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York County Community Foundation Uses Resources for a Vibrant York County

York, PA — York County Community Foundation awarded \$2.5 million in grants to benefit York County in 2010. In total, 647 grants were distributed to meet a wide range of community needs. Included are six grants to nonprofits totaling \$72,000 in response to the Community Foundation's initiative to encourage nonprofit partnerships. These grants were awarded to cover costs of merging organizations or to develop stronger collaborations. The 2010 total is comparable to 2009 grant totals.

The top three areas of grantmaking were Health and Human Services at 31 percent, Education at 24 percent, and Recreation at 18 percent. The largest grants awarded went to the York City Bureau of Health for general operations, Olivia's House, a Grief and Loss Center, for building costs, and the YMCA of York and York County to operate the Revitalizing Urban Neighborhoods (RUN) program.

"We're very pleased with the strategic direction of our grantmaking this year," says Bill Hartman, President of the Community Foundation. "The grants toward nonprofit alliances in particular speak to a defined need within our community to ensure our nonprofits are working in concert to provide the most effective services to our residents in the most cost efficient way."

In addition to grantmaking, the Foundation supports the environment through its Codorus Watershed and Energy Conservation Initiatives. The Foundation contracts with a consultant to offer technical assistance to York County municipalities, landowners, and farmers to protect streams within the Codorus and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. With the Foundation's help, more than 1,000 feet of stream banks have been stabilized and \$1 million was leveraged to implement stormwater management strategies. The Foundation's energy consultant works with nonprofit organizations to identify ways to cut energy costs. Since its inception, the program has saved more than \$5 million for York County nonprofits.

In 2011, the Foundation is strengthening its strategic giving to result in substantive community improvement. **To learn more about grant opportunities through the Foundation, come to an information session on Friday, January 21, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. at the Foundation offices at 14 West Market Street.** Nonprofit leaders in York County are welcome to attend and are asked to RSVP via email to saulbach@yccf.org or call 717.848.3733 and ask for Sandy Aulbach.

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 creates a vibrant York County by engaging donors, providing community leadership, and investing in high impact initiatives while building endowment for future generations. York County Community Foundation granted \$2.5 million in 2010.

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