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Grants in Action—COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY

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On January 8, 2007, people across Armstrong County will come together for our fourth annual **Community Awareness Day** – raising awareness about drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

The founders of Community Awareness Day strongly believe that doing nothing allows these problems to worsen. Therefore, an all-out informational campaign will target students, families, senior citizens and everyone in Armstrong County with the prevention message. The annual event is unique in Pennsylvania in that it brings together so many agencies with a unified voice and reaches more than 45,000 people annually.

Students across the county will participate in interactive school assemblies that reinforce the prevention message. Outside the schools, thousands of posters, flyers and informational handouts will be distributed for Community Awareness Day. For information on what you can do, visit our website here:

<http://www.accfound.org/pdf/CAD07.pdf>

ACCF Announces 2007 Officers

The ACCF Board of Directors is pleased to announce new officers:

Jack Steiner, Secretary

**Patricia Kirkpatrick,
President**

**Lance Whiteman,
Vice President**

**Jerry Arbaugh,
Treasurer**

Best wishes for a great year!



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MISSION: The Armstrong County Community Foundation, a public nonprofit corporation, serves the people of Armstrong County to enhance the quality of life by:

- ☞ Giving grants, scholarships, and organizational support to address the changing needs of our community
- ☞ Building a permanent endowment for our community and helping our donors create a legacy for the future
- ☞ Promoting informed philanthropy and volunteerism to increase charitable resources for the region
- ☞ Providing leadership and building partnerships to identify and solve community issues



CHARITY NAVIGATOR
Your Guide To Intelligent Giving

Charity Navigator says that you may be surprised to learn that you can afford to be even more generous than you thought. In addition to articles about giving, they offer a Giving Calculator—If you itemize deductions on your tax return, simply enter the amount you'd like to give and your federal tax bracket (using a chart). The calculator will display the net cost of the donation and your tax savings. For instance, if you would like to give \$1000, and you are in the 25% tax bracket, your \$1000 gift will only cost you \$750 because of the \$250 tax savings! Try it yourself here: <http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm/bay/content.view/cpid/40>

Visit Charity Navigator to learn *6 Questions To Ask Charities Before Donating*, along with many other savvy donor tools. Reputable nonprofit organizations like the Armstrong County Community Foundation welcome your questions because we believe that an educated donor is the best donor. Know where your money is going, and how it is making your world a better place. Your generosity should be an avenue of blessing and great pleasure to you, so ask those questions and get involved in 2007!

It's time to think about SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Armstrong County Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee invites 2007 high school graduates *AND* non-traditional adult students to investigate the many scholarships we have to help you attain your educational goals! Visit our website at to <http://www.accfound.org/> and click "Scholarships" (read criteria carefully). You may submit your application online or by postal mail—deadline for completed applications is March 15th.



Jessie Coven, 2006 Awardee
Gretchen Moss Memorial Scholarship

Pay it Forward *tip of the month*



iGive.com helps us "change online shopping for good." Who knew that your online shopping could benefit your favorite charity? Simply register here: www.igive.com, and participating stores will donate a percentage of your purchases to the charity you choose; the more supporters you have, the more dollars you can earn, but remember to enter your online store through the iGive site. (You may also need to register your charity.)

Folks have asked me if this really works—if charities really get checks; I have been registered with iGive.com for years, and yes, the Armstrong County Community Foundation really gets checks every quarter from my Barnes & Noble book habit! The ACCF also places orders for office supplies at Staples through iGive, and we earn 2.8% on those purchases.

There are literally hundreds of stores that will donate from 1/2% - 8% on purchases. Do good with your shopping, and encourage stores to do the same. Happy New Year!

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