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**YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CHANGES
TO GRANTMAKING PROGRAM**

Focus on strengthening the safety net for York County's nonprofits

York, PA — York County Community Foundation has adapted its discretionary grantmaking program for 2009 in an effort to meet the most pressing needs of York's nonprofit organizations in today's difficult economy. The move was announced today at a series of Community Information Sessions held at the Foundation.

Beginning in 2009, Nonprofit Community Investment Fund (NCIF) grants will be awarded for core services only in order to strengthen the safety net for York County's nonprofit organizations. Funding for new programs will not be granted; rather, the focus will be on providing funding to support existing programs and to help fund the staff necessary to deliver services to clients. The NCIF program is the only competitive grants program at the Community Foundation that is affected by these changes.

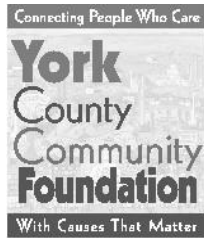
In addition, funding and advice are available for small nonprofits that may be forced to merge with established, more stable nonprofit organizations in an effort to preserve programs through consolidation. Funding will also be available for nonprofit collaboration where two or more agencies might operate more efficiently and eliminate duplicated core services.

"The economic downturn has inevitably caused some nonprofits to wonder how they are going to keep their doors open," said Bryan Tate, Vice President for Community Investment. "Our hope is that our new program will help ensure the vitality of our nonprofits for the benefit of York County."

In 2009, \$100,000 will be made available from the Nonprofit Community Investment Fund for core service grants. The Community Foundation is also reaching out to donors to leverage additional funds to match the Nonprofit Community Investment Fund allowing for additional core service grants.

Some of the other changes to the NCIF program include a bi-monthly "fast track" grant approval for needed support during this time of economic uncertainty. Each organization will be allowed one application, but the maximum available to each nonprofit will increase from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

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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.