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**WILLIAMSPORT-LYCOMING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S BOOK OF DREAMS,  
ORGANIZATIONS MAKE A WISH COME TRUE FOR A CHILD THIS SUMMER**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – As Teddy Coppes, son of Michael and Nichole Coppes of Muncy, emerged from his therapy session at the L.C.C.C.S. Children's Development Center in Williamsport today, a smile spread across his face, and he quietly said, "I think I got my bike today." In front of him, Teddy's brand new red and white tricycle stood ready for him. Within a matter of minutes, Teddy was happily pedaling around the parking lot.

Teddy was the cover child for the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation's Book of Dreams, featured as an insert in the *Williamsport Sun-Gazette* in February. The L.C.C.C.S. Children's Development Center made a request on behalf of Teddy for a specialized tricycle.

On hand at the tricycle presentation were members of the Greater Williamsport Notre Dame Club: John Slattery, Mike Dorman and Nancy Dorman. Also in attendance were members of the Muncy Lions Club, representatives from the L.C.C.C.S. Children's Development Center, and representatives of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania.

Teddy's wish is to ride a bike like his brothers and sisters, but because he was born with cerebral palsy, Teddy needed the specialized cycle, which provides additional support, and a belt to secure him on the cycle. The cost of the tricycle was nearly \$1,700. For several years, the Greater Williamsport Notre Dame Club has pledged its support to ensure a wish listed in the Book of Dreams has been met. This year, the club chose to raise funds for Teddy's dream. Club members held a fundraising yard sale and a spaghetti dinner to meet the goal. In addition, the Muncy Lions Club provided the final donation to complete the fundraising efforts for the tricycle.

The Book of Dreams is a project of the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation. The project provides local charitable organizations with the opportunity to make a request on behalf of an individual or organization with a need that may otherwise not be met. Success of the Book of Dreams depends on the generosity of community members who are moved by the stories of those in need. This year, the Book of Dreams Committee selected sixteen needs to raise support for, the largest number of dreams chosen for the project. Donations are still being accepted, and can be made by calling the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania's offices at (570) 321-1500 or by mail to 330 Pine Street, Suite 401, Williamsport, PA 17701.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is the founding affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, trustee banks and investment managers, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office at (570) 321-1500.

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