



The Community Heirloom





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Despite a continued poor economy, 2009 proved to be a year of growth and accomplishment for the Washington County Community Foundation as we completed the second year of our *Philanthropy - The Next Generation* marketing campaign.

We were particularly pleased to record growth in net assets of \$1.1 million, an increase of 26% over 2008. Contributing to the increase were improved market conditions as well as gifts of more than \$840,000 from generous contributors. Contributions were made to various existing funds and to create five new permanent grant-making funds, the *Dr. Angelo and Barbara Armenti / CAL U Scholarship Fund*, the *Liza N. Beale Legacy Fund*, the *Lori Hill Orchestral Fund*, the *Bill and Suzette McGowen Family Fund*, and the *Betsie Trew Director's Fund*.

Referrals from professional advisors have been a key factor in the growth of the Community Foundation and we were pleased to recognize 35 members of the *James H. McCune Acorn Society* in 2009. Created in 2008, the Society recognizes professional advisors who have referred or helped to educate clients about the services of the Community Foundation, which resulted in a gift of any size to the Foundation in that year. Currently, we have two lifetime members of the Society, Paul Barna and Charles Keller, whose referrals resulted in permanent gifts of \$250,000 or more to the Foundation.

The approximate \$230,000 in grants awarded in 2009 brought us to a cumulative amount of \$1.8 million, that much closer to our anxiously awaited goal of \$2.0 million in grants, which we anticipate reaching in 2010. Included in the 2009 grants total was a \$1,000 grant to the Peters Township Thespian Troupe #185, in honor of Barry Wood being selected as the inaugural recipient of our *Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award*, as well as a \$1,000 grant to the ABCDE Fund, in honor of Janet Abernathy being selected to receive the second annual *Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award*.

Other distributions included a \$10,000 grant to the Transitional Employment Consultants from the *Mother's Fund* and a \$10,000 grant from the *Acorn Fund* to the Washington County Literacy Council, the recipient of the 2009 *Director's Choice Award*. Each of these awards is profiled elsewhere in this publication as is the annual *Philanthropist of the Year Award*, presented in 2009 to Dr. Angelo and Mrs. Barbara Armenti for their personal leadership giving as well as their efforts to "nurture a culture of philanthropy" for students, faculty and alumni at California University.

Message

Adopted in 2008, the Washington County Community Foundation's mission is *to improve the quality of life by providing a vehicle for philanthropic giving across a broad spectrum of giving levels to support diverse community needs and to provide prudent stewardship of those charitable funds.* To accomplish our mission, we recognize the necessity of having an effective system of charitable organizations to provide the community programs which serve to improve our quality of life. And so, we feel an obligation to assist area charities to remain current on the latest issues impacting the charitable sector.



Thomas P. Northrop

One endeavor to educate area charities was the "Law School for Not-For-Profit Organizations," held in October 2009, in partnership with the United Way of Washington County and the Washington County Bar Association and sponsored by WesBanco Trust & Investment Services. This all-day seminar, which was divided into two tracks, one for new and emerging NPOs and one for more established NPOs, included sessions on the revised Form 990, fundraising strategies, financial controls, mergers and acquisitions, and developing an appropriate investment strategy. We were very grateful that all presenters, which included some of the most distinguished in their fields, waived their normal fees which in turn enabled us to charge just a nominal fee to the 100 seminar attendees. Based on the very positive feedback received, we intend to present other educational seminars in the future.

While we had much to celebrate in 2009, we were also deeply saddened by the passing of Foundation Trustee, Bruce A. Bartolotta, who joined the Board in 2001. Before his illness, Bruce was active on our Marketing and Legal committees and was helpful in introducing the Community Foundation to others in the Mon Valley. It is to his memory that we dedicate the Foundation's accomplishments in 2009.

Thomas P. Northrop
Chairman of the Board

Grants & Scholarships Awarded

Abernathy Fund for Conservation

\$2,000 to Washington & Jefferson College for Water Quality Testing at the Abernathy Field Station

Ernest L. Abernathy Fund

\$500 to WCCF for administration

Acorn Fund

- \$10,000 to Washington County Literacy Council/unrestricted
- \$500 to CASA for Kids/unrestricted
- \$500 to Charleroi Area Historical Society/unrestricted
- \$500 to Interfaith Hospitality Network/unrestricted
- \$500 to Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center/unrestricted

Arts & Humanities Fund

\$200 to Off The Wall Theater for the play "The Little Dog Laughed"

