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**York County Community Foundation Announces High-Impact Grant Program
Grants will help York County women age with dignity, independence and health**

YORK, PA – Today at the former Hahn Home for Women, York County Community Foundation announced that one woman’s legacy is funding a new grant program that will help women in York County age with dignity, independence and health. Grants from the new program could be as high as \$175,000 annually. The grant program is funded through the Foundation’s Hahn Home Fund for Women, which came to the Community Foundation in 2007 as an endowment of more than \$7 million from the former Hahn Home for Women, which closed in 2003. The Hahn Home was created through a bequest from Anna Gardner in 1913 to provide a home for single women over age 50 to live out their lives in comfort regardless of finances.

One of the most pressing concerns of aging women is to be able to live independently. According to the York County Area Agency on Aging, there are more than 86,000 adults over the age of 60 in York County. The Hahn Home Program will be a catalyst to create a community where our older residents are well-cared for and can thrive. The new grant program will help create supportive communities to help women, age 55 and older, maintain independent living in their residence of choice. The program also seeks to improve access to services for aging women and caregivers through better communication, education and outreach, and will improve the quality of elder care through education of caregivers and direct care workers.

“We are thrilled that this new grant program will address such a critical need in our community,” says Bill Hartman, president of the Community Foundation. “This program is a shining example of how one person’s legacy can have a profound and lasting affect well into the future.”

“Anna Gardner would truly be amazed at the reach of her legacy,” says Michael Hady, chair of the Hahn Home Advisory Committee and a member of the Foundation’s board of directors. “Nearly a century since Anna Gardner’s commitment to aging women in our community, we are proud to announce this new grant initiative that will sustain her dream for the next century and beyond while continuing to care for the remaining former residents of the Hahn Home.”

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Hahn Home History:

Anna Gardner passed away in 1913 and left a legacy that would improve the lives of aging women in the York Community beyond what she would have ever imagined. In 1958, Anna's dream was realized with the opening of the Hahn Home for Women, named for Anna's maternal grandmother Hahn. The Home was located at 863 South George Street in York.

In 2003, fire forced the temporary closing of the Hahn Home. In the days following the fire, the Board of Directors spent countless hours planning for, and eventually renovating, the home to its previous grandeur as they looked forward to a time when the ladies would return to their life in comfortable residence. But as the renovation continued, they realized that times had changed since Anna Gardner's original dream. With all the other options available for elderly women in our community, it was becoming harder and harder to find ladies who were interested in coming to the Hahn Home. And it became clear that the final five ladies were thriving and very satisfied in their new places of residence. In 2004, the Hahn Home property was sold to Kuhner Associates.

The Board embarked on an in-depth strategic planning process, which led to a broadened vision for the organization: continuing its commitment to caring for the Hahn Home five existing residents... while at the same time helping older women throughout the community age with dignity, independence and health.

In 2007, an agreement with York County Community Foundation was established that transferred more than \$7 million in assets of the Hahn Home to the Community Foundation to create a fund named *The Hahn Home Fund for Women*. Programming for the Fund is administered by the Hahn Home Fund for Women Advisory Committee and supervised by the Board of Directors of the York County Community Foundation.

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Celebrating 50 years of philanthropy in 2011, 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 \$3 million in 2010.