

**For Immediate Release**

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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 awards in four categories of philanthropy.

Nominations should be submitted by July 1 to the Chester County Community Foundation. The award recipients will be announced on October 11 at the Legacy Awards event. Each award carries a stipend that is donated to the charity of the winner's choice.

The five Legacy Awards each reflect a unique aspect of the Community Foundation's mission, which is to increase legacy philanthropy throughout Chester County.

**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, Eva L. Verplanck of Kennett Square, Carol Ware Gates of Oxford, Elizabeth R. Moran of Paoli, Gordon B. Hattersley Jr. of Berwyn, Aaron J. Martin of Kennett Square, Charles L. "Skip" Huston of Chester Springs, Penelope "Penny" Wilson of Malvern, and David Frees of Phoenixville.

**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 the causes. Previous winners include Rev. Marie Swayze of Phoenixville, Peg Anderson 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 35, who give time, talent and treasure, and inspire others to give. Previous winners include 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 its community prosper by consistently supporting local charities. Previous winners include Jeff March of Citadel Federal Credit, Jim Herr of Herr Foods, 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 to the attention of their clients. Previous recipients include Clifford DeBaptiste, Michael B. Karwic, and John A. Featherman.

The Let Your Legacy Make a Difference Nomination Form is available at [www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org), or by contacting [info@chescocf.org](mailto: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, Memorials 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](http://www.chescocf.org) or call (610) 696-8211.