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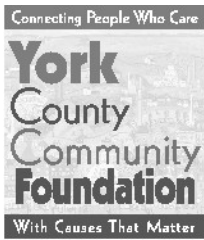
**YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW  
GRANTMAKING STRATEGY**

**YORK, PA** –York County Community Foundation has announced major changes to its grantmaking programs that will affect area nonprofits that wish to apply for and receive grants from the Community Foundation. These changes will take effect January 1, 2008. Representatives from area nonprofits gathered at the Community Foundation to learn how these changes apply to their organizations.

“The changes to our grantmaking programs will offer greater flexibility for the Community Foundation to respond to and identify community need,” said York County Community Foundation President Susan Barry. “Our main goal is to best serve the nonprofit community, which provides incredible support throughout York County,” Barry stated. Key changes include replacing some grant programs with new ones. In particular, the newly created general grants program features a year-long rolling application process. Other changes will cap some funds in five years and let others grow.

One major new grant area is the Nonprofit Community Investment Fund, which will increase by \$5,000 annually for five years until it is capped at \$100,000. “One of the goals of our new grantmaking strategy is to broaden our opportunities to help nonprofits improve our community,” said Bryan Tate, Vice President for Community Investment. “Nonprofits will now be able to apply their funds toward program services, management, and governance, which will help solidify their abilities to affect change. In the past, organizations were only permitted to apply for grants that created collaborations or impacted a nonprofit’s own effectiveness,” Tate explained.

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In addition to capacity building, new grant areas include community building and neighborhood building grants, which would provide resources to organizations focusing on strengthening services to York Countians and addressing community need.

For more information on the new grantmaking strategy at York County Community Foundation, please visit us online at <http://www.yccf.org> and click on *Receive*.

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is a permanent community endowment — built by gifts from individuals, families, organizations and businesses — dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all of York County’s citizens now and for generations to come. York County Community Foundation has community assets of more than \$70 million.

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