

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Lisa M. Slawinski, Advancement Manager
Chester County Community Foundation
p/(610) 696-2628 lisa@chescocf.org
Hi Res photos available upon request

3 Professionals First in Chester County to Earn Esteemed AEP® Designation

West Chester, PA (July 2011)--The Accredited Estate Planning® Designation has been awarded to three members of the Chester County Estate Planning Council (CCEPC). The three professionals, Steve McGann, CTFA, of DNB First, Marc Riddell, CPA, CVA, of Fischer Cunnane and Associates, and James Ruggiero Jr., Esq., of Ruggiero Law Offices are the first in Chester County to earn the designation.

Estate planning is the preparation of a plan of administration and disposition of one's property before or after death, including wills, trusts, gifts, and power of attorney. The AEP, which signifies experience and specialization in estate planning, is awarded by the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (NAECP). The NAECP recognizes estate planning professionals who meet special requirements of education, experience, knowledge, professional reputation, and character.

Of newly granted AEP Designation, Karen Simmons, President of the Chester County Community Foundation, the non-profit who administers the Estate Planning Council stated, "Chester County residents are fortunate to have such talented, experienced Estate Planners so close to home. Having the proper individual plan your estate can make a major difference in how your affairs are left for children, relatives, and even non-profits should you choose to prepare a bequest."

For more information about the AEP® Designation, the professionals who have received an AEP® or the Chester County Estate Planning Council visit www.chescoepc.org.

Located in downtown West Chester, the Chester County Community Foundation leads, inspires and encourages individuals to contribute to lasting philanthropic charitable legacies. The Community Foundation holds over \$30 million in trust and annually awards \$2 million in grants and scholarships. For more information, contact www.chescocf.org or (610) 696-8211.