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**Community Foundation is pleased to announce
the establishment of the Joan of Arc Scholarship Fund**

Vancouver, WA – October 18, 2007. The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington is pleased to announce a new scholarship opportunity for students wishing to pursue a college education. The Joan of Arc Mason Scholarship Fund was established with a bequest from a Skamania County resident. “The scholarship endowment fund that has been established will provide scholarships to students who wish to continue their education following high school, said Anne Digenis, Program Officer for the Foundation. “Joan believed in the ‘promise of young people,’ and hoped they would pursue higher education and that they would give back to the community, as she did.”

Born in Bellaire, Ohio, Joan lived most of her life in Skamania County, WA. She was a woman with strong opinions and had an equally strong love for outdoor creatures and for nature. Joan will always be remembered as a person with a great sense of humor, and very proud to be an American. She flew the American flag on a daily basis from her deck overlooking the Columbia River. Joan Mason passed away in 2005.

The Community Foundation would like to congratulate the first-ever recipients of the Joan of Arc Mason Scholarship, Miss Aja Peters and Miss Katy Taylor, both residents of Washougal, WA. Each student received \$1,000 for tuition assistance at Clark College.

The Community Foundation currently manages more than 30 scholarship funds, and has awarded over \$280,000 in scholarships to over 150 students in 2007.

The Community Foundation helps a broad cross section of citizens build stronger communities through effective philanthropy. One of the nation's 700 community foundations, it is a tax-exempt, public charity that primarily serves southwest Washington. The Foundation holds distinct Funds, ranging in size from \$10,000 to over \$3 million, that are pooled, managed, and invested to generate growth and income for granting and inflation purposes. Governed by a volunteer Board of local leaders, the Foundation offers services to donors and nonprofit organizations and a wide range of benefits to the community. In total, the Community Foundation has infused more than \$80 million into the community since it was established in 1984.

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