

## *fund highlights*

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### **ADLER LEGACY FUND HONORING EVA L. VERPLANCK, PH.D. - established 2007**

Madeleine Wing Adler, Ph.D., has served as president of West Chester University since 1992 and has been a dynamic agent for change. Under her leadership, WCU has made numerous improvements throughout the campus. At the same time, President Adler has encouraged partnerships with community groups and businesses from across the region and world.

Adler first became acquainted with Eva L. Verplanck, Ph.D., via the Chester County Community Foundation. Over time, they both volunteered on numerous committees together. Verplanck chaired the Community Foundation Board from 2002-2004, and Adler from 2006-2008. When Adler announced the formation of the Community Foundation's Sustainability Task Force, she appointed Verplanck to chair it. Both realized that long-term secure financing of the Community Foundation's core operations is a complex issue requiring wisdom and persistence.



Upon announcing her June 2008 retirement from West Chester University, Adler decided to create an endowed legacy fund at the Foundation. As the purpose of her endowed fund, Adler wanted to benefit the Community Foundation's philanthropic leadership initiatives. Adler chose to name this fund in honor of Eva Verplanck, who serves as an inspiration to so many.

Remarks Adler, "Eva has committed her life to community service. An avid volunteer, she is energetic, devoted, and deeply involved. Eva is clear and focused and 'calls a spade a shovel.' She knows nonprofit management, fundraising, and governance inside and out. Simultaneously attentive to the big picture and to nuances and detail, Eva has an in-depth knowledge of people, relationships, and systems. She knows when to dive in full speed ahead and when to proceed with caution. With her extraordinary good sense, she helps nonprofits make solid, well-informed decisions for the long-run. In short, she is an exemplary strategist and counselor, tireless in her quest to make our world a better place forever."

The Community Foundation is honored to be entrusted with this fund that marks the leadership legacies of these two wonderful women.