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Cover photography and inset photos throughout, courtesy of George Schreck, Franklin Forks, PA.

Once again, we are honored to feature the beautiful photography of George throughout this issue. His contributions in our previous publication were very highly praised by our widespread readership.

For this issue, George's theme is "Old buildings, New purpose", featuring the historical architecture of the region and its current use in our lives today throughout Susquehanna and Wyoming counties.

We express our appreciation and gratitude for George's efforts, and for helping us to stay connected to the beautiful attributes of our region.

Above: Wellness Center; former residence, Montrose

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From the Editor ~

Blessed Are Those Who Can't Take It Anymore

A soft-spoken Bangladeshi economics professor Muhammad Yunus has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to eliminate poverty in rural villages of the developing world.

His “eureka moment” came in 1974 when he met Sufia Begum, a shy 21- year old mother of three whose skilled and calloused fingers were weaving beautiful bamboo stools. When the professor inquired about how much she earned, he learned that all but two cents of the price of Sufia's stools went to repay the lender middleman who financed her nine-cents per stool materials. “I thought to myself, my God, for nine-cents she has become a slave.”

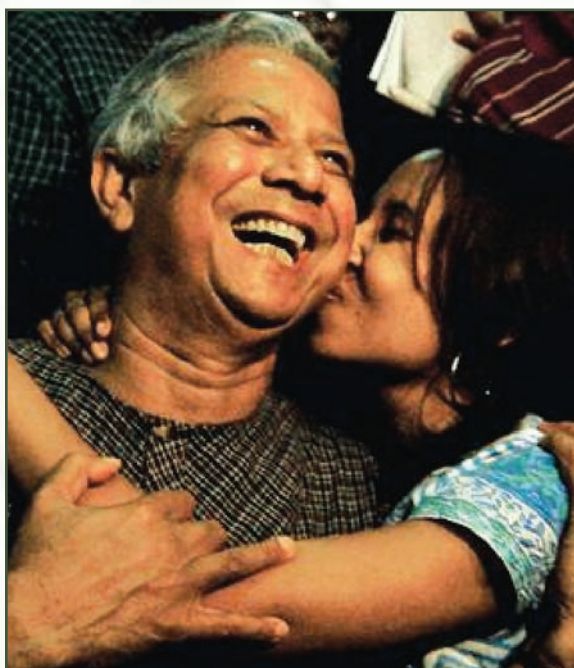
Yunus and his students surveyed the woman's village, Jobra, the next day and discovered that 43 other villagers owed the equivalent of \$27 to that lender. He decided, “I couldn't take it anymore. I put the \$27 out there and told them they could liberate themselves and pay me back whenever they could.” They all paid him back, day by day over a year.

This encounter launched what became Grameen Bank, the

institution which will share Yunus' Nobel award. Over 33 years Grameen has loaned \$5.72 billion to mostly women with children who had no collateral and repaid based upon an honor system. The bank has raised 6.6 million

borrowers out of poverty, and has been able to expand to include housing loans, financing for irrigation and fisheries as well as traditional savings accounts. The success has inspired an entire micro-finance industry around the world which in 2006 alone helped 92 million families.

Community Foundation donors often arrive having had their own “I can't take it any more!” moment. They come resolved to make something better. There are many examples within these pages. We hope they inspire you to make your own philanthropic dreams come true. We're here to help you do that.



Bangladeshi Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus is kissed by his daughter Dina after receiving the news of his award.

“Be the change you want to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi

Micro-loans are as small as \$9 but average about \$200. Recipients are put into groups of five. Once two members of a group have borrowed money, the other three must wait for the funds to be repaid before they get a loan. Each member must repay her first loan before she is entitled to a second. The method encourages social responsibility and has produced a repayment rate of 99 percent.

FOUNDATION MILESTONES

We celebrate the following achievements with gratitude to the Donors, Staff, Advisory Council, Board of Directors and Volunteers who have made them possible:

- The Foundation received over \$1,000,000 in total revenue in 2006.

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- In 2006 assets increased 100% from \$912,000 to \$1,829,082.

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- Assets increased 248% from \$525,000 to \$1,829,082 from 2004 through 2006, making this Foundation the most rapidly growing Community Foundation in Pennsylvania.

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- In March, 2007 Community Foundation assets surpassed \$2,000,000 thus providing over \$100,000 in charitable and educational assistance so far this year.

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- Fourteen new funds with a combined value of \$489,100 were added in 2006. By April of 2007 fourteen additional funds were established valued at \$480,657.

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- Nearly \$150,000 in interest was earned by existing funds. In 2006 funds earned 11.64%; the four-year average return is 13.35%.

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- Foundation endowments distributed \$85,000 in grants to our two counties in 2006; all were directed by our donors, either by permanent designation or yearly advice. Our Educational Improvement Tax Credit program provided \$128,000 in pre-K through 12th grade scholarships to 186 local students at 26 schools and programs in four counties.

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- The Foundation spent about 5% of its revenue on upgrading and expanding its computer system, building a new website, printing and postage, payroll and other administrative expenses. Office rent and utilities were provided by a donation from a private foundation.

- In 2006 eight new Memorial Funds were established. By late April 2007 three more Memorial Funds were established, bringing the total to 27.

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- In 2006 20 scholarships totaled \$9,100 for college or equivalent education assistance.

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- In 2007, 61 scholarships will be awarded with a total value of \$53,900.

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- Our first Honorary Funds were established recently. They recognize outstanding living community members Robert W. Klenk and Albert M. Purdy.

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- Our first two Music Scholarships have been established at Tunkhannock (honoring Albert Purdy) and at Susquehanna Community (Johnny Edwards Memorial).

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- We welcome Lackawanna Trail School District as our newest affiliate foundation.

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- Five new endowments were created in 2006 to support these specific organizations: The Garden Club of Montrose, Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association, Montrose Borough, Silver Lake Ladies Club and Women's Resource Center. We now have 22 organization endowments.

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- Donations totaling \$34,057 were added to funds established in prior years. Many of these donations were from new donors.

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- Total funds currently managed now number 67.



Families and friends who establish Community Foundation Memorial Funds or Honorary Funds are given the option of creating a special page on our website with their loved one or honoree's picture. This page also describes the purpose of each fund and the reasons why these special people are recognized in this way. Go to www.community-foundation.org to see examples of these enduring personal tributes.

