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**Community Foundation's Robert R. Anderson Family Fund
Nears \$1 Million in Grant and Scholarship Awards
*Scholars to be Fêted at Annual Luncheon***

York, PA — The Robert R. Anderson Family Fund, which was started in 1995, is fast approaching the \$1 million mark for grants and scholarships awarded in support of agriculture in York County. In the 15 years that York County Community Foundation has managed the Anderson Fund, the Foundation has awarded \$359,341 in scholarships to 85 students pursuing studies related to agriculture. Another \$540,000 has been awarded in grants to support initiatives such as the Farm and Natural Lands Trust, the *Buy Fresh, Buy Local* Campaign, and the Circuit Rider program, which offers technical assistance to farmers to protect streams on their land.

Each year, \$1,500 Anderson scholarships are available to incoming freshman via the 13 Dollars for Scholars chapters throughout York County. Scholarships are also available for college upperclassmen in their sophomore through senior years of study. Preference will be given to those with financial need. To learn more about the scholarships offered by the Community Foundation, please visit our website at www.yccf.org/scholarships.asp.

In honor of this year's 11 Anderson Scholars, the Community Foundation will hold its annual Anderson Scholars Luncheon on Tuesday, December 21, at noon at the Corporate Center of PeoplesBank on Leaders Heights Rd., York.

The 2010 Anderson Scholars are:

Lauren Deleamar
Connie Fike
Christopher Garner
Amanda Hoffman
Sara Innerst
Emily Kuhn

Jamie Lau
Kate Livingston
Samantha Robinson
Ashley Stacharowski
Rachel Weaver

Anderson Scholarship Requirements:

There are several eligibility requirements for the scholarship. Students must:

- be a full time undergraduate student
- pursue a major in a field of production agriculture or taking agricultural courses
- list their home of record as York County
- maintain 2.5 average

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Robert R. Anderson Fund History:

The Robert R. Anderson Family Fund was created in May of 1995 with a \$1 million gift from the estate of Dr. Isabel Anderson. Before she died, Dr. Anderson, who grew up in Lower Chanceford Township, left a handwritten will empowering her second cousin, Kerr Anderson, to establish a fund to preserve and protect farmland and the farming way of life in York County.

PeoplesBank has generously donated the use of their facility for the luncheon. John Eaton, Jr., Assistant Vice President at PeoplesBank, currently serves on the Anderson Fund Advisory Committee. Larry Miller, President and CEO of PeoplesBank, is the former chair of the committee.

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 \$2.4 million in 2009.