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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ACCEPTING REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The Washington County Community Foundation is currently accepting requests for several 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 a project that benefits the citizens of Peters Township. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded. The charity need not be physically located in Peters Township but be providing a charitable service to the community in any of the following areas: the arts, education, the environment, health, human needs, or religion.

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. Mrs. McMaster passed in 2005.

Mothers Fund - proposals should address a project that benefits disadvantaged mothers and their children in Washington County. A \$1,000 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 youth in the Burgettstown community. A \$200 award will be granted. The charity need not be physically located in the Burgettstown area. The fund was created by a bequest from Joseph A. Perkins. Mr. Perkins, who was born and raised in the Burgettstown area, was a member of the Teamsters Union. Throughout his life, Mr. Perkins 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 \$1,000 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 \$1,000

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 20 performance of *Meet Me in St. Louis* by contacting the foundation at 724-222-6330 or wccf@cobweb.net.

Interested 501(c)3, charitable 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, 2006. 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.