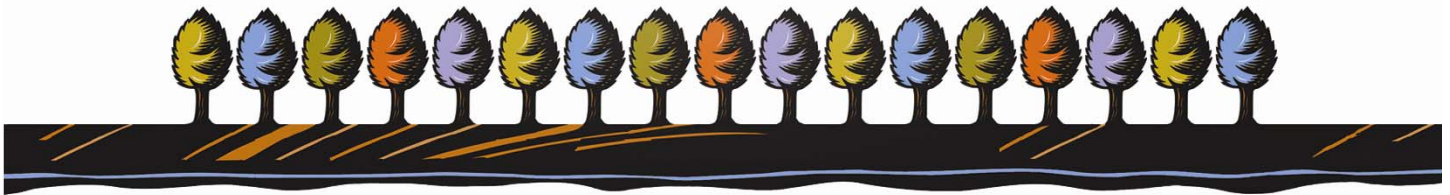


Central Susquehanna Community Foundation



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Berwick Public Library presents plaque to Berwick Health & Wellness Fund

Berwick – On behalf of the Berwick Public Library Trustees, Staff & Patrons, Richard Miller and Alice Zai-koski recently presented a commemorative plaque to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation for the \$572,000 grant they received from the Berwick Health & Wellness Fund. This plaque represents their appreciation to the Berwick Health & Wellness Fund for supporting the construction of a new library.

The plaque's inscription reads as follows: Building the Library of your Dreams, Berwick Public Library 2005: Our fund-raising campaign theme "Building the Library of your Dreams" sought to capture public imagination with all of the possibilities that a new library could bring. Potential beyond what we ever dreamed possible now stands before us, and more importantly, within our grasp! The new "McBride Memorial Library" will serve not only as a place to find knowledge and connect with Berwick's Heritage, but it will become a meeting ground- a place for people to gather, share ideas, and grow as a community. We are delighted to thank the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (and the Berwick Health & Wellness Fund) for supporting us in this incredible endeavor.

"Our goal is to make grants to organizations that will have the biggest impact on the community as a whole. Providing funds for the new public library in Berwick was a wonderful opportunity to do just that," commented Eric DeWald, Executive Director of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation. Berwick Public Library's Richard Miller is excited to have the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation help them create the library that is needed and wanted in Berwick, "During the campaign for a new library, hundreds of supporters donated to the library-building project. All donations are important to us but the extraordinary support of the Foundation has opened the door to so many new possibilities for the library building. There is no doubt in my mind that we would not be in the position to build a new library if the Foundation had not been by our side. We appreciate the continued support of the Foundation that will allow us to build the library of all our dreams."

The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is the charitable connection for people living and working in Lower Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union county. We are a local organization with far-reaching benefits for anyone interested in philanthropy and we provide services to all donors, including those of modest means. We offer a variety of giving tools to help people achieve their charitable goals, all of which qualify for maximum tax advantages.

The \$30 million Berwick Health & Wellness Fund was created as a result of the Berwick Hospital sale in 1999. Since then, the Foundation has helped this fund give over \$1 million in grants to the community each year. In 2005, the Foundation awarded 90 grants totaling more than \$1.1 million to 68 different non-profit organizations. The Berwick Health & Wellness Fund also provides funding for our youth philanthropy program which is active

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Photo caption: The Berwick Public Library recently presented a commemorative plaque to the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation. This plaque is in appreciation of the \$572,000 grant they received from the Berwick Health & Wellness Fund. Richard Miller, Director of Library Services, and Alice Zaikoski, Director of Library Staff & Circulation, present to members of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation Board of Directors (left to right): Rev. Frank Demmy, Alice Zaikoski (Library), Ferne Soberick-Krothe, Richard Miller (Library), Pat Torsella, Al Steward (Vice-President), Dr. John DeFinnis (President) and Eric DeWald (Executive Director). Other board members include: Freddie Bittenbender, Robert W. Buehner, Jr., C. James Ferrigno, M.D., Debra Force-Moore (Secretary), Ken Hart, Elmer Robinson, Lucille Whitmire, H.W. Wieder and Herb Woodeshick (Treasurer).