Scott Ashmore Legacy Fund

\$550 to Trinity Area School District for its Hunter's Safety program

Beichner Family Fund

\$500 to John F. Kennedy Catholic School for its Scholarship Fund

Johna Belfiore Fund

\$250 to ARC Human Services for Camp Laughalot

Bell Atlantic Fund

\$100 to WCCF for administration

Berman Family Fund

\$263 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for its Hospice Program

California United Methodist Church Fd

\$1,397 to the Church/unrestricted *

Richard & Edwina Cameron Fund

- \$2,000 to the Brownson House for programming support

- \$1,000 to the Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center/unrestricted

Eleanor M. Campbell Fund

\$375 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for its School of Nursing

John A. & Barbara L. Campbell Fund

\$500 to Community Action Southwest for GED Scholarships

Catholic Endowment for Education

\$3,000 to John F. Kennedy Catholic School for support of the school and the TCE Program of IC Church

Community Endowment/Peters Twp.

- \$2,500 to Canonsburg General Hospital for Project Healthy Children
- \$2,500 to the Washington Hospital Fdtn for the Children's Therapy Center

Diabetes Education Fund

\$378 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for Diabetes Education at the Wilfred R. Cameron Wellness Cntr

Ed DeVoge Fund

\$1,000 to the Washington Hospital Fdtn for the Teen Outreach ECHO Program

John R. Duskey Fund

\$200 to Washington County Historical Society for its Frontier History Center

EIO Fund (Temporary EITC Fund)

- \$16,000 to Bethlehem Center School District for the Technology Program
- \$16,000 to Canon-McMillan School District for the Science Matters Program
- \$16,000 to McGuffey School District for the Accelerated Reader Program
- \$16,000 to Ringgold School District for the Science Matters Program
- \$16,000 to Trinity School District for its Guided Reading Materials and its

Grants & Scholarships Awarded

Accelerated Reader programs
- \$6,000 to Burgettstown School District for the PA Jr. Academy of Science
- \$6,000 to California Area School District for the Success for All Program
- \$6,000 to Charleroi Area School District for its Technology Integrated Learning System
- \$6,000 to Peters Township School District for the Keys2Work Program
- \$6,000 to Washington School District for the Youth Engaged in Technology Program

Ben Franklin Fund

\$500 to Monongahela Valley Hospital for its Diabetes Exercise Program

Roy Gillespie Fund

\$1,000 to PA Council on Economic Education for the Stock Market Game for Washington County Schools

Judge David L. Gilmore Memorial Fund

\$100 to Multiple Sclerosis Service Society for Client In-Home Services in Washington County

Craig Gnagey Fund

\$200 to the Washington Hospital Foundation for the Teen Outreach ECHO Program/Trinity & Washington

John Bentley Greenlee & Mary Gates Greenlee Fund

\$262 to the Bentleyville Public Library/ unrestricted

Dorothy P. Hardy Charitable Fund II

- \$1,000 to the Empty Stocking Fund /unrestricted
- \$1,000 to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater MD/unrestricted
- \$500 to Craft Emergency Relief Fund/ unrestricted

- \$1,000 to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention/ unrestricted

Horne Family Fund - \$1,000 to the Bradford House/ unrestricted

Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award

\$1,000 to Peters Township School District for its Thespian Troupe #185

Charles & Carol Keller Fund

\$1,500 to WCCF for Administration

Harold W. & Hazel Lauerman Fund

\$4,071 to Donora Public Library/ unrestricted

McBride-McMaster Fund

- \$1,000 to Try-Again Homes for programming support
- \$1,000 to the Washington County History and Landmarks for an Inter-City Survey of African-American Culture in Washington

Dr. William & Nora McMahan Fund

\$200 to the American Red Cross SWPA Chapter for Direct Financial Assistance in Washington County

Weaver Miller Fund

\$124 to the Third United Presbyterian Church/ unrestricted

Mother's Fund

\$10,000 to Transitional Employment Consultants for its Intensive Vocational Rehabilitation Program for women

O. W. Wilkerson Memorial Fund

\$1,000 to the Claysville Volunteer Fire Department for an Artificial Smoke Machine for Training and Education

Joseph F. Perkins Fund

\$100 to the Wash Hospital Fdtn / Teen Outreach ECHO Prog. at Burgettstown

Grants & Scholarships Awarded

Dr. Wilson & Merne Pizzi Fund

\$100 to Washington Area Humane Society for spaying and neutering of companion animals

Judge Samuel L. Rodgers Fund

\$200 to the Washington County Literacy Council for its Elementary School Illiteracy Prevention Program

Ronald M. Russell Fund

\$100 to Presbyterian SeniorCare for benevolent care at Washington campus

Salvitti Family Fund

- \$550 to the Washington-Greene Co. Blind Association/unrestricted
- \$550 to Catholic Charities for the Pregnancy and Parenting Program

