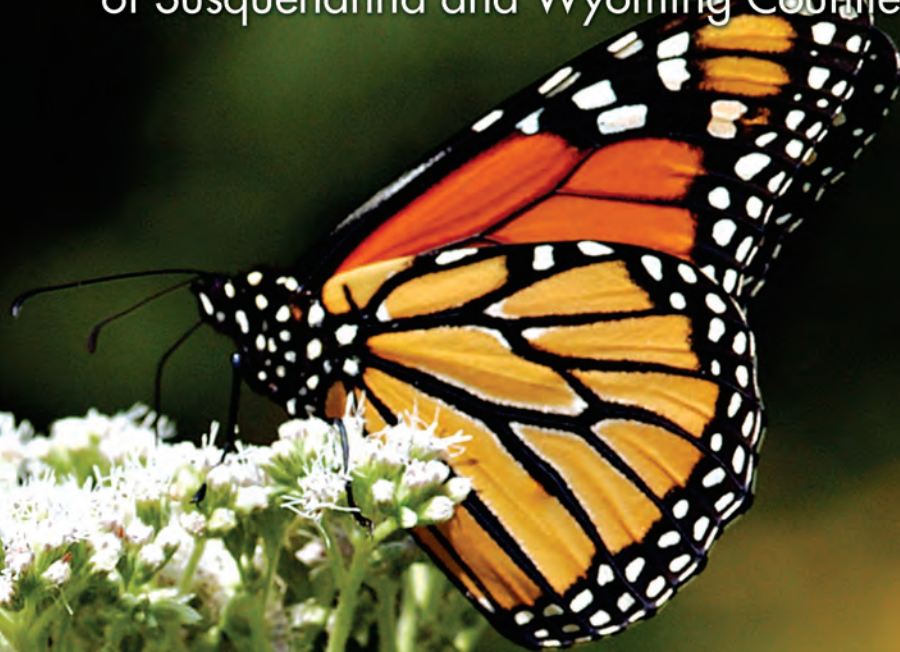


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We are pleased to have our region so wonderfully depicted with these thoughtful compositions.



The "Community Profiles" article about Dick Daniels was authored by Mike Thornton, Foundation board member and Principal of Tunkhannock Area High School.

His insights on Dick Daniels are from his personal acquaintance.

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Rural Philanthropy

Most endowments are managed by and for people living in urban places, the traditional centers of business and industry. This is true even though donors' wealth was often derived from rural-based resources such as oil, timber, coal, agricultural products, or real estate.

Studies show that national and state philanthropic foundations with deep-pockets largely ignore rural areas. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is ranked sixth in the nation, home to \$24-billion in big foundation assets. But these dollars rarely find their way to the back roads of Susquehanna and Wyoming County. And that is true nationwide. In 2004 only 184 of 65,000 foundations made grants for rural development - less than one third of one percent.

Montana Democratic Senator Max Baucus, chairman of the US Senate Finance Committee, is leading an effort to bridge this "philanthropic divide." He and other rural advocates contend that even if a fraction of the \$41-trillion in generational wealth transfer expected in the next half century could be tapped, it could help transform rural America.

The good news is that rural communities across the nation are stepping up to help themselves, despite the challenges and stereotypes. The Aspen Institute, a Washington think tank, reports that in the past six years rural community foundations have set up more than 2,000 special funds - a 132 percent increase since 1999. There is now nationwide at least \$1.5 billion of endowed assets in rural America. Our own Community Foundation is part of that fast



Senator Max Baucus says grants aimed at charities in rural states, like his native Montana, can "impact a region spanning five or six counties."

growing new wave. We are marshalling local resources for long-term support of essential rural institutions and infrastructure - schools, fire departments, libraries, historic buildings and monuments, parks, gardens, land preserves, even law enforcement.

Our donors are steadily putting new, permanent resources in places where they did not exist. These endowments, over time, promise to grow exponentially to under gird and strengthen our education systems, environment, health care industry, arts, and economy. We invite you to join the roster of donors who are creating this transformation.



