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### **Shamokin Area Establishes Education Foundation at Community Foundation**

Shamokin— The Shamokin Area Education Foundation (SAEF) has recently been established through a partnership with the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation and Shamokin Area School District. The purpose of the Shamokin Area Education Foundation is to raise funds to promote, enhance and supplement educational programs and activities for the benefit of the Shamokin Area School District, students and community.

The group will receive administrative support from the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation which will also manage and invest the funds.

“I’m excited to work together with these individuals from the community and school staff to do even more for our students,” stated Chris Venna, Superintendent.

“We are honored to support their efforts which will benefit their students in a variety of ways,” stated Holly Morrison, Foundation President and CEO.

The Shamokin Area Education Foundation will be guided by an advisory committee which includes Ned Sodrick, SAEF President; Todd Kerstetter, SAEF Vice President; Kathy Vetovich, SAEF Secretary; Brian Persing, Shamokin Area School District Vice-President; Melissa Hovenstine, Shamokin Area School District Board Member; Laura Scandle, Shamokin Area School District Board Member; Chris Venna, Shamokin Area School District Superintendent; Karen Colangelo, Shamokin Area School District Business Manager; and, Mary Teresa Komara, Shamokin Area School District Curriculum Coordinator.

For more information about the Shamokin Area Education Foundation, please contact Chris Venna at 570-648-5752 or [cvenna@indians.k12.pa.us](mailto:cvenna@indians.k12.pa.us). Contributions to this fund can be made online at [csgiving.org](http://csgiving.org) (click Donate and select Agency Endowment/School District Funds) or mailed to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, Attn: Shamokin Area Education Foundation, 725 W. Front Street, Berwick, PA 18603.

Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is a regional philanthropic organization investing over 200 endowment funds, large and small, to benefit the communities and residents of Columbia, Lower-Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, Union, and Snyder Counties in Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania. Together with our Foundation affiliates, partners and donors across the region, we provide more than \$2.5 million in grants and scholarships each year to help meet the charitable needs of our region. The Berwick Health and Wellness Fund is the largest endowment administered by the Foundation, awarding more than \$1.1 million annually in grants and scholarships to impact lives of those living in the Greater Berwick Area. The Foundation’s affiliates include the Bloomsburg Area Community Foundation, Danville Area Community Foundation, Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation and

Sunbury Area Community Foundation. For more information, visit [www.cs giving.org](http://www.cs giving.org), or call 1.570.752.3930.

**Photo Caption:** Seated (L to R): Todd Kerstetter, Ned Sodrick, and Kathy Vetovich.

Standing (L to R): Melissa Hovenstine, Laura Scandle, Chris Venna, Mary Teresa Komara, Karen Colangelo, and Brian Persing.

