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Community Foundation Issues Second \$50,000 Grant



Shirley & Joe Hardy presenting the check to
Kim Malinky, President & CEO of Canonsburg Hospital.

The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) has approved a second \$50,000 grant from its ***Dorothy P. Hardy Charitable Fund*** to Canonsburg General Hospital, to help fund the construction of its new Emergency Room Department. A grant of \$50,000 was issued from the fund last year to the Washington Hospital Foundation for support of its hospice program. These are the two largest grants ever awarded from the WCCF.

The ***Dorothy P. Hardy Charitable Fund*** is a permanent donor-advised fund created by Joseph and Shirley Hardy in 2003 to celebrate the life of Mr. Hardy's mother, Dorothy Pierce Hardy. Dottie, as she was known to her friends, was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church choir and served as an elder of the Upper St. Clair church. She was a trustee of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and volunteered with the South Side Hospital Women's Auxiliary that her mother, Marguerite, had founded. She was married 50 years to Joe Hardy of Eighty Four Lumber fame. They had five children, Joseph, Paul, Robin, Kathy, and Maggie. Dottie Hardy had supported a long list of worthy charitable organizations throughout her lifetime and it is her son Joe's wish to continue her legacy of giving through the permanent fund that bears her name.

"We are very pleased to facilitate this grant to Canonsburg General Hospital, which was recommended by Joseph and Shirley Hardy," stated Betsie Trew, WCCF executive director. "In recognition of the gift, separate rooms in the emergency department will be named in memory of Joseph P. Femiani and Frances P. Hammell. Both were long-time family friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy. What a wonderful way to do good – both for the residents of Canonsburg and to remember Joseph Femiani and Mrs. Hammell."

The Washington County Community Foundation, which began operations in Washington County in 1995, promotes and facilitates local philanthropy by providing services to donors on an individualized basis and at reasonable fees. The Foundation currently manages over 100 permanent funds with a combined value approaching \$3 million. Temporary funds are also provided to serve donors whose charitable goals are more immediate than the endowed program provides. Grants are made from the various funds in the following areas: arts / humanities, education, environment, health, human needs, and religion. Cumulatively more than \$700,000 has been awarded from the WCCF in charitable grants and scholarships.

Questions should be directed to the Foundation, at (724) 222-6330 or wccf@cobweb.net.

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