“
... a well-placed grant will impact a region
spanning five or six counties. Senator Max Baucus
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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:

- On June 30, 2007 the Community Foundation had total assets of \$2,375,063.95, an increase of \$635,602.13, more than 37%, in six months.
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- In June 2007 the Foundation had 74 funds, 19 created this year, an increase of 35% in six months. In all of 2006 we created 14 funds with a combined value of \$489,100.
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- Since January 2007, \$91,895.72 has been added to existing funds.
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- The amount available for potential grant making on June 30, 2007 was \$136,408.04.
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- From 2003 to 2006 the Foundation averaged 13.5% return on investment. Despite the turbulence that the financial markets are experiencing, investment returns for 2007 remain at a similar level.
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- Our funds collectively have earned \$434,817.04 in interest since their inception.
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- Funds invested with us since January 2003 have increased over 75%.
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- Eight of our new funds are college scholarships that are available to graduates of all eight school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.
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- Four of the new funds are Donor Advised funds that can support charitable endeavors as recommended annually by the individuals and families who established the funds.
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- Two of the new funds will provide funding for special projects in four school districts in Susquehanna County.
- Two of the new funds will support open land preservation in both Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties.
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- One new fund provides annual support to a church thereby allowing control of the money to remain in the local community.
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- One new fund provides annual support for law enforcement projects in Susquehanna County.
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- In June of 2007, 27 college scholarships funds made awards to 47 students which were worth a total of \$40,350. In 2006 we awarded a total of \$9,095.
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- Many of our scholarships qualify for State matching which the Foundation administers.
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- For the 2007-2008 school year, we are providing Pre-School Scholarships to more than 50 students attending 15 schools.
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- Also for the 2007-2008 school year we are providing K-12 Scholarships to more than 100 students attending seven schools.
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- We provided scholarships for vocational training to 40 students from all eight school districts attending the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.
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- At the end of 2007 the Community Foundation will have completed ten years of service, five years as an affiliate of the Williamsport-Lycoming Foundation and five years as an independent nonprofit financial institution. During the five years we have been independent, our assets have increased over 500%.

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There is a destiny that makes men brothers: None goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own. Edwin Markham

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Choconut Valley Wellness Fund

A local couple who wish to remain anonymous has established the Choconut Valley Wellness Fund within the Montrose Area School District Foundation. It is their intent to offer funds directly to the school in support of programs that encourage good nutrition and physical activities. Some of the ways the money can be spent might be new recess equipment, assemblies that promote wellness, and school wide activities such as fun interactive educational materials used in the class room. In a statement to the Community Foundation the donors explained the concerns that motivated them:



"Our children are learning many wonderful things in school which they will take with them and use for the rest of their lives. It is our hope is that they will learn how important wellness and good health is and how it will be important for the rest of their lives. Children are being diagnosed as insulin resistant, diabetic and obese while in grade school. If prevention in an education setting can help the children with their awareness and excitement about healthy living through wellness education then this will be a tremendous success. High sugar and high fat foods are "sold" to our children through the television, movies and magazines, by companies trying to make a profit at the expense of our children's health. Our dream is for wellness and that the children get the profit of good health for the rest of their lives."

All friends and supporters of Choconut Elementary are welcome to make contributions of any amount to this important new endeavor.

Depew Family Helps Local Student with Diabetes

Gil Depew is described by his friends as "a hard working quarry man." He was self-employed in the bluestone industry throughout Susquehanna County. In 1992, a year before Mr. Depew died at age 60 of diabetes, family and friends began holding a golf tournament at Rock Creek Golf Club. Cecil Kilmer, owner of the golf course is Gil Depew's brother-in-law. The Depews this year decided to form a scholarship in Gil's memory. They decided to bring the tournament proceeds into a new Community Foundation fund which will provide annual college scholarships for Susquehanna County students who are living with diabetes. This year will mark the event's 15th anniversary, with the younger generations including Sharon and Lorraine Depew now playing a larger role in the tournament, as well as in the recommendation of scholarship recipients.



A Dog's Best Friends

Lathrop Elementary School's kindergarten through 4th grade students have raised \$104 to equip K-9 Officer Cash with a new bullet-proof vest. A similar fund raiser has been previously conducted by the students of Blue Ridge School. Like any police officer, Cash could be exposed to gunfire. Dog lovers and owners 7th graders Paige Spickerman and Theresa Staats wanted to keep him safe.

Their idea was to explain Cash's situation to their schoolmates and to place an empty two liter soda bottle in every class. Kids were asked to toss in their extra pennies and change, and the two girls collected the donations every Friday for three weeks.