Kingsley Civic Club: The Power of Pizza and People

Since 1957 the Kingsley Civic Club has been making pizza at the Harford Fair to help three Mountain View graduates each year go to college. The Civic Club recently transferred its \$35,000 scholarship savings to The Community Foundation to ensure its permanence and future growth. For many years the Club's fund acted as a loan, and in some cases scholarship recipients are still making payments on those loans. These payments, plus other Club donations will be added to the current fund to increase its value and to ensure that scholarships to future generations keep pace with inflation.

The Civic Club was formed in 1929. Earle Wootton, President of The Community Foundation, states "this is the very reason The Community Foundation was formed; to ensure the long-term benefits of projects people have been working on for years."

*Margaret Stone and Jeanette Price of the Kingsley Civic Club
with Foundation Dir. of Development, Peter Quigg*



The Montrose Cemetery

We are pleased to report that the Montrose Cemetery Association has decided to transfer its \$200,000 operations fund to Community Foundation management. Maintenance fees and inflation had been cutting into the value of their assets, limiting the Association's ability to replace equipment, pay for rising lawn mowing fuel and landscaping of the historic grounds. The Association's decision ensures that the beauty and history of this special place will be preserved.



"When people are serving, life is no longer meaningless."

John Gardner

Dohrer Scholarship

Thanks to Council Member, and Tunkhannock High School Principal, Mike Thornton and also Business Manager, Sandra Lane for supporting the transfer of this \$94,000 fund to The Community Foundation. Each year 5% of the Dohrer Scholarship Fund will be distributed equally to benefit four students. One beneficiary will be a graduating Tunkhannock Area High School senior who has maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average in High School, three others will be Tunkhannock Area High School alumni who are in their

sophomore, junior, and senior years of college and have maintained a 3.0 grade point average. The Dohrer scholarship has existed since the 1980s. It was once valued at \$100,000.00, but has diminished over the years as fees and inflation exceeded the scholarship's investment earnings. One of the goals of transferring this fund to The Community Foundation is to have it again, hopefully within three years, reach its original dollar amount while still granting ever-increasing scholarship awards.

K-9 Program for Susquehanna County

District Attorney Jason Legg has established a fund at The Community Foundation to assist with law enforcement expenses, particularly those of the Susquehanna County Task Force and the K-9 Unit. The Task Force is currently focused upon drug investigations and DUI arrests. It now includes ten part-time detectives, who will soon be joined by a dog, still a puppy in training today, who will be prepared to support the officers. While he trains, a Blue Ridge School District class is raising funds to provide him with a bullet-proof vest.

The new County DUI Task Force is a roving patrol of uniformed detectives in a police vehicle dedicated to finding and arresting drunk drivers. In the last 18 months Susquehanna County has seen four deaths at the hands of drunk drivers including two fatal accidents on dirt roads. Some drivers have expressed the tragically false impression that they are no danger to others when they use these back dirt roads while intoxicated.

The Task Force program has been implemented by the District Attorney without taxpayer dollars. He has used law

enforcement funds that were generated through seizure of monies from defendants in criminal proceedings. Wages of officers are also being covered through fees paid by criminals defendants, and a Task Force Coordinator's salary is being covered by the Susquehanna County Drug & Alcohol Commission from convicted drunk driver fees. Some municipal officers conducting drug investigations will be paid for by the state.

District Attorney Legg hopes that the Task Force will make a few people change their bad habits, and make many of us safer on the roads. His Law Enforcement Fund will support this work. Interested individuals and corporations can make tax-deductible donations to the Law Enforcement Fund at any time.



Albert & Ventresca Families Fund

The Albert & Ventresca Families Fund for The Women's Resource Center of Susquehanna County has recently been established at The Community Foundation by Mrs. Judy Albert Ventresca. Her initial donation of \$25,000 was made because, in her words, she "has reached a point in life where it is time to give back." Over the years Mrs. Ventresca has seen women struggling to get by, but not necessarily making a major shift in lifestyle choices. This fund will assist deserving women who are making a concerted effort to

improve their circumstances, not merely to exist in their same situation month after month. Peter Quigg, Director of Development has noted, "We see many kind gestures as part of our work, but Mrs. Ventresca is to be highly commended for her caring and concern for the women of Susquehanna County." To further enhance the value of this fund, and subsequent grants to the Women's Resource Center, individuals and corporations are invited to contribute tax-deductible gifts.

Flood Relief

We are proud to report some of the many ways Community Foundation donors and associated organizations have responded to the recent floods.

United Way of Susquehanna County has assisted both relief workers and flood victims with donations. This included a distribution to 100 families of groceries purchased at Rob's Market in Hallstead. That market had also been hard hit by the floods but managed to reopen.

Friends of Susquehanna County this year made a special donation of \$18,000 to Barnes-Kasson Health Center in Hallstead. The Center had to be closed, relocated and reopened to serve the community.

Leasure Fund of The Community Foundation made

grants to match United Way donations towards Christmas presents for flood victims.

Donley Fund of The Community Foundation, with the permission and leadership of Attorney Mike Giangrieco, has agreed to provide assistance to the Hallstead-Great Bend American Legion in awarding its 2007 college scholarships to students of the Blue Ridge High School. Because of the June 2006 floods the Legion did not have discretionary funds to cover the \$10,000 usually allocated annually for scholarships. Fortunately, the Donley Fund produces enough income to allow the Legion to keep its commitment to students this year.



Dual-Enrollment Now A Reality

Mountain View High School will be able to start a Dual-Enrollment program this year. The program allows students to take college level classes for college credit while they attend secondary school. Blue Ridge and Susquehanna students are already receiving Foundation scholarship assistance for this enrichment opportunity. The courses are from the University of Scranton and they include Environmental Literacy, Creativity and Problem Solving, and Introduction to Engineering.

The Dual-Enrollment experience saves families college tuition expense, plus it affords students the chance to explore academic interests and perhaps make better, earlier decisions on their college major. This can accelerate college graduation date. Dual-Enrollment also offers academic challenge to gifted students, and keeps their interest in college and in junior and senior year high school classes from lagging.

EITC Scholarship Donors for 2006

We thank our Education Improvement donors for providing \$160,000 for scholarships in 2006. These awards helped 186 students in Pre-School through 12th Grade attend 26 local schools and programs that otherwise would not have been available to them. Our business donors' generosity is truly appreciated. These corporations were reimbursed for 75% to 100% of their contributions by tax credits through Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development.

