

Washington County Community Foundation, Inc.
Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award

The *Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award* was created by the Board of Trustees of the Washington County Community Foundation in 2008 to recognize a local individual or organization who is devoted to the promotion of human welfare or the advancement of social reforms as evidenced by humanitarian deeds in the community, whether local, national or international. The award is named in honor of Founding Trustee and Past Chairman of the Board, Louis E. Waller.

Louis E. Waller championed for equal rights for African Americans during the civil rights era and has served in various capacities at the NAACP both at the local and state levels. In 1965 he was honored by the Washington NAACP with its Human Rights Award. He authored the series “The American Negro” published in the *Observer-Reporter* and also received the Renaissance Publications 1993 Black Trailblazer Award.

A strong advocate for education, Lou served on the Board of Trustees of Waynesburg College, receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 1983. He also served for many years as the chairman of the ABCDE Fund that awards scholarships to African American students pursuing higher education.

Other awards he has received include the Jaycees Man of the Year, the T.S. Fitch Pioneer Award and the Clyde J. Tracanna Volunteer of the Year Award from the local United Way. Lou has served as Vice Chairman of the Washington County Council on Economic Development, Chairman of the Interstate Contractor’s Supply, Chairman of Washington Federal Savings Bank, Chairman of the Washington Hospital and President of Kiwanis.

Eligibility:

All Washington County residents, or for profit companies operating in Washington County, who have performed humanitarian service anywhere in the world, are eligible to receive the award, although preference will be given to those performing humanitarian service in Washington County. Consideration will also be given to individuals living outside the county who have performed humanitarian service in Washington County.

Award:

In addition to an engraved crystal bowl, the award will include a grant to the charity of the recipient’s choice. Presentation of the award will be at the WCCF Legacy Celebration. The amount of the grant shall be determined by the WCCF Board of Trustees, considering available financial resources.

Criteria:

- Demonstrated concern, through one’s actions, commitment of time and/or one’s financial resources, for the general welfare of those less fortunate
- Commitment of leadership over a sustained period of time to a humanitarian cause including the saving of human lives, alleviation of suffering, response to a disaster, treatment of the injured, relief of poverty, social reforms, or educational opportunities for the under-privileged
- By example encouraged and motivated others to become involved in a humanitarian cause
- Contributed significantly to other community efforts

Nomination / Selection Process:

On a continual basis, the WCCF will publicize the availability of the award through its publications and news releases. Applications, which are to be submitted on the attached form, will be accepted until January 31 of each year. Three letters of recommendation attesting to the humanitarian activities of the nominee are required. Nominations and letters of recommendation will be forwarded to the WCCF Marketing Committee for review and consideration. The committee shall forward its recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which in its sole discretion, shall have the final responsibility of selecting the annual recipient.

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Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe in detail how the Nominee meets the following criteria:

Demonstrated concern, through one's actions, commitment of time and/or one's financial resources, for the general welfare of those less fortunate:

Commitment of leadership to a humanitarian cause including the saving of human lives, alleviation of suffering, response to a disaster, treatment of the injured, relief of poverty, social reforms, or educational opportunities for the under-privileged:

By example encouraged and motivated others to become involved in a humanitarian cause:

Contributed significantly to other community efforts:

Nominator Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship of Nominator to Nominee: _____

Return this completed form, along with three letters of recommendation, to:

Washington County Community Foundation
Chapman Annex
331 South Main Street
Washington, PA 15301

Applications will be accepted until January 31 of each year. Questions should be directed to the WCCF at 724-222-6330 or *marketing@wccf.net*.