

Székelyudvarhely Community Foundation Partnership MARCH 2011

For almost 20 years, PHH has sought to be agile and flexible in response to the rapidly changing economic and social landscape of our Unitarian homelands in Transylvania. Since the fall of Ceausescu in 1989, our Unitarian brothers and sisters have been working to rebuild their communities while adjusting to the opportunities and challenges of membership in the European Union and early-stage free market capitalism. This has provided PHH with ample reasons to review and revise its work while remaining true to its core vision of economic and community development.

PHH began with a project to help build a mill and bakery in Okland. The next phase involved development of a dairy barn in Karacsonyfalva. In 2006, PHH began a partnership with CIVITAS: Foundation for Civil Society, to bring development tools to Unitarian communities. Working with CIVITAS demonstrated the desire and ability of our Unitarian brothers and sisters to develop and lead their own initiatives.

A New Phase for PHH

Now, PHH is excited to announce a new partnership with the Székelyudvarhely Community Foundation (SzKA), a community-driven grant maker founded in 2007. SzKA has an impressive record of work with youth and young adults, of environmental activism, and of renewing philanthropic culture in the Homorod valleys.

Working with SzKA, PHH has established a donor-advised “Unitarian Community Fund”; the initial funding is \$40,000.

SzKA will advertise broadly the availability of grants for Unitarian community development, work with potential grantees to prepare excellent proposals using a strategy called “outcome mapping,” and present those proposals to PHH for approval. This process will assure professional management, financial transparency, and excellent resources for communication with PHH donors. SzKA will work with grantees from any Unitarian community in Transylvania.

PHH believes this is the logical next step in honoring and respecting our co-religionists in their efforts to design and manage their future.

Learn more about Székelyudvarhely Community Foundation at **www.szka.org**