To improve, we must understand where we are and how we are doing compared to others. The Future of the Piedmont Foundation, United Way of Danville-Pittsylvania County, and Danville Regional Foundation have created the 2009 Regional Report Card using data collected by others in federal, state, and local governments as of December 15, 2009 and, whenever possible, comparable data from five years earlier. Trends are shown as positive, negative or inconclusive.

The Regional Report Card is backed up by a much larger, more detailed document, Report Card – Background Information. Originally prepared by Tyler Laughinghouse and Carlethia Smith, 2009 interns with the Danville Regional Foundation, the report contains active links to the source of each statistic.

We hope that people and institutions throughout this region will use this information to better understand changes occurring, target opportunities for additional investments of time and energy, and change the conversations to focus on how we make the Region a better place for all.

If you think the information in this report is incorrect or incomplete, we hope you will point us to the right information at an independent and verifiable source on the web. Comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please send your ideas to Karl Stauber at Danville Regional Foundation (kstauber@danvilleregionalfoundation.org).