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**WCCF Awards More Than \$140,000 Through EITC Program**

Washington, PA – The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce that it has completed its grant-making cycle for the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program for the 2008-09 school year, awarding a total of \$143,550 in grants and scholarships. The EITC is a program of the Commonwealth of PA which enables certain corporations to receive state tax credits for educational gifts made to qualifying 501(c)(3) charities. Grants in this cycle were made possible from corporate donors Allegheny Technologies, Columbia Gas, CONSOL Energy, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Equitable Resources, First Commonwealth Bank, Gateway Health Plan, Highmark, Northwest Savings Bank, and Waste Management.

Grants totaling \$110,000 were awarded from the *EIO Fund* as follows:

- ❖ Bethlehem-Center School District - \$16,000 for its Technology Program
- ❖ Burgettstown School District - \$6,000 for its PA Junior Academy of Science Program
- ❖ California School District - \$6,000 for its Success for All Program
- ❖ Canon-McMillan School District - \$8,000 for its Science Matters Program and \$8,000 for its High School Leadership Academy
- ❖ Charleroi School District - \$6,000 for its Technology-Driven Integrated Learning System
- ❖ McGuffey School District - \$16,000 for its Accelerated Reader Program
- ❖ Peters Township School District - \$6,000 for its Keys2Work Program
- ❖ Ringgold School District - \$16,000 for its Science Matters Program
- ❖ Trinity School District - \$8,000 for its Guided Reading Materials Program and \$8,000 for its Accelerated Reader Program
- ❖ Washington School District - \$6,000 for its Youth Engaged in Technology Program

A total of 67 scholarships totaling \$16,750 were awarded from the **ESO Fund** to students attending the following Kindergarten – 12 private schools:

- ❖ Calvary Chapel School - \$1,750
- ❖ Central Christian Academy - \$3,500
- ❖ Faith Christian School - \$3,500
- ❖ First Love Christian Academy - \$500
- ❖ John F. Kennedy Catholic School - \$2,750
- ❖ Madonna Catholic Regional School - \$2,750
- ❖ Seton LaSalle Catholic High School - \$500
- ❖ St. Patrick's Catholic School - \$250
- ❖ Tri-State Christian Academy - \$1,250

A total of 28 scholarships totaling \$16,800 were awarded from the **EPK Fund** to students attending the following pre-school programs:

- ❖ Central Christian Academy - \$4,200
- ❖ Mon Valley YMCA Child Learning Center - \$12,600

“The EITC funds are examples of the WCCF’s efforts to facilitate philanthropy in our community, particularly as it relates to educating our next generation of leaders,” stated Betsie Trew, Executive Director. “Corporations have shown an interest in the EITC program because it enables them to support educational efforts in a very tax-wise manner and we are pleased to serve as a vehicle through which these community-minded corporations may support local education.”

The first day corporations may apply for the tax credit, which can be as high as 100% of the contributed amount, is July 1, 2009. Credits are limited so corporations are encouraged to act quickly by contacting the WCCF at 724-222-6330 or [info@wccf.net](mailto:info@wccf.net).