

NEWS RELEASE

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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACCEPTING FIELD-OF-INTEREST PROPOSALS

The Washington County Community Foundation is currently accepting proposals for several charitable field-of-interest funds.

Abernathy Fund for Conservation - proposals should address a conservation project in Washington County. A total of \$1,500 will be awarded. The fund was created by the Abernathy Family in 1999.

Community Endowment for Peters Township – proposals should address projects that improve quality of life issues in Peters Township. A \$300 award will be granted. This fund was created by the WCCF with proceeds of a Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert the foundation hosted at the high school in 2002. For the second consecutive year, a portion of the proceeds of the recent and very successful Taste of the Township event held at Valley Brook Country Club have been deposited into the fund. The approximate current value of the fund is \$39,000.

McBride - McMaster Fund - proposals should address issues that promote local history or support the needy in Washington County. A \$200 award will be granted. The fund was created by Dr. Gilbert and Mrs. Margaret McBride McMaster in 1998.

Mothers Fund - proposals should address a project that benefits disadvantaged mothers and their children in Washington County. A \$300 award will be granted.

The fund was created in 1999 by multiple donors in memory or honor of their mothers and by a grant from the FISA Foundation.

Joseph F. Perkins Fund – proposals should address a project that benefits children in the Burgettstown community. A \$200 award will be granted. This fund was created by a bequest from Mr. Perkins. Mr. Perkins, who was born and raised in the Burgettstown area, was a member of the Teamsters Union working as a truck driver hauling the steel produced at Weirton Steel. Throughout his life, Joseph was a relentless inventor and later in life developed a strong interest in astrology and numerology.

Judge Samuel L. Rodgers Fund – proposal should address a literacy issue in Washington County. A \$200 award will be granted. This fund was initiated in November 2000 by his daughter, Marta Rodgers Merchant, and friends in honor of Judge Rodgers' 80th birthday. Judge Rodgers was a part of the Washington County legal community for more than 50 years. He was appointed to Commonwealth Court as a senior judge in July 1993 and was active with the court until his death in November 2001.

Washington County Endowment for the Arts & Humanities – proposals should address a project concerned with the arts or humanities in Washington County. A \$200 award will be granted. The fund was created in 2001 by the WCCF with proceeds of the "Community Foundation Night at the Theatre" including a lead gift from John and Barbara Campbell. A portion of the proceeds of this year's event will help to grow this fund. Tickets at \$20 may be purchased for the June 22 performance of *There's No Business Like Show Business* by contacting the foundation at 724-222-6330 or wccf@cobweb.net.

Interested organizations should submit a one page letter describing the organization and the project for which funds are requested. Letters must be received by July 1, 2004. Letters should be mailed to: The Washington County Community Foundation, 77 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301.

Questions may be directed to the Foundation by phone at (724) 222-6330 or by email at wccf@cobweb.net. To learn more please visit the foundation website at www.wccf.net.

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