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**The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Raises \$50,000
for Nonprofit Organizations in South Central PA**



Harrisburg, PA, May 14, 2014 – Last night The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) honored a local community leader, Conrad “Connie” Siegel at Champion of Philanthropy. Connie founded Conrad Siegel Actuaries in 1963 after relocating to Harrisburg from Toronto, Canada. Connie’s expertise in group insurance and pension actuary helped grow his agency, Conrad Siegel Actuaries, into one of Pennsylvania’s largest employee benefit firms. Conrad Siegel Actuaries serves a wide range of employers, unions, joint-boards and governmental agencies consulting on employee benefit plans. For the past 30 years, Connie has been very involved in the local community serving in various capacities for TFEC, Rotary Club of Harrisburg, Lebanon Valley College and many others.

The Champion of Philanthropy award is given to a person in the regional community who exemplifies the following

qualities:

- Demonstrates a clear understanding about the important role nonprofit organizations play in the fabric of our region
- Involved in the region through extensive time and work with the nonprofit community
- Willing to share professional and personal expertise with nonprofit organizations by demonstrating leadership and commitment to the nonprofit boards and programs with whom they serve
- Provides leadership through personal financial support of nonprofit organizations
- Exhibits character traits such as integrity, trustworthiness, leadership, dedication and commitment in their personal lives and work in the community

“We were honored to host over 200 individuals who, along with TFEC, attended the event to support our Champion of Philanthropy, Connie Siegel,” comments Janice R. Black, President and CEO of TFEC. “It was a celebration of Connie, his philanthropic accomplishments, and his love of jazz.”

The Champion of Philanthropy event raised approximately \$50,000 to benefit the Fund for the Future at Connie’s request. The Fund for the Future is an unrestricted fund originally established through the Warden Asphalt Company by its President, John B. Warden, III. Unrestricted funds enable TFEC to respond quickly to changing community needs. Earnings from this fund provide grants to a variety of nonprofit organizations in the Central PA counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and

Perry, and the Dillsburg Area. These grants focus on arts and culture, community development, education, environment, and health and human services. Grant decisions are made by a volunteer advisory committee. In 2013, the Greater Harrisburg Foundation received 102 grant applications, totaling over \$650,000 in grant requests but was only able to fund \$186,000. As you can see, the community's needs are greater than our resources.

For more information about TFEC and for examples of grants given from unrestricted funds please visit www.tfec.org.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) 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 while 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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