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COK AWARDED \$10,000 FROM THE CARL M. FREEMAN FOUNDATION

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The Carl M. Freeman Foundation commits its time, talent, and treasure to facilitate, support and promote innovative community-based leadership and giving. The Foundation seeks to honor Carl M. Freeman's legacies and passions by endorsing excellence and leveraging resources. The FACES Sussex program is designed to support grassroots organizations that are often doing the most critical and hands-on work. The program prioritizes small organizations with deep community ties and a commitment to serving those most in need.

What sets FACES apart is its community-driven approach. A volunteer advisory board made up entirely of Sussex County residents reviews all applications and recommends funding based on the most pressing needs they see in their neighborhoods. The board includes educators, business owners, students, nonprofit leaders, and other local voices who help ensure the grants reflect community priorities.

COK is once again among this year's grantees because of its goal to enrich the lives of local youth through education and engagement. A local 100% Volunteer organization with no paid staff and 90% of all grants, donations, sponsorships, and other funds raised going directly to clothing the kids in need, COK is the only non-profit organization offering an opportunity for every Sussex County student to have the clothing resources necessary to achieve excellence in their learning experience.

"We're incredibly proud to partner with these organizations that are doing such powerful and personal work in our communities," said Michelle Freeman, Chairman and President of the Carl M. Freeman Foundation. "These are the people and programs that show up every day to support their neighbors, and we're honored to stand beside them."



Pictured are Chairman and President of the Carl M. Freeman Foundation Michelle Freeman, COK President Bob Blouin and Board Member Peter Thomas, Freeman Community Engagement Director Lindsay Richards and Executive Director Patti Grimes.