William T. Todd II Memorial Fund

\$200 to Crossing the Jordan Christian Health Center/unrestricted

Friends of Frank Tracanna Fund

\$200 to Canonsburg Public Library for Children's Science Programs

Tershel Family Fund

\$5,000 to the University of Virginia for the Scott Stadium Expansion

Juliana J. Uram Fund

\$500 to Washington Community Arts & Cultural Center for Art in the Park

Louis E. Waller Leadership Fund

\$1,000 to ABCDE Fund/unrestricted

Wash Co Youth Conservation Camp Fd

\$100 to the Washington Hospital Fdtn for its Kids Summer Camp Program

Washington Hospital Community Fund

\$165 to the Hospital/unrestricted

J. Russell Wylie Family Fund

\$600 to TRIPIL for Faith in Action Prog

SCHOLARSHIPS

Barry Clark Barto Memorial Fund

\$500 to Chelsea Scruppi/Western Area Career & Technology Center

Black Family Fund

- \$1,000 to Meghan Brownlee/Geneva College
- \$1,000 to Erica Moats/Waynesburg University

Buckholt Science Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Catherine Van Cleve/Duquesne University

Burgettstown Jr. Sr. High Student Council Leadership Scholarship Fund

\$300 to Hope Bowerstock / UPMC Mercy School of Nursing

Burgettstown Lions Club Scholarship

- \$250 to Morgan Lauff/Slippery Rock University
- \$250 to Sally Dugas/Slippery Rock University
- \$500 to Taylor Lescalette/Georgetown University

John & Sophie Choratch Scholarship

- \$2,000 to Alycia Maltony/Allegheny College
- \$2,000 to Amanda Smith/Drexel University
- \$2,000 to Amberley Karch/Washington & Jefferson College
- \$2,000 to Devon Leaver/Waynesburg University

Arthur V. Ciervo Scholarship Fund

\$500 to Joshua Seader/California University of Pennsylvania

Margaret Pitek Ciervo Scholarship

\$500 to Hannah Roberts/Thiel College

Grants & Scholarships Awarded

Joseph P. Femiani Memorial Fund
\$1,000 to Andrew Paul/Pennsylvania State University

D. Jack Gaido, Sr. Memorial Fund
- \$1,000 to Samantha E. Danyo/
University of Pittsburgh
- \$1,000 to Megan Knowlson/
Waynesburg University

David O. and Sarah F. Johnson Family Education Fund
\$1,000 to Carrie Milliken/Washington & Jefferson College

Kerns Family Scholarship Fund
\$1,000 to Courtney Cowden/
Pennsylvania State University

Linda LeFever Scholarship Fund
- \$1,000 to Melissa Lawrie/Carnegie Mellon University-Heinz School
- \$1,000 to Jonathan Scholl/Carnegie Mellon University-Heinz School

Alice Boone Main Memorial Fund
\$500 to Matthew Bedillion/TDDS Technical Institute

Ronald T. Miller, II Scholarship Fund
\$1,000 to Brian Hayes/Pennsylvania State University

Kirk C. Moninger Fund
\$200 to Benjamin Scott McCombs/West Virginia University

Charles Pappas Sr. Scholarship Fund
\$1,500 to Bryon Dean/University of Pittsburgh

Dave Pew Scholarship Fund
\$500 to Keith Quinn/Duquesne University

Megan J. Phillis Scholarship Fund for Academic Excellence
\$500 to Taylor Lescallette/Georgetown

University

Dr. Paul Pipik Fund for Study in the Health Sciences

\$375 to Ashley Weaver/California University of Pennsylvania

Elizabeth Plumer Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$200 to Kaly Farabee/Washington & Jefferson College

Ringgold Alumni Scholarship Fund
\$250 to Diana Hric/Saint Vincent College

Rebecca Sarah Rogers Scholarship
\$1,000 to Aimee Steele/California University of Pennsylvania

Sprowls College and Post-Graduate Scholarship Fund
\$1,000 to Lynasie Delprato/Lake Erie College

Judge Charles G. Sweet Fund
\$200 to Derek Illar/University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Catherine M. Taylor Fund
- \$500 to Lindsay Mauer/University of South Carolina
- \$500 to Danielle Devine/Carnegie Mellon University

Clyde J. Tracanna/Wash. Rotary Club Educational & Vocational Fund
- \$1,000 to Angelica Paletta/Villanova University
- \$1,000 to Kayla Welling/Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
- \$1,000 to Hanum Wensil-Strow/University of Maryland

