



*Washington County Community Foundation
Philanthropist of the Year Award*

2000 Recipient- Thomas R. Milhollan



Thomas R. Milhollan understands the benefit of investing time and energy into his work. In his own life, this motto has yielded outstanding results. He exemplified it when he founded his steel tool company, Precision Products, in 1948 in the Milhollan family garage.

At first the company focused on basic steel tools, however, under Tom's direction and entrepreneurship, the company developed and produced "Deluxe" finished steel tools, which, in the 1960's, revolutionized the industry. Through expansion and acquisition, the company has evolved into what is now Precision-Marshall. Today, Precision-Marshall is an independent leader in the North American steel tool industry.

Throughout his life, Tom's drive for success and hard work has spilled over into his community, where he has taken part in various philanthropic activities. The United Way, The Washington Hospital,

YMCA, Washington City Mission, Boy Scouts of America and United Cerebral Palsy are among the organizations which he has generously supported. He also served on the boards of both The Washington Hospital and Washington & Jefferson College and is a member of the West Washington United Methodist Church. Tom was also the first President of the American Ground Flat Stock Producers Association.

Tom was born in 1918 in Monessen and graduated from Monessen High School. He married LaRue Turner on October 27, 1940. He received the *Meritorious Service Award* in 1989 from the Washington-Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame for his skill in basketball and fast pitch softball.

To honor Tom, the WCCF named him 2000 *Philanthropist of the Year* and created a permanent fund at the Foundation. Tom has chosen to name the fund, the *Thomas H. Milhollan Memorial Fund*, in remembrance of his son. The Milhollan family will annually recommend a charitable cause to be supported by the fund.