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“WCCF Accepting Applications for Femiani Scholarship”

Washington, PA – The Washington County Community Foundation is accepting applications through May 1, for the Joseph P. Femiani Memorial Scholarship. Successful applicants must demonstrate an exemplary commitment to community service and a dedication to humanitarian efforts. While applications may some day be accepted from students graduating from any Washington County high school, applications this year are restricted to Peters Township High School. There is no requirement as to the field of study. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded.

Once described as an “entrepreneur for humanity,” Joseph Femiani spent the better part of his life reaching out to those in need, particularly children. “He had a real compassion for children and their needs for a happy life.” said Donna Nardine, executive director of Watchful Shepherd, a national nonprofit program Femiani founded in 1993 to provide the Washington County Child Protective Services Unit with electronic monitoring devices to enhance its efforts to protect children in potential dangerous family situations. In addition to Watchful Shepherd, Femiani established the nation’s first Mother Teresa Society benefiting the poor, and organized a nationally recognized “after-prom” program for high school students. He had been the recipient of many honors, including the Jefferson Award, established years ago by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, and others. He also was named Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow and Citizen of the Year in Pittsburgh. Femiani received the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, National League of Women Voters Social Service Award, Marriott Corp. Modern Health Care Service Excellence Award and the Pittsburgh Annual Health Care Heroes Award.



Joseph P. Femiani

The ***Joseph P. Femiani Humanitarian Trust***, from which the scholarship will be awarded, was initiated at the WCCF by family friends John and Barbara Campbell and Joseph and Shirley Hardy. The Fund’s current value is approximately \$17,000.

Additional information, including a scholarship application, may be obtained by visiting the Foundation’s website at www.wccf.net. The WCCF currently manages over 100 permanent funds with a combined value of approximately \$2.6 million. More than \$600,000 in grants and scholarships has been awarded.

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