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**UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO
LEWISBURG AREA MUSIC ASSOCIATION,
PROVIDES FUNDING TO PAY OFF PIANO LEASE**

LEWISBURG, PA – The Union County Community Foundation has awarded an \$850 grant to the Lewisburg Area Music Association to help pay for a new grand piano for the Lewisburg Area High School music program. The grant provided the final money needed to pay off the lease on the piano.

Ann Hilliard, of the Lewisburg Area Music Association, explained that before the piano was purchased, the high school had one grand piano that was used in the classroom and on the stage. Prior to a performance, staff members would move the piano to the auditorium. The old piano would be placed on its side, and routed outside of the building to get it to the stage prior to a concert or other performance. Hilliard said that the music association made the commitment to purchase a second piano, and refurbish the old instrument.

To raise money for the piano and refurbishment, the Lewisburg Area Music Association held an Eighty-Eight Key fundraiser. The cost of the project was divided by eighty-eight, and local businesses, families, and individuals were encouraged to sponsor a key on the instrument. The association also held a sandwich sale and flower sales to help pay for the piano. Initial fundraising efforts provided enough money to lease the piano and make initial payments, but the association needed to raise the remaining balance. The grant from the Union County Community Foundation provided the final push to pay off the lease on the piano. The boosters will continue to raise money to refurbish the old piano.

The UCCF has a competitive application process for grants from its unrestricted funds. The next grant application deadline is October 1, 2006. Grant guidelines and applications may be obtained by calling the Foundation toll free at (866) 901-2372 or by visiting the Foundation's website, at www.fcfpa.org.

The UCCF was established in 1993, and recently became an affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. As an affiliate, the UCCF has its own community-based Advisory Board that determines the focus and grant making of the organization.

The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania, has three affiliates: the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation, the Danville Area Community Foundation, and the Union County Community Foundation. The Foundation 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, or toll free at (866) 901-2372.

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