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2014 HONORABLE GEORGE E. HOFFER SECOND CHANCE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Cumberland County, PA - The Honorable George E. Hoffer Second Chance Memorial Scholarship Awards Presentation was held at the Cumberland County Courthouse today to present three award winners with scholarships for post-secondary education. Each year scholarship money is awarded to youth who previously were arrested as a juvenile offender, underwent a period of supervision with the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department, and then received a positive recommendation from their Probation Officer acknowledging each offender's positive change in behavior.

The Honorable George E. Hoffer Second Chance Memorial Scholarship was established by Ann Hoffer, the widow of the late Judge Hoffer, to recognize youth who were in trouble with the law and then took advantage of a "second chance" to turn their life around. The late Judge Hoffer was a passionate advocate for young people in Cumberland County, particularly those who came before him in Juvenile Court. Judge Hoffer was elected to the Court of Common Pleas in Cumberland County and acted as both the President Judge and the Juvenile Court Judge until his retirement in 2006. Judge Hoffer always displayed a willingness to engage youth appearing before him in conversation about both their past deeds and their future goals. He was intensely interested in each youth's education and training and wanted youth appearing before him to have a plan to continue their education or training beyond high school.

Donations for the scholarship fund can be mailed to: The Honorable George E. Hoffer Second Chance Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department, 16 W. High St., Suite 100, Carlisle, PA 17013.

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