

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation was founded in October 2008 in memory of Senator James J. Rhoades who was unexpectedly killed in an automobile accident on his way to a local high school football game where he was to be honored at halftime. Senator Rhoades' wife, Mary Edith, and children chose to establish this foundation to carry on Senator Rhoades' selfless spirit, highlighting his lifelong dedication toward education, giving, and community for years to come.

Senator Rhoades served 28 successful years in the Pennsylvania State Senate. As a former educator, Senator Rhoades worked tirelessly on education issues and ultimately became Chairman of the Senate Education Committee. As chairman of that committee, Senator Rhoades had influenced education-related laws, including the Pennsylvania Safe Schools Act and the Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program. He also served on the Appropriations, Transportation, Law and Justice, and Environmental Resources and Energy committees.

Senator Rhoades believed in making everyone feel good about him or herself and making a positive difference in people's lives. This was evidenced by his passion for advancing the state of education in Pennsylvania. Senator Rhoades lived to provide "every boy and girl" in the state a better opportunity to learn, no matter where he or she lived or their socioeconomic status. He worked hard for the boys and girls, not for the glory.

And as a result, the children of this state are better off. Advances in education, like full-day kindergarten, Head Start funding, Distance Learning, and articulation agreements with colleges are some of his education achievements and now, his legacy.

Senator Rhoades taught us that we can make the world a better place by taking care of each other and treating everyone we meet with genuine kindness and empathy. He listened when people spoke and believed that if you take care of the person next to you, your life will be better as well. The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation was founded to carry on Senator Rhoades' character. Let us continue his legacy by doing the same. This region will thrive as long as each of us strives to be active participants in the community, dedicated family members, and supportive neighbors.

GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION

The foundation will aim to fulfill its mission through the following:

- Distribute educational grants and scholarships to the area's youth
- Administer charitable funds to meet the needs of the community
- Encourage community involvement and volunteerism to enrich the area as a whole



CONTRIBUTION FORM

Yes, I would like to make a difference and contribute to The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation! I am enclosing a donation of \$ _____.

I am not making a donation at this time, but please add my name to your mailing list so I am aware of future events.

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Please make checks payable to:

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation

Mailing address:

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades

Foundation

P.O. Box 485

Pottsville, PA 17901

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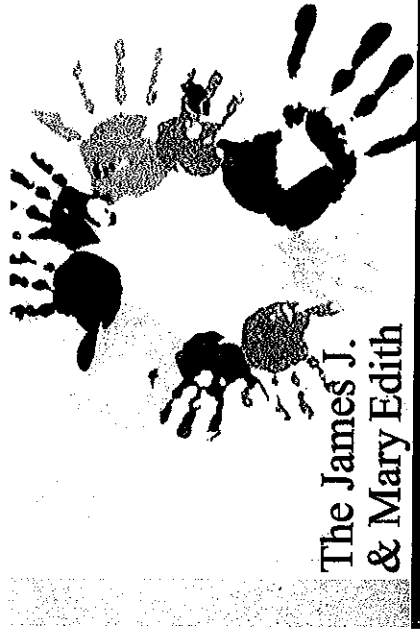
The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation is an independent non-profit foundation that promotes education, giving, and community involvement to enrich our community as a whole. We will aim to fulfill our mission by providing educational scholarships to our community's youth and administering charitable funds to the ever-changing needs of our community.

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation encourages education and individual development of our youth. Education, participation in sports, recreation, arts, and community involvement provide the necessary values and tools for our area's youth to learn, grow, and succeed.

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation encourages philanthropy, volunteerism, community improvement, and revitalization. Charitable giving embraces many different aspects, including arts and culture, education, environment, government, and social service. We will raise and distribute funds to meet the ever-changing charitable needs and challenges of our community and its members.

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation brings together citizens and organizations to promote the importance of community involvement. We believe that each member of our community is connected, and the well being of our community as a whole is determined by the quality of these relationships. Whether it be an act of charitable giving, a monetary donation, sharing knowledge, volunteering your time, or simply helping out a neighbor such positive acts strengthen these relationships to enrich our community as a whole. We encourage every member of this community to take a moment to do a simple act that can make a major difference. We challenge every individual to embrace a selfless spirit and to give without expecting any repayment or recognition in return. If a good deed was ever done on your behalf, do something good on another's. If you receive a gift, do something good for someone else in response.

The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Foundation encourages you to "pay it forward." You can pay it forward in such simple acts as holding the door for an elderly individual at the grocery store or giving up your place in line to someone in a rush. Whether you can afford a monetary donation or a moment of your time, even the smallest, free gestures can make a difference.



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