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WASHINGTON COUNTY GAMING COMMISSION ANNOUNCES GAMING FUND DISTRIBUTION

Hagerstown, MD (August 9, 2011) -- The Washington County Gaming Commission announced its gaming fund distribution to the Washington County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, as well as 98 local charitable organizations.

The Gaming Fund total of \$1,897,369.42 for fiscal year 2011, which ended June 30th, represents a 5.61% decrease when compared to fiscal year 2010 revenues.

State law provides for funds to be divided equally between the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association and local charities.

In January, the Washington County Fire and Rescue Association received \$414,398.08. With today's announcement, an additional \$534,286.63 will be distributed, bringing the yearly total for Fire and Rescue to \$948,684.71.

In May, the Washington County Gaming Commission received 127 separate applications from 107 charitable organizations requesting a total of \$2,715,754.50.

After a one-day workshop in June, and two days of public hearings in July, the Commission was able to either partially or fully fund 106 of the 127 requests. Of the 127 applications received, 16 received full funding, 90 received partial funding, and 21 were denied funding. A total of \$948,684.71 was allocated to 98 of the 107 charitable organizations applying.

The Regional Community Health Center (Community Free Clinic) received the largest award of \$175,000, followed by REACH Caregivers receiving \$70,000, and Friends of Safe Place, Child Advocacy Center, which received \$64,740.00.

The Washington County Gaming Commission is a volunteer 7-member board appointed by the County Delegation and County Commissioners. Established by the State Legislature in 1995, the Commission is responsible to ensure the revenue produced by Tip Jars played in the county's clubs, taverns, liquor stores, and restaurants is equitably distributed. Since its beginning, the Commission has provided over 45 million dollars to charities and fire and rescue companies in Washington County.

Fiscal Year 2011 Gaming Fund Awards

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
Alzheimer's Association	\$5,000.00
American Cancer Society	\$5,000.00
American Red Cross Wash. Co. MD Chapter	\$5,000.00
APPLES for Children	\$1,000.00
ARC of Washington County	\$5,000.00
Aspiring to Serve Inc.	\$2,000.00
Authentic Community Theatre	\$1,000.00
Baby Basics of Greater Hagerstown	\$1,000.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washington Co.	\$20,000.00
Boonsboro Area Athletic Association	\$2,983.92
Boys and Girls Club of Washington Co.	\$42,000.00
Breast Cancer Awareness of Cumberland Valley	\$2,500.00
Brothers United Who Dare to Care	\$500.00
CASA	\$6,000.00
Children in Need	\$36,000.00
Children's Village of Washington Co.	\$5,000.00
Clear Spring Little League	\$2,000.00
Conococheague Little League	\$2,000.00
Contemporary School for the Arts & Gallery Inc.	\$500.00
Corporation for Assistive Technology	\$1,218.20
Court Appointed Special Advocates Wash Co.	\$5,000.00
Deafnet Association Inc.	\$2,000.00
Discovery Station at Hagerstown	\$6,000.00
Doleman Black Heritage Museum Inc.	\$1,099.00
Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region	\$10,000.00
Exchange Club Parent Child Center	\$10,000.00
Federal Little League	\$2,000.00
Food Resources Inc.	\$25,000.00
Fort Ritchie Community Center	\$7,500.00
Friends of Safe Place Child Advocacy Center	\$64,740.00
Girl's Inc. of Washington County	\$30,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Washington County	\$20,000.00
Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League	\$5,000.00
Hagerstown Choral Arts	\$977.87
Hagerstown Civil Air Patrol	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Colt & Palomino League	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Community College Foundation Inc.	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Day Nursery	\$4,000.00
Hagerstown Fire Police Association	\$4,000.00
Hagerstown Hornets Athletic Association Inc	\$500.00
Hagerstown Junior Basketball League	\$2,000.00
Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum Inc.	\$1,000.00
Hagerstown Youth Hockey Association	\$3,275.00
Hancock Historical Society	\$5,000.00
Hancock Little League	\$2,000.00
Humane Society of Washington County	\$2,740.98
Interfaith Service Coalition	\$20,000.00
Little League Baseball of Halfway	\$2,000.00
Little Wonders Animal Rescue	\$3,000.00
Make A Wish Foundation of Mid-Atlantic	\$7,000.00
Maryland Symphony Orchestra	\$3,000.00