- Andre & Son, Inc.
- Commonwealth Telephone Company
- Community Bank & Trust
- Pennstar Bank
- Peoples National Bank

PATH Program Doubles Scholarships

The Community Foundation has been approved to be one of only 33 agencies within the state to administer the Pennsylvania PATH program. PATH provides matching funds that have the potential to double the awards provided by Community Foundation college scholarships for local High School graduates. We are pleased to offer this service to our local students. We thank Foundation Board member, and private investment advisor, Robert Brown, for bringing the PATH Program to our attention.



To be eligible for PATH matching grants, Foundation scholarship recipients must be a Pennsylvania State Grant recipient, be in the process of requesting a Federal Student Loan, demonstrate financial need, and be enrolled at least half-time in a Pennsylvania State Grant approved postsecondary institution.

Lizza Gallery; former roller rink, Tunkhannock



Innovations That Await Your Donation

The state's EITC program allows businesses' gifts of scholarships up to \$200,000 per year to be credited (75% to 100%) toward business taxes owed. Call The Foundation Director of Development, Peter Quigg, for details. This is a chance to direct tax dollars you would already be paying towards the education expenses of your own community. It is a win-win for all, and more donors are needed.

Your \$60,000 business tax credit donation...

would pay for a project to update and modernize the computer lab for distance education at Montrose Area School District.

Punt, Pass and Kick Contest Weekend

sponsored by the United Way of Susquehanna County

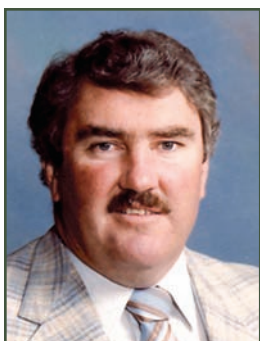
June 1st – Tailgate party with Chris Snee at Green Gables, New Milford, 6:00 pm.

June 2nd – 3rd Annual Chris Snee Punt, Pass and Kick Contest.

To register: Call 570.278.3868 or online:

www.unitedwayofsusquehannacounty.org

Paul Fearick Memorial Baseball Scholarship



Family and friends of the late Paul Fearick Jr. have established the Paul Fearick Memorial Baseball Scholarship to provide college tuition assistance to graduates of Lackawanna Trail High School who play varsity baseball. A Memorial Page remembering Mr. Fearick has also been created on the Community Foundation web site.

Mr. Fearick was a 1966 graduate of St. John's High School in Pittston and a 1970 graduate of King's College. He taught Social Studies at Lackawanna Trail from 1980 until his death. He also coached baseball from 1980 until 1995. His team won five Northeast Athletic Conference Baseball Championships and four PIAA District 12 Titles, and had an overall win/loss record of 200-79. In 2006 he returned to once again coach varsity baseball. For the season his team had a 17-3 record, won the Lackawanna League Division III title, the District 2 Class AA crown, and reached the second round of the state playoffs. He had also been an assistant football coach at Mid-Valley High School since 2002.

Paul Fearick had a knack for spotting talent and developing his players to achieve their best performance. He was highly regarded by students and colleagues alike from throughout the region, and will be missed by many.



"Everything starts as somebody's day dream." Larry Niven

First Community Foundation Basketball Tournament

MASD Athletic Director Joseph Gilhool dreamt it, believed it and achieved it, a hometown Christmas basketball tournament, that is. The last week of 2006 saw fans shuttling back and forth between Montrose and Elk Lake basketball courts to pack stands and cheer on 12 Susquehanna County teams in the first Community Foundation Basketball Tournament. "I was weary of seeing our kids travel an hour or more for Christmas tournaments in Honesdale, Scranton and Crestwood," Gilhool says. "As an official I was always away from home. I felt we could bring out families on this holiday week for our own community-oriented event."

Gilhool was right. One-hundred players battled for the pride of bringing the handsome trophy home for a year. The Champion players also each received a medallion. Proceeds each year will go to scholarships that will benefit all participating schools. This year's girls' team winner was Elk Lake. The Montrose Meteors won the boy's trophy.



Montrose Meteors



Elk Lake



Albert M. Purdy Music Scholarship for Tunkhannock



The Tunkhannock Area High School Band Booster Club has established the Albert M. Purdy Music Scholarship with The Community Foundation. The Scholarship will provide tuition assistance for generations of graduates who share Mr. Purdy's love of music, who exhibit exceptional talent in vocal or instrumental performance, and

who will study music. This is a permanent scholarship that is expected to increase in value over the years.

Mr. Purdy taught in the Tunkhannock Schools from 1973 until his retirement in 2006. During that time he was Music Coordinator, Chorus Director, Music Department Chairman, String Ensemble Director, Marching Band

Assistant Director, and Piano Accompanist for Drama and Musical Productions. Prior to 1973, Mr. Purdy taught at Abington Heights School District in Clarks Summit, and the Abraham Lincoln Junior High School in Lancaster. Over the years many of his students have competed and excelled at all levels of musical competitions.

Albert Purdy holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from West Chester State College, and a Master's degree in Classroom Technology from Wilkes University. He held officer positions in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) where he was awarded the Service Award, the Citation of Excellence Award, and the Outstanding Teacher Award from Wilkes University. Mr. Purdy has also performed at various community events and was the organist for the Tunkhannock United Methodist Church. He and his wife Beth, have two children, Elizabeth and Albert.

*"Nobody cares if you can't dance well.
Just get up and dance."* Dave Barry

Johnny Edwards Music Scholarship

The Johnny Memorial Music Scholarship has been established by Johnny's family, friends and coworkers. Johnny was a band member and vocalist for many years, traveling the world to perform with several groups including Flashback. In recent years he was known as a hard worker in the x-ray department of Barnes Kasson Hospital in Susquehanna. He and his family lived in Lanesboro, but on Friday nights, Johnny entertained crowds at Viaduct Inn where he was renowned as the DJ with a great sense of humor. He was a graduate of Susquehanna Community High School where his talent and accomplishments will not be forgotten. Every year Johnny's Memorial Fund will provide a scholarship grant which will be awarded in his honor to a graduate from his school who will go on to study music or the arts.

