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Cumberland County Library System Foundation Obtains Charitable Status

Carlisle, Pennsylvania — The Cumberland County Library System has received notification that its newly formed Cumberland County Library System Foundation has received public charity status from the Internal Revenue Service. As a 501 (c) (3) organization, the Foundation may now receive tax deductible gifts and bequests from individuals or organizations to benefit countywide library services.

Jonelle Darr, executive director of the both the Foundation and the Cumberland County Library System, said that the Foundation board was very grateful to Bruce K. Darkes, partner at Beard Miller Company, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants in Harrisburg, for his company's support in completing the Internal Revenue Service tax exemption application.

"As with most tax forms, the IRS application for tax exemption is long, complicated and very detailed. The Foundation board was thrilled to have Bruce's generous gift of professional consulting time to complete the forms," Darr said.

Deborah Fulham-Winston, president of the Cumberland County Library System Foundation board, said that the Foundation's purpose is to enhance the fundraising efforts of Cumberland County's public libraries by seeking funding from individuals or organizations for which individual libraries in Cumberland County are not eligible.

“Our goal is to look for regional funding opportunities for countywide library services, not to replace donations made to our community libraries,” Fulham-Winston said.

The Foundation was formed in 2006 to support the Cumberland County Library System and its member libraries: Amelia S. Givin Free Library (Mt. Holly Springs); Bosler Memorial Library (Carlisle); Cleve J. Fredricksen Library (Camp Hill); John Graham Public Library (Newville); Joseph T. Simpson Public Library (Mechanicsburg); New Cumberland Public Library; and Shippensburg Public Library.

Founding members of the Cumberland County Library System Foundation board are: Deborah Fulham-Winston (Carlisle), president; Margaret Kortze (Mechanicsburg), vice president; Louise Keckler (Gardners), treasurer; John McCrea III (Newville), secretary; Joseph Cretella (Shippensburg); Shaun Eisenhauer (Camp Hill); Nancy J. George (Carlisle); Cheryl Lenker (Harrisburg); and Thomas Witt (New Cumberland). Jonelle Prether Darr, executive director of the Cumberland County Library System also serves as the Foundation’s executive director.

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