Curtis Wachter Scholarship Fund
\$500 to Chelsy Smalley/Point Park University

Grants & Scholarships Awarded

Wash. Co. Music Education Fund

\$300 to Cory Chamberlin/Bethany College

Washington County Visiting Nurses' Association Scholarship Fund

- \$1,000 to Paula Tilger/Washington Hospital School of Nursing
- \$1,000 to Emily Zozula/West Liberty State College

EPK Fund (Temporary EITC Fund)

- \$12,600 to the Mon Valley YMCA for 21 Pre-K Scholarships
- \$4,200 to Central Christian Academy for 7 Pre-K Scholarships

For a complete list of funds, please visit the Community Foundation website at www.wccf.net

** Agency Endowment - Amount not included in Grants Total on Statement of Activities*

Grant Applications - Permanent Funds

The Community Foundation issues grants from permanent funds throughout the year as follows:

- Designated Agency Funds - distribution is automatically sent to the designated agency (no application or letter is necessary)
- *Director's Choice Award* / \$10,000 grant from the **Acorn Fund** - proposals should be received at the WCCF on or before May 1. Eligible charities will have been in existence for at least three years, have an operating budget of \$250,000 or less, and operate a program in at least one of the funding areas of the **Acorn Fund**.
- **Mother's Fund** Grant of \$10,000 - proposals should be received at the WCCF on or before May 1. Eligible charities will operate a program which supports disadvantaged women and/or children in Washington County.
- Field of Interest Funds - letter of request should be received at the WCCF on or before July 1
- Discretionary Funds - letter of request should be received at the WCCF on or before September 1

Complete eligibility and funding criteria are available at www.wccf.net

Liza N. Beale Legacy Fund



Liza N. Beale

Born into the Northrop publishing family, Eliza Northrop Beale enthusiastically entered the family business, working for Observer Publishing as General Manager of the McMurray weekly, *The Almanac*, editor of *Southpointe Today* and *Suburban Living* magazines and former editor of the *McDonald Record-Enterprise*.

She was incredibly good at what she did.

Suburban Living magazine won the 2008 Keystone Press Award and took top honors for editorial writing in competition against other weekly newspapers across

Pennsylvania. Her editorial writing was recognized by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and she was also a finalist for the prestigious Golden Quill award. When *The Almanac* was named Newspaper of the Year, however, she was already too ill to accept the award.

Liza was active at the United Way Washington County, a member of the Washington Hospital Foundation board, and served on the board of directors of Community Action Southwest. Additionally, she also volunteered for Leadership Washington County and served as a Deacon at Canonsburg United Methodist Church where she was active in the children's ministry.

Thousands of people whose lives she touched mourned her passing in December of 2009. "For her family, it was a huge loss, for her friends it was a devastating loss, but Washington County suffered the greatest loss," said her husband, William Beale. The *Liza N. Beale Legacy Fund* will continue to support the many causes she championed. "Our intention is to honor her current commitments," William said. "We created this fund to perpetuate her work. We will trust our judgment, always asking the question, 'What would Liza want us to do?'"

For her husband, the fund provides comfort. "It's a release and an outlet for me because it gives me an opportunity to take comfort in the fund." In his eyes, Liza's biggest contribution to life was neither professional nor philanthropic; it was being a loving wife and caring stepmother to his two children. "She taught them right from wrong. As a parent, it's easy to cave in. She was good at helping me be a good parent."

William Beale wants what most people who set up a fund in the name of a loved one are hoping for: "She won't be forgotten."

Lori Hill Orchestral Fund

When their good friend Lori Hill was killed in an auto accident in 2006, Tom and Molly Crooks were devastated. "I'm still in shock," Molly says. "I still remember where I was when I got the call. She was doing what all mothers do: taking her kids to activities, being there for her kids."

Lori, a single mother of four children, worked the midnight shift at Washington Hospital laboratory to be home when her children left for school and again in the afternoon to take them to their activities.

Tom remembers, "She always put her kids before herself. She had an infectious laugh, and made the world a better place, even when it was hard for her to do." Her children were good athletes, but she knew there was a world beyond sports, so she insisted that they also play a musical instrument. They all participated in the Trinity Orchestral Program under Orchestra Director John McCarthy.

"She was a role model for parents," John says, "She put a high value on the arts and saw to it that her children had a well-rounded education."

Lori's oldest child, Danny, took up violin in elementary school. He was one of the first Trinity graduates to have been involved in the orchestra program from its inception.

For several years, Tom and Molly wondered how they could best keep Lori's memory alive. "We thought about making an outright donation somewhere, or setting up our own fund," Tom said, "but we wanted something more ongoing. She was such a special lady that we wanted to honor her."