At a recent very successful fund raiser in memory of Johnny ten bands volunteered time and sound systems, food and drinks were provided by local merchants, and the Edwards family was awarded a memorial plaque. Johnny's coworker and friend, Mary Iveson says, "Johnny meant a lot to us." Mary, Michelle Miller and Chris Davis initiated the Memorial Fund with Johnny's widow, Bobbie Edwards. Everyone who loved Johnny, or loves music is welcomed to contribute.



Over the last decade, the portion of corporate philanthropy dedicated to the arts has dropped by more than half. Support for the arts was 4 percent of total corporate philanthropy in 2004, compared with 9.5 percent in 1994.

The Clemens Family Fund



Retirement for Carol and Dave Clemens has been a busy time enriched by their successes in preserving open lands. They have been active stewards at the Florence Shelly Preserve where they made possible a small but

significant addition of land. That parcel completely protects the small stream which flows through the park and provides easy access between two portions of the preserve that had previously been isolated from each other by wetlands. Dave has also served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Salt Springs Park for six years. He and Carol assisted in the acquisition of both the Friends' Land and more recently the Fogler property. These two projects added more than 430 acres to park lands. Carol Clemens has served for 13 years as

treasurer for the League of Women Voters of Susquehanna County. Working with the League, she has encouraged public awareness and education about natural history and open space preservation.

The Clemens family has worked to transform their own Hallstead land from a once degraded forest to a promising regenerated asset which in 2005 received the Northeast Regional Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year Award from the American Tree Farm System. Two of Carol and Dave's three daughters plan to continue to manage that property in the future. The Clemens Family Fund agreement includes a provision that the fund can be used to assist other nonprofits in the preservation of more land in the future. Dave and Carol have been active in the Southern Tier Orchid Society and are both dedicated members of the Franklin Hill Presbyterian Church.

"It is only in our minds that we are separate from the rest of the world." Gay Luce

Countryside Conservancy Endowment

The mission of the Countryside Conservancy is to conserve lands and water in and near the Tunkhannock Creek watershed for public benefit now and for the future. That makes the open spaces, wetlands and forests of Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties important to this organization. The Foundation is delighted to welcome the Countryside Conservancy Fund to its family, and to invite others to contribute to their fund and to their work.

In addition to purchasing land for conservation, for over a decade Countryside Conservancy has encouraged good land stewardship by the presentation of annual Stewardship Awards. The awards highlight the best conservation practices by owners of working farms, restored homes or special use properties, and preserved lands. In the past The Foundation's own building at 36 Lake Avenue received a Stewardship Award. This year four farms, three homes, and three special use properties were recognized.



Charitable Remainder Trusts: Everyone Wins Except the IRS

One of our donor families has agreed to anonymously share the details of their own Charitable Remainder Trust. They hope to encourage others in their situation to consider this powerful estate planning and charitable giving tool. We are grateful to them for providing this true story of philanthropy that is both generous and smart.

More than twenty years ago our couple made a mid-life investment of \$122,000 in the stock of a promising company. As the company was successful and grew, the value of their stocks grew to \$500,000, representing a large portion of the couple's total assets. The stocks provided some limited dividend income.

This situation is certainly “a very good problem to have” if it is properly managed, but our friends discovered it presented pitfalls as well. With many years of life ahead of them, they had a lot of their nest eggs in a single company basket. If that company ran into problems and its stock took a tumble, a large portion their estate could evaporate. However, if they chose to sell that stock in order to diversify their wealth and lower their risk, they would certainly be hit with a big capital gains tax bill and lose much of what they had gained.

Our donors' Financial Advisor and Foundation Board Member, William Lewis, recommended a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) as the solution. Along with the couple's attorney and The Community Foundation, a CRT was created and the highly appreciated stock was gifted to that Trust. Because the stock was given to charity, the couple received current charitable tax deduction advantages. The Charitable Trust then sold the stocks and invested the assets in a diversified, higher yielding portfolio that lessened risks. Since the Charitable Trust (not the couple themselves) made this sale of the appreciated stocks, no capital gains taxes applied, and nothing was lost to taxes.

The Trust assets are no longer owned by our couple, however they receive guaranteed income from Trust returns for the rest of their joint lifetimes. After both partners are

deceased, the remaining value of the CRT will create a Family Fund in this couple's honor at The Community Foundation. The fund value by the time our couple reaches normal life expectancy is estimated to be over \$1 million.

The Community Foundation will manage this fund to ensure that charitable grants flow, in perpetuity, to the couple's chosen local charities. It sometimes happens that a local school, church or charitable agency is closed down, consolidated or relocated. Your agreement with The Foundation can specify that you wish your endowment to remain in the local community if such a change occurs. As the decades roll on, this prevents your gift from being absorbed into a national or regional parent organization far from your hometown, and contrary to your intentions.

There are more benefits. Our donor's guaranteed income from their CRT is much greater than the dividends they had been receiving from their single-stock investment. This has allowed them to fund a Wealth Replacement Trust - a kind of life insurance policy - valued at \$500,000. This will be paid to their son after his second parent dies. With a plan for Wealth Replacement established, the couple's philanthropy need not disinherit their son.

In summary, Charitable Remainder Trusts with The Community Foundation provide the following benefits:

- Guaranteed lifetime income
- Diversification and greater security of investment
- Higher income from investment (allowing Wealth Replacement for heirs)
- Eliminates capital gains tax
- Provides current tax deductions for the charitable gift
- Funds perpetual grants to your charity or charities of choice
- Ensures your endowment remains in your community

If you are the owner of any highly appreciated asset, a Charitable Remainder Trust is too good a deal to ignore. Contact The Community Foundation to explore this option.

A Word About Foundation Investments...

Because of strong performance by the capital markets, The Community Foundation has enjoyed a four-year average rate of return on its investments of 13.33% since 2002. This level of earnings is the result of large gains in the equity markets that comprise 60% to 70% of Foundation investments. Another 20% to 30% of our investments are in bonds, and 10% to 20% in short-term investments. The bonds and short-term investments usually yield lower

returns but will hold value when equities slump. This investment policy is standard practice among foundations. Our conservative spread among broadly diversified Vanguard Group mutual funds is designed to protect principal and to average, over the very long term, a 10% annual return. Of that 10% return, 5% is available for grant making, 4% is reinvested to keep building the funds, and 1% pays an annual administration fee.

