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**Middlesex County Community Foundation Wins Highest National Honor for  
Excellence in Communications**

Middletown, March 18, 2009 — Middlesex County Community Foundation has been named a Gold Award winner for excellence in communications by the 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 also received a Bronze award for its 2008 Annual Report and a Silver award for its Spring 2008 Newsletter. The award will be presented at the Council on Foundations' 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on Monday, May 6, 2009.

“We are pleased to be recognized for effectively communicating our mission to the people who live in Middlesex County. It was truly a team effort and we are so grateful to Noemi Kearns of How2Design for her creativity and design expertise and to Patti Vassia for her keen insight into our community. We look forward to doing an even better job of keeping our donors and the nonprofit community informed and involved through our newsletter.” said 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, 199 entries were submitted to the awards program and competition for the Gold Award was intense.

The Middlesex County Community Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County. Its mission is to work with charitably-minded individuals and organizations, to build permanent endowments and other charitable funds to support local nonprofit organizations through effective grantmaking to address other community needs, such training and support for nonprofit staff and volunteers.

Since its founding in 1997, Middlesex County Community Foundation has provided over \$1.3 million in grants to more than 160 community organizations to improve the arts; cultural and heritage programs; educational activities; environmental conditions; and 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).

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