

Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund Awards Grants

HONESDALE, Penn. (June 1, 2010) – Four Wayne County citizens received grant money, totaling \$800, from the Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund on May 23, 2010. In this inaugural year, 13 funding applications were submitted with three approved by the selection committee comprised of Carrie Bomgardner, Emily Montgomery and Zack Bryant (Michael Bryant's brother and sisters). Those receiving grants were Dylan Pete and Chris Cobb (c/o Wayne County Mental Health & Mental Retardation) and Amanda Kucz and Lindsay Nordenhold (c/o Arthur Goldberg, Fair Hill Riding Academy). Grants will fund special therapy toys for Dylan & Chris and therapeutic horseback riding for Amanda & Lindsay.

The Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund was established on July 1, 2008 and is administered by the Wayne County Community Foundation. Michael was a co-owner of Calkins Creamery. He worked side-by-side with his brother Zachary and his father Bill on Highland Farm all his adult life, until his untimely death at age 27.

The fund reached endowment status with the Foundation in December 2009 thanks to the generosity of family, friends, business groups and local businesses. It was created to remember two causes that were especially important in Michael's life – people with disabilities, and community organizations such as 4-H and volunteer fire companies.

In 2008, Calkins Creamery also designated "Smoke Signal" an apple-wood smoke Gouda Cheese, as its "*Cheese For a Cause.*" Annually, 10% of its profits are given to the Fund.

If you are interested in learning more about the Fund, contact the Wayne County Community Foundation at 570/251-9993 or send a tax deductible contribution to the Michael J. Bryant Fund c/o the Wayne County Community Foundation at 214 Ninth St. Honesdale, PA 18431. You also can visit the Calkins Creamery website at www.calkinscreamery.com or on Facebook.