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The Vanguard Crew Winner of the 2014 Legacy Award For Corporate Social Investment

West Chester, PA – (August 13, 2014): The Corporate Social Investment Award is given to a corporation which demonstrates sound principles of business leadership and helps its community prosper by consistently supporting local charities. The Vanguard crew’s willingness to dedicate

time, talent and treasure through a wide variety of activities is truly inspiring and makes Vanguard this year’s Corporate Social Investment Award Winner.

Each year Chester County Community Foundation looks for outstanding Chester County citizens who have made a notable effort to improve the communities where they live, work and play. The Foundation honors these individuals with Legacy Awards in five categories of philanthropy: Corporate Social Investment, Door Opener, Youth Philanthropy, Thanks for Caring, and The Jordan Award.

Each Legacy Award reflects a unique aspect of the Community Foundation’s mission, which is to increase legacy philanthropy throughout Chester County.

Vanguard is one of the world's largest investment management companies. Throughout the year, Vanguard employees donate their time and efforts to a wide variety of charitable activities. Vanguard employees, called “crew members” have created a culture of social engagement and made a valuable and long lasting connection with their surrounding communities.

Vanguard’s service efforts demonstrate their philosophy of community engagement and philanthropy at work. Some of Vanguard volunteer activities include:

- **My Classroom Economy**, a program that creates an economic microcosm in the classroom for Grades K-12
- **Skills Based Volunteer** Program, designed to match community needs with personal interests and skills of individual Crew members
- **All Cans On Deck**, a major food drive that helps feeds families in need through partnerships with local food pantries.

- **Volunteer Time Off**, a program that gives crew members a paid day off each year to volunteer in their communities any way, any time and any place they would like.

Possibly one of Vanguard's most recent visible demonstrations of giving back and making a long lasting impact is the Vanguard Community Garden. To bring this garden to life, crew member volunteers teamed up with Triskeles Foundation as part of its Food For All project. Together they installed 21 raised garden beds, a water cistern, a compost pad, a tool shed, and a deer fence on its Malvern campus. With 180 volunteers, crew members (on their own time), plant, maintain, harvest and distribute over 90% of what is grown to local food banks. In its first year, crew volunteers donated 425 pounds of fresh produce.

Vanguard's crew volunteers demonstrate creativity, enthusiasm and generosity around how a corporation can foster an environment where employees make a significant voluntary difference, enriching the quality of life in our communities for people from all walks of life.

Located in downtown West Chester, the Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter, so their philanthropy makes a difference now and forever. Since 1994, the Community Foundation has encouraged and inspired philanthropy by working with individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations interested in long-term endowed legacy giving. The Community Foundation actively partners with donors who believe that positive change occurs through effective charitable giving.

The Community Foundation is entrusted with nearly 400 charitable funds. Each represents ordinary people who have made extraordinary commitments to our community. For more information, visit www.chescocf.org or call (610) 696-8211.

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