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**GROUP RAISES FUNDS FOR BOOK OF DREAMS;
TOP FUNDRAISERS PRESENT CHECK TO FOUNDATION**

WILLIAMSPORT – The Lycoming County Chapter of Speaking For Ourselves recently presented a check for \$500 to the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation for the Book of Dreams. This is the second year the club has contributed to the project, and with the recent donation, the club has donated a total of \$900 toward the program. Members raised money by holding candy and nut sales.

According to its website, the organization’s mission is to, “Speak out on important issues and support each other through sharing, leadership development and helping and encouraging each other.”

Speaking for Ourselves became involved with the Book of Dreams when members saw a friend, Molly Lowmiller, featured in last year’s Book of Dreams. Molly received a new hearing aide that dramatically improved her ability to communicate with others. Club members were inspired by the difference the program made for Molly.

The local chapter meets once a month at the Hope Enterprises Workshop on Catawissa Avenue.

The Book of Dreams is a special project of the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation and the Williamsport Sun-Gazette. The Book of Dreams gives nonprofit organizations the opportunity to nominate individual and organizational needs that may otherwise go unmet. The dreams are featured in a series of advertisements in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette, and the community is given the opportunity to respond with gifts of all sizes to meet the needs. For more

information, visit the Williamsport Sun-Gazette's website, www.sungazette.com, or the contact the Foundation at (570) 321-1500.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation 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 \$42.4 million in charitable funding to the region.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is also 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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