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Grants in Action—2008 Record Grantmaking Year

2008 certainly was an exciting year, and not always in a good way . . .

High point--the Armstrong County Community Foundation met and exceeded our goal of giving back \$200,000 to our communities. We are very proud to say that we awarded a record \$207,000+ in grants and scholarships in 2008!

Low point--investments of even the most diligent and dedicated stewards faltered.

Join with us as we look forward to 2009. Our hope is not in the stock market, but in the caring people of Armstrong County, who have accomplished so much through the Armstrong County Community Foundation and other charities. The ACCF's services and support is needed more than ever. It is our experience that in bad times and in good, the giving people of Armstrong County will dig even deeper to improve the quality of life in Armstrong County. Join with us as we continue our mission with even greater passion--*we make it easy to care about our community.*

ACCF Announces 2009 Officers

The ACCF Board of Directors is pleased to announce new officers for 2009:

- Lance Whiteman, President
- Christine Moss, Vice President
- Jerry Arbaugh, Treasurer
- Jack Steiner, Secretary



Happy New 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

Two New Scholarships from the Cowansville Area Health Center Board of Directors

The Cowansville Area Health Center Board of Directors turned to the Armstrong County Community Foundation to establish two new scholarships to honor the physicians that served the Cowansville area. The Dr. John Garrott Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship will provide scholarship awards for individuals in the Cowansville Health Center's service area (Armstrong County residents and graduates or graduating seniors of Karns City High School) to pursue medical careers.

Dr. Garrott served Cowansville Area HC patients for 15 years, and the CAHC Board of Directors is so excited to honor the memory of this highly esteemed physician and friend. They are also so grateful for Dr. Vogan, who will be continuing to serve the residents with quality health care and dedicated professionalism

To apply for either of these scholarships, visit our website.



Megan Volek
2008 Scholarship Awardee

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

The Armstrong County Community Foundation's Scholarship Committee invites 2009 high school graduates *AND* adult students to investigate the many scholarships we have to help you attain your educational goals!

The ACCF awarded 22 scholarships in 2008, and happy to announce that we hope to give 25 in 2009.

Visit our website at <http://accfound.org/> and click "Scholarships" (*read criteria carefully, and ONLY apply for the ones you truly qualify for; inappropriate or incomplete submissions will be disqualified*). You may submit your application online or by postal mail—applications must be complete by **March 15th**.



Pay it Forward *tip of the month*

iGive.com helps "change online shopping for good." Who knew that your online shopping could benefit your favorite charity? Simply register here: www.igive.com, choose the Armstrong County Community Foundation as your charity, and participating stores will donate a percentage of your purchases to the ACCF! The more supporters we have, the more dollars we can earn, but remember to enter your online store through the iGive site.

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

Mindy