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**IT'S OFFICIAL! UNION COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (UCCF)
AFFILIATION WITH FIRST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PENNSYLVANIA**

WILLIAMSPORT, PA – Officials with the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania (FCFPA) announced today that the affiliation of the Union County Community Foundation (UCCF) with the FCFPA has been formalized. Approval has been received from Pennsylvania's Corporation Bureau for the affiliation, which has been pending since the Directors of the UCCF signed a letter of intent to affiliate in 2004.

“We are extremely pleased to officially welcome the Union County Community Foundation into the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania family. This is a step forward for philanthropy in Union County, and a great endorsement of the services offered by the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. In a very short period of time, the Union County Community Foundation has gone from an all-volunteer organization to one that has a full-time staff ready to assist professional advisors and their clients. It is a challenge for volunteers, with their own careers and lives going on, to perform the daily administrative tasks inherent in community foundation work. We are ready to assist the Union County Community Foundation to grow to its full potential,” commented Frank J. Concino, Jr., President & CEO of the FCFPA.

“Not only do we have experienced community foundation staff working for us, because of the size of the funds held by the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania, we have access to additional regional and national funds management capabilities. This will allow us to make a greater community impact with donor dollars over the course of time,” said Jeffrey Mensch, Chairman of the UCCF Advisory Board.

Areas of administration that will be handled by FCFPA staff include accounting and reporting requirements, investment oversight of funds, and program services.

Through the affiliation, the UCCF also offers an array of donor services. The professional staff at the Foundation can assist donors in establishing funds to benefit the causes they care about. Donors may create funds to benefit the unrestricted grantmaking of the UCCF, or they can create donor advised funds to make recommendations on which projects are funded. Other giving options available to donors include the option to designate funds to benefit broad fields of interest, to benefit a particular community agency, or to fund scholarships. Donors also have the option of creating permanent, named funds.

Another donor service that the Foundation can provide is management of agency endowments. Several local agencies have already established endowments with the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation and with the Danville Area Community Foundation.

The UCCF's Board of Directors will continue to serve as an Advisory Board for the new affiliate. The Advisory Board will guide the UCCF grant process and determine the focus of the affiliate. FCFPA's program staff will provide due diligence for grants to nonprofit organizations.

Formed in 2004, the FCFPA is a regional community foundation that provides services to donors in Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania. Foundation staff can assist donors in accomplishing their philanthropic goals through a number of giving tools. The Foundation can accept gifts of cash, securities, and can assist donors and their professional advisors in structuring a gift that ensures a permanent community legacy. Gifts made to the Foundation and its affiliates are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania has two other affiliates: its founding affiliate, the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation, and the Danville Area Community Foundation, which became an affiliate in 1999. 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. FCFPA 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 (866) 901-2372.

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