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**Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce
Selects Peter Kjellerup Outstanding Citizen of the Year**

WEST GROVE, PA . . .The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce has selected Peter Kjellerup, cofounder of Dansko, Inc., as its **Outstanding Citizen of the Year** for his decades of service to the community. Kjellerup will be awarded the honor at the Chairman’s Annual Gala at Longwood Gardens on Saturday, February 23 at 6:30 pm. For more information and to register for the Annual Dinner, visit www.scccc.com.

“We are thrilled to recognize Peter Kjellerup with this prestigious honor,” said SCCCC President & CEO Cheryl Kuhn. “Peter exemplifies everything an outstanding citizen should be, and through his vision, leadership, and generosity, has greatly advanced the welfare of our community.”

“What an honor—and surprise—to be chosen for this award,” said Kjellerup. “I am so proud of our community and this recognition by the Chamber means a lot to me.”

Kjellerup cofounded Dansko, Inc. in 1990 with his wife Mandy Cabot, and presided as Dansko’s Vice President, overseeing the design, construction, and overall property management of its award-winning, Gold LEED certified campuses, through his retirement at the end of 2018.

Originally an importer of Danish clogs, Dansko designs, develops, and distributes a wide range of innovative casual and career footwear, and employs 150 people in West Grove PA. Recognized for its leadership in advancing socially and environmentally responsible business practices, Dansko was the winner of the “Exceptional Achievement Citation” from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; the “Paradigm Award” from the Chester County Development Council; the “Corporate Social Investment Award” from the Chester County Community Foundation; the “Triple Bottom Line Award” from the Social Business Network of Greater Philadelphia; the “Green Business Award” from the Chester County Chamber of Business; the “Corporate Goodwill Award” from Footwear Plus; and the “Built To Last” and “Best For The World, Workers” awards from B Lab. The company is now 100% employee owned.

Kjellerup himself is the proud recipient of the “Leadership Award” from the Delaware Valley Green Building Council and the “Service to Youth Award” from the YMCA of Brandywine Valley. Kjellerup and his wife Mandy Cabot also received the “Lifetime

Achievement Award” from Lincoln University and the “Jordan Award” from the Chester County Community Foundation.

Kjellerup currently serves on the Boards of the Stroud Water Research Center, The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County, the Cabot Kjellerup Foundation, and the Cabot Kjellerup Realty Trust, and is a past Board member of the Red Clay Valley Association, Chester County Food Bank, and the Dansko Foundation.

About The Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award

Established in 1968, the Award signifies exemplary volunteer efforts, community service, vision, leadership and citizenship of individuals who positively influence the welfare of the Southern Chester County community. Since that time, our community has gathered together annually to honor the men and women, who have served the community in this manner and, in doing so, received this prestigious award for their efforts.

About Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce

The Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce, the region's leading pro-business member organization, is dedicated to the growth and development of its members and the business community by providing opportunities to connect businesses and support sustainable economic development. Founded in 1929 in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the Chamber's nearly 500-member businesses consist of influential business leaders and professionals, not-for-profits, institutions, legislative leaders, and more. The Chamber hosts more than 70 events and programs each year in the Southern Chester County region. To join or learn more about the Chamber, visit www.sccccc.com.

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