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Dessin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Receives Villaume Foundation Grant

Honesdale, PA – The Board of The John and Helen Villaume Foundation has announced that the Olga and Dorothea Dessin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been selected to receive one of the Foundation's 2015 community grant awards.

Krista Strehle, on behalf of the Dessin Society, received a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 from Villaume Foundation board member Lewis J. Critelli.

The Dessin Society is a non-profit organization which provides shelter and adoption services for homeless dogs and cats in Wayne County. Other services include humane education, community rabies clinics, spay-neuter programs, enforcement of anti-cruelty laws, fostering special needs animals and running a community thrift store to raise funds for shelter operations. The Villaume grant will be used by the Dessin Society to offset the costs of the community rabies clinics.

The John and Helen Villaume Foundation established by Honesdale natives John and Helen Villaume was created to benefit charitable, religious, scientific, literary and educational programs within Wayne County. Since its inception, the Foundation has made awards totaling over \$1,000,000.00 with Wayne Bank managing the account in the Wealth Management and Trust Services Division of Wayne Bank.

Additional information about the Foundation and grant applications may be obtained from: The John and Helen Villaume Foundation, c/o Wayne Bank Wealth Management and Trust Services Division, 717 Main Street, Honesdale, PA 18431, or by phone: 570-253-8507 or email: Trust@WayneBank.com

PHOTO CAPTION-LEFT TO RIGHT: Annelle Snyder, Board Member Olga and Dorothea Dessin Society, Marlene Metzger, Humane Officer, Krista Strehle, Board Member on behalf of Olga and Dorothea Dessin Society accepts the check for \$5,000.00 and Lewis J. Critelli, Villaume Foundation board member.

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