Their good intentions put into action added up. Well done, girls! The Foundation's Law Enforcement Fund assists with expenses of the Susquehanna County DUI Task Force and the K-9 Unit. It works to keep our roads and our children safe from drunk drivers and also conducts drug investigations. Tax-deductible donations are welcome.

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Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them. Albert Einstein

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Tourje Family Creates Endowment for Local Schools

The Tourje family of Forest City has established a permanent endowment fund to provide annual grants to Blue Ridge, Forest City Regional, Mountain View and Susquehanna Community School Districts. The Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund on Behalf of the North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company will simultaneously honor the family's matriarch. Mrs. Tourje was a prominent member of the community and raised a family that is carrying on her tradition of involvement.

At a time when school funding, property tax reform and gambling revenues are topics of conversation across the

commonwealth, the Tourjes are showing foresight as well as generosity. This fund will provide an alternative source of support for local schools by generating permanent, ever-increasing levels of funding for generations of future students. While it is not meant to replace tax revenue, it is hoped these grants will assist districts with special projects or unforeseen expenses.

Superintendents of the schools benefiting have expressed appreciation and have applauded the Tourjes' commitment to public education.



Evelyn Brush Estate Endows St. John's Church

The St. John the Evangelist Church steeple is a stately and prominent landmark visible to all who approach the hills and riverbanks of Susquehanna Depot. This parish, dating from 1847 will be the beneficiary of a permanent endowment fund bequeathed by the late Evelyn G. Brush. Attorney Myron DeWitt established this fund with The Community Foundation in accordance with Mrs. Brush's final wishes.

The fund's annual grants will assist with church expenses and create a lasting legacy for the church she cared about deeply. Father Robert Simon worked with Attorney DeWitt in making these arrangements.

Mrs. Brush was a long-time parishioner of the church and also taught for many years in the Susquehanna School District. Before moving to Susquehanna she taught in Binghamton, NY and Annapolis, MD. She was 94 years old when she passed away in the Barnes-Kasson Senior Nursing Facility. Mrs. Brush loved her home and loved cooking. She also had a fondness for her many dogs throughout her life, with a special affection for her favorite, Jasmine.

St. John's parish hopes that the generosity and caring shown by Evelyn Brush will inspire others to use the opportunities available through the Community Foundation to strengthen and preserve its parish community.

Cecilia C. & Glenn W. Ely Memorial Fund



A memorial fund to honor the late Cecilia C. and Glenn W. Ely has been established by their daughter Judy Kelly. The Elys lived in Montrose and served the community in the Montrose area for several decades while working and raising their family of four children. The fund will support local charities as recommended annually by the Larry and Judy Kelly family.

Mr. Ely was born in Brooklyn, PA and was an agricultural nutritionist and founder of Nu-Feeds Corporation. After graduating from Penn State he taught and worked for the Extension Faculty. During WWII Mr. Ely served as a Captain in the Engineer Corp of the U.S. Army. He did research in France and England, for Penn State and Cornell Universities and was author of many agricultural journal articles. He served as a member and president of the MASD School District Board, president of the Montrose Rotary Club, president of Montrose Athletic Association, chairman of Northern Tier Railroad Task Force Committee, Trustee of Montrose United Methodist Church, and was a member of numerous professional organizations. He was an avid golfer. He passed away in 1988.

Mrs. Ely was born in Scranton and graduated magna cum laud from Marywood College before pursuing graduate studies at Penn State. She taught at Newton-Ransom High School where she met Glenn Ely. She was a homemaker and full time wife and mother for 15 years. For 18 years she taught English and Latin and served as the language department head and yearbook advisor at MASD.

She was very active in the Montrose Garden Club, Holy Name of Mary Alter and Rosary Society. She was president of Y-Gradale and the Montrose Civic League, and a member of the Montrose Country Club ladies golf league. She was a supporter of Rotary International. After retiring to Vero Beach, Florida Mrs. Ely remained active serving in civic, political and church organizations. She passed away in 1991.

More details and photos of this exceptional couple can be viewed on the Community Foundation website memorial pages.

Frontier Contributes \$45,000 for Scholarships

Frontier Communications has contributed \$45,000 in scholarship support for Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties in 2007. They are among the leading participants in the Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit Program (PA EITC) administered through The Community Foundation. The funds will provide tuition assistance for local students to attend private Pre-K, Elementary and Secondary schools.



