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Foundation Grants Help Local Organizations Meet Urgent Community Needs

Berwick, PA – Community Giving Foundation remains committed to monitoring and understanding current community needs through our strong relationships with local nonprofit partners. Nonprofit leaders have shared the recent increase in demand for essential food and utility assistance across our region. Area community action agencies are working together to increase resources and services, sharing, "These are not just basic needs; they are critical to the health, safety, and well-being of our community."

As a community foundation, Community Giving Foundation embraces our responsibility to strengthen these organizations and services through flexible funding—meeting current needs today and unknown needs in the future. The Foundation has allocated \$50,000 in critical grants from the Regional Impact Fund to help respond to immediate needs. Initially, AGAPE Love from Above to Our Community, Central Susquehanna Opportunities, and Union-Snyder Community Action Agency will each receive \$10,000 in funding. The Foundation impact team and regional board will continue to work with organizations meeting current needs to disperse the additional funding.

Kara Seesholtz, Foundation president and CEO, shared: "This moment reflects the importance and power of flexible philanthropic resources. We are grateful for the generous donors who have contributed to the Regional Impact Fund over the years, allowing us to respond quickly and effectively when our communities need it most."

In addition to this regional, flexible funding, Community Giving Foundation: Berwick has allocated \$20,000 from the Berwick Community Response Fund to meet additional needs in the Berwick service area as they arise. Foundation staff are connecting with organizations to identify opportunities.

The Foundation has created a resource webpage highlighting organizations providing multi-county services for the region. For more information and opportunities to give, visit csgiving.org/community-resources. Donors interested in supporting long-term and diverse community needs are invited to contribute to the Foundation's Regional Impact Fund at csgiving.org/donate (search "Regional Impact Fund").

The Community Giving Foundation identifies regional and local needs and opportunities through a datadriven lens, serving as a resource for donors, nonprofits, and all those who want to make a difference in their community. The Foundation manages over 385 charitable funds, helping donors maximize their community impact in the Central Susquehanna region both now and for future generations.