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The James J. and Mary Edith Rhoades Scholarship Fund

On behalf of the Rhoades Family and Schuylkill Area Community Foundation (SACF), it is my privilege to announce that the scholarship fund has been established at the Community Foundation. "We are so happy to offer this annual scholarship with the support of the Foundation and all of our friends. Education was the cornerstone of my husband's personal and professional life. He was always trying to help kids better themselves by supporting, creating, and developing programs to enhance their learning capabilities. This scholarship is our small way to continue his work and to "pay it forward" as he did through his life," stated Mary Edith Rhoades.

"And working with SACF has been great. The process of administering a scholarship is daunting and we are delighted by the great participation we've experienced. The partnership with SACF has made things work smoothly, and we are thrilled to work with the community foundation as we develop our scholarship program. We're very excited about the future of the scholarship and expect it to grow so we can offer more each year."

The purpose of the Fund is to award annual scholarships to qualified Schuylkill County High School seniors planning to further their education. The criteria and application will be posted online at www.rhoadesfoundation.com and www.sacfoundation.com.

The 2011 scholarship recipients are:

Kelly Derbes - Pottsville Area High School

Sara Pisak - Marian Catholic High School

Shelby Weikel - North Schuylkill High School

About the Community Foundation

The Schuylkill Area Community Foundation is a charitable nonprofit organization that works to strengthen and promote philanthropy in Schuylkill County. Since 1967, area residents have been turning to the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible.

What makes a difference in your life? Is it knowing that your children or grandchildren are safe and participating in a community sports program? Is it the local musical or

artistic programs that help keep you both educated and entertained? Is it the services that meet your health needs or your educational dreams? Is it the realization that the needs of those less fortunate are being met?

It all makes a difference. That is the founding philosophy of the Community Foundation. We know that people working together do make a difference, for ourselves, our neighbors and our whole community. A strong Community Foundation is one of the best investments we can make to ensure a better quality of life for all of us. The Community Foundation is our legacy for the future.

Please feel free to contact our Pottsville office at (570) 624-7223 if you are interested in making a donation or learning more about our services. You can view the 2010 Annual Report on our web site at sacfoundation.com.

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