

York County Community Foundation

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York County Community Foundation grants more than \$1.5 million

York, PA — York County Community Foundation awarded \$1.53 million in grants to benefit York County in the first six months of 2010. In total, 156 grants were distributed. Through the generosity of many donors, the Foundation has established endowment funds to benefit specific nonprofit organizations, provide scholarships to area students, and support efforts in energy conservation, watershed and land preservation, public health, city beautification, and addressing the needs of the elderly.

The Fund for York County, for example, is used to support high impact projects that strengthen the community as a whole. Given reduced revenue and increased demand for services in the nonprofit sector, the Foundation is focusing its 2010 grantmaking from the Fund for York County on supporting nonprofit alliances and mergers. Thus far, three grants, totaling \$42,000, were awarded to nonprofits forming strong collaborations to improve efficiency and service. “With support from the Fund for York County, York County Alliance for Learning and York County Economic Development Corporation have developed a sustainable partnership to meet the career opportunity training needs of York County students,” states Ellie Lamison, Manager for Workforce Development at York County Economic Development Corporation.

Leg Up Farm in Mount Wolf was one of the Foundation’s Energy Program Fund grant recipients. Lou Castriota, President of Leg Up Farm, states that “the Foundation has supported us financially and with expert advice from its energy consultant, Marcus Sheffer. They helped make our dream come true of creating an environmentally healthy therapy center for children with special needs and their families.”

Donors that have named funds at the Foundation have given more than \$300,000 in grants to charities of their choice this year. Groups of individuals have also come together to support the community through York County Community Foundation. The Women’s Giving Circle Fund has distributed more than \$10,000 in grants this year to support the Cultural Alliance’s public art initiative, and the YorIT Social Venture Fund gave \$6,300 to support of Downtown Inc’s Summer Splash concerts.

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2010 Grants Program

For more information about grantmaking at York County Community Foundation, contact Jane Conover, Vice President of Community Investment, BEFORE submitting a proposal. More details on the program can be found at www.yccf.org/grant_programs.asp

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization committed to enhancing and preserving the quality of life in York County. By understanding the needs of our communities and working with donors to make high impact grants, we provide the leadership to strengthen our community now and for generations to come. York County Community Foundation granted \$2.4 million in 2009.



Grant awarded from the Fund for York County at York County Community Foundation.

Pictured left to right are: Darrel Auterson, President, York County Economic Development Corporation, Jane Conover, Vice President, Community Investment at York County Community Foundation, Ellie Lamison, Manager, Workforce Development, York County Economic Development Corporation, and Mike Thexy, Board President, York County Alliance for Learning.



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Pictured from left to right: Jane Conover, Vice President, Community Investment, York County Community Foundation, and Chuck Thomas, Executive Director, William F. Goodling Regional Advanced Skills Center.



Grant awarded from Energy Program Fund at York County Community Foundation
Pictured from left to right: Sandy Aulbach, Grants Administrator, York County Community
Foundation, and Lou Castriota, President, Leg Up Farm.