Frontier Communications' Elena Kilpatrick, General Manager Northern Tier, and Steve Skammer, General Manager NEPA Region with Foundation Director of Development, Peter Quigg

In 2005 and 2006, a total of \$100,000 was donated to The Community Foundation by Commonwealth Telephone (CTE). That company was acquired in March 2007 by Citizens Communications, and CTE became Frontier Communications. We are pleased that the new Officers and Directors have decided to continue their participation.

“Frontier prides itself on giving back to the communities in which we live and work,” said Elena Kilpatrick, Frontier's General Manager for the Northern Tier region. “We are pleased to support programs such as the PA EITC and its mission of education.”

The Foundation's Peter Quigg explains, “We very much appreciate Frontier's substantial support. Many of our rural families are eligible for this assistance; however most of our local smaller businesses don't have the means to support these scholarships. Donations such as this from Frontier are very helpful.”

Miles of Duct Tape + Hot Glue + Imagination = Camp Invention

Teamwork, creative problem solving and inventive thinking are what Camp Invention is all about. This year The Community Foundation provided ten full scholarships so that Tunkhannock School District 1st through 5th graders could spend a week “learning a lot and having fun.” The program was developed by The National Inventors Hall of Fame and the US Patent and Trade Office. The curriculum includes five activity-oriented modules presenting problems to be solved by their teams.

The “Case of the Missing Inventors Log” Module engaged kids in studying finger print analysis and bite molds, and constructing a crime scene model to solve a burglary. A “Tape Me to Your Leader” Module thrust them into building emergency shelters and rocket launchers, and picking up alien signals on an old radio. The “Take Apart” Module had students disassembling old appliances and reconstructing them into their own versions of a digital camera, a fishing pole and a voice activated TV channel changer.

Kids bring just their lunch and home recyclables to use as materials. Over the course of the week the plastic bottles, cardboard tubes, broken toasters, bubble wrap and duct tape serve to teach the laws of physics, buoyancy, forensics, electronics, survival techniques, simple machines, and the practicalities of trade marks and business logos.

The program director, Lisa Burgess, says she could double her current class of 53, but many families balk at the cost of \$199. When she tells her students the price she sees faces



Lisa Burgess and science students at the Camp Invention lab.

fall and they turn aside the application. “Then I tell them we can help some with scholarships - and I urge them to go ahead and apply.”

Burgess, a 19 year science teaching veteran notices a change among attendees. “At first they are very cautious” she has noticed. But as they experience work in teams and learn to rely on each other they become engaged. “The program taps multi-dimensional learning modes - tactile, auditory, and kinesthetic.” It is especially effective for students who thrive with hands-on experiences.

The Camp Invention curriculum is aligned to the national science standards and science will soon be included in the grade school PSSA testing.



“Imagination is more important than knowledge.”

Sign hanging in Einstein's office in Princeton

Wyoming County Profile: Dick Daniels

Mention Dick Daniels' name around Wyoming County and you will likely get a response that includes a broad smile and any number of stories. The smiles represent the humor and positive energy Dick transfers to those around him; the stories show his expansive involvement in so many lives in and around his home community of Tunkhannock. After a career as teacher, coach, guidance counselor, principal, and community activist, Dick Daniels continues to personify the ethic of civic duty. That shared ethic has enjoined the mission of The Community Foundation of Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties with Dick's own charitable efforts.

Dick Daniels is first and foremost a man whose life's work has been helping young people develop their fullest potential. His career in education spanned 35 years, including 19 years as a middle school science teacher, 13 years as an elementary guidance counselor, and 3 years as principal of Roslund and Mehoopany Elementary Schools in the Tunkhannock Area School District. Through most of these educational roles, Dick coached students in running - his athletic passion.

People who know Dick know a man born with a natural wit and charisma. He is perpetually upbeat, always candid and ready with the funniest anecdote. Yet Dick is known just as much for his honesty and integrity. In the words of longtime friend and former Tunkhannock Area Superintendent Steve Moyer, "Dick says what he means and does what he says." What Dick has done is simply live a life in the service of others. Whether fundraising for Triton Hose Company No. 1, coaching baseball, serving on Tunkhannock Borough Planning Commission, working relief efforts with the Wyoming County Chapter of the

American Red Cross, or working with Wyoming County's Library Association or Historical Society, Dick has offered his talents as worker or leader - whatever it takes.

