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Community Foundation Award Honors Founding Chairman

The Washington County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that it has created the *James H. McCune Acorn Society Award* in honor of its Founding Chairman of the Board, James H. McCune. The award recognizes professional advisors, including attorneys, accountants, banking and investment professionals, insurance and other advisors who have helped clients achieve their charitable goals through the community foundation. Special Legacy Member recognition is given to those advisors who have referred clients resulting in cumulative permanent gifts of at least \$250,000.

“Referrals from professional advisors have been and will continue to be a primary factor in the growth of our community’s foundation,” remarked Betsie Trew, Executive Director. “And no advisor has been more committed to promoting local philanthropy through the community foundation than our Founding Chairman, Jim McCune.”

Regarding a referral he made in 2007 which resulted in a fund valued at more than \$100,000 McCune commented, “I referred my clients because I knew that their charitable goals could be met through the community foundation. And the community benefits because the fund that was created supports a local church and a local church school.”

McCune, a partner in the law firm of Bassi, McCune & Vreeland, is a life-long resident of Washington County. He obtained his bachelor’s degree from Kent State University and his law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law, where he served on the editorial staff of the *West Virginia Law Review*. A former Washington County Solicitor, Jim is a member of the Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations and a member and former president of the Washington County Bar Association. In addition to his involvement with the community foundation, McCune has also been active with the local Red Cross and United Way.

The inaugural James H. McCune Acorn Society Awards, presented in June, recognized 46 professional advisors who have made referrals from the Foundation’s beginning in late 1995. In the future, awards will be presented annually. Two attorneys were recognized as Legacy Members, Paul Barna, a retired attorney from Donora, and Charles Keller of Peacock Keller & Ecker.

Other attorneys from Peacock Keller & Ecker receiving inaugural awards were Kenneth Baker, Susan Key and John Rodgers. Attorneys Bradley Bassi, Keith Bassi, and James McCune of Bassi McCune & Vreeland all were recognized as were Harold Fergus and Scott Fergus of Fergus Martin & Fergus, Judge John DiSalle and Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, and Lisa Buday of Buday Law. Lynn DeHaven of Goldfarb Posner Beck DeHaven & Drewitz, Jana Phillis Grimm of Eckert Seamans



Cherin & Mellott, Cary Jones of Marriner Jones & Fitch, Edward Morascyzk of Morascyzk Stopperich & Associates and Paul Tershel of Tershel & Associates completed the awards to attorneys.

Accountants recognized were Carlyn Belczyk, Charles Guthrie, and Mark Winiecki of Guthrie Belczyk & Associates, and William Stough of the Audia Group. Receiving awards from the banking or investment professions were Susan King, William King, Brian Smith, and Donna Zedlar of Washington Federal Savings Bank, Robert Cupp of WesBanco Trust & Investment Services, Neil Bassi of Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, Thomas Bouchard of Ameriprise Financial, Bruce Kurtz of Slovenian Savings & Loan, Joseph Marsh of Station Capital, Barron McCune, Jr. of Community Bank, Patrick O'Brien of First Federal Savings Bank, Frank Procaccini of Family Wealth Management Group, Kimberly Shoup of Northwest Savings Bank, Peter Strobe of UBS Financial Services, and Deborah Takach of First Commonwealth Bank.

Insurance professionals recognized were John Campbell and Mark Campbell of Campbell Insurance Associates, David Campsey and Dennis Dutton of Walker MacCartney Insurance Services, and William Gullborg of Gullborg Insurance. Mary Jane Sertik of Keller Williams Realty received an award as did retired advisors Robert Hillberry, Judge Thomas Gladden and Richard White.