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**WQED MEMBERS RAISE OVER \$25,000 FOR
CLASSICAL MUSIC AND 25,000 POUNDS OF FOOD
FOR GREATER PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK**

PITTSBURGH—On Thursday, June 14 at 3 p.m. Classical WQED-FM 89.3 members helped WQED successfully complete its three-day drive early by raising more than \$25,000 for its annual radio operations. In addition, each membership dollar pledged was matched by a pound of food (up to 8,500 pounds per day) Tuesday, June 12 through Thursday, June 14 by a different sponsor daily. These sponsors included UPS, Parks Moving and Storage and First Commonwealth Bank. Due to the overwhelming response from WQED-FM's members and the generous sponsorship of the above underwriters, a 25,500 pound donation of food was made to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

The Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank currently serves 120,000 people per month in eleven counties in Classical WQED-FM 89.3's listening area. In 2012, the Food Bank projects that it will distribute more than 24 million pounds of food and groceries. Currently, the Food Bank has to purchase about 40% of the food it distributes.

To make a contribution to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank visit pittsburghfoodbank.org or contact the Development Office at 412-460-3663 ext. 282.

WQED Pittsburgh has a proud history of honors, including 128 National and Mid-Atlantic Emmy® Awards, an Academy Award, and many, many others, including two Emmy® Awards for Station Excellence. WQED was founded in 1954 as the nation's first community-supported broadcaster. The people of WQED create, produce and distribute quality programs, products and services to engage, inform, educate and entertain the public within their community and around the world. WQED Pittsburgh is one of the first broadcasters in the country to be fully high-definition (HD) in its studio and field production capabilities. It is the parent company of WQED-TV (PBS); WQED: The Neighborhood Channel; WQED: The Create Channel; WQED Showcase; Classical WQED-FM 89.3/Pittsburgh; Classical WQED-FM 89.7/Johnstown; the Pittsburgh Concert Channel at WQED-HD2 (89.3-2FM) and online at www.wqed.org/fm; local and national television and radio productions; WQED Interactive (www.wqed.org) and The WQED Education Department.

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