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Join SACF in Celebrating 50 Years of Charitable Giving

January marks the start of Schuylkill Area Community Foundation's (SACF) 50th Anniversary Celebration. We are truly grateful for the opportunity to support the charitable work of our wonderful donors who serve so many people throughout Schuylkill County. Since 1967, it is you – our fund holders, donors, professional advisors, and community partners – who are the greatest measure of our success!

In honor of this significant milestone in the history of the Community Foundation, we are launching a program to raise \$50,000 to increase our grantmaking capacity to support the nonprofit organizations in Schuylkill County. You are invited to join the Circles of Giving by making a contribution to the Golden Circle or Community Circle! Every dollar will directly impact programs or projects submitted through the Foundation's grant cycle which opens on January 1 and concludes March 15. The grant process, eligibility, and application are available at www.sacfoundation.com.

"The program has two levels – the Golden Circle is a giving level of \$1,000 and above; the Community Circle is a giving level of \$5 up to \$999. Every dollar makes an impact within this program," said Eileen Kuperavage, Executive Director. "At this time, \$27,000 has been pledged to kick off the Circle of Giving, and with your donation we will reach our goal to provide greater funding opportunities for the nonprofit community this year as we celebrate 50 years of charitable giving." The Golden Circle donors are listed in the order the pledge has been received, and will be updated as additional donors contact the office: Sonric Associates, Herman Yudacufski Charitable Foundation, Dunkin Donuts, Mrs. T's, PPL Foundation, Branch Banking & Trust Company (BB&T), M & T Charitable Foundation, and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Purcell.

In the last fifty years, the endowment funds awarded \$7,563,987 in grants and scholarships to nonprofit organizations and students. We encourage you to be a part of this celebration! Checks are made payable to SACF, mailing address is 216 S. Centre Street, Pottsville, PA 17901 or contact Eileen at the SACF office at 570-624-7223 or ekuperavage@verizon.net for more information.