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### J. Edgar & Ruth E. Williams Fund to Support Local Charities

The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is pleased to announce the creation of the *J. Edgar & Ruth E. Williams Family Fund*, a permanent fund which will support several charities in Washington County, including many in the Mon Valley area. The fund was initiated with a \$100,000 gift from the estate of Mr. Williams who died in 2007, shortly before his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



J. Edgar Williams was born on August 18, 1907 in Monongahela, PA and was raised on his father's farm. As a child he attended a one room school house, Dickey's School, and later attended Lincoln Elementary and then graduated from Monongahela High School. After graduating from Duff's Business Institute in 1929, he accepted a position with Kay, Richards & Co., becoming a partner in the firm in 1954. He was named executive vice president in 1969 when the firm merged to become Parker Hunter

Incorporated. After 72 years as a stock broker, he retired at the age of 93 in 2000.

As a very active member of the community, J. Edgar served on various boards and committees, including the United Methodist Church of Monongahela, the Monongahela Valley Hospital Board of Trustees, the Mon Valley Health Resources Board of Directors, the Monongahela Cemetery Board and the administrative board of the Norman C. Ray Trust. He died on June 6, 2007.

Ruth E. Williams was born in Buena Vista, PA on March 28, 1911, the daughter of Elmer E. & Sara Kier Patterson. Ruth graduated from Monongahela High School in 1929 and married J. Edgar Williams on June 18, 1931. She died in March of 1981. J. Edgar & Ruth have one surviving daughter, Mona Rae Williams, who resides in Monongahela. John E. Williams, their son, died in March of 2007.



As a tribute to the Williams' active community service in the Mon Valley, the fund will provide grants to the following Mon Valley charities: First United Methodist Church of Monongahela, Monongahela Area Library, Monongahela Volunteer Fire Department, Mon Valley Hospital, Mon

Valley YMCA, Tri-Community Ambulance Service, and the City of Monongahela. Also benefiting from the fund are two county-wide charities, the Washington City Mission and the Washington County Humane Society. A final charity, the Dove of the Desert United Methodist Church in Glendale AZ, will be supported.

To learn more about the various funds of the Foundation please visit the website at *ww.wccf.net*.

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