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## **National Standards Accreditation Affirms Community Foundation's Commitment to Excellence**

The Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. is pleased to announce that they have recently received accreditation with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations®. This accreditation indicates that the Community Foundation meets the highest standards for philanthropic excellence.

"Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process," said Randy Royster, Chair of the Community Foundations National Standards Board. "This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates that the Community Foundation of Switzerland County demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as it carries out its mission."

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. The program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

"This is critically important to our donors," said Pam Acton, the Community Foundation's executive director. "When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes. The National Standards accreditation says our house is in order."

The Community Foundation offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization, provide flexible support for community needs or recommend individual grants. Roy Leap, the Community Foundation's president, states "We've always worked hard to do good, right here in Switzerland County. National Standards ensures that we have policies in place for financial stability and longevity, affirming our continued commitment to our donors, grantees and the Switzerland County community."

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