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Thomas Foundation Receives Donation from Wyoming License Plate Society

The Wyoming License Plate Society (WLPS) has made a significant donation to the Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation in honor of George Lucy II, former WLPS president.

Foundation Director Susan Thomas attended the spring meeting of WLPS last Saturday for the announcement of the \$5000.00 donation, which will be used to help fund scholarships so students who are at risk can receive mentoring and financial help toward a post-secondary education.

The donation was proposed by Mike Baldacci and his son Conner Baldacci. Conner, a 17 year-old artist from Gillette, started making license plate art as a summer project for the county fair. Conner Baldacci, who won best of show, bought a significant collection of license plates from the son of George Lucy II. However, Mike and Conner discovered that many of the plates were too valuable to use as artwork so they sold those plates to collectors with the understanding that a portion of the sales would be used for scholarships in Lucy's name.

The Craig and Susan Thomas Foundation focuses on students who are at risk. The mentoring scholarship program is one of the key elements to the Foundation. The others are a statewide leadership award, and grants to groups that support our goals. Next month the Foundation will select at least a dozen students to receive college scholarships and to enter the mentoring program.

The Foundation is named in part for the late United States Senator Craig Thomas who championed the cause of Wyoming's youth.

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