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Uram Honored with Woman of Philanthropy Award



Lou Waller and Julie Uram

The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF), at its *Woman of Philanthropy Celebration and Grant Ceremony* in May, honored long-time community volunteer, Julie Uram with a unique *Woman of Philanthropy Award*. Ms. Uram was one of only three female trustees on the founding Board of Trustees of the WCCF and will return to the Board in July.

Born and raised in Butler, PA, Julie quickly became involved in the Washington community when she and her husband, Andrew moved here in 1947. A registered nurse, Julie was one of the leading organizers of the annual Health-o-Rama that began in 1969. She served as the first woman Campaign Chairman for the local United Way in 1976 and was the Secretary of the Greater Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind. Over the years she has been very active with the Republican Party, both locally and at the state level. In 2002 she was honored by the Rotary Club of Washington with its annual Roy R. Gillespie Community Service Award.

Julie has been a tireless volunteer for the Immaculate Conception Church. Louis Waller, another Founding Trustee of the WCCF, joked when he presented the award to Julie that “new pastors of IC Church are cautioned not to try anything new until they run it by Julie.” Waller went on to say, “In the world of community activists, no one stands out greater than Julie Uram. Don’t let her size fool you; she is as big as they get in serving others.”

Frank Tracanna, former WCCF Board Chairman, also praised Uram’s work, “I don’t know of anyone who has given so much of her time, talent and generosity for so many causes including church, charitable and civic organizations. Julie was a pioneer in demonstrating the vital role women can play in our society.”

Also at the May event the WCCF presented its publication, “Nurturing Our Children, Our Families, Our Communities – Women’s Work”. The publication was a collaborative effort between the WCCF and the *Observer-Reporter*, and was funded by the FISA Foundation, one of the largest foundations in the country with an all female board of directors. A primary purpose of the

publication is to educate the community and potential funding sources about the many charities in Washington County providing services for disadvantaged women and their children. Copies of the publication may be obtained by phoning the WCCF office at 724-222-6330.

Grants of \$1,000 each were presented from the WCCF's ***Mother's Fund*** to the 15 charities featured in the publication. Charities receiving grants were: American Association of University Women / Business & Professional Women / Outreach Teen & Family Services (Sister to Sister Summit), MonValley YMCA (Balanced Body Program), American Cancer Society (Look Good Feel Better Program), American Red Cross (Babysitting Training Program), CASA for Kids (Court Appointed Special Advocates Program), Community Action Southwest (CAPWORKS Program), Cornerstone Care (Valley Women's Health Program), Girl Scouts (From Badge to Business Program), Interfaith Hospitality Network (Shelter Program), MonValley Hospital (Women's Health Center Program), PA Elks Major Projects (Elks Home Service Nurse Program), Washington City Mission (Avis Arbor Program), Washington Hospital Teen Outreach (ECHO Program), Washington Women's Shelter (Fresh Start Program), Watchful Shepherd (Watchful Shepherd Program).



And finally, approximately \$26,000 was raised at the event for the ***Mother's Fund***, bringing the WCCF closer to its fundraising goal of \$230,000 for the *Women of Philanthropy Education and Development Campaign*.

The WCCF is currently seeking additional volunteers to work on fundraising activities. If you would like to volunteer or would like to learn more, please contact the WCCF at 724-222-6330 or info@wccf.net.

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