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**York County Community Foundation Named 2008 *Foundation of the Year*
by Association of Fundraising Professionals**

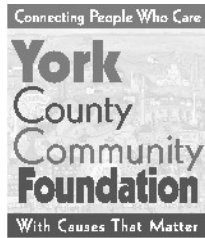
York, PA — The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals has named York County Community Foundation the **2008 Foundation of the Year**. An awards ceremony will take place on National Philanthropy Day, November 17, 2008, in Harrisburg. National Philanthropy Day is a day set aside to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy and those who are active in the philanthropic community.

“We are delighted and flattered to be so honored,” shared Anne W. Kinsley, chair of the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors. “We are only as good as the people and causes that are connected to us, and for this we owe our donors and our community a great deal of gratitude. This is their great community accomplishment. We are proud to celebrate philanthropy every day in York County.”

Each year, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) sponsors an awards program to recognize outstanding philanthropic achievement in a variety of categories. York County Community Foundation was nominated as Foundation of the Year by Rosanna Felix, Vice President for Philanthropy at Lutheran Social Services. This award *honors a private or public foundation that demonstrates outstanding commitment through financial support, and through encouragement and motivation of others to take leadership roles toward philanthropy and community involvement*, according to AFP’s website.

In addition to Foundation of the Year, the Central PA chapter of AFP awards five other awards: Youth of the Year, Corporation of the Year, Fundraising Professional of the Year,

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Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year, and Philanthropist of the Year. For a complete list of this year's winners, visit <http://www.afpcentralpa.com/NPD%20Press%20Room%2008.html>.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) is the leading organization for professionalism in fundraising and has helped thousands of fundraisers to efficiently and ethically raise philanthropic dollars by increasing their fundraising skills and knowledge. AFP represents over 29,000 members in 172 chapters in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and China working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs.

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 nearly \$5 million in 2007 and currently has community assets of nearly \$70 million.