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York County Community Foundation Uses Resources for a Vibrant York County

York, PA — York County Community Foundation’s Board of Directors recently approved \$318,371 in grants to benefit York County from the Fund for York County and several Field of Interest Funds, including community development, health and human needs, and the environment. Included in the total is \$70,000 in grants awarded by the Women’s Giving Circle, an initiative of the Community Foundation, in support of community improvement initiatives for the installation of 300 grocer’s gates in York City West End area neighborhoods.

Fund for York County

Our Fund for York County is our most flexible fund, and allows us to provide leadership and support projects that can affect positive change in our community. This spring, the Fund for York County (FYC) awarded \$30,800 in grants for important community initiatives.

- \$15,800 grant to the City of York for the installation of 300 grocer’s gates in York City West End area neighborhoods. The Women’s Giving Circle of York County Community Foundation researched opportunities to increase safety in the City and also awarded a grant of \$70,000 to the project. A recent pilot project demonstrated that the gates, to be installed in the small alleyways between row homes, help curtail loitering and improve apprehension of criminals.
- \$15,000 grant to the YMCA of York and York County in support of the collaboration between the Latino Community Advisory Group and the YMCA of York and York County that will result in the creation of a “walk in” information and referral program with a bilingual staff person.

Community Development

The Foundation’s Community Development Field of Interest Funds go to beautify our community, enhance its cultural appeal, and strengthen its economy by attracting residents to live here and visitors to shop here. This spring the Foundation awarded \$12,250 towards community development projects.

- \$10,000 grant to the City of York and Bring on Play from the Beautiful York Endowment Fund to rebuild a playground in Penn Park in the City of York. This grant will be used to match a grant that the City has submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the project.

- **Downtown Inc** - \$2,250 grant from the Beautiful York Endowment Fund for the purchase of new flower planters for Continental Square. Grant funds will be matched by other donors to replace all the older planters on the Square.

Health and Human Needs

The goal of the Health and Human Needs Fund is to ensure that residents of York County with the fewest resources and the greatest challenges have access to opportunities to improve their lives. This spring the Foundation awarded \$66,036 towards health and human needs.

- **Memorial Hospital** - A three year, \$7,488 grant from the Edgar I. Garrett Fund for the *Defeating Diabetes* education program, which will serve individuals in the community that are adjusting their lifestyles to live with diabetes as well as help those at risk of developing the disease to take preventative steps for a healthier future. The program will enhance the effectiveness of Memorial Hospital's Self-Management Education Program and address the future health of the community through unique pre-diabetes sessions.
- **WellSpan Health** - A three year \$7,500 grant from the Edgar I. Garrett Fund for Parkinson's programming at the Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorder Center. This program would provide weekly dance classes for those battling Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. The format will include an educational component, stretching, and dance instruction. The location for the classes has been donated by Calvary United Methodist Church.
- **York College of Pennsylvania** - A three year \$6,048 grant from the Edgar I. Garrett Fund for diabetes programming, specifically to develop diabetes support group intervention in four Nurse Managed Centers (Broad Park Manor, Delphia House, York Towne House, and Kingston House). These Nurse Managed Centers serve economically disadvantaged and medically underserved York residents. The program will serve at least 30 residents per year at each of the four Centers.
- **Red Lion School District** - \$45,000 grant over three years from the C. William Trout Funds to support the Red Lion School District's dental program. This dental program provides dental screenings and cleanings for students in grades K through 12 who are eligible for free and reduced lunches. The school dental program is conducted by a dental hygienist.

Environment

The Environmental Field of Interest Funds seek to ensure that York County's natural resources are protected and preserved now and for future generations. This spring the Foundation awarded \$107,285 towards this goal.

- \$53,025 to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council from the Codorus Watershed Fund for consulting services from Ecostruction Inc., which offers technical assistance and education to landowners and municipalities about best practices for stormwater management and stream restoration and protection.

- \$54,260 to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council from the Energy Conservation Fund for consulting services through Energy Opportunities Inc. to offer energy audits and technical assistance for implementation of energy conservation measures at York County nonprofits, schools and government agencies.
- \$2,000 to Leg Up Farm from the Energy Financing Fund (NRG) to fund legal fees associated with the installation of a 154 kW photovoltaic array for the purpose of producing a net zero energy building.

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.