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Marian S. Miskell  
Editor

## Three Cups of Tea

When Nobel Peace Prize nominee Greg Mortenson meets the children of the upcoming generation he is convinced "The world is in good hands." Fifty percent say they want to make the world a better place. He believes it can be done by educating the 118 million children of the world who are not now in schools. He is demonstrating how it's done by establishing 131 secular schools to educate 58,000 children, mostly girls, in the Taliban's backyard, Pakistan's Northwest Frontier tribal area.

Mortenson grew up in Tanzania, Africa in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro where his Lutheran missionary parents of very modest means, Dempsey and Jerene, managed to build that country's first hospital, Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center, and the International School Moshi. These institutions today thrive under the direction of Tanzanian professionals the Mortensons helped to educate.

Greg learned these first lessons in cultural intelligence from his father: Listen. Respect. Build relationships. He learned his advanced lessons from Pakistani tribal elders: The enemy is ignorance. Bring us into the modern world with schools and with business.

Mortenson, an avid mountaineer, was rescued and nursed back to health by tribal villagers who found him lost and delirious after a failed attempt to climb K2 in 1993. While recovering in the mountain village he visited a "classroom" of 87 orderly and completely intent children squatting outdoors, scratching out their multiplication tables on the ground with sticks – and no teacher. Their hunger for learning overwhelmed him. Though he was penniless himself at the time, he promised to return and build his friends a school.

Although two thousand schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan have been bombed by the Taliban, none of Mortenson's projects has been touched. He attributes this to having the participation, and complete buy-in of the

village elders. Admiral Mike Mullen and General David Petraeus have found Greg's accomplishments so effective and transformational in the region that they invite him to teach all levels of US military going into Afghanistan and Pakistan how to work with the local people. As a decorated Army veteran, Greg is proud to serve in this way without pay.

Greg Mortenson is working to create first-generation elementary school and high school graduates. At The Community Foundation many of our donors create first-generation college and technical school graduates. This Foundation is here to listen, to respect, and to build relationships with our donor families and the community we all serve. Good results inevitably follow.

Greg Mortenson's gripping and inspiring best-selling books are *Three Cups of Tea*, and *Stones to Schools*.



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*Here we drink three cups of tea to do business; the first you are a stranger, the second you become a friend, and the third, you join our family, and for our family; we are prepared to do anything – even die.”*

Haji Ali, Village Chief, Pakistan

## New Board Members



*Karl A. Kail, IV*

Karl grew up at Heart Lake and recently returned there with his wife, Laura. A Montrose High School graduate, he obtained a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado and then a MS and an Engineers Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. After retiring from Naval Aviation, he worked in the defense industry developing integrated computer-centric systems and then founded CardioNet, Inc., a national ambulatory cardiac monitoring company. Karl is currently involved in local real estate development while trying to slow down for more golf and skiing.



*Sandra D. Boyle,  
Esquire*

Sandra graduated from Elk Lake School District, and went on to graduate from Marywood University and Villanova Law School. She practiced law for seven years in Scranton and for the past 28 years in Nicholson. Her areas of concentration are in real estate, will and trusts, estate administration, family law and school law. Sandra was a Custody Hearings Officer for Lackawanna County for 23 years and retired in 2004. She was Solicitor for Lackawanna Trail School District, North Abington Township, Wyoming County Children & Youth, and Housing and Redevelopment Authorities. She is a board member of Countryside Conservancy, and board member and past President of Wyoming County United Way. She currently resides in Tunkhannock.



*Robert G. McNamara*

Bob is a graduate of Laurel Hill Academy in Susquehanna. He received a BS in Special Education from Mansfield University, an MS in Special Education from Marywood College, and an MS in Secondary School Administration from University of Scranton. Many will remember Bob as the former Superintendent of Schools from Blue Ridge School District. Before that he worked as a High School Principal at Susquehanna Community School District and as a Special Education teacher in Oakland Township. Bob is a US Army Lieutenant Colonel Retired. He is currently President of NEP Community Health Center, a member of the Susquehanna County Railroad Authority and a mentor for the Pennsylvania Leadership Initiative. He and his wife Carol reside with their family in Susquehanna.

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## On the Move



*Charm Giangrieco*

Charm Giangrieco has joined the administrative staff as the Director of Planned Giving. She will assist families and individuals in developing their long-range charitable goals. Charm has been a member of The Foundation's Board of Directors for three years. She has a degree in banking and accounting from Broome Community College, and has worked as an investment representative at the former County National Bank and also Commonwealth Bank. Most recently she was a Fiscal Planner for TREHAB. She is a member of the Choconut Valley Youth Athletic Association and President of Montrose Junior Football. She and her husband Mike live near Montrose with their son John. Her Foundation email address is [Cgiangrieco.foundation@epix.net](mailto:Cgiangrieco.foundation@epix.net).

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## Changes in Fund Policies for 2010

- The minimum value of any new fund has been firmly established at \$5,000. The Foundation will allow for exceptions when a donor has a plan to make additional donations to their fund.
- Based upon fund administrative experience to date, the fee for scholarship funds has been established at 2% to cover related costs and conducting of the selection processes.

## Historic Home Given to Community Foundation



Front Entrance



Rear Entrance



Meeting Room

The renovations are complete and 270 Lake Avenue is ready to become the permanent home of the Community Foundation. The Victorian Italianate building was built in 1860 by William Cooper. It has been a landmark in Montrose and has had many owners including the Huston family (see page 30).

In 1998 the property was purchased by Earle and June Wootton, and they began restoration. The project developed in several stages that included removing the rear section of the home and rebuilding it to include more floor space and a commercial elevator. They also removed a carriage house that included three apartments.

To make the project more manageable, a private operating foundation, the Wootton Foundation was created in 2005, and this new organization provided funding for the project. With the completion of the project, the private foundation will merge with the Community Foundation placing the ownership of the building and the responsibility for its management in the Community Foundation. Since Earle Wootton will continue to be the Chairman of the Community Foundation, his role of caring for the house may not change much, but transferring the property to the Community Foundation will ensure the future of the building and the future of the Foundation. After all, ensuring futures is the goal of the Community Foundation.



Reception Area

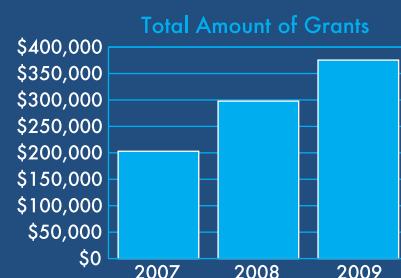
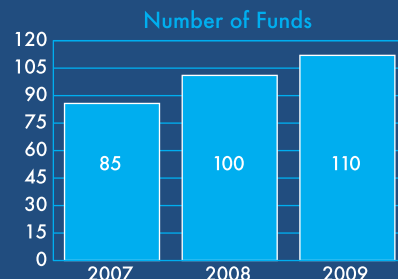
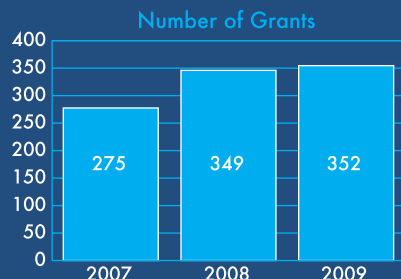
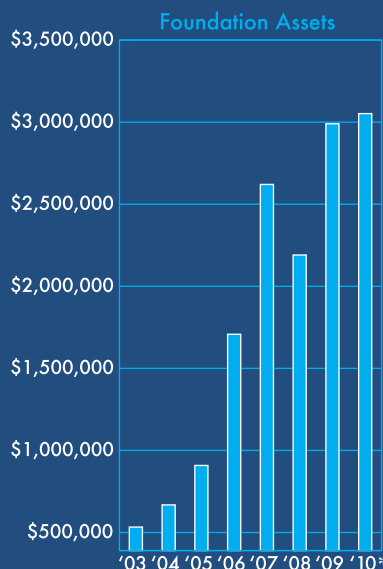


Garden Room



Board Room

## Foundation by the Numbers



- By the end of the first quarter of 2010\*, Foundation investments have recovered the fund losses incurred in the 2008-2009 recession.
- Our average return on investments since 2003 has been 8.53% tax-free return.



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## Father's Dream Comes True



Elizabeth Steele, Thomas Steele, Sr., and Thomas Steele Jr.

We heard some great news from one of our EITC scholarship mothers, Gweneth Steele. Her eldest child, Thomas, is finishing up his freshman year at Scranton Prep. He's found some mentors there whom he respects, has joined the football and track and field teams. He set a JV field record in javelin. His sister Elizabeth, who like Thomas attended The Geneva School with EITC scholarships, has also been accepted at Scranton Prep. Attending Scranton Prep was the dream of their father, Thomas Sr. Their mother, Gweneth, credits The Geneva School with educating them sufficiently to pass Prep's entrance exam, and she is crediting The Foundation's EITC program for allowing them to attend Geneva.

In 2008 a few days before Christmas, Thomas, Sr. died of cancer. He left no life insurance. This mother of two teens, now widowed, was working full time and attempting to finish a graduate degree. Foundation President Peter Quigg helped her during the application process because she was somewhat overwhelmed by her circumstances.

This Mom insisted that Peter now share her family's triumphs with our Board, and our donors. The teens are old enough to appreciate the scholarships and write to The Foundation themselves about how their education will make them "better able to, in turn, help others." Gweneth Steele believes, "Part of faith is trusting that by working hard, volunteering, and ministering to others they can continue to achieve their goals. The Foundation has been a reaffirmation of their faith by providing these scholarships just when things seemed impossible."

Finishing her Graduate degree, and raising two teenagers. I know things can be difficult every once in a while but my mom is trying to do all she can to provide for Tommy and me. A good education is very important to both Tommy and me, as well as in life. It will help us achieve our best and then we will be better able to in turn help others.

