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**YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS FELLOWSHIPS
TO COMMUNITY LEADERS**

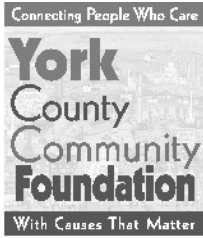
York, PA__ York County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of six community leaders who received fellowships of \$6,000 each to complete professional and personal leadership development.

The **York Federal Foundation Fund** of the Community Foundation launched the *York Federal Fellows Program in Nonprofit Community Leadership* two years ago. This initiative allows leaders in the community to break new ground, learn new skills, and experiment with new approaches for leadership and professional development.

In addition to the self-directed experience, Fellows will commit to a retreat and meetings throughout their Fellowship year. The group will have access to a professional facilitator and will brainstorm on ideas to improve the local nonprofit sector. The Fellows Program will provide financial resources to implement the ideas that come out of these sessions.

The candidates were selected by a committee including Robert W. Pullo, Chair of the York Federal Foundation; Donald Gogniat, former campus executive for Penn State York; William Kerlin, The Graham Companies; and Judy Simpson, immediate past chairwoman, Women's Giving Circle.

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- **Julie Aiken, York Little Theatre, Inc.**, will attend a retreat in Arizona to study stress-reduction and effective focusing techniques, and will also travel to visit theatres with diverse youth outreach programs.
- **Carolyn Friend, AHEAD**, will attend the UCLA Anderson School of Management – African American Leadership Training Institute. While in California, she will also explore the state and write.
- **Michael Hady, Memorial Hospital**, will attend the Harvard University Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management, the Servant Leadership International Conference, and prepare for a marathon.
- **Gwenyth Loose, York County Rail Trail Authority**, will write a book featuring women leaders in the Appalachian Trail community. As part of the preparation for this book, she will participate in an Appalachian Trail outdoor experience.
- **Michael Lowe, York City School District**, will participate in the Leadership York Leadership Training Program and the Harvard Principal Institute.
- **Debra Stock, YWCA of York**, will attend Harvard Business School’s Governing for Nonprofit Excellence, which will examine issues of critical concern to board leaders. She will also attend the Democratic National Convention, and will attend a taping of the Oprah Winfrey show.

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.