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**DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES CREATION OF
THE RECHSTEINER FAMILY FUND; FUND WILL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS TO
STUDENTS IN PERPETUITY**

DANVILLE, PA – A new fund established at the Danville Area Community Foundation (DACF) will award scholarships to two graduating Danville Area High School seniors pursuing a degree in education or science. The Rechsteiner Family Fund will award one scholarship to a student majoring in education and one scholarship to a student majoring in the field of science; the scholarships will be renewable for a total of up to four years.

Mrs. Doris Rechsteiner and her family have established the Rechsteiner Family Fund at the community foundation. Many people in the county are familiar with Mrs. Rechsteiner, because she taught the first public kindergarten in the Danville Area School District. She taught kindergarten at the district for twenty years, before retiring in 1980. In addition to her teaching career, Mrs. Rechsteiner has been active in many community organizations, including the Hemlock Girl Scout Council, the Delta Gamma sorority at Bucknell University, and the Danville Community Players. She has also been a volunteer for youth programs at her church. Her late husband, Charles “Chuck” Rechsteiner, worked as a microbiologist and production manager for Merck for thirty-two years.

With the Rechsteiner Family Fund, Mrs. Rechsteiner honors her family – past, present and future – and passes down her family’s tradition of philanthropy. Before creating the fund, she says, “I talked it over with the family, and they decided a scholarship fund was a wonderful thing to do.”

Mrs. Rechsteiner hopes others will consider gifts to create funds that will benefit the community in perpetuity. She believes that the only way to grow a community is to foster a spirit of

volunteerism and service to others. She advises, “No matter what you do, start building a fund someplace – the Community Foundation is the place to do this. If you give back while you are living, you can see the difference your gift makes.”

Randy May, Chairman of the Danville Area Community Foundation, commented, “We are pleased and honored that Mrs. Rechsteiner chose to establish her family’s community legacy with us. Just as she has touched the lives of so many Danville area graduates through her teaching, the fund Mrs. Rechsteiner and her family have created will benefit countless generations of future students.”

The Danville Area Community Foundation (DACF) is an affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. Created by a group of area residents in 1999, the Foundation has a community-based Advisory Board that guides the focus and direction of the organization. The Foundation helps donors build endowed funds to benefit the community. Income from the endowed funds provides scholarships for students and grant awards to nonprofit charitable organizations to aid them in their work.

The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania 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, trustee banks and investment managers, 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 at (570) 321-1500 or toll free at (866) 901-2372.

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