Dear Scholarship Board,

Thank you so much for all you have done for us these past years. As you know my dad has passed away. My dad always wanted me to go to Scranton Preparatory School. I am only going into 8th grade but the Geneva School has helped my brother Tommy get into Prep and I want the same Education. Money is very tight and I was hoping and praying you could provide another Scholarship this year. I have tried my best to get good grades but as I went into 7th I found that there were many differences than grade school. I know I am not a straight student like some people but I did my best and I will continue this coming year. My mom is very hard working and being a widow I can't imagine how hard it is for her to have to work while

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*A hero is a man who does what he can.*

Romain Rolland

## What is EITC?

Education Improvement Tax Credits are an opportunity for businesses to receive a 75% to 100% tax credit when they make donations to local Pre-K through Grade 12 scholarships or education improvements. Your personal or business accountant or CPA is invited to contact The Foundation to learn more. Our growing list of business donors love this program, returning year after year to participate. The State must limit these credits, so inquire early and act quickly. Contact our President, Peter Quigg at 570-278-3800.

### Who is Eligible?

- Sub Chapter S Corporations or Partnerships
- Limited Liability Corporations
- C Corporations

### Which PA Taxes Qualify?

- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Capital Stock Franchise Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Title Insurance Company Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax
- Personal Income Tax of S Corp Shareholders or partners

## To Our Business Donors

We are grateful to all our corporate contributors to Education Improvement in our two counties.



Someone you know is being helped this year by an EITC program.

	Students	Schools	Awards
Pre-K	86	12	\$41,220
K-12	149	10	\$83,434
Project Lead the Way	176	Susquehanna High	\$24,000



## EITC Contributors



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*A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives you roses.”*

Chinese proverb

## Pre-K Students Received Foundation Scholarships at these Schools

- Angel Beginnings, Montrose
- Children's Palace, Hallstead
- Creative Play Preschool, Susquehanna
- Endless Mountains Learning Center, New Milford
- Factoryville United Methodist Pre-School, Factoryville
- Grace Lutheran Pre-School, Hop Bottom
- Hearts & Hands Preschool, Tunkhannock
- Keystone College Children's Center, La Plume
- Lake Winola Preschool, Falls
- Small World Preschool, Meshoppen
- Sonshine Nursery School, Tunkhannock
- Tiny Totz, Susquehanna
- Tunkhannock Nursery School, Tunkhannock

## K-12 Students Received Foundation Scholarships at these Schools

- Blue Ridge Elementary School – CAFE
- Blue Ridge Dual Enrollment at Lackawanna College
- Tunkhannock Middle School- Camp Invention
- Endless Mountains Christian Academy
- Faith Mountain Christian Academy
- The Geneva School
- Penn Foster
- Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- Scranton Preparatory School
- St. Agnes School
- Summit Christian Academy

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*Big shots are only little shots who keep shooting.”*

*Christopher Morley*





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The partnership of The Community Foundation plus a School District packs a powerful punch. When Foundation dollars fund the good ideas of our best brains it inspires both ends of the equation. Donors see that it can be easy to fund a good project right in their home town where they can enjoy the results. Teachers and students dare to believe that their bold and bright ideas can come true, so more great ideas bubble up.

Computer labs get new equipment and software, nature trails are built, wellness courses happen, a weather station becomes a technology lesson, and an ever growing stack of college scholarship checks marches out the door with each graduating class.

“*Learn as if you were going to live forever. Live as if you were going to die tomorrow.*”

Anonymous

## Here's how The Foundation helps School Districts

- **Scholarship administration:** Foundation staff serves as a single collection point of applications
- **Endowment management:** Schools, by law, can't invest and therefore grow their monetary gifts. The Foundation provides expert investment management.
- **Alumni empowerment:** The Foundation can lend a hand in fundraising efforts, club scholarships, honorary funds for retirees, or memorials.
- **Directing donors:** The Foundation has directed hundreds of thousands of dollars in individual and corporate donations to our public schools.
- **Funding special projects:** Extraordinary new projects like computer labs, a weather station, a nature trail, science and technology software have found donor funding through The Foundation's EITC and individual donations.
- **Tech students aid:** Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center students receive Foundation career training assistance.
- **Pre-schools support:** Thousands of dollars in EITC scholarships make sure kids arrive at Kindergarten ready to learn. Good for teachers, students, parents.





## Affiliate Foundations

The Community Foundation manages endowments for the following school districts. These endowments provide college scholarships to graduates as well as support for educational projects within the districts.

### **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 Foundation**

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**

The Community Foundation manages Funds that benefit the district and its students, and we are providing funding for education improvement projects.

### **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.

## Colleges & Universities Our Scholarship Winners Will Attend in 2010

- Alfred University
- Binghamton University
- Bob Jones University
- Broome Community College
- Cornell University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Elizabethtown College
- Houghton College
- Ithaca College
- Kutztown University
- Lackawanna College
- Lebanon Valley College
- Luzerne County Community College
- Mansfield University
- Marywood University
- Paul Smiths College
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*The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.*

Benjamin Disraeli

## The following schools and their students benefit from tuition assistance programs, endowments, and college scholarships administered by The Community Foundation.

### Blue Ridge School District Foundation

- Blue Ridge Superintendent's Fund for Special Projects
- Bradley David Conklin Memorial College Scholarship
- CAFÉ Fund
- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Donley Family Memorial College Scholarship
- Ferdinand Graf Memorial College Scholarship
- David Hwang Memorial College Scholarship
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Andrew F. Sienko Sr. Memorial Nature Trail Endowment
- Andrew M. Snitzer Memorial College Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- Kermit Van Cott Horticulture College Scholarship
- John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Creative Adventures for Education field trip to Washington DC
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families for Dual Enrollment Courses at Lackawanna College

### Elk Lake School District Foundation

- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Agnes & James W. Holbert College Scholarship
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial College Scholarship
- Reginald Sanger and Florence MacGowan Memorial College Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music College Scholarship
- John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

### Endless Mountains Christian Academy

- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend Endless Mountains Christian Academy.

### Faith Mountain Christian Academy

- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend Faith Mountain Christian Academy.

### Forest City Regional School District

- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students

### The Geneva School

- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend The Geneva School.

### Lackawanna Trail School District Foundation

- Paul Fearick Memorial College Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

### Montrose Area School District Foundation

- Daniel Arnold Memorial College Scholarship
- Dr. Raymond Bennett Memorial College Scholarship
- Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund
- Daniel Crisman Memorial College Scholarship for the Arts
- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Julia Frystak Memorial College Scholarship
- Agnes & James W. Holbert College Scholarship
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- John Krupinski Memorial College Scholarship



- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial College Scholarship
- Montrose Business and Professional Women's College Scholarship
- Morgan R. Potter Memorial College Scholarship
- Nicholas Severcool Memorial College Scholarship
- The Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- The Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music College Scholarship
- Technology for Tomorrow College Scholarship
- John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- Mathew James White Memorial College Scholarship
- Robert Wood Memorial College Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center
- A Grant in Partnership with Peoples National Bank to renovate the High School's Community Learning Center.

## Mountain View School District

- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Kingsley Civic Club College Scholarship
- Robert W. Klenk College Scholarship
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Mountain View School District Alumni Association College Scholarship
- Mountain View School District Library Endowment
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center

## Saint Agnes School

- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend Saint Agnes School.

## Summit Christian Academy

- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend Summit Christian Academy.

## Susquehanna Community School District Foundation

- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Edwards-Napolitano Memorial Music College Scholarship
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- John J. and Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.
- A Grant in Partnership with Peoples National Bank to Implement "Project Lead the Way" for the Industrial Arts Program.

## Tunkhannock Area School District Foundation

- David Clark Memorial College Scholarship
- Jack Daniels Memorial College Scholarship
- Joseph Dohrer Memorial College Scholarship
- Ambrose "Dutch" Keller Memorial College Scholarship
- Albert M. Purdy Music College Scholarship
- Dr. W. Dayton Shelly Memorial Music College Scholarship
- The Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Young Musicians Endowment for 5th Grade Band Students
- Frank J. Valvano Memorial College Scholarship
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend Camp Invention.



*Chance favors the prepared mind."*

Louis Pasteur

## School Giving “Outside the Box”

Most donations for education at The Community Foundation go to tuition assistance and college scholarships for our youth. Some donors, however, are choosing to fund projects outside that traditional philanthropic box, with an eye toward providing educational life experiences.

The Tourje family, owners of NEP Telephone Co, has supported Blue Ridge School District with grants to fund a Nature Trail for students and the public. The trail includes outdoor classrooms, learning stations for biology and ecology classes, flora identification tags, and sitting benches. They also helped fund a Summer Enrichment Program that offered 30 students at Blue Ridge the opportunity to participate in all aspects of a theatrical production.

Forest City Regional School District was grateful for a Tourje grant toward construction of a WeatherBug meteorology station. Mountain View School District received a Tourje grant for a new library fund, and Susquehanna School District received two donations to install pre-engineering software called Project Lead the Way.

The Tourje family is not alone. The Donley Fund provided \$5000 toward the Blue Ridge Summer Enrichment theatrical production. In his Will, Mr. John James established support for five Future Business Leaders of America clubs at several area schools. Among many business experiences the students will explore will be monitoring the investment of Mr. James’ endowment fund.

In an effort to encourage life-long exercise and good health, the Choconut Elementary School Wellness Fund this year provided an opportunity for students to experience snowshoeing. The Clair Young Endowment supports the Trehab Agency’s workforce development for a Blue Ridge student going directly from high school into the workforce. The Young Musicians Fund helps 5th graders from low income families rent musical instruments.

There are endless ways our schools can be enriched with your gift. The Community Foundation can help you identify a purpose that matches your interest.

## WeatherBug on a beeline for Forest City

An enterprising Forest City Senior, Brady Kuruts, has chosen as his Senior Project the installation of a \$20,000 high definition camera and weather sensing equipment known as WeatherBug at his high school. As of April, 2010, just one year into his effort, he is just \$300 shy of his goal – thanks to donors such as The Community Foundation’s Tourje Family Fund.

WeatherBug is the world’s largest live local weather network. It provides current weather information, forecasts, Doppler radar, area photos, real time storm tracking, frost predictions, air quality reports – anything you might need to know about the state of the skies and precipitation anywhere in the world.

WeatherBug’s network includes stations in 8000 US schools. The school instrumentation feeds data to the network, and the network in turn feeds data into the classrooms where students use it to learn science, math, geography and technology.