Your Good Work Goes On

The organization you passionately support today with your time and energy can continue, after your death, to benefit from a planned donation from your estate. When many supporters make bequests to that organization, they can form a Legacy Society administered by The Community Foundation. In this way they ensure enduring, predictable financial support for their non-profit.

Legacy Society members choose to be publicly recognized by listings in our Foundation Magazine, on our web site, and in other publicity to encourage others to support the charities of our region. Members choose a Chairperson to be their Community Foundation Chapter liaison. The Foundation holds special receptions for Legacy Society members, interested friends and family.

Legacy Society members whose gifts exceed \$2,500 will have a Community Foundation fund established in their honor when their estate is settled. That fund will continue to grow and permanently provide grants of 5% of the ever-increasing value of their fund awarded annually in their

name. Members with bequests of less than \$2,500 will have their gifts added to an established fund which supports their organization.

Joining a Legacy Society requires two simple steps. First, arrange for a planned gift by including instructions in your will. Second, inform The Community Foundation of your intentions by submitting a Legacy Society form available at The Foundation's office, its web site, or from a Society Chairperson. Joining a Legacy Society does not require you to specify how much you intend to leave to your Society. However, we encourage donors to discuss their gifts with us to make sure we can comply with their wishes. Some general knowledge of your intentions also allows your organization to make plans for the future.

In addition to bequests, other gifts that can qualify a person for Legacy Society membership include 401K/IRA plans, insurance policies, charitable trusts, or a signed deferred pledge. To help establish a Legacy Society for your organization contact The Foundation.



Edward L. Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County Legacy Society

The Society recognizes those who have the forethought and generosity to include a gift to the Conservancy in their estate plans. By doing this Legacy Society members uphold the Conservancy's mission of preserving natural resources, wildlife sanctuary and refuge, and scenic beauty. Patty Bloomer is this Legacy Society chairperson. Patty has taken on this responsibility because she is "thrilled about what The Foundation is doing, and I'm glad to be a part of it. If we don't work to preserve what we have, it will disappear. Urban creep will keep coming and our farms and rural landscapes will be replaced by the kinds of development no one wants." With such passion Patty began over 40 years ago by starting a water quality committee at Silver Lake. That led to the founding of the Conservancy with co-founder Harold Donovan, now deceased. The Conservancy purchased High Point Preserve in 1987. This historic land was the last remaining tract of the original 100,000 acres purchased in 1808 by Dr. Robert H. Rose, one of the County's first land holders.

Edward L. Rose Conservancy land preserves can now be found throughout Susquehanna County. The Conservancy is steward to 45 acres near Longford Lake. They have partnered with the Friends of Salt Springs to protect the Park's conservation lands in Franklin Township. Lands of Reuben and Beth Everett along route 167 have been preserved through the efforts of this Conservancy, as has property of Carolyn and Roger Doolittle along route 267. The Conservancy's most recent success is the donation of Greenwood Sanctuary by Laidily MacBride. That Sanctuary includes more than 106 acres of Dimock rural mixed forest and pasture lands that have been placed into stewardship.



The Friends of Salt Springs State Park Legacy Society

Members of this Legacy Society pledge an endowment to the Friends by including a clause in their Will and Letter of Instruction regarding how they wish their gift to be used. The Friends manage and operate the park and surrounding preserved lands with local volunteers. They maintain and improve facilities, develop the area's potential for recreation, environmental and historical education. Toby Anderson is this Legacy Society chairperson.

Toby is a retired attorney, formerly of Philadelphia. He and his wife Libby, an accomplished weaver and Women's Resource Center supporter, now reside on a sheep farm in Franklin Township. The Andersons have been supporters of The Montrose Restoration Committee and many Susquehanna County improvement efforts. They were among the founding members of Friends of Salt Springs Park.

Two Spans of a Single Arch

The United Way of Susquehanna County and The Community Foundation share the use of donated offices at 36 Lake Avenue, and many board members, two staff members and some volunteers. But their missions are distinct, and they are two separate organizations. The United Way focuses upon generating funds to fill the annual coffers of local charities that serve Susquehanna County residents. United Way disburses quarterly grants to support their agencies and depends upon annual gifts and the recurring generosity of the community which responds to its annual campaign. Grants are allocated by the United Way Board of Directors based upon detailed agency scrutiny, and an evaluation of the community's needs and priorities.

The Community Foundation serves donors of both Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties who wish to establish managed, invested, long term endowments that benefit a charity of their choice. Foundation grants are made at the direction of the donors who establish the funds, and typically provide a kind of "patient capital" that is paid out of the investment earnings of those endowment funds. Foundation funds are managed to grow and be sustainable over generations. The founding of the United Way of Susquehanna County was the first major project of The Community Foundation, accomplished at a time when The Foundation was only serving a single county. This uniquely symbiotic relationship has been described by Earle Wootton, a founder and principal in both organizations, as "two spans of a single arch."

Educators Build Scholarship

The Administration and Faculty of the Mountain View School District have created a permanent annual college scholarship with The Community Foundation to benefit graduating seniors. It was established by tax-deductible United Way donations that the School District's staff designated for the scholarship. It will continue to be enhanced by such yearly donations in the future.

The Mountain View Staff/United Way Community Service Scholarship will recognize a student who will enter college or a post secondary degree program, and who demonstrates a strong sense of community spirit.

The Community Foundation thanks the Mountain View High School Guidance Department and United Way's Executive Director, Ruth Donnelly, for initiating this creative fund development concept. This is the fifth Community Foundation scholarship for Mountain View graduates. Employees of other local school districts should consider this option when planning their United Way payroll deduction donations.

About Community Foundations

By IRS regulation, the governing bodies of community foundations are required to represent broad community interests. Community foundations are classified by the IRS not as private foundations but as "public charities," like churches, schools and colleges, hospitals, and certain other nonprofits.

United Way of Susquehanna County

- **Annual Campaign raising money for Susquehanna County nonprofits only.**
- Donations fully disbursed annually.
- Annual administration costs paid from annual donations.
- Allocation determined by volunteer United Way Board.
- Donors can designate charity to receive contribution.
- Susquehanna County geographic area.
- Gifts are tax deductible.

