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JANE CONOVER TO LEAD YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY INVESTMENT INITIATIVES

York, PA — York County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Jane Conover will join the Community Foundation staff as the new Vice President of Community Investment effective March 1. Conover replaces Bryan Tate, who became Vice President of Philanthropy in November, 2009.

In her new role, Conover will oversee grantmaking programs and special initiatives within the community. She will work closely with the President and CEO of the Community Foundation, as well as with its Board of Directors and Distribution Committee, to set the strategic direction for programs and grantmaking services. Conover will also evaluate the outcomes of these programs based on community needs.

“Jane is a proven leader of successful community improvement initiatives and we could not be more pleased to have someone with her experience join the Community Foundation,” says Bill Hartman, president of the Foundation. “We know she will be an outstanding addition to the management team.”

Conover most recently was Chief Community Officer at the YWCA of York, where she played a key role in growing that organization into a thriving, multi-million dollar nonprofit agency. She helped secure and manage more than \$3 million for the Elm Street Project, a community revitalization project in York City. In addition, Conover facilitated the merger of two nonprofit organizations into the YWCA of York, effectively restructuring staff positions, managing office relocations, and ensuring the ongoing success of programmatic initiatives.

“I am excited to bring my skills to the Community Foundation,” says Conover. “I am a strong advocate of community involvement, improvement, and innovation, and the Foundation, as a trusted member of the York community, presents me with the opportunity to help initiate broad, positive change throughout York County.”

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Prior to working in York, Conover was Housing Director at the Citizens Planning and Housing Association in Baltimore, MD. She also was a caseworker, and a housing counselor for a variety of agencies in Baltimore and Erie, PA. Conover holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and a Bachelors in Finance from Fairfield University in Connecticut.

Conover currently serves on a number of boards and as board vice president for the Pennsylvania Downtown Center. She was a 2007 York Federal Fellow through the Community Foundation, and she represented the YWCA of York at the 2007 World YWCA Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is a philanthropic organization dedicated 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 \$3.16 million in 2009.