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Nominations Sought for Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award

The Washington County Community Foundation is currently accepting nominations for its first annual *Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award*. The award recognizes a local public educator who has displayed the ability to inspire children from all backgrounds and abilities, who has earned the respect of colleagues, students and parents, and who is actively engaged in the community. All primary and secondary public school educators serving students in Washington County are eligible to be nominated. In addition to an engraved crystal bowl, the award includes a \$1,000 grant to the educational program with which the recipient is affiliated.

The award is named in honor of Community Foundation Founding Trustee and Past Chairman of the Board, Dr. Howard Jack, who passed away in 2008. Dr. Jack, himself a life-long learner, dedicated his adult life to the field of education and his community. He began his professional teaching career at East Washington High School in 1947. Over the years he served as principal at both Hampton High School and Thomas Jefferson High School. In 1965 he became superintendent at Peters Township High School, a position he held until his retirement in 1983. Other organizations in which Howard was actively involved include the Economic Education Foundation, United Way of Washington County, McMurray Rotary Club, Peters Township Chamber of Commerce, Peters Township Library, Washington City Mission, the Boy Scouts and the VITA program. He was also a member of the Chartiers Masonic Lodge and the Sons of the American Revolution.

Presentation of the award will be at the Foundation's Legacy Gala in June. For complete criteria and a nomination form, please visit the WCCF website at www.wccf.net. Nominations will be accepted until April 1.

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