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**Middlesex County Community Foundation Wins Two Wilmer Shields Rich Awards for Excellence in Communications**

Middletown, April 10, 2008 — Middlesex County Community Foundation has been named a Silver and Bronze award winner for excellence in communications by the 2008 Wilmer Shields Rich Awards Program. Sponsored by the Council on Foundations, the awards program recognizes effective communications efforts to increase public awareness of foundations and corporate giving programs. Middlesex County Community Foundation received a Bronze award for its 2006 Annual Report and a Silver award for its Spring 2007 Newsletter. The award will be presented to Cynthia Clegg, President and CEO, at Philanthropy's Vision: A Leadership Summit, in National Harbor, Maryland, on Monday, May 5, 2008.

“As a foundation whose goal is to strengthen the Middlesex County community, we are pleased to be recognized for effectively communicating that mission to the public. We look forward to doing an even better job of spreading the word.” – Cynthia Clegg, President & CEO

Entries to the awards program included annual or biennial reports, magazines/periodicals, special reports, public information campaigns and websites. This year, 213 entries were submitted to the awards program.

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. The Foundation assists donors in meeting their philanthropic objectives through the creation of restricted and unrestricted endowments. Income from these endowments is used to award grants to charitable organizations that have a positive impact on our community. The Foundation also works cooperatively with other funders and non-profits to enhance philanthropy and improve conditions in the county. Since its founding in 1997, the organization has provided more than \$1 million in grants to more than 150 organizations for the arts; cultural and heritage programs; educational activities; environmental improvements; and for health and human services. For more information call 347-0025, email [info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org](mailto:info@MiddlesexCountyCF.org) or visit the Foundation's website [www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org](http://www.MiddlesexCountyCF.org).