Dick's life as a dedicated husband and father of three is marked by the consistency of his character and personality. No stronger evidence is needed to support this reputation



than the way in which Dick and his wife Lynn responded to the loss of their eldest son Jack in a 1993 swimming accident. Jack was known to exemplify the traits of his father from a very young age. Dick and his wife created the Jack Daniels Scholarship in his memory and in 2006 transferred the scholarship to an endowment within the Tunkhannock Area School District Foundation, a subsidiary of The Community Foundation. The Jack Daniels Scholarship is offered to seniors who exemplify exceptional performance in academics and cross country and/or track and field. The scholarship is funded through donations and the registration fees for the Jack Daniels Mile Run, held at the Triton Hose Company No. 1 Carnival each August. The Jack Daniels Mile has become one of the

most popular runs in Northeastern Pennsylvania with Dick as coordinator. Dick has been very pleased with the service The Community Foundation has provided, as well as the performance of his fund, and has become an effective 'ambassador' for The Community Foundation.

The Daniels family lives in Tunkhannock where Dick continues his community service during retirement. He and Lynn are rebuilding a cottage on Lake Carey, readying it for visits from daughter Ella and son Robert with new grandson William Joseph. The Community Foundation considers it an honor to have such a man of service among its associates.

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About Education Improvement Tax Credits

- This is a state program that allows businesses to channel certain corporate taxes into scholarships for their local private and public schools, and receive up to 100% tax credit for these donations.
- This is the fifth year that The Community Foundation has administered the program in our region.
- The state has added \$20-million in tax credits to this program in 2007.
- Based upon donations from our business donors, this year The Community Foundation has received \$86,000 for Pre-K scholarships, and \$110,000 for K-12 scholarships and \$5,000 for Education Improvement.

Hats Off to Peoples National Bank

Peoples National Bank was our first EITC donor and is currently our largest contributor having given \$350,000 since 2002 for Pre-K and K thru 12 scholarships. Thank you!

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If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain. If you want ten years of prosperity, grow trees. If you want one hundred years of prosperity, grow people. Chinese proverb

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Our thanks go to all our Business Donors to the EITC Program

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Meeting the Challenge at SCCTC

"Your scholarships have been phenomenal! They are helping to provide 40 to 50 percent of our first year students with career opportunities. They help break down the social barriers and stereotypes attached to students unable to come up with money. In some cases we are breaking the welfare cycle.

Students and parents are informed very early about school expenses and many respond with a payment the first week. If we don't see them by the third week, we know there's a financial issue. Before The Community Foundation scholarships were available, we would sit down with the student and set up a \$10 per week payment plan. Sometimes when they handed me that \$10 I had to wonder. Am I taking her lunch money? Will he have gas money to get to work tomorrow? Many of our teen age students are paying for their own clothes, gas for a car that gets them to school and to a job, and their food.

"Our students don't have 'problems'. We, all together, have a challenge to meet."

*Alice M. Davis, Director
Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center*

"Every one of our Foundation scholarship recipients passed the State Board examinations in cosmetology. It's awesome. A financial burden has been lifted and they've been able to finish their curriculum and get their certifications."

Amy Bush, Instructor, SCCTC



Stacey Van Gorder of Montrose and Brittany McGraw of Kingsley practicing cosmetology



Jarrod Hall of New Milford working on auto at SCCTC

Jarrod Hall is described by family as a person who "will do anything for anyone," including fixing flats in the middle of the night in minus 10 degree weather. He's currently working at A&E Tire and Auto in addition to going to SCCTC. Three years ago he was able to 'hit the ground running' equipped with safe steel-toed work boots, goggles, coveralls and an instructional tool kit of sockets, wrenches and ratchets. He's used them in class, plus he's helped change an engine and repair many a friend's broken vehicle.

If Jarrod had not been able to afford SCCTC his alternative was to get a job release and go right to work. His training at SCCTC was "a much better path". With some experience working on diesel vehicles at a local quarry, he'll be ready next year to apply to Penn Tech or Universal Technical Institute for more advanced training and be headed for a bright future.