One day Tom stumbled upon the WCCF and realized its goals fit with theirs. "They were bringing good people together to do good things," he says. "We were a perfect fit. It is ongoing, so the fund will continue and Lori's legacy and memory will live on."

The *Lori Hill Orchestral Fund* will provide grants to the Trinity Orchestral Program to provide instruments for needy children to start their education. "If we can provide a violin for a child who would never be able to afford the monthly rental," Tom mused, "then we will be happy and we know it would make Lori happy."

Molly added, "She was a great friend and I miss her every day. This helps us be positive and happy."



Lori Hill

Bill & Suzette McGowen Family Fund



Bill & Suzette McGowen

The Boy Scouts of America is a natural cause for Bill McGowen. Growing up in Washington in the 1950's, he was active in scouting, earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Scouting teaches leadership, teamwork, and anticipation, and like all Eagles, he had to demonstrate that he had acquired those skills.

But it wasn't until years later, when he was landing attack planes on a Naval aircraft carrier in Vietnam, when he truly appreciated the lessons he had learned as a scout. "When you

are flying in formation at 400 mph, you depend on teamwork. You trust your wingmen and they trust you." It isn't a stretch to say that his early foundation with the Scouts helped keep him alive while engaged in one of the military's most dangerous assignments.

Decades after his scouting career ended, his interest and involvement with the Boy Scouts of America continues. In addition to his job as Executive Director of the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

His wife, Suzette McGowen, wants to help animals and support the work of the Washington County Humane Society, but she just cannot do it in person. "I already have three dogs and one cat. If I went to the shelter, I'd fall in love with every dog and I'd have to bring them all home." She appreciates the fact that at the Humane Society, dogs are not routinely euthanized. "It gives me peace of mind that we are helping in some small way to keep it a no-kill shelter."

For the McGowens, starting a fund to support the Boy Scouts and the Washington County Humane Society was an outgrowth of a gift they made to their church's building fund. The McGowens donated a piece of real estate they owned, with some of the proceeds benefiting the church and the rest used to create their fund. Turning to the WCCF was a easy decision; they had known about the work of the Foundation for years.

Suzette is originally from Georgia; they met while Bill was working in Washington, D.C. With their skills and resumes, they could have lived anywhere. The Trinity grad and his bride chose to come back to his hometown and become the 7th generation of McGowens to live on the family land.



Dr. Angelo & Barbara Armenti

California University President Dr. Angelo Armenti spent his life in debt. In debt to his immigrant parents, who taught him the value of music and education. In debt to Sister Maria, who taught him to enjoy math, which led to his career as a physicist. Payback? They deserved it. But it was too late, so instead of paying them back, he paid it forward by establishing scholarships in their names, which would allow the next generation a chance at an education.

He married a woman with an identical outlook. Barbara Armenti felt a similar debt to her coal-mining family, so the Armentis also set up a scholarship in

her parents' name.

But it's not donating money that makes them philanthropists. "The word 'philanthropy' means 'love of humanity.'" he says. "We teach our students the duties and responsibilities that come from being part of a group. They can give any of the three T's: time, talent, or treasure."

Washington attorney and WCCF Trustee Charles Keller, who nominated the Armentis as the Philanthropists of the Year, says Dr. Armenti has "Developed, promoted and supported a contagious atmosphere of philanthropy" on the Cal U campus. Since the university is partially funded by the taxpayers, Dr. Armenti feels that, while the students can't pay their benefactors back directly, they must find ways of paying it forward.

He recently addressed 1,500 incoming students, gave each an envelope, and asked them to place a dollar in it. The envelopes were collected, one name was drawn and that student received a \$1,500 scholarship. The students saw how one life was affected by many small gifts.

Dr. Armenti's greatest honor may be having his name on a tee-shirt. One student created "Armenti's Army" tee-shirts, sold them on campus and donated the money to three charities. "It proves they get it," Dr. Armenti says. "I am so proud of them!"

2009 Philanthropists of the Year

Dr. Armenti is quick to dispel the stereotype of a philanthropist as a wealthy person who donates millions of dollars, preferring to focus on the three T's, as does his wife, Barbara.

Barbara Armenti is a role model for giving time and talents. She chairs the Mon Valley United Way campaign, volunteers with the Heart Association, and raises funds for local organizations. "She's busier than I am!" her husband chuckles. "If you need to raise money, just call Barbara!"

"I love being involved," she says. "It has afforded me the opportunity to meet wonderful people."

They both feel humbled by this recognition.

"Barbara and I derive great satisfaction and pleasure to help the way we were helped. We enjoy seeing young people achieve their goals and encourage them to pay it forward."