Brady has been supported in his project by his science teacher Kelley Twilley, by his mentor and Special Education Director Donna Potis, and by Dave Dougherty, who is Forest City’s Technical Coordinator. Potis and Dougherty see benefits to the entire school population, particularly on

the state’s science achievement exams, PSSAs. Dougherty sees the weather station as a great tool for engaging students in core science and math courses. Brady points out that the lightening detector which is part of the WeatherBug package will provide early warnings to sports teams playing outdoors in open fields.

Locally the school WeatherBug data will transmit to TV station WBRE, but anyone worldwide will be able to view the local weather data, and local photos it will be generating. Installation is planned for June 2010.



*From left: Dave Dougherty, Kelley Twilley, Brady Kuruts, Donna Potis.*

### Mailbox full of thanks

Students from Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center's Building Trades curriculum have presented the Foundation with a handsome oak colonial mailbox crafted by its cabinetmaking and carpentry students. "This was a great opportunity for the Career Center to give a little something back," said Dr. Alice M Davis Administrative Director of the Center.

Since 2003 The Community Foundation has awarded over \$65,000 in tuition assistance allowing 325 students from seven local school districts to attend the Center.

The Community Foundation's tuition assistance for K-12 students is funded by area businesses that enroll in the state of Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit Program.



### Project Lead the Way

The industrial technology curriculum for 7th and 8th graders at Susquehanna Community School has been enriched by a new design and engineering program known as Project Lead the Way. Thanks to major EITC donations from Peoples National Bank, assisted by a grant from the Tourje Family the school has been able to purchase and install \$50,000 in new learning software at its computer lab.

Project Lead the Way study units are packed with math and science learning experiences. The Design & Modeling unit uses geometry, problem solving, teamwork, and project management skills to develop a product prototype. Students working on the Automation & Robotics unit design and build automated systems that incorporate the principles of electrons, physics, and robotics. The Magic of Electrons unit engages students in unraveling the mysteries of digital circuitry. They teach the students how to apply practical engineering concepts, analyze data to solve real life situations, participate as a team, present findings to an audience, and become comfortable in a professional scientific setting.

Susquehanna Community's traditional industrial arts, mathematics, and science courses augmented with the innovative lessons of Project Lead the Way prepare students for more rigorous studies in high school, college, and finally in the workplace.



**Mark Gerchman, Principal, Susquehanna Community High School; Alan Dakey, President and CEO, Peoples National Bank; Darlene Slocum, Susquehanna Branch Manager, Peoples National Bank; Bronson Stone, Superintendent Susquehanna Community School District; Peter Quigg, President Community Foundation**



**Principal Gerchman introduces Project Lead the Way to Susquehanna Community students.**



### Camp Invention

The popular science enrichment program, Camp Invention, returned to Tunkhannock Area School District this year. Thirty-four students from grades one through six received scholarships. Twenty-four of these scholarships were provided by a \$4,929 grant from the Community Foundation to families and children who would not otherwise be able to participate.

This year students planned a mission to Mars, cleaned up a polluted city, took apart old appliances and wrestled with other challenges designed to inspire a

passion for science and invention. Camp Invention is a summer program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation and the US Patent and Trademark Office.

Foundation scholarships have supported Camp Invention for several years. The program content has new relevance as this area's economy and job market grow from gas exploration. Children with an interest in science will have more opportunity for work here at home than they have had in the past.

“*Flaming enthusiasm, backed up by horse sense and persistence, is the quality that most frequently makes for success.*”

Dale Carnegie

### Snowshoe Adventure

Choconut Valley fourth through sixth graders had a chance to try snowshoeing this winter thanks in part to a Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund grant. The program, organized by Physical Education teacher Katy Rosenkrans brought professionals from Northeast Wilderness Experience of Hawley PA, along with safety equipment, and 70 pairs of snowshoes to the school.

Funding was also provided by the school box tops rewards money. Next year Ms Rosenkrans would like to offer kayaking. “We hope to continue programs like this, to encourage lifetime outdoor activities for students and their families,” she says.

The Wellness Fund was established at the Foundation by Mike and Charm Giangrieco in 2007 to support student health and wellness initiatives at Choconut Elementary. Donations to the fund are tax deductible and can increase the size of the annual grant.



*Choconut Valley students learn to snowshoe.*

## A Home for Hospice

The Foundation is delighted to welcome Hospice of the Sacred Heart to its new branch location at 207 Locust St., Montrose. This organization currently has a staff of 100 people with headquarters in Wilkes-Barre and a branch in Scranton. They are expanding to this new location to provide local staff and services to our currently underserved population. They know from the many calls for help from this region, that there is a large need. Since Hospice programs in Binghamton or elsewhere in New York cannot work over state lines, Hospice care was previously being sourced from at least 50 miles away.

*"You matter because you are you. You matter to the last moment of life, and we will do all we can, not only to help you die peacefully, but also to live until you die."*

Dame Cicely Saunders, Founder of the Hospice Concept

Hospice provides specialized, usually in-home care for terminally ill patients. While primary care is provided by family members or loved ones, the Hospice team is available on a 24/7/365 basis to train, counsel, and provide hands-on assistance. Hospice emphasizes palliative care (relief of pain and uncomfortable symptoms) rather than curative treatment, and quality rather than quantity of life. The Hospice team is physician-directed and nurse-coordinated. It includes a social worker, chaplain, home health aide, and volunteers to address the practical, physical, emotional, and non-denominational spiritual needs of its patients and caregiver families. The Hospice approach affirms life and regards dying as a normal process to be neither hastened nor postponed.

Since Hospice work is performed mainly in its patients' homes, the Locust St. location will serve as a northern region hub. It will have a staff of two or three persons, who will be present to answer inquiries and take calls. The larger team serving Wyoming, Susquehanna, and Wayne Counties will be able to stop in to "dock", pick-up messages, re-supply their medical and educational materials, and access the internet and administrative tools.

Hospice of the Sacred Heart's move to Montrose is being facilitated by a Community Foundation grant from the June J. Wootton Fund for Hospice and Palliative Care. For more information about Hospice of the Sacred Heart visit [www.hospicesacredheart.org](http://www.hospicesacredheart.org).



The Hospice Team ready to serve our area.



## United Way Moves

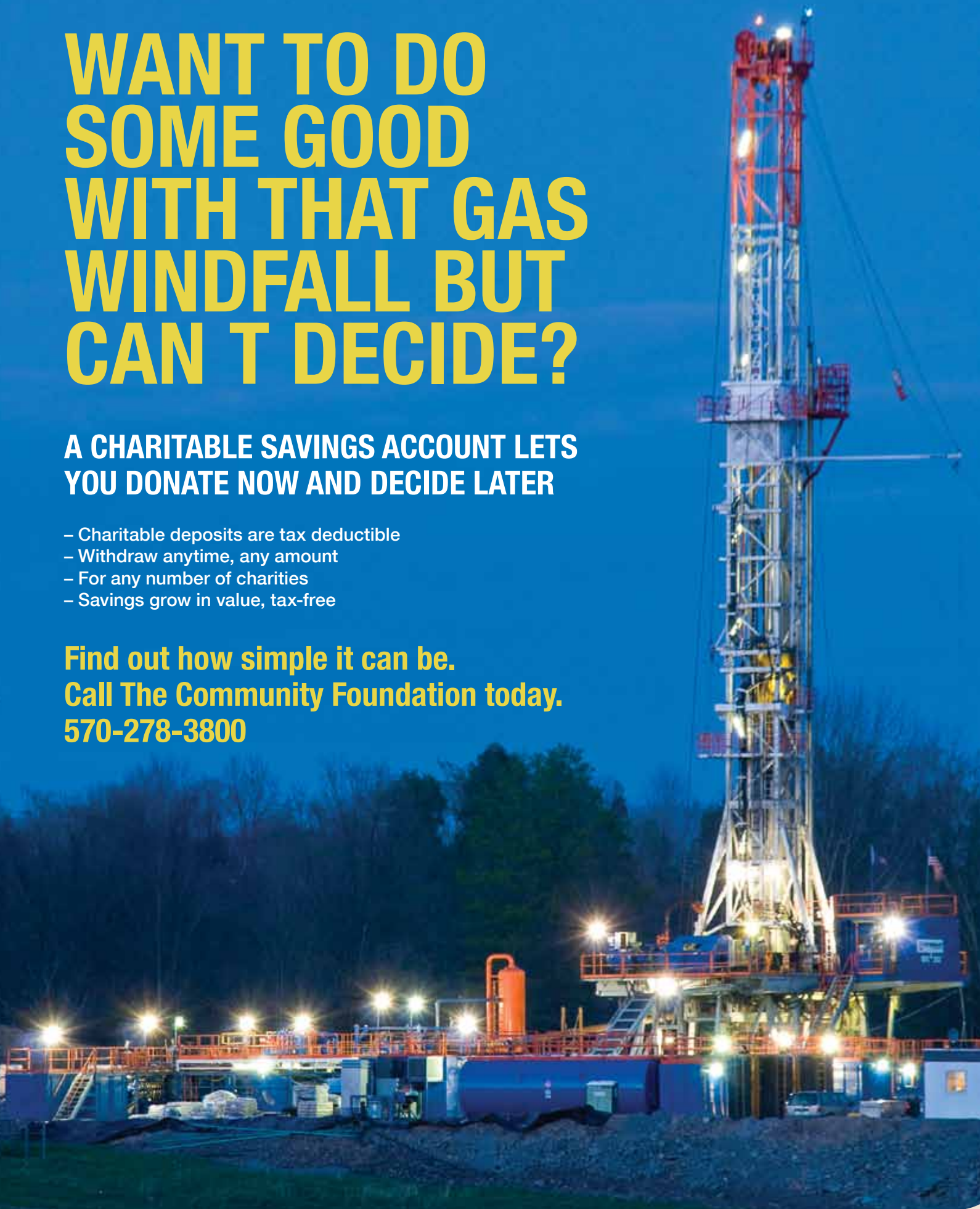
As of July 1, 2010, The United Way of Susquehanna County has relocated to 693 Main St., New Milford. Their new mailing address will be PO Box 365, New Milford, PA 18834. The spacious facility beside the Nationwide Insurance office was the former site of Lackawanna College. It will give The United Way a more visible public presence, main thoroughfare accessibility, and easy parking. United Way's new phone number is 570-465-3868; their new fax number is 570-465-7605.

