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A newsletter from the Perry County Community Foundation

November 15th National Philanthropy Day

Philanthropy: the giving of one's time, talent, or treasure and taking action for the sake of another or for the common good.

Philanthropy can be practiced just by simply helping an elderly person carry their groceries. It is any act of kindness towards someone else.

November 15, is National Philanthropy Day. It is a day to pay tribute to those who practice philanthropy on a regular bases and a day for everyone to participate in a day of giving. Many events and celebrations will take place around the nation on this day to show appreciation to those who make such an impact on others' lives.

This year for the 25th Annual National Philanthropy Day the Perry County Community Foundation is encouraging you to...

Do something good for someone else!

Take just a few minutes out of your day to make a difference in someone else's life. You will be surprised how something that seems so little to you could mean so much to others.

Community Foundation Week November 12-18

This season of giving should be a time of reflection—about the great needs that persist in our communities—and action—to be a part of the solution. That is an important part of our work at the Perry County Community Foundation. We are one of more than 700 community foundations in America working in collaboration with community, state, and national partners to more effectively tackle some of society's toughest challenges—in education, health care, job training, poverty, natural disasters, and more. The Perry County Community Foundation has invested more than \$1.6 million to support a number of organizations and causes to advance the public good in Perry County.

We are proud of the commitment and creativity in this community to find new and better ways to improve the lives of our neighbors in need. November 12-18, 2010, marks Community Foundation Week in America to raise awareness about the increasingly important role of the more than 700 philanthropic organizations working to achieve meaningful results for our communities. We take that responsibility very seriously, and we are more determined than ever to strengthen collaboration with our partners to realize a better quality of life for all citizens of Perry County.

*"We make a living
by what we get; we
make a life by what
we give."*

— Sir Winston Churchill



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Our Mission

To work with our community to encourage the giving of time, talent and treasure; to provide grants and scholarships; and to collaborate on projects to make Perry County a better place to live.

Special Addition

Quotes from Students about Giving...

Children of all ages in Perry County were asked what giving means to them, here are some of their responses...

"It is important to me to **give** to those in need because I know that I am a lucky person and I have everything I need to get through life happy, and I believe that every person deserves to live a happy life."

"It is important to **give** because some people need more than we do."

"It is important to **give** to those in need because it cheers them up."

"You should **give** to people because it's a good thing to do. You want them to feel like they are loved; make them feel like they aren't alone."

"If people were to **give** something to someone else, this world might actually be happier."

"When you **give** things to someone who needs it, it makes you feel very good, and it helps the person very much."

"**Giving** to others not only helps them physically, but it helps them mentally and emotionally."

"I believe that if more people in our community dedicated their time and showed their ability and enthusiasm to **giving** back, it could make a change to many people's lives."

"Whenever you help someone that is in need, it **gives** them hope that someone cares for them."

"It is important to **give** to those in need because they need love and care just like us."

"I **give** to people because it really makes me feel good and I know that it really helps them out and when I give I know that I really made somebody happy."

"They will always appreciate it and that's why it's so important to **give** to people."

"It is very important to **give** to people who are in need mainly because it makes them feel happy, grateful, and most of all relieved that there are good people out there willing to give up their time to help them."

"When you **give** it not only makes you feel good it makes that person feel good, it's a win, win situation."

Mark Your Calendar!

United Way Youth Day of Caring
November 7



In 1991, United Way of Allegheny County created Day of Caring. Since then, this once-a-year event has spread to communities nationwide and around the world, and mobilized hundreds of thousands of volunteers! United Way of Perry County brought Day of Caring to Perry County in 2000 and added a Youth Day of Caring in 2002.



For Youth Day of Caring, the United Way of Perry County consistently has around 125 youth and adults who volunteer for the 4 hour work day. They typically volunteer at 8-12 different sites each year. The Perry County Power of Youth Council has helped to organize this event since 2009.

**What a great way to show philanthropy
in our community!**



What if???