The Community Foundation

- **Serves donors, by administering their endowments. Donors select the non-profit to benefit from endowment.**
- Donations invested for conservative growth; principal is retained and grows.
- Administrative fee of 1% paid from fund earnings.
- Grants awarded from fund earnings, usually 5% of fund value.
- Donor may advise Foundation on grant distribution.
- Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties are primary area, but any charity donor chooses may receive money.
- Gifts are tax deductible.

The Johnny Edwards Music Scholarship

The 1st Annual Benefit for The Johnny Edwards Music Scholarship: was held on Saturday January 27th at the Starucca House in Susquehanna. Participants enjoyed good food and, of course, great music by local bands. Proceeds established a fund to benefit Susquehanna Community graduates going on to study music.

Rosemont Art Project

A reception and art sale was held last November to benefit the GRW Fund. The new Butternut Gallery and Second Story Books hosted the gala in their charmingly restored historic location overlooking Public Avenue.

Jazz Night Out

Tunkhannock Area High School Band Department held a Dinner/Dance at the Middle School on Saturday, March 31st to benefit the Albert M. Purdy Music Scholarship. Jazz Night Out dinner was catered by The Fireplace Restaurant. Entertainment was provided by the Tunkhannock Area High School Jazz Bands, with dance instruction offered by Jill and Gehred Wetzel.

Keystone College

The Foundation's Wyoming County Advisory Council were guests of Keystone College's dining room for a holiday meeting. Keystone is home to one of many Foundation-supported pre-school programs, and we hope to introduce area graduates to the opportunity of Keystone Dollars college scholarships. We are grateful to Dr. Robert Scott, and Dr. Ned Boehm, an early supporter.

WPEL

On November 11th, Peter Quigg, Foundation Director of Development, was interviewed on WPEL FM station 96.5; and AM station 1250. WPEL, it is an icon in the region with a long history of broadcasting to a wide audience. Peter can remember as a child visiting relatives on their farm in Lenoxville, where there were two things running constantly in the kitchen: the woodstove that baked the ginger-snap cookies, and the transistor radio playing WPEL. We thank WPEL President and Foundation Advisory Council Member, Larry Souder, for this opportunity.

ON AIR

Alex P. Fried Joins Advisory Council



Alex Fried emigrated from Prague, Czechoslovakia as a child in 1968. He earned a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Penn State, and an MS degree in Managerial Science from Marywood University. Since 1987 he has been employed by Proctor & Gamble where he has held many engineering and leadership positions. His current assignment is Mehoopany Plant Public Relations, Energy Affairs, and Health, Safety and Environmental Manager.

In addition to his recent participation on The Community Foundation's Wyoming County Advisory Council, Mr. Fried's community activities include service as President of Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce; he is a member of Keystone College President's Advisory Council, Junior Achievement of NEPA Board of Directors, and Northern Tier Regional Planning and Development Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Fried's interests include all sports, especially racquetball, skiing, and golf, plus woodworking, home improvements, computers, audio and video, and home brewing. He and his wife Ruth have two young sons. We welcome the addition of Alex Fried's energy and business expertise to The Community Foundation.

Michael Ognosky Joins Advisory Council



We are pleased to welcome Michael Ognosky to the Foundation's Susquehanna County Advisory Council. He has been Superintendent of the Montrose Area Junior-Senior High School since 2001. Before that he served the school as Assistant Principal and Principal.

Mike received a B.S. from Bloomsburg University in Secondary Education/Social Studies, his Masters in Educational Administration from University of Scranton, and a Superintendent Letter of Eligibility from Lehigh University. He taught Social Studies at Western Wayne High School in Lake Ariel, PA for 12 years before becoming an administrator.

Mike and his wife Brenda have three children ages 16 to 28. He also serves the community as a member of the United Way of Susquehanna County Board of Directors. His expertise on the Council will be a valued asset since many Foundation donors are interested in creating scholarships and funding educational improvement.

Design and Graphics: Foundation Magazine



We are very proud of the visual impact of our magazine and the complimentary responses of our readers. We are very much indebted to Neil Fessler, Creative Director of Market Share Development in Scranton, PA, for his efforts in the layout and design of the Foundation magazine.

Neil's expertise is also applied to the web site management for the United Way of Susquehanna County. Both commitments are invaluable to us. His guidance, graphic style, and timely responses have greatly supported our public presentation, and we are fortunate to have his contributions.

Albert & Ventresca Families Fund for The Women's Resource Center of Susquehanna County

Established by Judy Albert Ventresca to assist deserving women making an effort to improve their circumstances.

L. Carter & Elizabeth Anderson Fund

Supports various charitable needs of Susquehanna County as determined annually by the Anderson family

Daniel Arnold Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Daniel Arnold, killed in action in Iraq in September, 2005. Provides a college scholarship for a football player from Montrose Area High School, Daniel's alma mater.

Raymond L. Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Dr. Ray Bennett, a long-time Montrose physician. Provides a college scholarship for a Montrose Area High School graduate who has maintained an 85 GPA during High School and has participated in interscholastic athletics.

Blue Ridge School District Foundation Superintendent's Fund

Personally established by Superintendent Robert McNamara. Supports the educational programs of the Blue Ridge School District.

Norman Brunner Memorial Fund

Established in memory of Norman Brunner, who in the 1950s, founded the Susquehanna County Charities Distribution Fund, the forebear of The Community Foundation. Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

Deborah A. Burke Breast Cancer Fund

Provides assistance to breast cancer patients.

David Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of David Clark, a High School graduate who passed away in 2005. Provides a college scholarship to a Tunkhannock Area High School graduate who has overcome personal adversity to graduate from High School and go on to college.

The Clemens Family Fund

A donor advised fund for charities and land preservation in Susquehanna County.

Community Foundation Operating Endowment

Established by The Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Supports the administrative expenses of The Foundation.

Community Foundation Basketball Tournament Scholarship Fund

Established by school districts of Susquehanna County to provide scholarships to team players who participate in the Tournament.

Countryside Conservancy Endowment Fund

Supports mission of land and water protection in and around Tunkhannock Creek Watershed.

Bradley David Conklin Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Brad Conklin, a High School student killed in an automobile accident. Provides a college scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate who excels in academics and exhibits exceptional basketball talent.

Daniel Crisman Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Daniel Crisman, who was killed in the World Trade Towers on September 11, 2001. Provides a college scholarship for a Montrose Area High School graduate who exhibits exceptional artistic talent and will study the visual, performing, or literary arts.