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## Thinking about tax deductions for gas leases?

By Robert J. Brown, Certified Financial Planner



As a financial planner, I have been receiving many, many questions about the financial ramifications surrounding the leasing process and the potential royalties which MAY follow. The most common I hear is “How can I reduce my taxes on this money?” Rather than putting your money at risk by using questionable accounting methods, what I often suggest is a much easier method: Donating to Charity. Even better: LOCAL Charity. What a great way to kill two birds with one stone; pay less in taxes AND support our community.

It seems easy to do this, but sometimes people have difficulty deciding the best way to donate their money or are unable to decide between more than one charity. Even the wealthiest families on the planet have said that giving money away can sometimes be harder than making it. When you put it toward a cause that you believe in, you want to be sure your money was used the way you intended.

So where do you go from here? I would suggest that you start with the fun part. Take some time to reflect on which charity is important to you: church, service organization, scholarship. What about a specific cause? children, religion, the arts, etc... Perhaps you have multiple places where you would like to assist?

Once you have some direction, you should then decide how you want to make contributions. For those with higher potential for royalties, you may wish to give some

serious thought to “planned giving”. It may not seem important now, but knowing your options and planning this out can create more tax efficiencies as well as better use of your dollars. Perhaps most important, include your family members if at all possible. That can be extremely powerful. These are some base options for you:

- **Create a Family Legacy through your Community Foundation:** Also run by local members of the community, a Foundation will create a fund that grants money in your name to the charities of your choice each year. Get your family involved in choosing the charities each holiday and make giving to charity a family tradition. The Foundation will continue donating to the charities of your family’s choosing for generations to come. Learn more about your local foundation by visiting [www.community-foundation.org](http://www.community-foundation.org).
- **The Power of your Local United Way:** Write a check to you local United Way. This is a national organization run by local members of your community. The United Way has the ability to distribute your charitable contribution to many agencies within you community. Learn more about your local united Way by visiting [www.wyomingcountyunitedway.org](http://www.wyomingcountyunitedway.org) or [www.unitedwayofsusquehannacounty.org](http://www.unitedwayofsusquehannacounty.org).
- **Direct Donation:** Write a check directly to the charity. Believe me, it will be greatly appreciated and soon put to use to continue their work.

This is an unprecedented time in our region. Some of our residents, who have donated their time to charities in the past, now also may be able to donate their dollars. We have had some fantastic, hard-working volunteers, past and present, who have spent many of their efforts helping this community and it would be a breath of fresh air if their organizations were to be the recipients of some of these dollars coming into the area. Please consider your local charities when searching for ways to reduce your tax bill, now or in future years. An important note if you are searching for a tax deduction: Be sure that the charity to which you are writing the check qualified you for that. Consult with your accountant on this topic.



*If Fortune calls, offer him a seat.”*

Yiddish proverb

## Connecting with Community

By Brian Grove, Director of Corporate Development Chesapeake Energy



Gas drilling is about extracting resources, but it's also about investing in communities. Through leasing land, hiring contractors and employing locals, Chesapeake

Energy Corporation is invigorating the regional economy. But some of our greatest and most rewarding connections to the community have come through giving things away. From donating to a well-known charitable organization to recognizing the region's exemplary youth, Chesapeake is always eager to provide support where it can. Earlier this month in Susquehanna County, we celebrated another successful installment of our Discovering Tomorrow's Leaders program, a countywide search for standout students. In the fall, we'll begin a new search in Wyoming County.

The program identifies eight hardworking, community-minded students and rewards them with a plaque noting their achievement, a variety of prizes, a computer donated

to their school and special recognition banquet where two lucky winners receive their own laptop. In the past year and a half, Chesapeake has donated more than \$90,000 in Susquehanna and Wyoming counties, including \$10,000 to each county's United Way organization.

We're also just as happy to let landowners set the example with their own generosity. Take Buster and Linda Coolbaugh, Wyoming County residents who donated a portion of the bonus payment they received from leasing their Eaton Township property to a variety of worthy causes in their community. From a local nursing home and the historic Dietrich Theater in Tunkhannock to the Wyoming Conservation District and a couple of fire companies, the Coolbaughs donated about \$4,200. "People say, 'Doesn't the donation start at home?' We have, but we're comfortable," Linda said. "There's always somebody who's worse off than you. That's how my husband and I look at it. ... These are people who are volunteering every day, back to us."

## Local Dollars for Local Causes

Since gas exploration began in 2008 families and corporations from our two-county service area have contributed nearly \$250,000 in natural gas related income to establish Foundation endowments. More donations are expected as more landowners consider their tax and estate plans. In 2009 alone contracts with energy companies Hess Corp, Fortuna, and Cabot Oil and Gas were collectively valued at more than \$300 million in lease payments. The leases carry the potential of millions more in royalties.

To date, Foundation gas-related endowment funds have channeled dollars to local churches, health care, libraries, scholarships, and other favorite hometown charities. Organizations rooted in this area's rural heritage such as the Susquehanna County 4-H are setting up the administrative structure to accept and invest future gas money so that the money grows and annual grants continue to flow into the future. "These are established people who have been here for a long time, and they want to pay back," reports Foundation President, Peter Quigg.

A Charitable Savings Account with the Foundation may be the right tool to assist you with a sudden change in your financial circumstances. Deposits are tax deductible; withdrawals may be made at any time, in any amount, as long as they go to a charitable purpose of your choosing.

### Since January 2008

Chesapeake Energy has paid \$1.1 billion to Pennsylvania landowners in lease bonuses and royalties, and \$270 million to PA companies for work on gas wells. Chesapeake's drill site operating process called "Aqua Renew" filters and reuses wastewater generated from all phases of gas drilling operations, reducing long-haul truck traffic and the need for treatment and disposal of wastewater.

## Institute Examines Impact of Marcellus Shale

By Teri Ooms, Executive Director, The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development



The Institute's most recent study on Marcellus Shale identifies potential growth in specific industries in core and adjacent counties in the Marcellus Shale play. The study examines businesses and employment changes, demographic and migration patterns, and education programs related to

natural gas drilling in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Finally, the Institute presents a career ladder of drilling industry occupations. It should be noted, that none of the shale plays in these states is as large as Pennsylvania's.

### Population, Income, Education, Housing Values

All counties examined experienced population growth at various levels with Texas counties experiencing the most growth. Each of the counties experienced increased inward migration. Most in-migrants came from other parts of the state or nearby states. All four states experienced median household income increases of at least 20%. Poverty level research was inconclusive; it is normally expected that as education levels increase, income levels increase, and poverty levels decrease. The composition of higher education changed for the period as well. Median housing values increased in both core and adjacent counties in all states – reaching a high increase of 23%.

### Industrial & Services Growth

Some apparent growth trends emerged. Core shale industry counties all experienced growth in a number of sectors. Adjacent county growth was much less noticeable and was inconsistent; however the adjacent Texas counties were most successful. Core county growth was consistent over the ten-year-period. Major growth did not occur during any one year. Growth occurred primarily in small firms employing nineteen or less people. There was consistent growth in the mining, financial,

insurance, food services and accommodations, healthcare and social assistance industries. Additionally, growth in the construction, real estate and warehousing and transportation industries also occurred. While the retail industry grew in most counties examined, it was not a consistent performer in all shale counties.

### Professional, Scientific & Technical Growth

Finally, there was some growth in the professional, scientific, and technical sectors within Pennsylvania and the other states studied. A company may set up a central location to serve the entire state, or use independent contractors to meet short-term demands. Although it is not conclusive that the information industry is related to the drilling industry, this sector grew in both Louisiana Counties studied and in one each of the Texas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma counties examined.

### Pennsylvania Trends – before Marcellus

Prior to gas exploration (1990 to 2007), baseline population growth in Pennsylvania has varied. Nearly every Pennsylvania County examined had experienced higher education improvements. Further, median household income has been increasing. Poverty levels still increased in the Pennsylvania counties. Finally, all Pennsylvania counties examined experienced housing value increases. Both core and adjacent counties gained minimal new industry. Warehousing and transportation was the fastest growing industry in most counties. Despite some pockets of manufacturing growth, the counties in the study area did not appear to have expansive job or industry growth. In 2007, Susquehanna County began to see the presence of mining/drilling companies. There was an increase of firms from 13 to 47, although employee numbers did not dramatically change. Going forward, the Institute will be measuring the actual changes that Marcellus Shale brings to these existing Pennsylvania trends. This study is available in its entirety at [www.institutepa.org/marcellus](http://www.institutepa.org/marcellus).

“Natural gas is the only ready to go, scalable alternative to dirty coal. Natural gas provides an affordable, environmentally friendly substitute for foreign oil and dirty coal while stimulating America's economy and strengthening its energy security.”

Aubrey McClendon, Chesapeake Energy Chairman and CEO

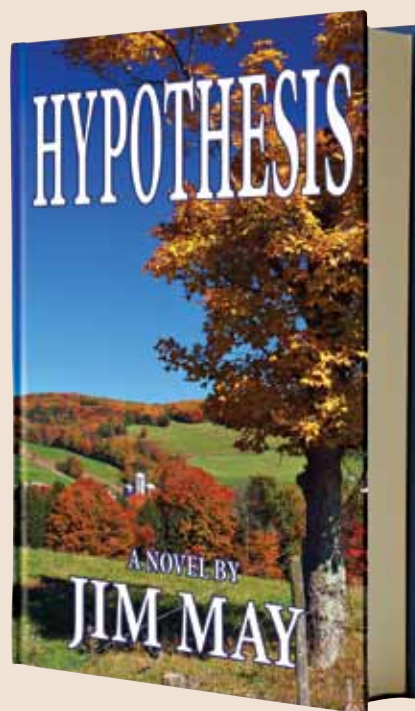


## A Story of Mineral Rights and Wrongs

Jim May, Foundation Director Emeritus, announces the availability of his mystery thriller, *Hypothesis*, A Story of Mineral Rights and Wrongs. Copies, including a Kindle version may be ordered online from Amazon.com, [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore), Borders.com, BarnesandNoble.com; and are available in most bookstores.

