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“Gaido Fund to Benefit Chartiers-Houston, Trinity, and Home-Schooled Students”

Washington, PA – The Washington County Community Foundation is currently accepting first-time applications to the *D. Jack Gaido, Sr. Memorial Fund* from graduating seniors in Chartiers-Houston and Trinity school districts, including home-schooled students residing in these two districts. Eligible applicants will have at least a 2.75 QPA and be accepted to a post-secondary institution of higher learning to major in medicine, business or Christian theology. Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded this year.

The Fund, currently valued at more than \$48,000, was initiated by family members in memory of Mr. Gaido, who passed away on Valentine’s Day 2004. Mr. Gaido was also born on Valentine’s Day in 1934 in Washington. His early childhood and adolescence were spent in Meadowlands where he learned entrepreneurial skills working in the general store owned by his father and three uncles, Gaido Brothers Groceries. The four Gaido brothers were immigrants from northwestern Italy. Jack Gaido’s parents, Samuel and Katherine Piacenza Gaido, were founding members of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church in Meadowlands.

After Jack Gaido graduated from Chartiers-Houston High School in 1951, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving in the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1957 and returned to Meadowlands to work in the family business. While working, he attended Devrie Tech/Penn Tech. He graduated in 1959 with an Associates degree in Computer Technology and went to work as a computer technician for RCA and later Unisys. Jack married Geraldine Lorraine Craig in 1958 and the couple raised six children, all six of whom have graduated from college. The Gaido children currently live with their families throughout the United States, but learned of the WCCF through its website.

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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