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Let Your Legacy Make A Difference – Philanthropy Award Nominees Sought

Chester County, PA – The Chester County Community Foundation is looking for outstanding Chester County citizens who have made a notable effort to improve the communities where they live, work and play. The Foundation seeks nominations of these individuals for its Legacy Awards in five categories of philanthropy.

Philanthropy is defined as “active efforts to promote human welfare as manifested in donations of money, property, or work to needy persons or to socially useful purposes.” Legacy philanthropists give of their own time and resources, as well as inspire others to give for the long run.

Each Legacy Award reflects a unique aspect of the Community Foundation’s mission, which is to increase legacy philanthropy throughout Chester County. Emphasis is placed on those who help create and grow legacy endowments to secure the long-term viability of financing for charitable causes. All award winners and grantees must demonstrate a strong commitment to Chester County legacy philanthropy.

Nominations should be submitted by July 1 to the Chester County Community Foundation. The award recipients will be announced on October 12 at the 2010 Legacy Awards event. Each award carries a stipend that is donated to the charity of the winner’s choice.

1-The Jordan Award honors a lifetime of exemplary philanthropic leadership. Philanthropic involvement must be broad in scope, leading to significant accomplishments that ultimately make a real difference in improving the quality of life in Chester County. Jordan Award winners give generously of their own time and resources, but equally important is their ability to inspire others to think philanthropically and give charitably. Previous Jordan Award winners include Robert and Jennifer McNeil of Coatesville, Carol Ware Gates of Oxford, Eva L. Verplanck, Ph.D. of Kennett Square, Moira and Kenneth Mumma of Chester Springs, David M. Frees Jr. of Phoenixville, Penelope “Penny” Wilson of Malvern, Charles L. “Skip” Huston of Chester Springs, Aaron J. Martin of Kennett Square, Gordon B. Hattersley Jr. of Berwyn, and Elizabeth R. Moran of Paoli.

2-The Thanks For Caring Award spotlights neighborhood organizers who work at a grassroots level to promote local causes by giving time, talent and treasure, as well as recruiting others to support the causes. Previous winners include Rev. Marie Swayze of Phoenixville, Peg Anderson of West Chester, James Ferrier of West Chester, Joan Holliday of Kennett Square, Don Coppedge of Phoenixville, and Marvin & Shirley Porter of the East End Neighborhood Association in West Chester.

3-The Youth Philanthropy Award honors young, emerging philanthropists under age 21, who give time, talent and treasure, and inspire others to give. Previous winners include Anne Hawkins, the Phoenixville Youth Philanthropy Initiative and West Chester University “Relay for Life.”

4-The Corporate Social Investment Award is given to a corporation which demonstrates sound principles of business leadership and helps it’s community prosper by consistently supporting local charities. Previous winners include Jeff March of Citadel Federal Credit, J.M. Herr of Herr Foods, Angelo & Rose Rossi of ANRO, Richard Kunsch of Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust, and Peter Kjellerup and Mandy Cabot of Dansko in Jennersville.

5-The Door Opener Award is given to a professional advisor who takes the initiative to bring legacy philanthropy options to the attention of their clients for their consideration. Past recipients include The Honorable Clifford DeBaptiste, John A. Featherman, David M. Frees III, Esq. and Michael B. Karwic.

Legacy Awards are bestowed annually when nominees of sufficient caliber are made known to the Community Foundation’s Grants/Awards Committee. The Legacy Award Nomination Form is available at www.chescocf.org, or by contacting info@chescocf.org or 610 696-8211. Nominations must be submitted to the Foundation by **July 1**. E-mail submissions are strongly encouraged. If necessary, hardcopy nominations can be mailed to the Community Foundation at 28 West Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382.

Founded in 1994 and located in downtown West Chester, the Chester County Community Foundation strives to make Chester County a better place to live, work and play. The Foundation manages Family Foundations, Business Foundations, Field of Interest Funds, Donor Advised Funds, Memorial Funds, Scholarship Funds and Nonprofit Endowments. The Foundation holds over \$25 million in trust and by administering funds helps more than 300 individuals, families and nonprofits who want to provide a charitable legacy for their community forever. Last year, The Community Foundation awarded about \$1.5 million in grants and scholarships. For more information about the Chester County Community Foundation, visit www.chescocf.org or call (610) 696-8211.