The story is set in Susquehanna County during the upheaval of the natural gas boom. It features characters and locations we will all recognize including the wise and wily, and an analytical amateur detective entangled in a web of murder, deceit, and gas royalties greed.

Jim adds his own entrepreneurial and philanthropic vision into this tale, challenging us to consider opportunities, beyond fuel, that might be tapped, 'fracked', and developed. In an interview in The Orange County Register of Santa Ana, CA, he said, "I want the governments and local philanthropists in rural, northeast Pennsylvania to realize they have a game-changing opportunity to make a lasting social difference. They should not let greed guide them, nor squander this opportunity." This is a fun and provocative read that no lakeside bookshelf should be without. Great gift too!



## Gas Safety Presentation

The Community Foundation hosted a presentation on oil and gas drilling and pipeline safety awareness at its Lake Avenue headquarters. The program was offered by The Smalley Foundation which partners with gas drilling operators, and pipeline companies to create public awareness.

The program was presented to representatives from businesses, schools, hospitals and other places where people gather, state and county EMAs, local emergency planning committees, and first responder organizations. This first meeting was to determine local needs in the area of emergency response and public education.

The Foundation's Chairman Earle Wootton is also the Chairman of the Marcellus Committee which investigates the benefits that oil and gas exploration has had upon non-profits and charities throughout the United States. More educational seminars on the many issues involved in gas exploration are expected to be offered at The Foundation headquarters in the future.



## Natural Gas Documentary Film Premier



Filmmaker Aaron Price

A film by documentary filmmaker and Windsor, New York resident Aaron Price's, *Gas Odyssey*, debuted Friday, April 16th in Binghamton. The film chronicles the struggles of small business owners, teachers, community leaders, legislators, educators, truck drivers and gas workers. Their ordinary and authentic voices movingly make the case that the community's future could and should be allowed to improve with natural gas development.

Unlike Pennsylvania, New York is still having a heated debate about whether to lift its statewide moratorium on gas drilling. The struggle is made more poignant by the stories of the unemployed young loggers and quarrymen, and dairy farmers who are facing milk prices that have not budged upward in twenty years.

Price documents communities just south of Binghamton, such as our own, where drilling has created jobs, community investments, and hope, while New York's upstate small towns are in a freefall losing population. He believes, "This issue stopped being about science and facts a long time ago. It has become a political monster, and my hope is that this film will transcend politics and restore basic property rights to New Yorkers—including the right to develop their land through a tried and true, safe technology."

Featured in the film are our own Peter Quigg who reports on endowments and charitable donations being established by local landowners, Elk Lake School Superintendent, William Bush and an Elk Lake technology instructor who tell of that school district's experience with gas wells on their property, and Ryan Stalker, Lackawanna Community College Director who has developed a natural gas industries curriculum to train local students for employment in the gas industry.

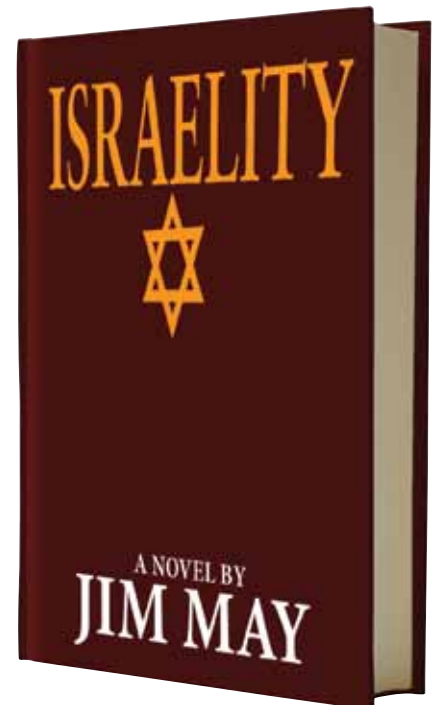
## Be a Crook in a Book

*Your name in a new international thriller!*

New donations of \$20,000 or more to the Community Foundation for any charitable purpose of your choosing will win you an appearance in the upcoming international thriller *Israelity* by our own Jim May. This book is due out next year.

You can lend your name to one of a select few evil doers and conspirators in this story of home grown terrorists. If your fantasy is not to be a villain, you may choose a cameo appearance as your own sweet self in a supporting role in the plot. The book is set in the Silver Lake Township, Susquehanna County and extends its influence to the infamous Middle East conflict in Israel. It shows that the hometown values and expectations we all share here in Northeast Pennsylvania can be applied worldwide for the benefit of the entire world. The plot thickens around the disappearance of one of our beloved local police chiefs and his wife, and ends with an international confrontation involving biblical Jerusalem, the Vatican in Rome, the CIA and the Silver Lake volunteer firehouse.

Find out if the international mystery of intrigue and bad deeds ever gets resolved, or does the Middle East peace dream continue to evade the efforts of the world's best minds. Follow Jim's protagonist as he takes a journey toward what could be a cataclysmic ending.



## Bobby Warriner



Robert S. Warriner of Elk Lake Agawan Farm passed away July 15th 2009 at his home. He owned and operated Agawan Farms and Agawan Excavation and Trucking for many years. He was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation, and a supporter of many conservation, preservation and education organizations.

Bobby was active in the New York State Two Cylinder Expo Association, the Montrose Country Club, the

Susquehanna County Soil and Conservation Service, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Elk Lake Protective Association, and Warren Lodge #240 of the Masons. He also continued a long family tradition of membership in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose.

Bobby and his wife, Kathy Baker Warriner established an early endowment with the Foundation to support local agriculture, heritage, and education projects. That fund most recently assisted an after-school academic program for elementary school children in Susquehanna County. He is missed, but his work continues.

## Agnes Jones



Agnes Jones who was the first female member of the New Milford Area Rotary and a former president passed away in October 2009. Starting in 2010 the Rotary's annual Blue Ridge School District scholarship awarded to a girl will be known as the Agnes Jones Scholarship.

Agnes was a retired president and CEO of Grange National Bank of New Milford where her career began as a teller and spanned 39 years. She was also an early Foundation Board member and established The Jones Family Fund. Her fund supports human services agencies, providing health care, mental health care, or substance abuse care.

Among Agnes' many achievements was serving as a leader of a very successful capital campaign which raised \$450,000 in contributions to help launch the United Way of Susquehanna County in 2004. Agnes Jones' work was considered a model for charitable endowment creation. The capital she raised became the Foundation's United Way Fund. It continues to this day to support the administrative costs of the United Way.

In addition to her leadership in Rotary, United Way and the Community Foundation, Agnes was a member of many state bankers associations, the Endless Mountain Theatre Company, the Friends of Susquehanna County, and she played organ at New Milford United Methodist Church for many years.

## Prison Ministries Receive Grant



The Julie Bush Capwell Memorial Fund was established this year by her friends and family to benefit important work that was dear to her heart. Julie, who died in a tragic auto accident, is described by her friend, Mari Rounds as "a Corrections Officer and truly a steward of God seeking to reduce the recidivism rate at our local jail." Thanks to ongoing creative fund raising by Mari and Julie's sisters Mary Alice Hawley and Susan Pratt, this year the fund provided a grant to Exodus Prison and Aftercare Ministries - EPAM.

EPAM supplies chaplain services to Susquehanna, Wyoming, Lackawanna, and Luzerne county prisons. Their 25 trained volunteers work inside or outside prison

facilities providing weekly classes, worship services, guidance, and emotional support to 130 inmates, their family members, and also their victims in an effort to promote restorative justice.

To reintegrate women and men back into community life, EPAM advocates for and provides safe, affordable housing and strong, positive mentors. Ministry volunteers serve on boards and task forces within the community representing a population that would otherwise have no voice.

Over time, Julie's fund will also benefit Susquehanna County Literacy Council, Yokefellowship, and Justice & Mercy. Anyone wishing to help is encouraged to participate in the Julie Bush Capwell fundraiser events, or to send contributions to this fund at the Community Foundation.



## What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation is designed to serve *donors*.

It is a tax-exempt, independent, public charity that administers permanent endowment funds for the benefit of a specific geographic area. Funds are contributed or bequeathed to foundations by individuals, nonprofit agencies, governments, corporations and other sources. Each foundation is governed by a board of private citizens chosen for their knowledge of community and involvement in civic affairs.

Since a community foundation is not subject to the control of an individual family, business, corporation

or other limited group, it is not subject to tax on its income, exempt from most penalties and from certain annual reporting and public disclosure requirements that apply to private foundations.

This saves costs. So community foundations can offer their donors the maximum tax deduction allowable under the law for charitable contributions, and have the advantage of lower administrative costs than private foundations.