"Dr. Armenti is inspiring a new generation to philanthropy," says Keller. "He will leave a mark for generations to come."

"We are honored to be among the wonderful people who have received this award in the past," says Barbara Armenti. "I never imagined we would be in that company."

WCCF has established the *Dr. Angelo & Barbara Armenti/CAL U Scholarship Fund* which will provide grants to California University for its student scholarship program.

Previous Honorees

John A. & Barbara L. Campbell - 2008

Genevieve Russell - 2007

Charles & Carol Keller - 2006

Melvin & Lillian Bassi - 2005

Joseph Hardy III - 2004

Frank Sarris - 2003

John L.S. Northrop & William B. Northrop, Sr. - 2002

E. Ronald Salvitti, M.D. - 2001

Thomas R. Milhollan - 2000

Wilfred R. Cameron - 1999

Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award

Barry Wood is the teacher we all wish we had in school. He exemplifies the criteria for the Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award: “a local public educator who has displayed the ability to inspire children from all backgrounds and abilities, who has earned the respect of colleagues, students and parents, and who is actively engaged in the community.”

The credentials and accolades for the 38-year veteran English and Theater teacher at Peters Township High School read like a manual for aspiring teachers.

Named to the Teacher Excellence Center’s Hall of Fame in Pittsburgh, Wood was also a nominee for the Disney Teacher Award and was invited to the American High School Festival in Scotland. He established Thespian Troupe No. 185 and the Peters Dance Company, and his theater program is widely recognized as one of the best in the state. Many of his former students, taught to his exacting standards, have found careers in the performing arts.

Barry is from Pine Grove, Pennsylvania, and received a Bachelor’s degree from Berea College, and Masters degrees from Ohio University and the University of Pittsburgh.

In 1971, Peters Township High School principal Dr. Howard Jack interviewed Barry and hired him. In 2004, Dr. Jack said, “It was my privilege to bring Barry to Peters Township. Its curricular activities and programs were greatly enriched thereby.” His students agree, naming him their “Most Memorable Teacher” many times.

Barry shares his theater skills with the entire community. He taught or directed for Carnegie-Mellon University, Pennsylvania State University, Washington and Jefferson College and Waynesburg University, is a founding member of The Washington County Theatre Guild, and the most recent production for the Washington Community Theater, Disney's "Beauty and the Beast", staged at Washington Park's Main Pavilion.

His commitment to the greater community is also exceptional. He is a Deacon and Elder at First Presbyterian Church 1793 in Washington, and conducted major fund raisers for Citizens Library, the Greater Canonsburg Lions Club, the Chartiers-Houston Public Library and the Flood Victims of Houston.

If theater is his first love, film is his second.

“I have spent my life at the movies and have decided that if I ever

Dr. Howard Jack Outstanding Public Educator Award

wrote a biography it would be appropriately titled: 'The Boy Who Spent His Entire Life At The Saturday Matinee.'" His idea of a great afternoon: watching a Jeanette MacDonald/ Nelson Eddy marathon. (For the younger generation, they were singing stars of the 1930's.)

Barry is thrilled to receive this award. "I am elated to be the first teacher to receive this distinguished award especially since it was Dr. Howard Jack who hired me to teach and direct at Peters Township High School. He was--and continues to be--an inspiration to me."

Barry plans to retire in June 2010 and "Take it From The Top!!"



Barry Wood

Criteria for Teacher / Other Educator Nomination

- has a positive relationship with students both in and out of the classroom
- is well-prepared for class and uses a wide variety of techniques to stimulate students to think, to respond, to feel, and to learn
- is able to teach all children, from motivated to at-risk students
- has earned the respect of other staff, and serves in a leadership or mentoring role for other teachers
- is actively involved in the community

Criteria for Administrator Nomination

- has a positive relationship with all constituencies and is approachable by all
- commitment to young people and staff goes beyond the school day
- is a strong leader who is constantly looking at the effectiveness of his/her school or department
- possesses strong human relations and communications skills; is well-organized and possesses an ability to handle crisis in an expeditious manner
- is actively involved in the community



At the June *Legacy Celebration*, WCCF Trustee, Martha Berman (left) spoke very fondly of Dr. Howard Jack and Barry Wood, with whom she worked for many years at Peters Township School District. And we were very pleased to have Martha's grandson, Bernard Balbot (right), perform for us at the event. Bernie was named after his grandfather, Dr. Bernard Berman.

As part of the *Philanthropy – Next Generation* marketing theme and to illustrate the philanthropic spirit of our current generation of Trustees, a series of commercials aired on Comcast which featured many of our Trustees and their parents.