Jack Daniels Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Jack Daniels, a gifted Junior High School student/athlete who passed away in a swimming accident. Provides a college scholarship for a Tunkhannock Area High School graduate who exhibits exceptional talent in interscholastic athletics on the Track & Field team, the Cross Country team, and maintains an outstanding academic record.

Joseph Dohrer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by the estate of Mr. Dohrer when he passed away in 1985. Provides a scholarship to a Tunkhannock graduate who has maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in High School, who has financial need for assistance, and will attend college or a post secondary degree program. If a 3.0 GPA is maintained in college the award will be granted for up to four years of post secondary degree education.

Cecelia C. and Glen W. Ely Memorial Fund

Benefits local charities and non-profit organizations.

William Dean Memorial Fund

Supports Susquehanna County non-profit organizations as determined annually by the Dean family.

Donley Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of the Donley family siblings, Harry, Josephine, Maurice, and Paul. This scholarship provides assistance to a Blue Ridge graduate who displays a need for financial assistance and maintains a 3.0 GPA in college for four years.

Johnny Edwards Memorial Music Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Johnny Edwards, a talented musician from Susquehanna. Provides a college scholarship for a Susquehanna Community High School graduate who exhibits exceptional musical talent in vocal or instrumental performance.

Paul Fearick Memorial Baseball Scholarship Fund

Established by family and friends in memory of Lackawanna Trail High School teacher and coach. Scholarship benefits baseball team member.

Feed a Friend Fund

Established by an anonymous donor to provide annual support for The Susquehanna County Food Pantry.

Friends of Salt Springs Park Fund

Established by the Leasure family, this Fund supports the programmatic needs of Friends of Salt Springs Park.

Friends of Susquehanna County Fund

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as determined annually by The Friends of Susquehanna County, formerly known as The Friends of Barnes-Kasson Hospital.

Julia Frystak Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Julia Frystak, a High School student killed in an automobile accident. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose Area High School graduate who excels in academics and participates in athletics.

The Garden Club of Montrose, Presidents Fund

Established by the McLaughlin family. Supports the civic beautification projects of The Garden Club of Montrose.

The Garden Club of Montrose, Jean Rose Memorial Education Fund

The Fund provides support for Garden Club members' education enhancement and for college scholarships for local students.

Ferdinand Graf Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a college scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate who exhibits good sportsmanship in wrestling.

GRW Fund

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County.

Agnes & James W. Holbert Scholarship Fund

Established by the children of James W. Holbert, who was in the Army Medical Corps during WWII and participated in the Normandy Invasion. The scholarship provides assistance to Elk Lake High School, and Montrose Area High School graduates who excel in academics, exhibit high moral character, and who will participate in the ROTC Program in college or enter a U.S. Military Academy.

David Hwang Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of David Hwang, a teenager killed in an automobile accident. Provides a scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate of high moral character who has participated in interscholastic sports and whose academic achievements have led to enrollment at an institution of higher learning.

Jones Family Fund

Supports Susquehanna County human services agencies that provide health care, mental health care, or substance abuse care.

Kingsley Civic Club Scholarship Fund

Provides three annual college scholarships to Mtn. View High School graduates who maintain a 3.0 GPA and write winning essays regarding their accomplishments.

Robert W. Klenk Scholarship Fund

Established by Mtn. View School District Alumni Association in honor of Mr. Klenk, former Principal of the Elementary School and of the High School. Provides a scholarship to a graduate who will attend college to pursue a degree in education and who exhibits a need for financial assistance.

John Krupinski Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory of John Krupinski, Montrose High School basketball star, and first Business Manager of the Montrose Area School District. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose graduate who will major in business, economics, or the business application of technology.

Law Enforcement Fund

Established by Susquehanna County District Attorney Jason Legg to assist with the expenses of law enforcement, particularly the Susquehanna County Task Force, and the K-9 Unit.

Mary and Kenneth Leasure Fund

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as decided upon annually by the Leasure family.

Mary K. Leasure Fund

In memory of Mary Leasure, who greatly enjoyed the beauty of Salt Spings State Park. Provides grants for the maintenance of Salt Springs State Park, and especially for the upkeep of the Mary K. Leasure Memorial Bench.

William and Deborah Lewis Fund

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as decided upon annually by the Lewis family.

Marian and John Miskell Family Fund

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as decided upon annually by the Miskell family.

The Montrose Fund

This fund has been established by The Community Foundation to make annual grants to the Borough of Montrose to offset lost tax revenue because of the Foundation's non-profit tax exempt status. It is hoped additional local non-profits will also contribute to the fund.

Montrose Business and Professional Women's Scholarship Fund

Provides a college scholarship to a High School graduate from Susquehanna County who will further his or her education in preparation for entering the business or health care professions, or to an adult seeking further education.

Montrose Cemetery Association Endowment Fund

Established by the Association to assist with operating expenses.

Mountain View School District Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

Provides a college scholarship to a Mountain View graduate as chosen annually by the Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

Mountain View Staff/United Way Community Service Scholarship

Awarded to a student involved with activities in and out of school that improve quality of life in the community. Supported by United Way donations of faculty and staff.

Eileen and Gregory Myer Fund

Supports assisted housing initiatives in Susquehanna County.

Peoples National Bank Fund

Supports business leadership development programs in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

Morgan R. Potter Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory of Morgan Potter, a college student who passed away unexpectedly. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose High School graduate who exhibits school spirit and has maintained good grades.

Albert M. Purdy Music Scholarship Fund

Established by Tunkhannock Band Boosters Association to honor their retired music teacher. Provides college scholarship to a graduate studying musical arts.

Jonathan Randall Memorial Fund

In memory of Jonathan Randall, who was killed in the World Trade Towers, September 11, 2001. Provides grants to charitable agencies as decided upon annually by the Randall family.

Ricci Family Fund

Supports various non-profit organizations as determined annually by the Daniel Ricci family of Montrose.

Edward L. Rose Conservancy Fund

Supports the programmatic needs of the Edward L. Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County.

Nicholas Severcool Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose High School student who has overcome personal adversity in order to graduate and go onto a postsecondary degree program.

Silver Lake Ladies Club Fund

Supports the Club's annual college scholarship presented to a High School graduate from Silver Lake Township, or other Club projects.