Brittany McGraw says her Mom "fought to get me into SCCTC." Her family was really behind her dream of studying cosmetology, but money for school was not easy to come by. With Foundation scholarship assistance, she started three years ago accumulating her 1250 hours of hands-on training for a Pennsylvania license. She started right in from day-one making good use of the program's professional instructional kit and a mannequin. By her second year, a cosmetologist friend and mentor observed Brittany and said her cutting technique was outstanding. She'd like to get right to work after SCCTC perhaps practicing in Florida after she gets some salon experience.

Lindsay Grosvenor grew up on a dairy farm in Elk Lake. She began French braiding her toy horse's tail at age 7. She has always known she wanted to do hair design. She graduated from SCCTC and got her license in April 2007. She's now studying for a year at Baptist Bible College in Clark Summit and cutting hair on the side. She hopes to start her own shop in Susquehanna County after some experience at a salon. "Your scholarships were a huge, huge help. I'm very appreciative. Since farmers' money is always tight. This was a blessing that has allowed me to use God's gifts. It started my future."

What 5 Years of EITC Scholarships Can Do

“These scholarships open the door and make an opportunity for parents to have a choice of education for their children. Now they can choose home schooling, public school or a Christian school. We already have low tuition, in keeping with the scale of incomes in Susquehanna County. But close to 50 percent of our students are receiving Foundation aid. It's a blessing to be able to give someone a place to go for help. A number of our families have two students attending.

Lois Frantz, Faith Mountain School teacher and Director

“We're so glad you've come to Wyoming County! About 20 percent of our students either would not be able to attend, or would have struggled without The Foundation. Moms are no longer at home, they work or are a single parent, some are very young themselves, some work two and three jobs. The family structure that allowed time for parents to teach children at home, to take them on trips has changed. When families have a disruption, like a job loss, having The Foundation scholarships allows the children to continue their schooling- they don't have to drop out. The state has assistance programs, but their non-educational requirements, such as building codes and paperwork are very limiting. You're easy for us and our families to work with.”

Judy Johnson, Lake Winola Pre-School

“We serve Nicholson, Factoryville, Dalton, and Benton. About half of our 34 students apply for Foundation scholarships. Before the Foundation was here, for example in 2000, we had a recession in the area, lots of parents lost jobs. They were dairy farmers and others holding several jobs. Our parents truly want what is best for their children's futures. Without resources they were in very trying situations.

We recently had three August-born boys who would have been absolutely not ready to go on to kindergarten. With the scholarships they had a choice. You've given these kids a blessing - the gift of time to mature and develop. Every educator knows that six months in the life of a child makes a big difference.

Another of our families has a seriously ill 8-year-old daughter who suffers from seizures. They are strained financially and emotionally. Your scholarships to their two pre-school-age sons were a godsend. Prepared kids make our kindergartens better - those teachers appreciate it, too.”

Debbie Fricke, Director, Factoryville United Methodist Church Pre-School

“Ten to fifteen of our kids each year receive Foundation scholarships and most would not be able to participate without them - for several families there is no way they would be able to come. That amounts to a whole class for us. Our students go on to all the area public kindergartens, home schools or Faith Mountain private school.”

Phyllis Quinn, Director of Angels Beginnings Pre-School in Montrose



The McGranaghan Family

Diane and Don and sons Liam 8, Kyle 6, Ian 4

Diane is a cancer survivor who was first diagnosed when she was pregnant with Ian. Now she works at the Medical Arts Pharmacy. Don is an accomplished artist trained at Penn State, Mansfield and Bucknell Universities after graduating from Montrose High. He does sculpture, architectural restoration, murals, illustration, graphic design and more. They relocated his business from Long Island, NY to his hometown in Montrose to provide a small town upbringing to their boys. What has Angel Beginnings given their boys? : “loving discipline, structure, responsibility and a sense of who they are. Going to the Pre-School gives them a sense of having something important to do in their lives.” They find the boys better prepared for kindergarten, but believe parental involvement is critical in and out of the schools.