What if every person in Perry County gave ~~\$1~~ a week to local charity?
In a year our county could raise ~~\$978,224~~!

What if they gave ~~\$5~~ a week?
That would be ~~\$4,891,120~~!

What if every person in Perry County gave ~~\$1~~ a week to Habitat for Humanity?
In a year we could build ~~21~~ homes for families in need!

What if they gave ~~\$5~~ a week?
We could build a home for ~~105~~ different families!

What if every person in Perry County gave ~~\$1~~ a week to help feed a family?
We could feed ~~185~~ families of four, for a whole year!

What if they gave ~~\$5~~ a week?
We could feed ~~926~~ families!

What if everyone in Perry County would give ~~\$1~~ a week to help shelter homeless pets?
We could provide shelter for ~~537~~ pets for a whole year!

What if they gave ~~\$5~~ a week?
We could provide shelter for ~~2,637~~ pets!

What if everyone donated ~~\$1~~ towards education for our students in Perry County?
We could pay for a year of education for ~~151~~ students!

What if they gave ~~\$5~~ a week?
We could pay for a years' worth of education for ~~754~~ students!

*Giving a little can help a lot, especially when we do it together.
How about starting a "Giving Circle" to address an issue in
Perry County that is near and dear to your heart? Contact us for
more information about Giving Circles.*

Deadline is Approaching!

Evelyn R. Adams Lifetime Philanthropist Award

Mrs. Adams was the first recipient of the Perry County Community Foundation's Lifetime Philanthropist Award. She has dedicated her time, talent and treasure for the benefit of Perry County. We are currently seeking nominations for this year's award. You can submit your nominations online at our website or by mail. Nominations must include the following:

**Deadline
Nov. 5th!**

- **Your Name**
- **Your Address**
- **Your Phone Number**
- **The Nominee's Name**
- **The Nominee's Address**
- **The Nominee's Phone Number**
- **Organizations the Nominee has helped with**
- **Leadership Roles the Nominee has held in the community**
- **Has the Nominee created something for the community**
- **Why you are nominating this person**



A Committee (formed from the Perry County Power of Youth Council) will select choose the recipient from the nominations. The 2010 Evelyn R. Adams Lifetime Philanthropist Award will be presented to the recipient at the December 3rd Grant Award Luncheon.



Partners In Philanthropy

Here in Perry County, we've always known that supporting one another is the right thing to do. Whether it comes from our faith, a family tradition or from a place in our hearts, people in this community give and are generous. Philanthropy is part of our community culture. This generosity has strengthened the Perry County Community Foundation's ability to meet needs in our County: to provide thousands of dollars for grants in support of charitable efforts, to award scholarships to Perry County students, and to make the lives of citizens in our community stronger. **Will you become a Partner in Philanthropy with us to make a difference in Perry County?**

Yes, I (we) would like to support the work of the Perry County Community Foundation by becoming a partner in philanthropy (minimum contribution is \$25). Partnership contributions are tax-deductible. This contribution will be placed in the Foundation's Operating Fund to support the on-going operating expenses. Enclosed is a contribution of:

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00

\$500.00 \$1,000.00 \$_____ (other amount)

Please consider this contribution as an annual partnership pledge. (A reminder will be sent every year)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Please keep this contribution anonymous

*This year your partnership contributions to the Perry County Community Foundation are **eligible for a dollar-for-dollar match**, thanks to the Community Foundation Alliance. Your tax-deductible partnership contribution doubles its value and its impact when you submit it with this partnership form.*

Thanks so much for your support!



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don't miss this...

November 5

*Evelyn R. Adams Lifetime Philanthropist
Award Nomination Deadline*

November 7

Youth Day of Caring

November 12-18

Community Foundation Week

November 15

*25th Anniversary of National Philanthropy
Day*

*"Do Something Good For Someone Else Day
in Perry County"*

December 3 11:30 a.m. to 1:00

*Grant Award Luncheon
EUCC Fellowship Hall*



We'd love to hear from you!

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