*We cannot solve life's problems except by solving them."*

M. Scott Peck

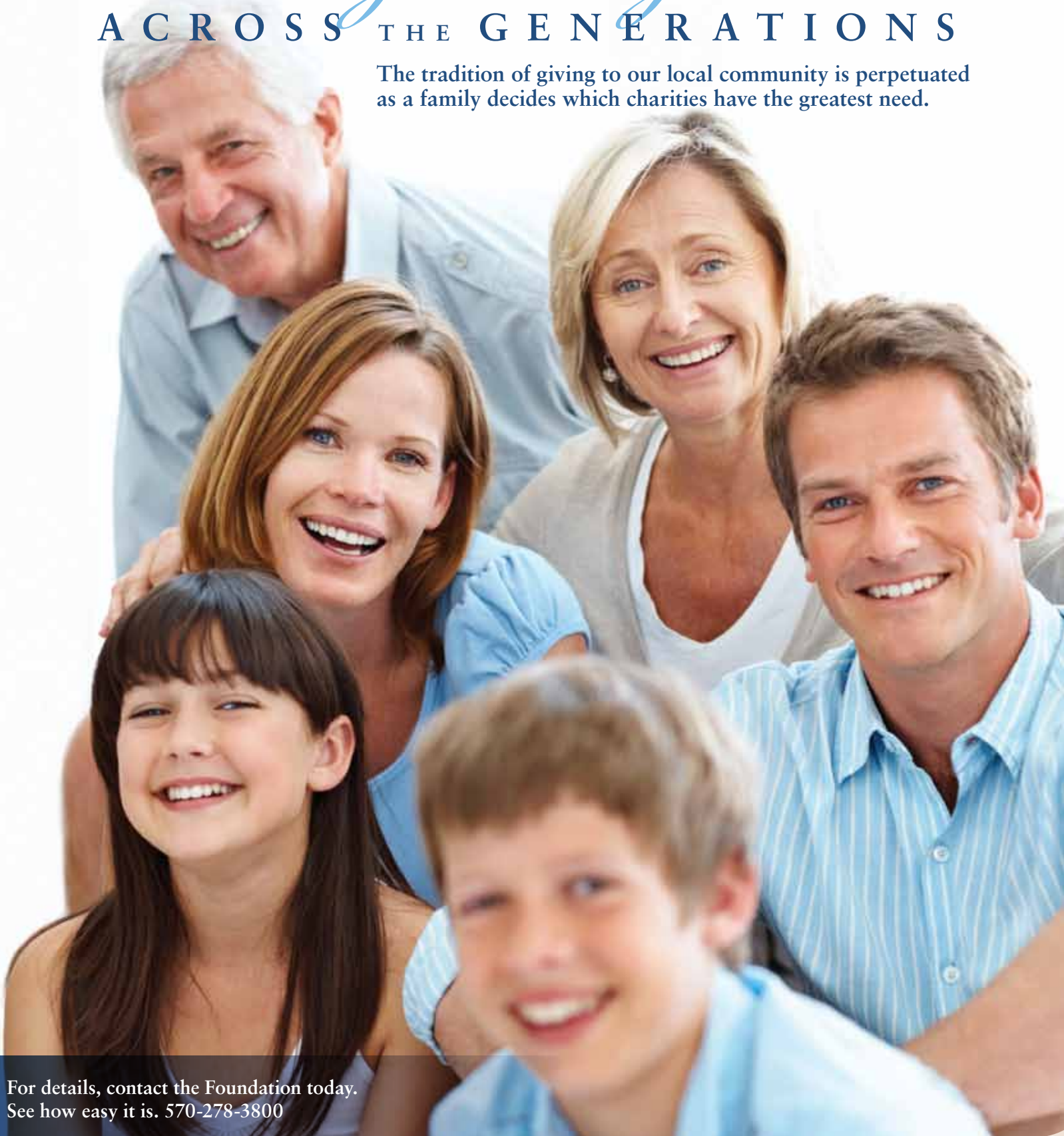
## How Does This Foundation Benefit Our Counties?

- We administer programs such as the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program which channels hundreds of thousands of dollars in business taxes to area schools.
- We assist families and friends in establishing Memorial Funds and Memorial web pages, Charitable Savings Accounts, Honorary Funds, Scholarship Funds, and Endowments for area charities.
- We stimulate planned giving that will benefit the community through bequests and charitable remainder trusts, gifts of insurance and retirement plan assets, charitable gift annuities etc.
- We establish Legacy Societies for nonprofits, schools, churches, civic and cultural organizations; invest and manage these donations to build their endowments.
- We establish School District Foundations to facilitate and administer scholarships, to fund special curriculum enrichment programs, to assist alumni and school clubs, to grow endowments.
- We provide lively, quality ongoing communications within the community to educate and attract potential donors. Efforts include a Speakers Bureau, a comprehensive Website, online Newsletters, an annual Magazine, Press Releases, and Professional Seminars.
- We maintain a beautiful donated headquarters to host donors and answer their questions. The facility is available to donors for philanthropic conferences or Legacy Society gatherings.
- We provide a full-time President, and staff to support all of the above activities, and be sure all inquiries receive an expert response.
- Our Finance & Investment Committee consists of financial professionals with deep community roots, who are of the highest caliber. They assure that donors' contributions are invested prudently to make their dreams come true.

A FAMILY ADVISED FUND AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
ALLOWS FAMILIES TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS THEY BELIEVE ARE MOST IMPORTANT.

# *Extending Family Values* ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

The tradition of giving to our local community is perpetuated  
as a family decides which charities have the greatest need.



For details, contact the Foundation today.  
See how easy it is. 570-278-3800



## Family Funds: a Growing Tradition

The number and value of Family Advised Funds continue to grow, with multigenerational participation in giving decisions. Here are a few examples that serve both the givers and the receivers. Imagine what your family could accomplish with such a fund.

The **Sarah Bertsch Family** has established two funds. One honors Dr. A. Monroe and Sarah Bertsch and it allows the family to choose various local charities annually. A second fund has been established by their son Albert who honors his dear deceased friend, Chris Lake, by supporting Interfaith and TREHAB.

The **Clemens Family** Fund benefits charities and land preservation in Susquehanna County. Dave and Carol Clemens have given thousands of hours of service and very generous donations to environmental causes. They are avid orchid growers, and staunch supporters of Salt Springs Park, the Shelley Preserve, sustainable forestry, and state game lands.

For the **Ely Families**, philanthropy is a way of life. The Cecelia C. and Glenn W. Ely Memorial Fund is advised by their daughter Judy Kelly. She and her husband Larry and family decide each year which local cause they will support.

The Harold and Frances Ely Family Fund was established by the extended Ely clan – children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to honor their matriarch and patriarch. They alternate support for the Endless Mountains Health System and the Susquehanna County Library.

Giving for the **Lewis Family** is an opportunity for teaching compassion and appreciation. Bill and Deborah Lewis of Heart Lake sit down together each year at Christmastime with their four young children to count their own blessings and determine how they will direct their grant money. They often help families in need of basic services. Deborah, who is a teacher, wants her children to understand that not all their classmates go home from school to the same comforts they enjoy.

The **Miskell Family** aims to replace holiday gift-giving with making charitable donations. Instead of buying presents for adult family members, each Christmas they ask relatives to name a charity they would like the Miskells to support. Those who enjoy the concept, and ask how to reciprocate are directed to send a gift to the Miskell Family fund or the Friends of Salt Springs Park Fund.



*Dr. Shelly with his grandchildren*



*The Trouje Family awards its grant*



*Cecilia and Glenn Ely enjoy a dance*



*The Lewis Family on their front porch*



*Dave Clemens in his orchid greenhouse*

“Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true.”

L.J. Cardinal Suenens



## Montrose Memories: Getting Back to Roots

Among the many charms of grand historic buildings, are the stories which bubble up as former residents wander by and share their memories. This is one such story. Charles Lukens Huston was the President of Lukens Steel Company. In the 1930's and 1940's his family had their summer residence at 270 Lake Avenue. Mr. Huston's grandson, Charles Lukens Huston, III, known as Skip Huston, rediscovered the old building while on an excursion to retrace his family roots.

Grandfather Huston was the first Vice President of the Montrose Bible Conference, as well as an executive of Lukens Steel. Skip Huston has fond memories of summers enjoyed in the old house, swimming in Montrose Lake in "funny old-fashioned bathing suits", and summer socials where abstemious teetotalers crossed paths with more indulgent sorts, causing a frenzy as liquor bottles were stashed beneath the sofa. He laughs recalling sleeping in the shadow of his grandfather's antique suit of amour. As traffic rattled over the Lake Avenue hill and the headlights streaked across his walls, little Skip was certain the knight's hand was shaking, and the eight-year-old shuddered beneath the sheets. That same bedroom is now the front corner of what is the Foundation Board Room.

For five generations the Huston family has been giving away money wisely. In addition to managing two private family foundations The Huston Foundation, and the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust (see Give them a fish... opposite page), they are founders of the Chester County

Community Foundation on the outskirts of Philadelphia. So the discovery that the former Huston summer house was now home to a Community Foundation was a remarkable twist of fate.

The Huston Foundation was incorporated as a private family foundation while the family steel business prospered, in 1957. It was named to honor the grandparents who summered at 270 Lake Avenue. It was led by Charles, Jr., a philanthropist and founder of several service organizations, and his sister Ruth an Appalachian missionary and Lukens Steel director. Today, three Huston children and five grandchildren carry out the purposes and interests of the founders. In 2008 The Huston Foundation distributed over \$2,335,000 in grants to charities.



*Charles Lukens Huston, Sr.*



*Charles Lukens Huston, III, known as Skip Huston*

## Community Foundations vs. Private Foundations

Skip Huston has special insight on the advantages of community vs. private foundations. He has run a private foundation for decades, and has been a founder of the Chester County Community Foundation. Here are some of his observations:

- Community foundations are more likely to grow as many new donors, small and large, add their funds.
- Community foundations can also grow when existing private foundations choose to become donor advised funds within the Community Foundation.
- As a community foundation grows, its operating expenses become a smaller percentage of its assets, economies that benefit everyone.
- Community foundations offer their contributors the maximum income tax deduction allowed under the law.
- Private endowments are often limited to their founders' initial donation.
- Private foundations are somewhat confined to distribute the five percent per year their endowments generate. This limits their flexibility.
- Private foundation donors face greater limitations on the amount of earnings and the amount of appreciated assets that will qualify for a tax deduction.
- Private foundation resources are more prone to erosion by income taxes, administrative and legal fees.

## Teach a Man to Fish, and Give Him a Fish

*An Interview with Scott Huston, Executive Director, Stewart Huston Charitable Trust*

The Stewart Huston Charitable Trust was established in 1989. Stewart's sense of Quaker traditions of truth, honesty, human equality and seeing the light of God in everyone were very influential. The Trust distributed over \$1,000,000 in 2007 to 58 charities. Below is a paraphrased summary of Stewart's grand nephew's thoughts about family giving. More can be known by visiting [www.stewarthuston.org](http://www.stewarthuston.org).

### Getting to know grant applicants:

We can visit, sometimes not wearing a suit, to show up as any ordinary person might arrive, and get a walk through their operation. You become savvy. We don't just arrive demanding a meeting. We have to make sure an organization deserves to get a check. That takes involvement. We focus. In our case, on Coatsville, PA and Savannah, GA. We can't help with huge projects. We usually like to fund where a smaller gift has a lot of weight. Accordingly, we've helped with many start-ups.

