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***Grants in Action*—COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY**

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On January 14, 2008, people across Armstrong County will celebrate our fourth annual **Community Awareness Day** – raising awareness about drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

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. The ACCF supports this effort annually, and this year has added a CAD page to our website.

For more information on what *you* can do, visit the website here:

communityawarenessday.org

ACCF Announces 2007 Grantmaking Totals

The ACCF Board of Directors is pleased to announce that our grantmaking reached
\$175,000

in 2007! We are so proud of our donors and of the nonprofits who do so much to improve the quality of life in Armstrong County and our region.

Best wishes for a great year in 2008!

ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ~ www.accfound.org

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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 2008!

It's time to think about **SCHOLARSHIPS!**

The Armstrong County Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee invites 2008 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.



Sarah Faletti, 2007 Awardee
Armstrong Concert Band Scholarship

Pay it Forward *tip of the month*

If you have not already, **THIS IS THE YEAR** to get involved with charitable giving through the Armstrong County Community Foundation!

Join us as we celebrate our 10th anniversary, and give back more to our community than ever before.

Most of us are not high-wealth individuals--we just want to 'give back' and experience the blessing of helping others. Join us!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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