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Valley Oil and Gas Drilling Company Gives Local Brain Tumor Research Fund Large Gift

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Dec. 23, 2008, Youngstown — The Tommy Detesco Fund for Adolescent and Young Adult Brain Tumor Research received a large donation from the D & L Energy Group in Youngstown of \$250,000 and the final contribution could exceed that amount.

D&L Energy— an independent natural gas and oil exploration, production and marketing company based in Youngstown — has made the Tommy Fund an partner on several oil wells. Over the next 10 years Ben Lupo, CEO of D&L Energy, has guaranteed the Tommy Fund \$250,000 from the wells, and if those wells produce more than expected the donation will continue to increase.

“There is no cap on today’s gift. As long as the wells produce, the Tommy fund will receive money. Personally, I hope the final gift is closer to \$1 million,” Lupo said.

Lupo made the contribution not only to support the Tommy Fund and its important work, but also to support his friend of 30 years and primary physician, Thomas Detesco M.D.

“I am touched by his devotion as a father and his determination to find innovative ways to treat brain tumors in adolescents and young adults,” Lupo said.

Lupo's gift brings the Fund's total to an estimated \$400,000 in just six months. "It was unexpected, but a blessing to our efforts," Dr. Detesco said.

"The Tommy fund" was established by Dr. Detesco, a Boardman physician, in May 2008 in memory of his son Tommy. Tommy Detesco bravely battled a brain tumor for 29 of his 32 years of life. He passed away in August of 2007. His namesake fund was established to support research and treatment at the Cleveland Clinic Brain Tumor and Neuro-Oncology Center. Tommy was a clinic patient and received excellent, life-extending care there.

For more information on this donation or on the Tommy Detesco Fund please contact Vince Bevacqua at 330-707-2088.

You can learn more about the Tommy Fund by visiting www.tommydetescofund.com.

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