### Conflict Resolution Among Family:

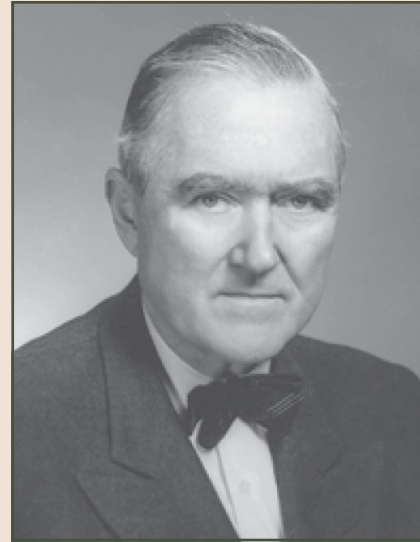
Conflict resolution sometimes takes time- balancing differences, planning succession and resolving different views among the family – it's by far the toughest part of this work because as family they're not going away.

### Community Service Required:

Family members who want to be on the board must first demonstrate the service side of our heritage. We've all volunteered at non-profits we care about, gave time, energy, sweat, sometimes in our youth, before even graduating from college. Unless you've been involved and know how hard it is for these groups to raise funds, you can't understand what cutting those checks really means.

### Responsibility:

We have a great history and a big responsibility, so that other people can be proud, not just us... We have assets both financial and otherwise to offer. Over time, like any entrepreneur, standards are set, you become more sophisticated, you grow, processes are set up – soup to nuts. How you make decisions is outlined. You have guidelines. With this kind of work, it can be hard to detach. Besides the long hours, I go to Dad's to watch the Eagles games and our work always comes up. It's discussed at the dinner table. But Foundations are a great tool, if used properly.



*Stewart Huston (1898-71)*

### Advice to Family Philanthropists:

Be open minded, and have some guidelines. Follow the mission and visions of your founding donors, but put it in today's context. Every donor has an intent which must be adhered to, but the next generation cannot be so restrictive and narrow that they can't get things done today. Your framework is there, and can be counted upon and rigid when needed, but there needs to be room for change.

### The Huston Style:

An open door. Right now in my office my door is open. If someone wants to come in and talk with an idea, I will be here to guide them. We do more than cut checks. You know the old Biblical saying about teaching a man to fish instead of giving him a fish? We like to say we teach a man to fish, AND give him a fish.

### The Right Stuff:

You can't get too self-centered. People are in need and there's not enough money to go around, and that's humbling. So you do more by serving on non-profit boards. You live it. It's all about people... meeting and helping people. You have to have a compassionate heart. My Dad taught me that. This family is not just a cash register. We want a relationship.



*Some pursue happiness and others create it."*

*Anonymous*

## Your Organization and The Foundation

### Problems:

- You have a shrinking endowment currently held in a bank account, trust, or CDs.
- You would like to establish an endowment to provide ongoing income to your organization.
- You have outstanding volunteers or employees in your organization you would like to honor.
- A group leader is retiring or moving out of office and deserves special recognition.
- Your church or nonprofit needs the help of planned giving professionals to encourage estate gifts.
- You are concerned about what will become of your group's assets as members age, die, or move.
- Your fund raising efforts are unable to keep up with your expenses.

- You need to find donors interested in supporting your work.
- Your supporters need some help in establishing ongoing grants to your organization.
- There are landowners in your group facing big tax bills from gas lease payments.
- Your group owns land and will be receiving mineral rights income. How to make it last?
- A member of your organization died and left a financial gift. How should it be handled?

### Solutions:

The Foundation has expertise and many tools that can help: Legacy Society, honorary funds, memorial funds, endowment building, planned giving.

Call Foundation President Peter Quigg at 570-278-3800 to arrange a meeting or a speaker to help explain how we can help.



*You may delay, but time will not."*

Ben Franklin

## Legacy Society: Where there's a Will, there's a way!

If you are a person who makes important decisions deliberately and in advance so that plans go smoothly, and just as you wish, you'll want to join a Legacy Society; or, maybe create a new one.

Legacy Society members have the vision to see beyond their lifespan, and make sure their good work continues forever by remembering their favorite charities and causes in their estate planning. Our Director of Planned Giving, Charm Giangrieco, can help. It's easy. A simple clause in your Will and a Letter of Instruction can trigger the establishment of a Fund in your name at The Community Foundation to provide perpetual assistance to the charity you choose.

Meanwhile, your generous forethought will inspire others to do the same, so that your charity's Society grows and becomes stronger by your leadership. Specific dollar amounts need not be declared, your charity and The

Foundation need only the knowledge of your intention to give in this way. You or your attorney may contact The Foundation for more information.

The following organizations have established Legacy Society Chapters with The Community Foundation. You can join them, or be the first to start a Legacy Society in your own favorite organization. Where there's a Will, there's a way.

**Edward L. Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County**  
Patty Bloomer, Chairwoman

**The Friends of Salt Springs Park**  
Toby Anderson, Chairman

**The Tunkhannock Public Library**  
Marguerite "Maggie" Cartwright, Chairwoman



## Rotary Looks to the Future of 4-H



The Rotary Club of Montrose hosted a benefit for the Susquehanna County 4-H endowment fund this spring. The event was held on the Green and had a “Look to the Future” theme. They succeeded in raising \$7,000. Visitors enjoyed the Lenoxville Band, a plant and bake sale, raffles, food, a pie contest, and auction.

Foundation President, Peter Quigg currently serves on the Pennsylvania 4-H Development Council. By creating

local and statewide endowments, the Council works toward the day when Pennsylvania’s 4-H clubs will be permanently funded. Pennsylvania’s 4-H development efforts recently caught the attention of Don Floyd, head of the National 4-H located in Chevy Chase, MD. The organization is closely connected with USDA and employs many Washington insiders. Mr. Floyd was pleased that Pennsylvania 4-H has seen the value of working together with the Community Foundation and believes it may well be a first for 4-H statewide councils.

## Hoover School: One Room, Eighty-one Years of Memories

The Clifford Township Historical Society has nearly completed the restoration of the Hoover School, a one room school house built in 1861. The site will serve as the Society’s home. Public tours and day-long history experiences for today’s children have begun. The Clifford area’s first settler arrived in 1799, and in 1806 the Township was established. Today it is a tight-knit yet fast-growing community of 2400 with descendants of early settlers, mingling with an influx of newcomers drawn to its beautiful lakes, and the Elk Mountain ski area. The 2006 Bicentennial rallied residents to rummage through closets in search of old photographs. Oral histories of the township’s seniors were also captured so that the images could be brought alive by people’s stories.

The Society recently brought together for a reunion several alumni of the Hoover School which closed in 1942. Former students are now in their 80’s, but stepping into the old space drew sighs of “Oh, the memories this brings back!”

Many original details have been rescued and put back in place including the flagpole, the original cast iron school bell in its bell tower with its distinctively ancient clang, slate blackboards, desks and chairs, etched with juvenile carvings. This little gem on SR 2014 Dundaff to West Clifford still sits amidst the farms, and green hillsides that were its original surroundings. To learn more about the Historical Society’s remarkable restorations go to [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com) and follow the links. The Clifford Historical Society maintains an endowment with The Community Foundation to fund its work.



*Hoover School exterior with original school bell in tower*



*Hoover School interior with pot bellied stove, original seats and chalk board*

## Helping H.A.N.D.S. for Children

A new endowment fund has been created by Wyoming County’s HANDS (Helping Area Needs for Diverse Early Child Care Services). This non-profit organization is made up of early childhood educators and advocates with a mission to improve the quality of early child care and education.

HANDS’ long list of services include operating the Family Resource Center which houses an educator and parent library, children’s play area, and an educators lab for creating learning materials. HANDS offers a food bank

for families, the Toys for Tots program, a home visiting program, Parents as Teachers, which helps parents prepare children for kindergarten. They also administer a free pre-school program, and assist in early identification of children with special needs.

Research has shown that quality early care and education improve a child’s possibility of graduating from high school and going beyond. This in turn affects the economy and our future community. Donors who can appreciate HANDS work are invited to contribute.

## New Funds in 2009-2010

### CAFE Education Assistance Fund

Established by Creative Adventures for Education to provide assistance for unfunded programs or projects in the Blue Ridge School District. CAFE is most notable for continuing the long tradition of organizing the annual Blue Ridge 6th Grade trip to Washington D.C.

### Julie Bush Capwell Memorial Fund

Established by the family and friends of Julie to benefit the following organizations that were close to her heart, Exodus Prison and Aftercare Ministries, Yokefellowship, Justice and Mercy, and The Susquehanna County Literacy Council.

### Reverend Paul R. & Myrtle W. Carlson Fund

Established by Reverend and Mrs. Carlson to provide annual support for their favorite charities.

### H.A.N.D.S. of Wyoming County Fund

Established by H.A.N.D.S. (Helping Area Needs for Diverse Early Child Care Services) to provide operational support for its work to improve the quality and availability of pre-kindergarten education in Wyoming County. H.A.N.D.S. gives training and assistance to parents, teachers, and children.

### John Torrey Hawkins Memorial Fund

Established in memory of John "Jack" Hawkins of Montrose to benefit the Endless Mountains Health Systems.

### Kail Family Fund

Established by the Karl Kail IV family of Heart Lake to provide support to charities and non-profits as recommended by the Kail family.

### Montrose Restoration Committee Fund

Established by The Montrose Restoration Committee to provide support for its mission to preserve and revitalize economic activity, heritage, and cultural enhancements in the village of Montrose.

### Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium Fund

Established by the Consortium. Supports career awareness activities between schools and business in the five northern tier counties of PA. Through career fairs, mentoring, job shadowing and internships helps employers offering family-sustaining careers connect with talented youth.

### Reginald Sanger & Florence MacGowan Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Mr. Sanger and Mrs. MacGowan who were brother and sister who retired to the Elk Lake area. The scholarship is for an Elk Lake student who has exhibited good citizenship and has maintained a 3.0 GPA during High School.

### Reppy-Keker Family Fund

Established by Mr. and Mrs. John Keker of Tunkhannock to provide assistance to their favorite charities.

### Silver Lane Cares Fund

Established by Silver Lane Advisors, a New York City investment banking boutique, to support various charitable, educational, and non-profit organizations in New York and Pennsylvania.

### Susquehanna County 4-H Fund

Established by the Susquehanna County 4-H to assist with various program expenses.

### Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music Scholarship

In Memory of Maurice Taylor, a legendary music man from Montrose, the scholarship will benefit a student from Montrose or Elk Lake who plans to major in music in college.



*If it is to be, it is up to me."*

Alice Roosevelt Longworth

## **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 recommended annually by the Anderson family of Franklin Forks.

## **Helen & DeWitt Andre Memorial Fund**

Established by Joe and Kathy Andre in memory of Joe's parents, to benefit the Montrose United Methodist Church or another charitable organization recommended by the Andre 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.

## **Dr. 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.

## **Dr. A. Monroe & Sarah Bertsch Family Fund**

Established by Mrs. Sarah Bertsch of Montrose, this fund will provide annual grants to various local charities as recommended by Mrs. Bertsch and her family.

## **Albert Bertsch Fund in Memory of Chris Lake**

Established by Albert Bertsch of Montrose in memory of his good friend, Chris Lake, who passed away unexpectedly. This fund provides support to the Trehab Agency and the Interfaith Agency.

## **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.

## **Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund**

Established by a Mike and Charm Giangrieco from the Choconut area to support student health and wellness initiatives in the elementary school as designated by the Principal.

## **David Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund**

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

## **Clemens Family Fund**

Established by David and Carol Clemens of Hallstead. Supports various charitable needs of Susquehanna County as recommended annually by the Clemens family, especially the United Way of Susquehanna County, and also open land preservation initiatives.

## **Clifford Township Historical Society Endowment**

This endowment was established by the Historical Society to provide assistance with operating expenses and projects.

## **Community Foundation Operating Endowment**

Established by The Community Foundation's Board of Directors, this endowment assists with the administrative expenses of The Foundation.

## **Community Foundation Building Endowment**

This endowment was established by friends of The Community Foundation to help maintain our office facility, which was donated for our use in 2008.

## **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 Susquehanna County High School graduate who excels in academics and exhibits exceptional athletic talent.

## **Countryside Conservancy Endowment Fund**

Established by the Conservancy to support its mission of land and water protection in and around the Tunkhannock Creek Watershed.

## **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 recommended annually by Mrs. LaBonte and her family of Brackney and Montrose.

## **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 recommended annually by the Dean family of Montrose.

## **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. If a 3.0 GPA is maintained in college the award will be granted for up to four years of post secondary degree education.

## **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. If the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA in college this will be awarded for four years.

## **Edwards-Napolitano Memorial Music Scholarship Fund**

Established initially in memory of Johnny Edwards, a talented musician from Susquehanna. In 2007 the name of the fund changed to also honor Johnny's good friend and band-mate, John Napolitano, who has also passed away. This fund provides a college scholarship for a Susquehanna Community High School graduate who exhibits exceptional musical talent in vocal or instrumental performance.

## **Cecilia C. & Glenn W. Ely Memorial Fund**

Established by the Ely's daughter, Judy Kelly of Montrose, this fund will support local charities as recommended annually by the Larry and Judy Kelly family of Montrose.

## **Harold & Frances Ely Family Fund**

Established in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ely by their children and grandchildren, this fund will provide assistance to the Endless Mtns. Health System and to the Susquehanna County Library.

## **Paul Fearick Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established by Mr. Fearick's family and friends in memory of his many years as a teacher and coach at Lackawanna Trail High School. Provides a scholarship for a graduate of Lackawanna Trail High School who exhibits leadership, perseverance, dedication and academic commitment, has participated in school sports programs, and who will enter college or a post secondary degree program.

## **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 recommended 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.

## **Jackson Cemetery Association Endowment Fund**

Established by the Cemetery Association to assist with the expenses of managing the Jackson Cemetery.

## **Jones Family Fund**

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

## **The Dutch Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established by Mr. Keller's family in memory of this legendary Tunkhannock coach who passed away in 1967. For a student ranked in the top third of Tunkhannock's graduating class who has earned at least five varsity letters during high school.

## **Kingsley Civic Club Scholarship Fund**

Established by the Kingsley Civic Club to provide three annual college scholarships to Mountain View High School graduates who have maintained a 3.0 GPA in a college preparatory curriculum and who write winning essays regarding their greatest accomplishments in High School.

## **Kintner Family Fund**

Established by Fred and Jeanne Kintner to benefit the United Methodist Church of Mehoopany.

## **Robert W. Klenk Scholarship Fund**

Established by the Mountain 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 recommended 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 recommended annually by the Lewis family of Montrose.

## **Marian and John Miskell Family Fund**

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended annually by the Miskell family of Montrose.

## **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 Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established by the Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce to honor past member Mrs. Pauline MacNeal and to provide college tuition assistance to graduates of Elk Lake and Montrose Area School Districts who will major in a business related field.

## **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. This scholarship will not be awarded in 2009 while the fund matures in value. Tax-deductible donations to the fund are always welcome.

## **Montrose Cemetery Association Endowment Fund**

Established by the Cemetery Association to assist with the expenses of operating the Montrose Cemetery.

## **Montrose United Methodist Church Music Endowment**

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stone to assist with expenses related to the church choir and general music activities at the Montrose UMC.

## **Mountain View School District Alumni Association Scholarship Fund**

Provides a college scholarship to a Mountain View student in good standing who will matriculate at college or a post secondary degree program.

## **Mountain View School District Library Fund**

Established Mark Wilmot of Union Dale to provide support to the Libraries in the Mountain View Elementary School and High School.

## **Eileen and Gregory Myer Fund**

Supports low income housing projects in Susquehanna County.

## **The Claire Williams O'Neil Foundation Scholarship**

The Claire Williams O'Neil Foundation was established by the family of Mrs. O'Neil who was an admired and inspirational teacher in Susquehanna. The Foundation provides a college scholarship to Susquehanna Community students who exhibit extraordinary goals, but who might otherwise have difficulty attending the highest quality universities to further their education. Click here to link to The O'Neil Foundation's web site for more information.

## **Rita and Haskell Oakes Memorial Fund**

Established by Joe and Kathy Andre in memory of Kathy's parents, to benefit the Montrose United Methodist Church or another charitable organization recommended by the Andre family.

## **Oriental Grange of Mill City Fund**

Established by the Oriental Grange to support projects and initiatives that will encourage an interest in agriculture among young people in Wyoming 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 the Tunkhannock Area High School Band Boosters Association in honor of retired teacher Albert Purdy. Provides a college scholarship to a Tunkhannock graduate who will study the 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 recommended annually by the Randall family of Silver Lake.

## **Ricci Family Fund**

Supports various non-profit organizations as recommended 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.

## **Dr. W. Dayton Shelly Memorial Music Scholarship Fund**

Established by the family and friends of Dr. Shelly to memorialize his love of music, this fund grants a scholarship to a graduating Tunkhannock Area High School senior who has exhibited a life-long love and appreciation of music.

## **Andrew F. Sienko Sr. Memorial Fund**

Established by the Sienko family to provide support for the Andrew F. Sienko Memorial Nature Trail at Blue Ridge School District.

## **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.

## **Margaret Stone Music Scholarship Endowment**

Established by Mrs. Stone, Houghton College class of '45, to assist a Music Major attending her alma mater.

## **Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship Fund**

Established by the school districts in Susquehanna County to provide college scholarships to students from the teams that participate in the Annual Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament every December. This scholarship will not be awarded in 2009 while the fund matures in value. Tax-deductible donations to the fund are always welcome.

## **Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association Endowment Fund**

This endowment has existed for a number of years, and in 2007 the Board of the Library and Historical Society transferred it to The Community Foundation for local management. The endowment assists with the expenses of operating the Historical Society in Montrose, and the Library branches throughout the county.

## **Susquehanna Beekeepers Education Endowment**

Established by the Susquehanna Beekeepers Association to assist with their education programs for young people.

## **Susquehanna County Civil War Monument Fund**

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

## **Susquehanna Fire Department Fund**

Established by the Susquehanna Fire Department to assist with operational expenses or unexpected department needs, and to provide a college scholarship to a Susquehanna Community student who has demonstrated a strong sense of volunteerism and community service.

## **Technology for Tomorrow Scholarship Fund**

Established anonymously by a Montrose family, this endowment provides a scholarship for a graduating Montrose Area High School Senior who will enter a post secondary degree program for technology or industrial arts training. Student must be in good standing, display good character and citizenship qualities. The student's grades and financial need may also be considered.

## **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.

## **Tunkhannock Public Library Endowment**

Established by the Board of Directors of the Library, this endowment will provide permanent annual support to assist with the library's expenses.

## **Mary M. Umlauf Memorial Fund**

Supports the Lanesboro Community Church.

## **United Way Fund**

Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

## **Frank J. Valvano Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Established in memory of Frank J. Valvano, a retired Tunkhannock Area School District administrator, who passed away in a tragic motorcycle accident while en route back to the Milton Hershey School where he was a house parent. Provides a scholarship to a Tunkhannock Area graduate who is a good, solid student, and who exemplifies Valvano's outstanding character and varied interests.

## **Kermit Van Cott Horticulture Scholarship Fund**

Established by the Van Cott family in honor of their father, Kermit, a long-time nurseryman from New Milford. Provides a college scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate who exhibits an appreciation for our natural environment and who has an economic need for assistance.

## **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 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.

## **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**

Available to alumni from the six school districts in Susquehanna County who are in their final year of college or graduate school and who have incurred student debt.

## **Robert and Katharine Warriner Fund**

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Warriner of Elk Lake to support 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 recommended annually by the Wootton family of Montrose.

## **Ruth Taylor Yeager Memorial Fund**

Established by the family of Mrs. Yeager, who was a long-time special needs teacher to socially and emotionally challenged children. The endowment provides assistance for special needs individuals to attend Camp Arrowhead.

## **Clair Young Memorial Endowment for Youth Workforce Development**

Established by the family of Mr. Young who retired as the Blue Ridge High School Principal in 1982. The endowment provides support to the Trehab Agency to assist with workforce development for a Blue Ridge graduate who will seek immediate employment rather than entering college.

## **Young Musicians Fund**

Established by the Music Department of the Tunkhannock Area School District. This fund helps provide assistance for 5th Grade students from low income families to rent musical instruments.



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