No better example of the philanthropic spirit exists than that of Trustee Bruce Bartolotta (top right) and his father, Aldo Bartolotta (bottom right). In fact, an article was once written about Aldo titled, "Every Town Needs an Aldo."

Judging by the more than 1,000 individuals who came to pay their respects at Bruce's passing late in 2009, Bruce too, had made a significant impact on those he met during his lifetime.





Former WCCF Board Secretary, Janet Abernathy (second from right) is surrounded by her family after receiving the 2009 *Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award*. Seated with her are her children Barbara Bradshaw, James Abernathy, and Carol Turner. Standing are grandson, Tom Bradshaw, daughter-in-law Camille Abernathy, and sons-in-law, Tom Bradshaw and Brian Turner.

Family Donor-Advised Funds

A meaningful way for families to experience philanthropy is through a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation. By pooling contributions into one fund, the family is able to create a larger fund than any one family member might be able to do individually. And, because there is a direct correlation between the market value of a fund and the value of the grant that is awarded from it, the community impact of a larger fund is greater.

Several families have donor-advised funds at the WCCF, including the Bassi Family. WCCF Trustee Neil Bassi writes, "It is an honor to be able to make an impact on the well-being of our community through the Washington County Community Foundation. To be able to help realize our community's aspirations through philanthropy is a passion our family intends to continue."

Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award



*Presenting the award to Janet S. Abernathy are
Louis Waller III and Richard L. White*

If you live in the greater Washington area, chances are Janet Abernathy has directly or indirectly touched your life. According to Washington Hospital President and CEO Telford Thomas, “She volunteers her time, expertise and wisdom in an unassuming and humble manner without expectation of recognition or reward.

Her efforts have impacted lives in many ways as a teacher, mentor and all-around model of grace, compassion and understanding. She embodies the spirit of love for mankind and the creator.”

Don’t call Janet Abernathy a humanitarian; she’ll dodge the title like a champion boxer ducking a right cross. “A lot of people do more than I do,” she protests, “People just ask me to do things, and I do them. I don’t know how to say ‘No.’ I just don’t.”

She has said “yes” to an astonishing number of charities, good causes, church activities and volunteer opportunities since she and her late husband, Abe Abernathy, moved to Washington in 1955.

Her lifetime tradition of helping began when she was a Girl Scout during World War II, volunteering at a hospital to help ease the nursing shortage. She enjoyed it enough to choose a career in nursing, where she met her husband, a doctor.

“Abe was always a volunteer. I guess he motivated me. He grew up in Georgia, and blacks weren’t getting a fair shake,” she recalls. He started the Abernathy Black Community Development Educational Fund (ABCDE) to help black students pursue higher education. “He couldn’t give full tuition,” she reminisces. “He invested what he could, and tried to give them books and fees.” Since her husband’s death, she serves on the Fund’s board and interviews all the scholarship applicants, making sure they understand the importance of higher education. “They’re high class students, nice kids. They have big

Louis E. Waller Humanitarian Award

dreams.”

Who has Janet Abernathy helped? Who **hasn't** she helped? The Mental Health Association, Citizens Library, SPSHS-Connect, Washington Hospital Auxiliary, the CARE center, and the Visiting Nurse Association have all benefited from her energy. She was the United Way Volunteer of the Year and received the League of Women Voters Community Service Award, chaired Health-O-Rama, and helped raise awareness and money for disadvantaged women and children in Washington County. For close to fifty years Janet taught Sunday school at First Presbyterian Church of Washington, served as an Elder and routinely visited shut-ins.

She currently volunteers at the United Way of Washington County, helping determine funding amounts for health and human services organizations, and works with the Caring Tree program to provide Christmas gifts to needy families. She also served for ten years as a trustee of the Washington County Community Foundation.

Her three children, who have moved away from Washington, carry on the family tradition of volunteering and helping others. Janet Abernathy says she's not a humanitarian; she's a housewife. "It wasn't always easy or convenient, but I do like people. I grew up liking people."

Award Criteria:

- Demonstrated concern, through one's actions, commitment of time and/or one's financial resources, for the general welfare of those less fortunate
- Commitment of leadership over a sustained period of time to a humanitarian cause including the saving of human lives, alleviation of suffering, response to a disaster, treatment of the injured, relief of poverty, social reforms, or educational opportunities for the underprivileged
- By example encouraged and motivated others to become involved in a humanitarian cause
- Contributed significantly to other community efforts

"I am deeply moved and humbled to have others recognize value in the activities that have been so important to me over the years. This award truly is the culminating honor of my lifetime." - Louis E. Waller, Sr.

