



MADALENE HAYES CONNER SCHOLARSHIP FUND | Dec-03

The Madalene Hayes Conner Scholarship Fund was established by Richard (Dick) Conner in memory of his first wife. Madalene and Dick first met as students attending West Chester High School (the predecessor school to Henderson and East High Schools) together in the 1930's.

The fund annually awards scholarships to students who meet academic and economic criteria, as well as "who follow Madalene's example of a high level of school spirit and enthusiasm." For Dick, establishing a scholarship for high school students was a "straight-forward decision" given his dedicated commitment to the West Chester High School Alumni Association and its ongoing program to award scholarships to graduating students of Henderson and East High Schools.

The Madalene Hayes Scholarship Fund awarded its first scholarships in 2004 to two students: Jilennia Candelario of West Chester is attending Penn State's Altoona campus, and Kimberly Gravatt of West Chester is attending James Madison University.

WILLISTOWN TRICENTENNIAL FUND | Jan-04

Willistown Township celebrates its tricentennial in 2004 and the Community Foundation is proud to assist in this momentous occasion by holding this fund in trust.

"Our mission," says Township Manager Hugh J. Murray, "which was established by the Tricentennial Committee, is to build community pride, spirit and unity by involving our residents in a year-long Tricentennial Celebration."

The Celebration commemorates this landmark historic occasion with an exciting array of events. Willistown exemplifies several major historical themes, including the site of William Penn's first and only (to the best of our knowledge) land grant given to Native Americans and a distinctive architectural style interpreted by Quakers and later landowners.

Murray notes, "The objectives of the celebration are to enhance awareness of our Township's heritage, involve every Willistown resident, create a sense of community and pride, and celebrate the past, present and future of Willistown Township. Hence, our Tricentennial theme: Pride ~ Spirit ~ Unity."

"The Community Foundation has helped us navigate the varied fundraising activities needed to sustain a year-long series of community events. Running the day-to-day work of maintaining all of the township's departments and running a program of this magnitude would be daunting without the help of the Foundation".

Find out more about the Tricentennial by logging onto www.willistown.pa.us.

