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**CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTS NEW BOARD  
CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBERS**

**West Chester, PA - (July 1 2010):** Michael B. Karwic of Elverson has been named the incoming Foundation Board Chair. In 2000, Karwic first volunteered his services at the Chester County Community Foundation's affiliate program, Chester County Futures. Since then, his work expanded to Community Foundation's Investment Committee and then the Marketing Committee.

In 2006, Karwic was awarded the Community Foundation's "Door Opener" Award, which is bestowed on a professional advisor who consistently raises the philanthropy option with their clients. Resolving to introduce one person weekly to the Community Foundation, he surpassed his goal by hosting a Ben & Jerry's reception attended by 350 Community Foundation guests. An energetic ambassador for philanthropy, he consistently asks clients to consider how philanthropy fits into their life plan.

As a financial planner at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in West Chester, his professional niche is helping clients deal rationally and responsibly with a sudden influx of wealth. Together, they incorporate philanthropic, financial and lifestyle goals into a comprehensive, fulfilling strategy. Karwic holds MBA and B.S. degrees from Penn State University and holds Certified Financial Planner and Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor designations. He is a member of the Financial Planning Association of Philadelphia's Pro Bono Committee. Civically, he is also an Advisory Committee member for the Devereux Foundation's Kanner Center. A Connecticut native, Michael lives with wife Amanda and their three children in an 1833 schoolhouse in Elverson.

In addition, four new members have joined the Foundation's Board. Frank Brewer of Douglassville, David M. Frees, III, Esq. of Phoenixville, Dr. James A. Orsini of Unionville, and Dr. Greg R. Weisenstein of West Chester, begin their board service in July.

**Frank Brewer** is President and Founder of Security Services & Technologies (SST), one of the premiere security integrators in the United States. In 1998, Mr. Brewer was voted as one of the top 40 Philadelphia business leaders under 40 years of age. After being selected as a finalist for Ernst &

Young's 2000 Entrepreneur of the Year award, Frank was subsequently awarded the title of Entrepreneur of the Year in 2001. Brewer is a Chester County native. A large part of Brewer's philosophy for creating success involves giving, and he and his wife Lori started the Clay-Mir Foundation at the CCCF in 2002. Named after their two children, Clayton and Miranda, the foundation focuses on aiding under-privileged children and the elderly. The family resides in Douglassville.

*David M. Frees III, Esq.* is an estate planning attorney, author, internationally known speaker and seminar presenter. By the age of 23, he had visited all fifty states, lived in and studied in four countries and started two businesses. He attended school in New Zealand, Australia, and Great Britain and received his Bachelor's degree from Dickinson College and law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. A partner of the law firm of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, he has offices in West Chester, Malvern and Phoenixville. As head of the firm's Trust and Estate section, his practice focuses on planned giving, asset protection, and estate and tax planning and administration. Frees is also Chairman of Success Technologies, Inc., which organizes his international corporate, charity and political speaking engagements. The Frees Family Foundation was formed in 1998 at the Chester County Community Foundation. The family resides in Phoenixville.

*Dr. James A. Orsini* is a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania and Associate Professor of Surgery in the School of Veterinary Medicine, New Bolton Center. As Director of the International Equine Conference on Laminitis and Diseases of the Foot, he annually orchestrates innovative educational conferences to promote research on laminitis. He has served as Chair of the Board of the United Way of Southern Chester County and has headed its Endowment Committee. He currently chairs the After the Bell program for the Kennett After School Association, and serves as a Board Member for the Thoroughbred Charities of America. Jim is also fund advisor for the Spot Castle Foundation at CCCF. Jim and his wife Toni live in Unionville.

*Dr. Greg R. Weisenstein* was named president of West Chester University of Pennsylvania in December 2008. He is a member of the Grand Forks Chamber Board and the Board of Trustees of American College of Norway in Moss, Norway and also served two terms as an elected school board president. In addition to serving on presidential advisory committees under Presidents Carter, Reagan and George H.W. Bush, he also was among three education deans selected to discuss national education policy with President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush in the White House in 2002. He and his wife, Sandra, reside in West Chester.

Foundation President/CEO Karen Simmons notes, "The Foundation will continue to thrive under Michael's leadership and we welcome the newest board members. Their diverse backgrounds will enrich our organization and continue to spread the word throughout Chester County, encouraging community involvement and legacy giving. We connect people who care with causes that matter, so their legacies can make a difference in Chester County."

Headquartered in downtown West Chester, the Community Foundation leads, inspires and encourages all individuals and organizations to create or contribute to lasting philanthropic charitable legacies. The Community Foundation helps more than 300 individuals, families and nonprofits who want to give something back to their community forever, by managing their charitable legacy giving effectively. For further information, contact [www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org) or 610/696-8211.

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