

York County Community Foundation

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York County Community Foundation Office Space Recognized for Earth-friendly Energy and Environmental Design

Event: York County Community Foundation unveils its LEED Silver Certification plaque from the U.S. Green Building Council at a dedication ceremony and reception.

When: Thursday, April 29, 2010
5 p.m.

Where: York County Community Foundation
William T. Wolf Center for Philanthropy
14 W. Market St., York



York County Community Foundation recently achieved **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification** from the U.S. Green Building Council for the green renovation of its office space – the use of regional and recycled materials; low VOC paints, carpets, sealants, and adhesives; low flow faucets and dual flush toilets; Energy Star equipment; and efficient lighting.

“The Community Foundation’s decision to pursue, and achieve, LEED silver certification reflects our core beliefs in improving our community and sustaining our environment,” says Bill Hartman, president of the Foundation. “We wish to be a leadership example of what York County nonprofits can accomplish. Through our Energy Conservation program, nonprofits can explore energy conservation strategies that will have a positive and healthy affect on our community and result in substantial cost savings.”

“LEED certification identifies York County Community Foundation...as a pioneering example of sustainable design and demonstrates your leadership in transforming the building industry,” says S. Richard Fedrizzi, president, CEO, and founding chair of the U.S. Green Building Council.

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York County Community Foundation is taking the lead on encouraging and implementing energy projects to meet LEED certified standards. The Energy Program is responsible for the first six LEED Certified projects in York County and provided assistance to eight of the 11 LEED projects currently certified.

With assistance from the Energy Program, Ferguson Elementary School in the York City School District is the first school in Pennsylvania working toward LEED Platinum certification, the highest level of certification available.

In addition to this event, the Community Foundation is holding a free energy conservation seminar on May 27 from 8-11:30 a.m. Nonprofit and municipal organizations will learn more about how to get technical and financial assistance to implement energy savings strategies in their new or existing buildings. For more information or to register, contact Sandy Aulbach at saulbach@yccf.org or at 717-848-3733.

FACTS about the Energy Program:

- Provided approximately \$250,000 in direct grant funding to more than 40 York County nonprofits.
- 130 nonprofit organizations have been served by the program since 1993.
- More than 90 of these organizations have taken actions to lower their energy costs.
- Total countywide savings currently exceeds \$650,000 annually.
- Cumulative countywide savings since the program began exceeds \$5 million to date through 2008.
- Projected energy savings over the life of the energy projects is greater than \$7 million.
- Projected savings result in a 99% internal rate of return on annual savings net of program expenditures.
- The total cost to install the energy saving measures exceeds \$2 million - money that was invested in the local economy.
- The program has received state and national recognition, including an Award for Innovation from the U.S. Department of Energy and the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.
- Clearview Elementary School, Hanover Area School District was one of five projects representing the United States at the 2002 International Green Building Challenge in Oslo, Norway.
- Southern York County Library received Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence.

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization committed to enhancing and preserving the quality of life in York County. By understanding the needs of our communities and working with donors to make high impact grants, we provide the leadership to strengthen our community now and for generations to come. York County Community Foundation granted \$2.4 million in 2009.