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SCCF Receives Accreditation with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®

Angola, IN – The Steuben County Community Foundation (SCCF) recently received accreditation with the nation’s highest standards for philanthropic excellence. National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations everywhere. With over 500 community foundations already accredited nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration.

Documenting the foundation’s compliance was a 12-month process during which board members reviewed, and in some cases updated the foundation’s policies and practices. Some updates were required by the IRS. Others came about as a result of the foundation’s efforts to continually improve its stewardship of community assets. “The foundation’s board takes very seriously its responsibility to be transparent and good stewards of the community’s charitable gifts” said Kevin Stoy, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

“We are proud of this designation,” said Jennifer Danic, SCCF President & CEO. “When people make a gift, establish a fund, or make a charitable bequest they are putting their trust in us. The National Standards accreditation helps our donors have confidence that we will be good stewards of their gift.”

SCCF was established in 1991 to help donors achieve their charitable dreams. SCCF is a public charity that grants over \$1 million annually in the areas of human services, education, health, arts and culture, recreation, and environment.

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Through philanthropic services, strategic investments and community leadership, Steuben County Community Foundation helps people support the causes they care about, now and for generations to come. The Steuben County Community Foundation is a nonprofit organization with assets totaling more than \$25 million. Our vision: Serving as a community leader and improving the quality of life by assessing, supporting and coordinating philanthropic giving and endowment building. Our mission: Connecting people who care with needs that matter to our community. For more information on the Foundation, visit its website at www.steubenfoundation.org.