

## CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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### **Recognizing the Impact of Community Foundations**

### **Central Susquehanna Community Foundation Participates in National Effort to Highlight Local Philanthropy**

Berwick, PA – Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (CSCF) joins more than 780 community foundations across America celebrating Community Foundation Week, November 12-18, 2017. For 28 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

Leading up to this week, we have celebrated across our region with several events awarding grants to local nonprofits. The Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program also held its kick-off this week by engaging high school students in learning about community giving and the importance of participating in philanthropy.

"Community foundations impact lives, solve problems, and improve futures," said Dr. M. Holly Morrison, CSCF President and CEO. "We are more determined than ever to bring our community partners together to find effective solutions for some of our most challenging social problems and advance the most promising of opportunities to benefit our residents."

Community foundations are independent, public entities that steward philanthropic resources from individual and institutional donors to local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities. Together with our affiliates, Berwick Health & Wellness Fund, Danville Area Community Foundation, Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation, Sunbury Area Community Foundation, and individual donors and fund holders, CSCF invests more than \$2.2 million annually in grants. Examples of these grants include providing youth programming and technology at local libraries including McBride Memorial Library, Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, and Degenstein Community Library; recreational and educational programs at the Regional Engagement Center in Selinsgrove, Danville Area Community Center and Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center; weekend food programs through AGAPE and A Community Clinic; access to oral health services at the Dental Health Clinic, Berwick, and Susquehanna River Valley Dental Health Clinic, Sunbury; providing medical care to the uninsured at A Community Clinic and Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic; investing in swim programs through the Spreading Antlers Children's Foundation and Berwick YMCA; helping to break the cycle of domestic violence by partnering with Beyond Violence; providing vision screening programs through Central Susquehanna Sight Services; and providing grants to the Nurse-Family Partnership program which transforms the lives of vulnerable first-time moms and their babies.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation-large and small, urban and rural-working to advance solutions on a wide range of social issues.

Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation manages more than 240 charitable funds and makes grant investments throughout the region to improve the quality of life in the Central Susquehanna area. Central Susquehanna partners with regional affiliates including the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund, Danville Area Community Foundation, Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation and the Sunbury Area Community Foundation. Together with our affiliates, we award more than \$2.2 million annually across the region. For more information, visit [www.cs giving.org](http://www.cs giving.org), or call the Foundation at 1-866-454-6692.

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