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The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is currently accepting nominations for its annual *Philanthropist of the Year* award. Until this year, nominations were only accepted from the Board of Trustees of the WCCF. Beginning in 2004, nominations are being accepted from the community at large.

The Foundation created the *Philanthropist of the Year* award in 1999. As part of the National Community Foundation Week Celebration in November, a local philanthropist (individual or family) is honored for their exceptional generosity to the community. In addition to a dinner held in the recipient's honor, a permanent named fund is created at the Foundation. The name and purpose of the fund is determined by the recipient. Prior honorees include:

2003 - **Frank Sarris** - *Frank Sarris Charitable Fund*

2002 - **John L.S. Northrop and William B. Northrop, Sr.** - *Northrop Family Fund*

2001 - **E. Ronald Salvitti, MD** - *Salvitti Family Fund*

2000 - **Thomas R. Milhollan** - *Thomas H. Milhollan Memorial Fund*

1999 - **Wilfred R. (Pete) Cameron** - *Diabetes Education Fund*

Criteria for the award are as follows:

- Demonstrated exceptional generosity and civic responsibility in providing financial support and leadership to a local non-profit cause

- Helped to improve the quality of life in the Washington community through a commitment of leadership to a non profit cause
- By example encouraged and motivated others to support a philanthropic cause
- Contributed significantly to other community efforts
- Advanced philanthropy in general

Printable nomination forms are available [here](#). Nominations will be accepted until June 1, 2004. Additional information regarding the Foundation can be obtained by contacting the Foundation at 724-222-6330 or [wccf@cobweb.net](mailto:wccf@cobweb.net).