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**Anonymous Donor Supports the Pottsville Free Public Library**

Pottsville – The Schuylkill Area Community Foundation presented a check from an anonymous donor to the Pottsville Free Public Library for the Ashland *Daily News* Project. The newspaper will be microfilmed by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Project as part of an ongoing statewide project.

The first set will comprise the period of January 2, 1926 - August 8, 1938 and the second set of microfilm reels will include August 9, 1938 through 1950, according to Becki White, Reference Librarian at the Pottsville Free Public Library.

The Pottsville Free Public Library has a tradition of building a strong, publicly available genealogy and local history collection to serve all of Schuylkill County. Copies of the entire run of *Pottsville Republican* newspaper were purchased on microfilm in the late 1990s and the collection continues to grow as the newspaper is published. In 2006 the Library was able to obtain donations that allowed us to purchase a large collection of the Shenandoah *Evening Herald* newspaper on microfilm, covering May 1891 through December 1980.

These newspapers on microfilm are by residents of Schuylkill County, people from Pennsylvania and from around the country. Genealogy research is a very popular hobby, and many people travel to Schuylkill County specifically to use the newspaper collections and other genealogical materials at the Pottsville Free Public Library.

“ We are proud to serve Schuylkill County and work with the wonderful nonprofit organizations within our communities”, stated Eileen Kuperavage, Executive Director for the Community Foundation. “In 2007, our assets exceeded \$11 Million, we now manage 107 funds and awarded over \$320,000 in grants and scholarships. Through the diligence of the Board of Directors, staff and generous donors of this area, we are making an impact in Schuylkill County”, said Kuperavage.

Please feel free to contact our Pottsville office at (570) 624-7223 if you are interested in learning more about our services or to receive a copy of the 2007 Annual Report ~ 40 Years of Community Growth through Philanthropy. You may also access the report online at [www.sacfoundation.com](http://www.sacfoundation.com).

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