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York County Community Foundation Announces 2009 York Federal Fellows

York, PA __ York County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 2009 York Federal Fellows, six community leaders who received fellowships of \$6,000 each to complete professional and personal leadership development.

The **York Federal Foundation Fund** of the Community Foundation launched the *York Federal Fellows Program in Nonprofit Community Leadership* three years ago. This initiative allows leaders in the community to break new ground, learn new skills, and experiment with new approaches for leadership and professional development.

In addition to the self-directed experience, Fellows will commit to a retreat and meetings throughout their Fellowship year. The group will have access to a professional facilitator and will brainstorm on ideas to improve the local nonprofit sector. The Fellows Program will provide financial resources to implement the ideas that come out of these sessions.

The candidates were selected by a committee including Robert W. Pullo, Chair of the York Federal Foundation; Julie Aiken, Managing Director of York Little Theatre and a 2008 Fellow; Donald Gogniat, former campus executive for Penn State York; William Kerlin, The Graham Companies; and Judy Simpson, immediate past chairwoman, Women's Giving Circle.

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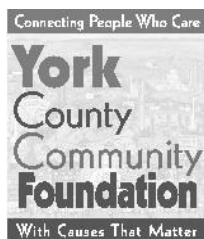
Ms. Jennifer Englerth, Family First Health

Jennifer will participate in a Spanish language immersion program in South America specifically designed for medical professionals. "This will allow me to see firsthand the medical delivery system that so many Family First Health patients and staff experienced in their country of origin," says Jennifer. She will also join Boston College's nine-month long "learning community," which will focus on the study of diversity and its implications on health care delivery and staffing.

Mr. Ivan "Ike" Hileman, Bell Socialization Services

Ike plans to attend The Creative Writers Workshop in Ireland in order to "learn how to better attract the reader's attention and bolster creative thinking." While overseas, Ike will visit Ireland and England to learn more about their human services systems as they relate to mental health. His plan is to use his new writing skills to "write about issues and the need for changes and improvements in the mental system in York County and in Pennsylvania."

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Ms. Carol Kauffman, Crispus Attucks Association

Carol will attend the Disney Institute course in Leadership Excellence. "It is an exciting way to learn leadership techniques that have been successfully implemented by one of the world's most well-known companies," Carol told the Community Foundation. While in California, Carol will visit the Adobe Corporation, which is the only U.S. company to have 3 platinum rated LEED buildings. Carol is very supportive of the GREEN movement, and will help Crispus Attucks in its quest to construct a LEED Platinum building.

Ms. Joan Krechmer, Jewish Family Services of York

Joan plans to attend the premier aging conference in the U.S. sponsored by the National Council of Aging and the American Society on Aging. "The strength of our community lies in tapping into each individual's desire for a sense of belonging and connectedness," Joan says. In addition, Joan will attend the Sundance Film Festival, where she hopes "to be inspired by the medium of film that helps re-shape one's lens of the world in a meaningful and impactful way."

Ms. Penny Myers, York Area Development Corp.

Penny will attend the National Development Council conference in Philadelphia, which provides economic and housing development finance training. Penny will also visit outstanding nonprofit housing development corporations in the U.S. that are leaders in the field. In addition, Penny will participate in Green Mountain at Fox Run's life changing program for women, located in scenic Vermont. Penny views her Fellowship plan as a vehicle to help York Area Development Corporation to "once again become a developer of affordable housing."

Ms. Laurie Anne Spagnola, Children's Home of York

Laurie Anne will attend the annual conference "Alliance Executive Leadership Conference" in Boulder, CO, that focuses on leadership development and networking. Laurie Anne is looking forward to being able to "tap into other's ideas and perspectives which are different than [her] own." Laurie Anne will also embark on a self-made Rocky Mountain outdoor experience, including gut wrenching mountain bike rides, white knuckled white water rafting, fly fishing, and spa treatments, which will test her skills in new learning environments.

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is committed to preserving and enriching the quality of life in York County. Through leadership in advancing, encouraging, and celebrating philanthropy for the public good, we strengthen our community, now and for generations to come. York County Community Foundation granted more than \$5 million in 2008.