



## *Community Builders of Greene County*

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*Community Builders* is a project that was organized in 2004 by a collaboration of local organizations and individuals to develop an effective low-cost training program to introduce potential leaders to basic leadership skills and community organizations. While the Community Foundation of Greene County serves as the fiscal agent for the project, a steering committee comprised of business and nonprofit leaders and interested citizens oversees the development and programming for *Community Builders*.

In 2010-2011, the *Community Builders* program will offer the nonprofit leadership track which is geared to helping citizens become better volunteers with non-profit organizations in the community, whether through activities such as serving on non-profit boards, volunteering on fundraising committees, or providing volunteer services. Participants attend eight evening classes over a six-month period.

*Community Builders* has graduated six classes of leaders who have rated the program very highly. Graduates are better prepared to lead meetings, understand financial statements, use communication skills to gain results, use research and networking to solve problems, and serve their community. Employers who make the commitment to sponsor employees to participate in the *Community Builders* program reap the reward by gaining a more informed employee equipped with skills to be a leader in the community and the workplace.

*Community Builders* also provides excellent board training opportunities for new board members and nonprofit organizations benefit by encouraging board members to participate in the program. This is what one organization had to say about their experience in sending a board member to participate in the program: "*Community Action Southwest sponsored board member Amy Roberts to attend Community Builders of Greene County as part of our strategic plan that calls for the strengthening of the skill set of our Board Members. Since completing Community Builders, Amy has demonstrated impressive confidence in her presentation at Board meetings, is taking on greater responsibility, and her overall contribution to the agency planning and stewardship has been enhanced. CAS is proud to have supported her through this process.*" Jeff Fondelier, Vice President of Operations, Community Action Southwest

### **We ask you to consider two ways to support the *Community Builders* program.**

**First, we ask that you identify and sponsor one employee or nonprofit board member to participate in the upcoming *Community Builders* course which begins September 13, 2010.** We think you'll be pleased with the results and will look to *Community Builders* to help build business and community leaders in the future. A copy of the application form is also attached (and also available on our website at [www.cfcgpa.org](http://www.cfcgpa.org) – just click on the *Community Builders* logo.)

**Secondly, we ask that you consider sponsoring one of the class sessions of the *Community Builders*, or the Achievement Ceremony/Celebration.** A description of sponsorship levels is attached, along with recognition you would receive by sponsoring one or more of these activities. If you have any questions about *Community Builders*, or becoming a sponsor, please contact the Foundation office at 724-627-2010.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

### **The *Community Builders* of Greene County Steering Committee:**

**Karen Bennett**, Gr. Co. Human Services

**Darlene Bigler**, Community Action Southwest

**Nancy Davis**, Gr. Co. Education Center

**Joy Eggleston**, SW Regional Medical Center

**Gwendolyn Kiste**, *Community Builder of the Year*

**Melody Longstreth**, Wbg. Chamber of Commerce

**Bettie Stammerjohn**, Comm. Fdn. Of Greene Co.

**Barbara Wise**, RJ Lee Group

**Carolyn Wissenbach**, Greene County Extension

**Become a Community Builder  
Join Us by Supporting the  
Community Builders Training Series**



**We need your help to provide education for future community leaders that will support and sustain a stronger Greene County community. There are a number of ways you and your business can get involved:**

Please return this form with your generous donation to support the **Community Builders of Greene County**. For more information, please contact the Community Foundation of Greene County, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, at 724-627-2010. Please check as many sponsorship levels as applicable.

**Graduation Ceremony and Celebration**

**\$500.00**

You will be recognized as the sole sponsor of the Achievement Ceremony with a prominently displayed sign and recognized in all related publicity and website. In addition, you and up to 3 guests will be invited to attend the celebration and speak to our graduates, sponsors, and friends.

**Sponsor a Session**

**\$250.00**

You will be recognized as the sole sponsor at the session and in all related publicity. Recognition will include a sign with your logo displayed at the class, along with information about your business. Additionally, your sponsorship will be included in the graduation program and in other publicity. This is a great opportunity to show your support.

Class sessions include: **Introduction to Leadership, Engaging Volunteers, Introduction to Board Governance, Board Member Roles & Responsibilities, Financial Management, Effective Communication, Fundraising, Marketing, Strategic Planning, and Grantwriting.**

**Specify A Session:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Builder** (provides need-based scholarships for participants)

**\$100.00**

Please consider a gift to help us ensure that all deserving individuals and organizations are able to take part in Community Builders of Greene County. As a sponsor, you will be identified at the first session and the graduation ceremony. You will also be listed as a sponsor in appropriate publicity materials and efforts. First priority for all unrestricted gifts will be to offset costs for those who can't afford the program, by providing partial scholarships.

**Other Donation:** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Suggest a Participant:** Community Builders of Greene County will send an informational brochure and application form to a participant based on your recommendation.

Please list name and address of prospective participant below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks out to:** "Community Foundation of Greene County." Please include "*Community Builders*" in the memo area of the check.

**Mail donations to:**

Community Builders of Greene County  
c/o Community Foundation of Greene County  
P. O. Box 768  
Waynesburg, PA 15370

**Your contribution may be tax deductible. For more information, contact your tax advisor.**