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\$50,000 Hardy Grant Largest in Foundation History

At its Board meeting this morning, the Washington County Community Foundation approved a \$50,000 grant from its *Dorothy P. Hardy Charitable Fund* to the Washington Hospital, the largest grant awarded in the Foundation's ten year history. The grant will be used by the hospital to support its Hospice Care Program including Donnell House, a residential hospice facility for terminally ill patients. Portions of the grant will be used to purchase replacement beds, a gazebo for the garden, and for renovation of the chapel. Located in Washington, Donnell House is a 20,000 square foot residence which contains three floors including eight patient rooms that open onto private patios. A community room, family kitchen, great room, sun room, quiet rooms, chapel, and children's play area provide a comforting environment for patients and families.

The grant is being issued from the *Dorothy P. Hardy Charitable Fund*, 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 5 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. *When asked why he recommended the grant to the hospice facility, Joe Hardy commented, "They took care of my mother when she needed their services, and she spoke very highly of them. If she were alive today, I believe that she would have been in favor of this grant so that others could receive the same quality care that she received."*

With this grant, the total amount distributed by the community foundation to charitable groups in its ten year history exceeds \$460,000. This amount will increase by \$100,000 in the fourth quarter of this year as the foundation prepares to issue ten, \$10,000 Decade of Service grants, to local charities. Details on applying for one of these grants are available on the Foundation's website at www.wccf.net. Additional questions should be directed to the Foundation, at (724) 222-6330 or wccf@cobweb.net.

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