

West Chester PA -- To honor the memory of Laura Meikle Koch, The La Foundation - Laura Meikle Koch Memorial Legacy Foundation, has been established with the Chester County Community Foundation. Created as a lasting tribute to commemorate La's energy, compassion, and love of life, the Foundation will support grants made to charitable causes that help people afflicted with lung cancer and other forms of cancer. Grants will also support causes that were important to Laura, including soccer, athletics, animal welfare and scholarship awards to students at Henderson High School in West Chester, PA and Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA.

A graduate of Henderson High School in West Chester, PA and Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, Laura passed away in June 2008 from lung cancer. She is survived by her husband, Steve Koch, Drexel's associate director of athletics, whom she met at Drexel.

Known as one of the greatest players in Drexel women's soccer history, Laura left an outstanding legacy. She played for Drexel's soccer team, the Dragons, from 1998 to 2001 and left as Drexel's all-time leader in goals and points. Dan Simmons, associate athletic director of recreation, said, "I remember her at the end of her career. She was the type of person you wanted on a Drexel team. She was always full of energy and always smiling." After graduating Drexel in 2002, Koch worked for the Veterinary Referral Center in Frazer, a 24-hour emergency care center, and loved to nurture animals.

The **Chester County Community Foundation** is a non-profit organization that encourages people from all walks of life to create permanent endowment funds for charity. Working together with its donors, the Community Foundaion makes grants to local non-profit agencies to meet the community's charitable needs. With the support of those who care about their community, the Chester County Community Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life for all who live and work in Chester County. For information,

For more information or to support the La Foundation Fund, please call the Chester County Community Foundation at 610-696-8211 or email info@chescocf.org. www.chescocf.org. The Foundation is located at 28 W. Market Street, West Chester, PA 19380.

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