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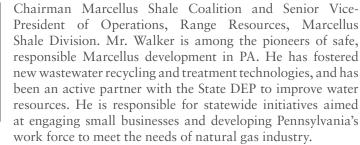


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## FROM THE EDITOR

# Keeping it Local



Keeping your contributions local is what the Community Foundation is all about. You can identify and target the needs important to you personally. You know and can trust the people who run the charities, churches, or organization you choose to help. You actually witness the good work your donations support. Your donations build upon your own history of volunteer service, and previous tithing or contributions.

MARIAN S. MISKELL Editor

e can be certain: as our community goes, so go our property values, our environment, our business revenue, our children's or grandchildren's school district, our family's quality of life. Hometown giving begins a "virtuous cycle" that sooner or later comes knocking on our own back door.

You're in your own hometown when...

- You can pick up fresh eggs where you get your hair cut
- You can't go to the market without meeting someone you know
- You see your grandparents' grave outside the church window
- Your neighbor knows how to dress a wild turkey
- The waitress knows you like milk with your coffee
- You caught the chicken pox from your banker
- They'd prefer your personal check to a credit card
- A kid can't get away with nuthin'
- You know who's made the apple pie at the fire hall supper
- Your mail arrives even though the address is smeared
- When you have a big job to do, men in pick-ups show up
- You went to school with your dentist



• Visitors come in the back door and know where the cookie jar is

- You don't need to change out of your work clothes to go to town
- You see billions of stars on any clear night
- You pay for your Christmas tree by leaving money in the shoe box on the porch
- You know the people who run your Community Foundation and their folks.

Look on pages 42, 44 and 45 to see photos of your friends and neighbors who currently serve as Community Foundation board members and staff. These are the stewards of your charitable donations.

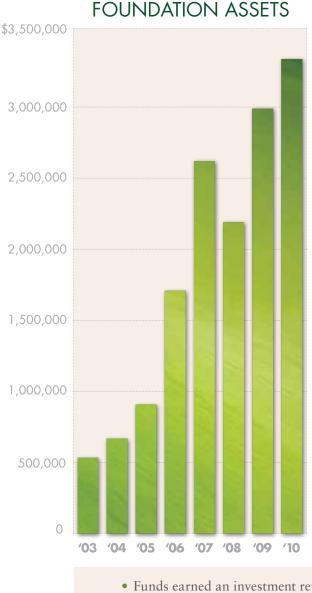
It is your business when the wall next door catches fire."

Horace

# FOUNDATION NEWS

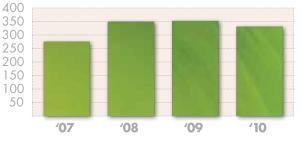
The Community Foundation's primary responsibility is to serve our donors by protecting their funds, investing these funds to grow in value, making distributions to the charities when the donor chooses, and ensuring that the contributions are used by the charities according to the donor's instructions.

# Foundation by the Numbers



NUMBER OF FUNDS

NUMBER OF GRANTS



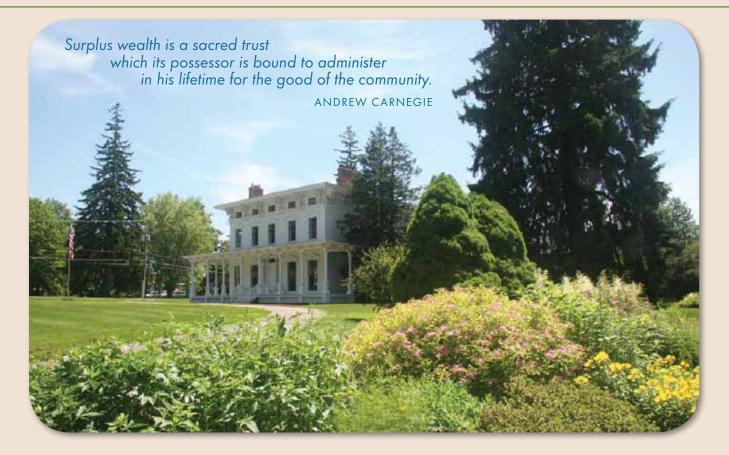
#### TOTAL AMOUNT OF GRANTS



• Funds earned an investment return of 11.7% in 2010 — tax-free.

• Average return on Foundation funds over 8 years is 8.91%.

A complete audited financial statement is available upon request



# New Name, New Logo

This spring the Board of Directors decided to expand our service area and adjust our name accordingly. The Community Foundation of Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties is now The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains. We will now serve donors who wish to establish endowments and make grants in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and Wyoming counties as well as adjacent counties.

Graphic Artist, Maria Conigliaro. We think it beautifully depicts the



Endless Mountains' future certainly to make tax-deductible corporate represent an evolving story.

international industries in area - natural gas drillers, pipeline provides. developers, specialized contractors, Our new logo was designed by surveyors and more - brings for our donors and our community, challenges. The gas boom has also we have decided to expand our area expanded the service area and of giving to accommodate these new dawning of a new day of opportunity. customer base of existing businesses. Since new times can never be exactly These growing businesses have our wide network of regional friends, anticipated, we have chosen an interests, employees, and customers we will not need to expand facilities or abstract style - a state of becoming. throughout the Endless Mountain staff in any way which would increase This Foundation's history and the region. They have increasing ability our overhead significantly.

contributions, and require the local The arrival of new national and expertise, and central administration our that a Community Foundation

> After consideration of what was best donors. Thanks to technology and

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# Frequently asked...

