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Youth in Philanthropy Grant Applications Available

Berwick, PA - High School students from Benton, Berwick, Central Columbia, Columbia-Montour Area Vo-Tech, Danville, Northwest and Warrior Run High Schools are serving as youth grantmakers through the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program. More than 100 students participate in YIP and each school's group has the responsibility of granting \$5,000 to youth-related projects. The \$5,000 was given to each group through funding sources including the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund, the Central Columbia Educational Foundation, Danville Area Community Foundation, Warrior Run Education Foundation and individual donor contributions.

Throughout the school year, students develop a set of funding priorities determined through needs assessment surveys that they conducted in their schools and communities. Students use the information collected to review and vote on the grant applications.

Youth philanthropy can make philanthropic values, principles and traditions come alive for young people and communities. The goal of the program is to provide meaningful engagement in the workings of the Foundation and to encourage interest and understanding of philanthropy. In addition, the students will provide valuable input on the needs of youth and a new perspective that is helpful to the Foundation.

Applications are being accepted until March 10, 2017. More information on each school's target areas for grantmaking can be found at www.csgiving.org, click "learn" and then click "Youth in Philanthropy". All applications must be completed online and submitted through the web-based program at www.csgiving.org. A grant application, created by the students, is available for each participating school. If an organization wishes to apply for more than one school, a separate application will need to be completed for each.

The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation invests charitable funds to benefit lower Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. In order to be eligible to receive a grant from the Foundation, an organization must hold a 501(c)3 nonprofit status or be a governmental organization. For more information regarding the Youth in Philanthropy program, please contact Christine Pangelinan at 570-752-3930, ext. 2, or cpangelinan@csgiving.org.