James H. McCune Acorn Society



The *James H. McCune Acorn Society* was established in 2008 by the WCCF Board of Trustees to recognize professional advisors who have helped clients achieve their charitable objectives through the Community Foundation. It honors the Foundation's Founding Chairman of the Board, James H. McCune, a local attorney who has worked tirelessly to promote philanthropy through the Community Foundation to fellow attorneys and other advisors.

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“When we began working to create a scholarship fund in the name of our late band director, Dave Pew, the Community Foundation could not have been more helpful. Thanks to the Foundation’s invaluable assistance, the Dave Pew Memorial Scholarship Fund became a reality, and his legacy will now be perpetuated.”

- Judge John F. DiSalle
Washington County Court of Common Pleas

“Many of my clients utilize the services of the Community Foundation to fulfill their charitable goals, whether those goals are immediate or longer-term. Because giving through the Community Foundation can be very tax-wise, many of my clients are able to give more.”

- Warren E. Lemley, Jr.,
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“Most trust banks today require large sums of money to administer a charitable trust. The Washington County Community Foundation is essential in our community because of its willingness to accept more modest sums of money to do what the client wanted to do for the common good.”

- Harold V. Fergus
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“WCCF is an ideal vehicle to assist clients who wish to benefit the community and honor their loved ones by establishing a legacy to *pay it forward.*”

- L. Dawn Haber, Partner
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“With the importance of fixed income investments to so many Washington County residents, we applaud the Community Foundation’s efforts to start a Charitable Gift Annuity Program. This type of gift giving benefits the donor as well as the community and is a valuable alternative at this critical time in our economy. WesBanco is proud to be a part of this great program.”

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<u>Assets</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents	656,497	430,534
Investments	4,958,235	4,011,249
Accounts and Pledges Receivable	15,500	52,500
Cash surrender value of life insurance	68,014	66,713
Other Assets	76,816	15,194
Equipment & Software, Net	<u>17,425</u>	<u>24,710</u>
Total Assets	5,792,487	4,600,900
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current Liabilities	53,155	63,088
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>221,639</u>	<u>160,409</u>
Total Liabilities	274,794	223,497
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Unrestricted	211,894	190,739
Temporarily Restricted	413,033	180,318
Permanently Restricted	<u>4,892,766</u>	<u>4,006,346</u>
Total Net Assets	5,517,693	4,377,403
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	5,792,487	4,600,900

Statement of Activities

<u>Support and Revenue</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Contributions, Grants and Fundraising	840,814	1,237,679
Interest and Dividend Income	7,567	15,907
Net Real./Unreal. Gain on Investments	811,233	(1,239,531)
Other Incomes and Revenues	<u>108,549</u>	<u>109,544</u>
Total Support and Revenue	1,768,163	123,599
<u>Expenses</u>		
Grants and scholarships	231,799	247,238
Direct program expense	29,227	46,078
General and Administrative	<u>366,847</u>	<u>370,409</u>
Total Expenses	627,873	663,725
Change in Net Assets	1,140,290	(540,126)
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	<u>4,377,403</u>	<u>4,917,529</u>
Net Assets – End of Year	5,517,693	4,377,403

*Complete audited financial statements and
Internal Revenue Service Form 990 are available upon request.*

Philanthropic Opportunities

In addition to creating a new fund, there are many opportunities to participate in philanthropy at the Washington County Community Foundation. Opportunities include:

- Become a member of the *Family of Founders* (see page 32)
- Consider the Community Foundation when updating your will
- Contribute to an existing fund (cash, securities, real property)
- Designate the Community Foundation as a beneficiary on pension plans or life insurance policies
- Donate an item for the *Legacy Celebration* auction
- Participate in the annual raffles for Steelers and Penguins tickets
- Place a *Mother's Fund* rose pin display at your place of business
- Provide sponsorship support for events and publications
- Serve as a spokesperson for the Community Foundation
- Volunteer to assist with mailings and other administrative duties



Our current focus is to increase our ability to respond to emerging and unmet needs in our community by growing the *Acorn Fund*, our primary unrestricted grant-making fund. Your gift to the *Acorn Fund* at this time would be most appreciated.

Comprised of both short-term and permanent assets, the *Acorn Fund* was initiated in 2000 and was valued at \$45,000 at the end 2009. Contributions have been received from both individuals and institutions and the Foundation conducts various events and activities throughout the year to raise money for the Fund.

A total of \$120,000 in grants has been awarded from the Fund in six broad categories:

- Arts & Humanities
- Education
- Environment & Animal Welfare
- Health & Fitness
- Human Needs
- Religion & Faith-Based

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