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Local Communities are Still Responding One Year Later to Support the Stone & Flick Children Fund

Fund Recently Surpassed \$300,000

Souderton, Pa., December 15, 2015 – Days after the Stone rampage in Montgomery County last December 15, many rallied together to shift the focus from the tragedy to bring stability and hope to the surviving children. Word FM, a local, faith-based radio station, and the Souderton-Telford Rotary partnered with Univest Foundation to establish the *Stone & Flick Children Fund*. The fund, which was jumpstarted by donations from all three lead organizations, has come a long way from its initial balance of \$5,000. This week it reached nearly \$312,000.

“While our community was hard hit by this unthinkable tragedy, fellow students, local businesses, community groups, nonprofits and neighbors responded over the last 12-months with compassion, generosity and a commitment to help these children regain stability and progress,” said Jim Leary, chief of police for Souderton Borough and president of Souderton-Telford Rotary Club.

The effort has been widespread with contributions coming from individuals as well as several fundraisers including a Concert Sundaes in the Park benefit concert, a waffles and ice cream social, the Souderton-Telford Rotary auction and golf outing, a golf outing run by the Indian Valley Country Club, a dress down day across the entire Souderton Area School District, an event at Screwball Bar & Grill, a spring fling at North Montco Tech Center, efforts led by the King of Prussia Rotary, a Spaghetti Dinner at the Sellersville Moose Lodge, a Taekwon-Do School fundraiser and a few student-led fundraising pages.

“The response has been tremendous and we are working closely with local attorneys, Univest Foundation and Univest Bank and Trust Co. to establish guardian accounts for each child so these funds can provide financial support and security as needed for many years to come,” Word FM station manager Dave Baker said.

In addition to financial contributions, according to Univest Foundation, specific donors have also committed to paying college tuition for each of the Stone children and Montgomery County Community College is providing scholarship support for Anthony Flick. Some of the funds donated were also used this past summer to assist in paying for summer camp experiences.

“We live in a unique and caring community,” said William F. Van Sant, III, executive director of Univest Foundation. “One year later, people are still reaching out to provide support and inquire on how they can help. It’s incredible.”

Individuals who are interested in donating can send checks payable to Univest Foundation, designate “*Stone & Flick Children Fund*” in the memo line, and mail to Univest Foundation at 14 North Main Street, PO Box 559, Souderton, PA 18964. Questions related to donations should be directed to Univest Foundation at 215-721-2405.

Univest Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization so all donations are tax deductible. Donors can be assured that their donations will be secured in a private account, growing with interest until all funds are designated to the children. A funds management team will be formed to handle the disbursements.

About Word FM:

Word FM, a branch of Four Rivers Broadcasting, is a local faith-based radio station that works to provide positive messaging and uplifting music daily for everyday living to inspire hope and encourage the community in which it serves.

About Souderton-Telford Rotary:

Souderton-Telford Rotary Club has been serving the local community since 1925. Our vibrant club is honored to be one of the more than 34,000 Rotary Clubs around the world committed to service above self.

About Univest Foundation:

Established as an independent entity in 2002, Univest Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization located in Souderton, Pennsylvania. The Foundation supports individual donors and nonprofits in the Greater Delaware Valley Region with their charitable planning needs.

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