Mason Dixon Council Boy Scouts of America	\$3,200.00
Memorial Recreation Center	\$12,000.00
Mental Health Center of Western Maryland	\$1,000.00
Meritus Healthcare Foundation	\$5,000.00
MiHi	\$2,415.00
National Little League	\$832.00
North High Band Boosters	\$1,532.00
Providing Relief for Autistic Youth Inc.	\$3,696.94
R.E.A.C.H.	\$70,000.00
Regional Comm. Health Care Ctr. / Comm. Free Clinic	\$175,000.00
Rohrersville Cornet Band of Washington Co.	\$859.00
Salvation Army	\$37,000.00
San Mar Children's Home	\$3,000.00
Senior Living Alternatives	\$8,000.00
Sharpsburg Little League Inc.	\$2,000.00
Smithsburg Youth Athletics	\$3,000.00
South Hagerstown H.S. Rebel Band Boosters	\$1,500.00
South Mountain Little League	\$2,000.00
Spectrum Support Inc.	\$750.00
St. John's Shelter Inc.	\$2,500.00
Star Community Inc.	\$21,750.00
The Maryland Theatre	\$2,000.00
United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland	\$1,400.00
Valley Little League	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Assoc. for Potomac Center Inc.	\$4,000.00
W House Inc.	\$14,200.00
Walnut St. Community Health Center Inc.	\$30,000.00
Washington Co. Agricultural Education Center	\$5,000.00
Washington Co. Agriculture Organization Inc.	\$500.00
Washington Co. Commission on Aging	\$35,000.00
Washington Co. Community Action Council	\$20,000.00
Washington Co. Community Mediation Ctr.	\$2,000.00
Washington Co. Free Library	\$10,000.00
Washington Co. Historical Society	\$2,500.00
Washington Co. Junior Football League	\$5,000.00
Washington Co. Juniors Girls Volleyball Inc.	\$1,750.00
Washington Co. Leadership Development Program	\$2,000.00
Washington Co. Museum of Fine Arts	\$2,100.00
Washington Co. Show Kids & Show Company Inc.	\$1,000.00
Washington Co. Teen Pregnancy Prev. Coalition	\$8,000.00
Wells House	\$11,000.00
West End Little League	\$2,000.00
Western Maryland Aikikai	\$1,500.00
Western Maryland Hospital Ctr. Auxiliary	\$19,000.00
Windy Rock Equine Rescue, Inc.	\$3,500.00
Women of Valor Ministries Inc	\$800.00
Women's Club Foundation	\$5,864.80
Sub Total	\$948,684.71
Washington County Vol. Fire & Rescue Association	\$948,684.71
Total Disbursed Funds	\$1,897,369.42

Applications Received	
Total Funding Requested	\$2,715,754.50
Total Applications Received	127
Number of Organizations Submitting Applications	107
Number of Organizations Submitting Multiple Applications	10
Total Number of Applications Receiving Funding	106
Total Number of Applications Receiving Full Funding	16
Total Number of Applications Denied Funding	21
Total Number of Organizations Receiving Funding	98
Total Number of Organizations Denied Funding	9

Awards of Funding by Program Type	Amount Awarded	%
Public Safety (Fire & Rescue Assoc. Included)	\$954,684.71	50.30%
Health Services	\$282,700.00	14.90%
Adult Services	\$272,033.20	14.30%
Youth Services	\$247,636.94	13.10%
Recreation	\$45,840.92	2.40%
Civic	\$38,664.80	2.00%
Education	\$25,532.00	1.30%
Cultural / Arts	\$21,035.87	1.10%
Animal Welfare	\$9,240.98	0.50%

Awards	No. of Organizations
\$0 - \$10,000	79
\$10,001 - \$20,000	8
\$20,001 - \$30,000	4
\$30,001 - \$40,000	3
\$40,001 - \$50,000	1
\$50,001 - \$60,000	0
\$60,001 - \$70,000	2
\$70,001 - \$80,000	0
\$175,000	1