The Winn Family

Phil and Sue and son Jared, 13

Jared is a gifted 8th grader whose lowest achievement tests place him at 10th grade level. He was able to tackle Greek in the 7th grade. He was home schooled by his mother and then allowed to quickly progress through curriculum levels at Faith Mountain. His success has won him recognition from Who's Who in American Middle School Students, plus an invitation to participate in a prestigious international exchange student program with Australia. Jared describes himself as “a perfectionist from a long line of perfectionists.” Sue describes her son as “an all-around good kid”. Jared loves the Mets and is a pitcher and first base player for the B&T Little League. He also plays piano, draws, swims and has won the Awana Club Timothy Award. Jared is inventive and artistic with an interest in video game design. He would like to some day start his own company “like Bill Gates.” Shouldering private school tuition has not been easy. As Phil says “We've had the rare benefit of paying ever increasing property taxes while we also paid tuition bills. Without the Foundation, I've wondered if we could have kept him in the school that was best for him.”



The Welch Family

Joe and Heather, daughters Briana 5, and Haley, 4

Joe and Heather Welch are life-long Susquehanna residents whose two girls have been scholarship recipients for the past three years. Briana just entered Lathrop Street Kindergarten. “She's getting pluses and stars and smiley faces in everything,” says Joe. She arrived at kindergarten very ready socially and academically, and there were no tears! He explains, “They learn discipline, sharing, what's going on in the classroom. We watched the change in Briana's attitude. She learned it takes patience to work with others. We see an overwhelming difference between our girls and others who didn't attend pre-school.”



Joe was doing contract flooring installation for Home Depot when a broken foot from a three-wheeler accident put him out of work and in the hospital. He's on the mend and has a tree trimming job lined up when he's able. Heather does part-time medical office assistant work at Lourdes Hospital. “Thank God we had insurance,” she says. But without Foundation help young Haley would have had to stay home from Pre-School. “It would mean just an extra bill” that the Welchs can't manage this year. They've applied for a scholarship and they're hoping Haley will have the same opportunity that has allowed her sister to succeed.

The Hills Are Alive with the Sound of... The Wyoming County Chorale

How does a rural community provide the opportunity to sing in quality choral performances without fees or auditions? "We depend entirely upon our sponsorships plus small grants," explains Maggie Cartwright, a Wyoming County Chorale founder and Community Foundation board member. The public can and does show its appreciation biannually on the first Saturdays in May and November when the group presents its concerts at Tunkhannock Middle School.

The 40-member chorus is under the direction of Carl Shinko with accompanist Ron Stabinsky. This year they brought Broadway to Tunkhannock with a spring concert "Give My Regards to Broadway," featuring hits from Phantom of the Opera, And All that Jazz, Lullaby of Broadway, West Side Story, and Les Miserables. The Wendy Peckins School of Dance and Pam Holdredge Dancers added the excitement of their flying feet.



The Chorale's upcoming November 3rd, 2007 event is titled "The British Are Coming - A tribute to the Beatles and the Queen." Supporters of the arts interested in ensuring the sustainability of this established arts program should contact Ms Cartwright at Maggie@wyomingcountychorale.org. The Chorale represents an opportunity for music-loving donors to provide immediate and long-term support.

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*There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle
or the mirror that reflects it.* Edith Wharton

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kids through the EMTC's Outreach program. In addition to their educational and personal development value to our youngsters, EMTC productions also provide quality entertainment for residents and tourists. This year's Ed Camp production was a musical salute to the Tony awards.

Donors interested in supporting the arts and young people will find EMTC and the Ed Camp program a worthy direction for their gifts. For more information see <http://www.4emtc.org>.

Performing Arts for All

Each year the Endless Mountain Theatre Company sponsors a performing arts program for area 5th through 12th graders. The program is a living tribute to the late Ed Lonzinski, a Blue Ridge High School graduate, theatre arts teacher and director. It was put into place by Ed's parents, Dolly and Mike and has been augmented by the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts and others, including The Community Foundation donors.

Since not all arts talented students can afford the \$75 summer program, donated scholarships make sure anyone who has an interest can participate, on stage, backstage, with costumes, lighting or props. Some older students help with plays just for

3rd Annual Mountain View School District Alumni Open

Rock Creek Golf Course in Lenoxville was the scene of this event held on August 26th. It featured dinner, door prizes, contests, raffles and a Captain and Crew format. It benefits the Alumni Association's scholarship fund. Through The Community Foundation's PATH program scholarship students are eligible for matching state funding.



