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COMMUNITY FIRST FUND PROMOTES REGIONAL LENDER TO VP

Lancaster, PA – Community First Fund announces the promotion of Lucy Cortez, MS-ECM, CAMLS, CFS to Vice President, Community Lending for Berks County.

A resident of Reading, Cortez has over 35 years of banking experience and joined Community First Fund as Director, Community Lending in 2015. Previously she worked for Meridian Bank and the Pennsylvania Department of Banking. She is a Certified Fraud Specialist (CFS), Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist (CAMLS) and Certified Mortgage Examination Manager (CMEM).

Cortez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Albright College and a Master of Science degree in Economic Crime Management from Utica College. She was recently appointed to the Reading Downtown Improvement District Authority and serves on the City of Reading Main Street Board. She also serves as board president for the Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Berks and board vice president for the Pennsylvania Home Lending Collaborative. Additionally, she is a member of the City of Reading Main Street Business Opportunity Committee and Greater Reading Chamber Women2Women Latina Initiative Committee.

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About Community First Fund

Community First Fund is the premier economic development organization serving the low income communities of central and eastern Pennsylvania. The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization provides loan capital to businesses, real estate developers and community support organizations throughout the region. Since 1992, Community First Fund has made more than 1400 loans and investments totaling nearly \$120 million to businesses, affordable housing and community based developers, and community based programs and initiatives. Get more information on Community First Fund at www.communityfirstfund.org.