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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Harrisburg, PA, January 9, 2013 – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is pleased to announce the availability of over 80 scholarships for high school and post-secondary students who reside in Cumberland, Perry, Franklin, Dauphin, and Lebanon counties. For more information or to apply, visit www.tfec.org.

As the university system reels from statewide education cuts and parents face lost savings and declining home values, the opportunity for higher education is slipping away for thousands of prospective students. "College tuition rates are on the rise and the cost to attend college is becoming increasingly difficult to meet. Higher education isn't just critical for our children, but it's also the key to Central PA's future," said Susan Mountz, a scholarship donor and volunteer. "This generation of students deserves the same opportunity so many of us have already had... the chance to learn, to explore, to understand what inspires and stimulates them. In the end, the passions and skills they develop through higher education will only serve all of us for years to come."

The Foundation, through its many scholarship programs, continues to assist students each year through scholarship grants. Scholarship applicants demonstrate individual excellence in areas such as community service, leadership, sports, music, academics, and other unique characteristics. The Foundation has over 80 scholarship funds which granted nearly **\$600,000** to over 325 students for the 2012/2013 academic year.

The Foundation is a partner with *American Education Services (AES)/PHEAA's Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH) Program*. Scholarship recipients are eligible to have their awards matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by AES/PHEAA's PATH Program up to a maximum of \$2,500 per year. PHEAA may grant matching funds to scholarship recipients who are enrolled in an approved Pennsylvania college or career school, who are a state grant recipient and who demonstrate financial need. The match provides last-dollar support for tuition and fees. The scholarship recipient's information is submitted to PHEAA by TFEC staff. No additional work will be asked of the scholarship recipient. For more information regarding AES/PHEAA, please refer to their Web site at www.pheaa.org.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities is a community foundation which aims to stimulate philanthropy and enhance the quality of life in the community through accumulating, managing, and disbursing financial assets, and serving as a catalyst and neutral convener to meet a wide range of community needs in the south central Pennsylvania counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry, and also in the Dillsburg area. Regional foundations of TFEC include the Greater Harrisburg Foundation, the Franklin County Foundation, the Mechanicsburg Area Foundation, the Perry County Community Foundation, the Camp Hill Community Foundation, and the Dillsburg Area Foundation. For more information on TFEC please visit www.tfec.org.

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