4th Annual Salt Springs Park Celebration

There were auctions, nature activities, homegrown music, food and family fun among the hemlocks and waterfalls of Salt Spring State Park this Labor Day weekend. The program benefits the Friends of Salt Springs whose volunteer efforts have kept open and improved Susquehanna County's only state park.



Garden Tour

The Garden Club of Montrose presented a full day of touring ten of Susquehanna County's most charming gardens - from country simple to drop-dead gorgeous. The proceeds benefited the club's Civic Beautification fund which creates and sustains public spaces of beauty throughout the area.



Historic Barn Tour

Master Timber Framer John McNamara guided friends of the E.L. Rose Conservancy through some strikingly handsome old barns of the area which have been restored to modern purposes as studios, retail space, restaurants, homes, and galleries. Wilkerson family barn at Silver Lake in Brackney shown at right.



Sept 11th Sixth Anniversary Commemoration

The Danny Crisman Memorial Park was the scene of candle-bearing residents, state and national dignitaries and media who gathered in reverence and prayer to remember those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks and service members who have since died. The peaceful, pastoral park, created by Debbie Crisman, has taken on a "life of its own," and become a cherished, sacred place of remembrance.



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.

Evelyn G. Brush Memorial Fund for St. John the Evangelist Church of Susquehanna Borough

Established by the estate of Mrs. Brush, this fund provides annual grants for St. John's Church.

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.

Crossley-LaBonte Family Fund

Established by Jane Crossley LaBonte, this fund supports various Susquehanna County charities and non-profit organizations as decided upon annually by Mrs. LaBonte and her family.

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.

William Dean Memorial Fund

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

Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established by the family of Mr. Depew to provide a college scholarship for a diabetic student from one of the six Susquehanna County High Schools.

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.

Cecelia C. and Glen W. Ely Memorial Fund

Benefits local charities and non-profit organizations.

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 Springs 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 post secondary 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.

Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund

Established by the Tourje family of Forest City in memory of their mother and grandmother. Provides annual grants to Blue Ridge, Forest City, Mountain View, and Susquehanna Community School Districts.

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.

AFFILIATES



Richmond Hill School, Silver Lake Township built circa 1840

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.

LEGACY SOCIETIES

Edward L. Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County Legacy Society

The Society members include a gift in their estate plan settlements for preserving natural resources, wildlife sanctuary and refuge, and scenic beauty.

The Friends of Salt Springs Park Legacy Society

The Society members pledge an endowment to the park by including a clause in their will and letter of instruction regarding how they wish their gift to be used.

PHILANTHROPY NEWS BRIEFS

- Total charitable donations in the US for 2006 came to \$295 billion, a one percent increase over the year before after inflation, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy.
- The Financial Times reports that philanthropy is no longer only for the ultra-rich. A good rule of thumb is that you should consider philanthropic tools such as transferring stock or using a donor advised fund if you give more than \$500 a year.
- A John Hopkins University study finds that nonprofits and the volunteers they mobilize are a major driving force of the global economy. In the United States, nonprofit groups and volunteers represent 7.2 percent of the gross domestic product – making the sector larger than the construction, transportation and utilities industries.

36 Lake Avenue

For nearly ten years The Community Foundation, as well as the United Way, have had offices at 36 Lake Avenue in Montrose. The building which was built as a residence by William Cooper in 1860 was purchased by June and Earle Wootton in 1997. In 2005 an independent nonprofit organization was formed to remodel and enlarge this property, and after the construction, to maintain and manage the building in order to provide continuing support for The Community Foundation.

36 Lake Avenue is now owned by The Wootton Foundation. No Community Foundation donations or other public funds are being used for the building remodeling and expansion. The Wootton Foundation is paying for this expense and will also provide maintenance of the property.

This philanthropic arrangement ensures exceptionally low overhead costs for The Community Foundation and correspondingly low annual fund fees for our donors. In addition, this magnificent historic landmark is being preserved as a workspace for future generations of charitable community leaders.

The Community Foundation plans to move its office from their temporary location at 6 Locust Street during the fall. The United Way offices will remain at 6 Locust Street. Other areas of the building at 36 Lake Avenue, which will be used by The Community Foundation as meeting rooms, will be completed throughout the winter months. Next summer an open house is planned featuring tours, master piano classes by two professional pianists, and a concert.



Lake Avenue entrance



New addition business office entrance



Board room





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