

**For Immediate Release: Great Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce awards
Chester County Foundation the Non Profit of the Year award**

Chester County, PA - (February 17 2010): The Chester County Community Foundation has been named the Nonprofit of the Year by the Great Valley Chamber of Commerce. The prestigious award is presented to a non-profit organization that works directly with the Great Valley and surrounding communities through programs, information resources, employment or other partnerships. The winners are selected on criteria based on outstanding achievement and involvement in the Great Valley community. Other honorees chosen by the Chamber include Donna Phillips, President of Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital and Affiliates, Businesswoman of the Year; Ron Anderson, President and CEO Malvern Federal Savings Bank, Businessman of the Year; and Forcine Concrete & Construction Company, Small Business of the Year.

Foundation chairman, Lou Teti, Esq., of MacElree Harvey Ltd., will accept the award at the Chamber's Twentieth Annual Profile Awards Dinner on March 9, 2010.

Karen A. Simmons, President and CEO of the Community Foundation notes: "We are honored to receive this award. The Chester County Community Foundation connects people who care with the causes that matter, so their legacies can make a difference forever. People from all walks of life can create or contribute to lasting charitable funds through us. It is our hope at the Foundation that others will feel inspired by this award and, in kind, will create their own charitable legacy in Chester County."

The Chester County Community Foundation was established in 1994 to inspire and encourage people from all walks of life to create lasting philanthropic charitable legacies. The Community Foundation holds in trust 300 funds whose value exceeds \$25 million. Over the past year the Foundation distributed \$1.6 million in grants to nonprofit charities.

GVRCC is the area's leading business association for innovative enterprise and is an issue-driven organization that represents the needs and concerns of its business community. Since its inception in 1989, the Great Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce has become one of the most rapidly growing chambers in the region. The Chamber represents companies along the Route 202 corridor from King of Prussia to Exton. Within this geographic area, otherwise known as the Great Valley, businesses that comprise the area are high technology, biotechnology and growth companies that have found this area to be one of the nation's premier locations for business development.

