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**COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FOR PETERS TOWNSHIP
SUPPORTS VENETIA COMMUNITY CENTER**

Washington, PA – The Venetia Heritage Society has been selected to receive a \$1,000 grant from the *Community Endowment for Peters Township* of the Washington County Community Foundation.

Organized in 1997 by a group of local citizens, the Venetia Heritage Society purchased the former Venetia Elementary School from the Peters Township School District to establish a community center. Over the years, much effort has been expended to bring the building up to code. Currently the Venetia Community Center hosts senior citizen luncheons every second and fourth Thursday of the month; the center is also utilized by the DARE organization and several Girl Scout troops. The \$1,000 grant will be used to purchase materials for renovation of a handicap accessible game room.

The **Community Endowment for Peters Township** is a permanent fund established by the Washington County Community Foundation in 2002 with proceeds from a Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Concert held at the Peters Township High School in June of that year. For the past three years, a portion of the proceeds of the *Taste of the Township* event at Valley Brook Country Club have been contributed to the Fund, bringing its value to close to \$60,000.

Since its inception, and with the support of the *Taste of the Township*, the **Community Endowment for Peters Township** has awarded more than \$26,500 to charities in Peters Township. Past recipients and the amounts they have received are as follows: Peters Township Meals on Wheels - \$200, Parents Organizing Resources for Children's Health (PORCH) - \$300, and Friends of Peters Township Library - \$25,000.

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