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PROPOSALS ENCOURAGED FOR \$1,000 AWARD FROM GILLESPIE FUND

The Washington County Community Foundation (WCCF) is currently seeking proposals for a \$1,000 award from the **Roy R. Gillespie Fund** of the Foundation. Any 501(c)3 charity operating a program in Washington County is eligible to apply for the award. Interested charities are encouraged to submit a one page proposal on the charity's letterhead describing the organization and the project for which funds are requested. Proposals must be received by September 1 and should be mailed to: The Washington County Community Foundation, 77 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301.

The **Roy R Gillespie Fund** was initiated by WCCF trustees in memory of fellow trustee Roy Gillespie who passed unexpectedly in 2002. The Fund's value has been greatly enhanced by the annual Shamrock Invitational Golf Outing, organized by the Gillespie family at Village Green Golf Course. After proceeds from this year's outing, the Fund's value is in excess of \$25,000.

In addition to serving on the Foundation board, Roy was also active in many community groups, including the Washington Rotary Club, Try-Again Homes, Neighborhood Drug Awareness Council, Elks Lodge 776, Washington American Legion Post 945, and the Knights of Columbus. He was employed by Pony Baseball, serving as the President from 1980 to 1995. Roy and his wife of 47 years, Rose, had eight children, four boys and four girls, including two sets of fraternal twins.

September 1 is also the deadline for applications for a special *Decade of Service* grant cycle, in which the Foundation will award ten \$10,000 grants to local charities, in celebration of its 10th anniversary. Details on applying for one of these grants is 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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