Andrew M. Snitzer Memorial Scholarship Fund

Provides a college scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate of high moral character who will attend college to train for a career in education.

Susquehanna County Civil War Monument Fund

Supports the restoration and maintenance of the Civil War Monument on the Montrose Green.

Susquehanna Fire Department Fund

Assists with the operational expenses of the Susquehanna Fire Department

Mary M. Umlauf Memorial Fund

Supports the Lanesboro Community Church.

United Way Fund

Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

Kermit Van Cott Horticulture Scholarship Fund

Provides a college scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate who will study horticulture, botany, forestry, or agriculture.

Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship Fund

Established as a memorial by family, teachers and students. Assists a Lackawanna Trail graduate who will study automotive technology.

Vicki's Fund for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

In memory of Vicki Clary, killed by her estranged husband. Provides support to the Susquehanna County Women's Resource Center.

John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship Fund

Provides assistance to students from Susquehanna County who are in their final year of college or graduate school and who have incurred student debt.

Robert and Katharine Warriner Fund

Supports agricultural heritage and cultural programs in Susquehanna County.

Wellness Fund

Established to encourage an understanding of complimentary and alternative health and wellness by providing support to The Self Discovery Wellness Arts Center in Montrose.

Mathew James White Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mathew White, a High School student killed in an automobile accident. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose High School graduate who writes a winning essay about the hazards of adolescent substance abuse.

Robert Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund

In memory of Robert Wood, who in 1955 started the Montrose Minute Men Ambulance Service. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose High School graduate who will study the medical professions or become a Paramedic.

June J. Wootton Fund for Hospice and Palliative Care

Supports hospice and palliative care in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

Earle and June Wootton Fund

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties as decided upon annually by the Wootton family.



Center for Anti-Slavery Studios, former Liberty Bank, Montrose

AFFILIATES

Blue Ridge School District Foundation

The Community Foundation manages Funds that provide scholarships to Blue Ridge graduates, as well as Funds that provide support for educational projects in the district.

Elk Lake School District Foundation

The Community Foundation manages funds that provide scholarships to Elk Lake graduates.

Lackawanna Trail School District

The Community Foundation manages funds that provide scholarships to Lackawanna Trail graduates.

Montrose Area School District Foundation

The Community Foundation manages Funds that provide scholarships to Montrose Area graduates.

Mountain View Alumni Funds

The Community Foundation manages Funds that provide scholarships to Mountain View graduates and assists the Alumni Association in developing strategies to strengthen alumni relations.

Susquehanna Community School District Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation manages funds that benefit the district's students.

Tunkhannock Area School District Foundation

The Community Foundation manages Funds that provide scholarships to Tunkhannock Area graduates, and has consulted with district officials about forming an Alumni Association.

NEW FUND HIGHLIGHTS

Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship Fund



Established by Matthew's parents and his sister, along with students and teachers from Lackawanna Trail in memory of Matt who passed away in an automobile accident. The scholarship provides assistance to a Lackawanna

Trail graduate who will study automotive technology and who writes a winning essay about why he or she has chosen that field and also addresses the future of automotive technology. The Scholarship award for 2007 is \$125.00.

The Robert W. Klenk Scholarship



The Mountain View School District Alumni Association has established the Robert W. Klenk Scholarship to help graduates who wish to study education in college. Mr. Klenk is also known as "Mr. Mountain View," and was hired as a Health and Physical Education teacher at the Harford High School in 1950. He would eventually serve as Principal of Mountain View High School, and later Principal of the Elementary School.

During World War II Mr. Klenk served in the Coast Guard and the Navy. He attended East Stroudsburg State Teachers College before moving to Harford where he became involved with the Congregational Church and with the Rotary Club. In 1979 he received the Joe M. Butler Sports Award from the Scranton Times, and in 1998 he was inducted into the Northeastern Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. The Mountain View sports complex was named in his honor by the School Board in 2001.

Living Honorees

Honorary funds and scholarships recognize the contribution of a living community member, and the fund's proceeds typically are applied to support a cause important to the Honoree as demonstrated by his or her life. Friends

and family together contribute to establish Honoree funds to mark retirements, anniversaries or special birthdays. Honorees may choose to advise The Foundation on their fund's grant making or scholarship recipient.

Land of the Free, Home of the Brave

Our Subway Hero

Wesley Autrey, a fifty-year-old construction worker and Navy veteran, was standing with his two daughters at New York's City College subway station when 19-year-old film student, Cameron Hollopeter suffered a seizure and stumbled onto the tracks. Autrey tried to pull him up, but was afraid he wouldn't make it in time to avoid an oncoming train. "So I just chose to dive on top of him and pin him down," he said.

Autrey and the teen landed in the drainage trough between the rails. The conductor saw the pair and struggled to brake his speed in time, but the train passed just inches overhead, miraculously leaving both unharmed. Young Cameron was taken to the hospital but Autrey refused medical attention and then went on to his usual full work day.

"Mr. Autrey's instinctive and unselfish act saved our son's life," said Larry Hollopeter of Littleton, Mass., Cameron's choked-up father. The act inspired invitations to multiple media appearances, including a bow at President Bush's State of the Union address where he received the evening's most vigorous applause. Mayor Bloomberg has honored him with NYC's Bronze Medallion. He's been given a year's worth of free subway rides, a trip to Disney World, a \$10,000 award from Donald Trump, and \$2,500 from the New York Film Academy to start a scholarship fund for his children.

As for his new celebrity, Wesley Autrey concludes, "good things happen when you do good." He insists, "I'm no hero," and believes all New Yorkers should "get into the mode of doing the right thing."



Wesley Autrey and his children

"That old law about 'an eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind." Martin Luter King, Jr.

To Forgive is Divine

For a moment in October, the drumbeat of world "religious" violence and retribution was silenced by our good Amish neighbors. With stunning forgiveness and love, they literally embraced the family of the Charles Carl Roberts IV who had so ruthlessly murdered their five school girls, ages 7 to 13. Two of these children themselves had pleaded with Roberts to "shoot me next" and spare the younger students. Half the mourners at the murderer's funeral were said to be from the Amish community he had shattered. In the midst of dealing with their own abysmal grief, they invited Robert's widow, Marie, to join them at a funeral of one of the girls murdered by her husband. They have also established two funds, one for five wounded survivors of the bloody rampage, and the other for the killer's family.





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