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**FIRST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES  
APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – The Board of Directors of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania, a regional community foundation with affiliates in Lycoming County, Montour County and Union County, is pleased to announce that Suzanne H. Lee has accepted the position of president & chief executive officer of the foundation. Lee will leave her current position as president of the Community Foundation of the Elmira-Corning Area & the Finger Lakes, Inc. in time to begin her duties at the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania on January 2, 2008. She and her family will relocate to the area from Elmira, NY.

Lee was selected after a nation-wide search led by Foundation board director Dr. Davie Gilmour, president of the Pennsylvania College of Technology. Gilmour commented, “We were extremely pleased with the quality of candidates who expressed interest in this position. The search was highly competitive. Our candidate interviews brought us individuals who not only met the qualifications, but who had both proven experience and knowledge of community foundations. Suzanne brings incredible energy and personal strengths to this position; she will bring a level of professionalism and integrity to the foundation that will provide leadership, vision and direction for our resources and the greater community. I am excited to see the opportunities unfold under her leadership.”

Lee led the Community Foundation of the Elmira-Corning Area & the Finger Lakes, Inc. from 1994 to the present. During that time, the foundation grew from assets of \$2.2 million to its present-day asset value of over \$40 million in endowed funds. Lee led the foundation’s transition from a volunteer-directed organization to a professionally managed community foundation that grants approximately \$1 million to the

community each year. She was instrumental in establishing a youth in philanthropy program, a grant program in which youth representatives learn about philanthropy by making grant recommendations to the foundation.

In addition to her work with the community foundation in Elmira, Lee serves as board president for Elmira Downtown Development, a nonprofit organization that works to revitalize the central business district of the city. She is a former board director for the Institute for Human Services, an organization that provides support and information to assist service providers in the southern tier of New York State. Lee is a past board director of both the Orchestra of the Southern Finger Lakes, and the Elmira Country Club.

Lee holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA. She and her husband, Cole, have one daughter, Elizabeth, at home.

Lee commented, "I believe you can tell an organization's competency by how it leads its search. I was deeply impressed by this Foundation's open and thoughtful process, and it made me want to work here. I'm really looking forward to working for this community. It is a privilege that I don't take lightly."

First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania board chair Robert More commented, "We are pleased to welcome Suzanne and her family to our community. The board directors have great confidence in Suzanne's experience, and her knowledge of community foundations."

The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania has three affiliates: the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation, the Danville Area Community Foundation and the Union County Community Foundation. The Foundation maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, investment partners, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area. For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office toll free at (866) 901-2372.

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