a volunteer, community based organization but plans to use the award for staffing. Four additional charities received grants of \$500 each from the *Acorn Fund*, Charleroi Historical Society, CASA for Kids, Interfaith Hospitality Network and the Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center.

A second grant of \$10,000 was awarded from the *Mother's Fund* to Transitional Employment Consultants (TEC). TEC's mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to become independent, productive members of the community by providing job readiness training and placement in competitive employment. TEC will use the grant to provide short-term transportation and child care for women entering or returning to the work force. The *Mother's Fund* provides grants in support of disadvantaged women and children in Washington County.

A \$1,000 grant was presented to the ABCDE Fund in conjunction with Janet Abernathy being selected to receive this year's *Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award*. The ABCDE Fund was initiated by Abernathy's husband, the late Dr. Ernest Abernathy, and provides scholarships to black students pursuing higher education.



And a \$1,000 grant was presented to Peters Township School District Thespian Troupe # 185 in conjunction with Barry Wood being selected to receive the *Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award*.

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