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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$22,950 TO CHARITABLE GROUPS

The Washington County Community Foundation recently awarded a total of \$22,950 to charitable organizations. Grants from permanent funds include:

Abernathy Fund for Conservation - \$1,500 award to the Washington County Watershed Alliance to support its Cross Creek Nature Corridor Project. A second \$750 award was given to Washington & Jefferson College to improve the Abernathy Baumplatz and Field Station. A third grant of \$250 was given to the Washington County History & Landmarks Foundation to offset costs of a period garden & courtyard at the John White House at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

Dorothy P. Hardy Charitable Fund II - \$200 award to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in conjunction of its 2005 Bike Tour, to support research.

McBride-McMaster Fund - \$200 award to The National Duncan Glass Society to offset costs for a guest speaker at its Annual Convention.

Mother's Fund - \$1,000 award to SPHS, Connect to offset costs of outings to museums, the zoo, or amusement parks, for shelter mothers and their children.

Joseph F. Perkins Fund - \$200 award to Little Lake Theatre to offset costs of a performance at Burgettstown Elementary School.

Judge Samuel L. Rodgers Fund - \$1,000 award to the Washington County Literacy Council for support of its Baby Book Bag program.

Washington County Endowment for the Arts & Humanities - \$1,000 award to the University of Pittsburgh's *Shakespeare in the Schools* program specifically for performances in Washington County schools.

A total of \$16,850 was awarded from Charitable Gift Accounts (temporary funds) of the Foundation. Sharing in the awards are: Third United Presbyterian Church, Ballpark Scholarships, Foundation for California University, Washington County Literacy Council, Center in the Woods, Junior Achievement of Southwest PA, Inc., Washington & Jefferson College, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Washington Community Arts Choir, and the Washington County Community Foundation.

The Foundation has granted over \$400,000 to charitable groups since its inception. In celebration of its 10th anniversary this year, the WCCF will be awarding ten, \$10,000 grants to local charities in a special *Decade of Service Grant Cycle*. Requests for this special cycle must be received by September 1, 2005. To learn more, please visit the Foundation website at www.wccf.net or contact the office at 724-222-6330.

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