

Chester County Community Foundation, President and CEO  
**Kate Wickersham, CFRE**



Kate Wickersham believes philanthropy brings people together by connecting people to purpose and aligning what we care about with what our communities need to create lasting impact. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chester County Community Foundation, she is focused on helping individuals, families, and organizations connect their passions with the needs of the community. Her work is focused on the goal of turning generosity into meaningful impact and ensuring Chester County remains a place where people want to live, work, and thrive.

With 10 years of for-profit experience and more than 15 years of nonprofit healthcare, higher education, and philanthropy, Kate has built her career by listening first, building strong relationships, and creating strategies that reflect both community voice and real opportunity. She has led significant growth throughout her career, expanding philanthropic investment while strengthening long-term sustainability.

Kate works closely with advisors, donors, nonprofits partners, and community leaders to understand what Chester County needs today and what it will take to meet the challenges ahead. She is known for bringing people together across sectors and perspectives and for helping translate complex community

needs into coordinated action. Whether convening conversations, supporting new ideas, or aligning resources around shared goals, she is committed to making philanthropy more accessible, engaging, and connected.

She is particularly focused on the evolving role of philanthropy in today's communities by expanding who participates in giving, strengthening the connection between donors and impact, and positioning Chester County Community Foundation as an active partner in solving local challenges.

Under her leadership, the Foundation is building on its strong history as a trusted steward of philanthropic resources while stepping more fully into its role as a catalyst, bringing people together to learn, give, and create meaningful impact.

Kate is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) with a B.A. from Widener University, and an active member of the Chester County community. She welcomes opportunities to connect with individuals and organizations who are interested in making a difference and shaping the future together.