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RALPH AND JOSEPHINE SMITH FUND MAKES GRANTS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

WATSONTOWN, PA – The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation announced today that the Ralph and Josephine Smith Fund, a component fund of the Foundation, has awarded nearly \$100,000 in grants to organizations serving residents of Northumberland County. The Foundation also awarded scholarships to four recent graduates of the Warrior Run School District.

Grants were made to the following organizations:

- Evangelical Community Hospital - \$15,000 in support of construction of the hospital's new Donehower Center
- Meadowbrook Christian School - \$20,000 for tuition assistance to students with a financial need
- Montgomery House Library - \$15,000 for outreach to seniors, the purchase of new equipment, librarian salary support, and the One Book/One Community project
- SUN Home Health Services, Inc. - \$20,000 to support the TeleHomeCare program
- Turbotville Community Hall Corporation - \$22,090 to fund acoustical treatment to the multi-purpose room in the Community Hall

Scholarships from the Ralph and Josephine Smith Fund were awarded to: Nicholas Bender, Brittany Seagle, and Michael Pennycoff, all of Watsonstown; and Melissa Swartz, of Danville. The scholarship awards may be matched through the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance

Agency's (PHEAA) Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Program. The PATH program provides matching grants for unmet financial need to qualified recipients of scholarships that are managed by the Foundation.

The Ralph and Josephine Smith Fund awards grants to organizations that were designated by the late Mrs. Smith when she established the fund. The fund has a community-based Advisory Board that reviews requests from the designated organizations and makes recommendations on those requests. Advisory Board members are: The Honorable William F. Kear, Chairman; David Becker; Jeffrey P. Edmunds, Esq.; Michael O'Keefe; and Pastor Doug Eberly.

The Ralph and Josephine Smith Fund is one of over 200 component funds managed by the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation (WLCF) for the benefit of the communities it serves. The WLCF is one of the oldest community foundations in the country. The Foundation has been making grants to community organizations since 1932, and has distributed over \$40 million in charitable funding to the region, including approximately \$2.4 million in grants last year.

In 2004, the WLCF formed the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania (FCFPA) and became its founding affiliate. The FCFPA has two other affiliates: the Danville Area Community Foundation, and the Union County Community Foundation. 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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