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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WEEK CELEBRATES GIVING IN SCHUYLKILL COUNTY

(Schuylkill Haven) –Schuylkill Area Community Foundation will join more than 700 community foundations across the country for Community Foundation Week, November 11–17, to celebrate local charitable giving.

Community Foundation Week began in 1989 with a proclamation from former President George H.W. Bush and a congressional briefing on community foundation activities. The observance has raised awareness of community foundations’ charitable activities and services to donors seeking to maximize their philanthropic dollars.

With assets of approximately \$44.8 billion, community foundations are one of the fastest growing sectors of philanthropy in the United States today. In 2005, community foundations gave \$3.2 billion to a wide variety of nonprofit activities, including urban affairs, the arts, education, environmental projects, health and disaster relief. Community foundations received an estimated \$5.6 billion in gifts in 2005, a 34 percent increase over the previous year’s \$4.2 billion total.

“Donors of all kinds find that community foundations are an ideal vehicle for their philanthropy, offering people the opportunity to give back to the community,” said Eileen Kuperavage, Executive Director for Schuylkill Area Community Foundation. “Their strength and ingenuity have put them in financial positions that better serve their communities.”

Community foundations have far-reaching benefits for anyone interested in philanthropy. They are located throughout the nation and offer their services to all donors, including those of modest means. “Community foundations are at the heart of our cities and towns. We know the places of need in our area, and we can direct resources to solve those problems or create new opportunities,” said Kuperavage. “Here at Schuylkill Area Community Foundation, donors can be assured that their contributions will be managed, invested and distributed according to their wishes.”

As we mark our 40th year of service in Schuylkill County, we are humbled by your generous support and philanthropy as demonstrated by continued growth and achievement of your Community Foundation. Together we have accumulated assets exceeding \$11,000,000. For more information please visit us on the web at www.sacfoundation.com or contact our office at (570) 385-4180.

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