#### What is EITC?

EITC, Education Improvement Tax Credits from the state of Pennsylvania is a program to bring tax dollars to education situations where property taxes and normal school funding do not reach. It is funded when businesses which owe certain types of taxes make donations to education and then receive tax credits of 75 to 100% of their donations subtracted from their tax bill. Businesses may direct their donations as follows:

- Preschool children (ages 3-5 from low to moderate income families) receive tuition assistance
- K-12 students (private or public) receive grants for tuition or school related costs
- Curriculum Enhancement programs at local public schools that go above and beyond the standard study plans. For example a distance learning center, enhanced teaching software, environment or nature programs may qualify.( See the "Project Lead the Way" article on page 9 for an example.)

#### Can I direct my tax credit donations to particular schools, or school districts in PA, to a geographic area of my choosing?

Yes. Many businesses target their education donations to specific Pennsylvania school districts where their customers or employees live, or to a specific Curriculum Enhancement program which they wish to support. The school must be accredited, of course. For preschools to qualify for tuition assistance, they must receive a letter of approval from the Superintendent of their local school district.



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#### How does a business apply for EITC?

The process is simple and requires a one-page tax credit application which you can obtain from the Foundation. But the state must limit these credits. So your business accountant should inquire at the Foundation (570-278-3800) early and act promptly to submit your application.

# Which businesses may apply to receive EITC Tax Credits?

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

#### Which PA taxes qualify for EITC tax credits?

- 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.

#### How do I apply for tuition assistance?

Scholarship applications are available in the Pre-K and K-12 categories in the Scholarship section of the Foundation website: community-foundation.org.

#### Who administers the EITC program? Who is my contact?

In the Endless Mountains region, The Community Foundation administers the program according to state guidelines. We provide year to year continuity. We are one of just a handful of institutions throughout the state who may accept tax credit applications for all EITC programs.

#### Who decides who will get tax credits?

Business applications are submitted conscientiously by the Foundation to the State, in person in Harrisburg, on the earliest possible date. Tax Credit Applications ultimately must be approved by the State and are subject to changing budget constraints. However, we can report that if your paperwork is submitted on time, most Foundation EITC applications have been fully approved.

#### Who qualifies to receive EITC assistance?

This is a needs-based program for Pennsylvania resident

families with an annual income of less than \$50,000, with further allowances for additional dependents. Our online scholarship application process is accessible to all, and our phones are available during business hours to answer any questions.

#### Who decides who gets the tuition assistance?

The Foundation staff reviews each student application to insure that applicants are qualified and that grants are fair and impartial. Individual family situations are thoroughly reviewed. If our reviewers have a question or need documentation they may call a school or parent. In years when we have more business donors, we can obviously help more families and be more generous with assistance. For this reason,

we spread the word among business leaders, and ask everyone in our region to do the same. It's a win-win for everyone.

# How do I know if my school participates in EITC?

See our list of schools and preschools who have received EITC funds and our other scholarships (page 13). Teachers, counselors, and administrators at these schools are familiar with this program and can assist you as well.

#### What is the first step I need to take?

If you are a potential business donor, talk to your accountant. If he or she is not familiar with this program, ask the Community Foundation to give your accountant the information.

# SOMEONE YOU KNOW is being helped this year by an EITC program

	STUDENTS	AWARDS
PRE-K	50	\$27,000
K-12	38	\$78,000
Susq. Cty. Career & Technology Ctr.	68	\$17,000
Project Lead the Way	176	\$24,000
TOTAL	332	\$146,000

# \$1,000,000 Milestone

I n June, 2011 The Foundation's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program surpassed the \$1,000,000 mark for total education assistance distributed to Susquehanna, Bradford, Lackawanna, and Wyoming County students and their families. With our current decision to expand our giving geography to include all five Endless Mountain region counties, we will extend our corporate donors' reach to help more deserving families, schools, and school districts.

This program's success has exceeded our best hopes. In a time when government initiatives are under scrutiny and subject to cuts, we believe that Pennsylvania's EITC program survives because it does many important things well:

# What makes this State program successful?

- 1. Meets the needs of moderate and low income families for tuition relief
- 2. Supports crucial early learning Pre-K programs
- **3.** Provides dollars to school districts without raising property taxes
- 4. Allows businesses to direct their tax dollars into programs their customers and employees appreciate, without raising business taxes
- 5. Simple one-page forms and grant applications
- 6. State oversight with local management, in this case by The Community Foundation, ensures accountability, and watchful local eyes to prevent waste or abuse
- 7. Educated youth earn more over their lifetime and are less likely to be unemployed.

# EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS

# Words of Thanks:

"... On behalf of the ten children and their parents who have received help." Grace Lutheran Preschool

> *"From all those whom you have helped this past year."* Faith Mountain Christian Academy

"... On behalf of my family thank you for your very generous scholarship." Parent

> "Thank you so much ... it is a big help" Sonshine Nursery parent

"Without your help 3 children wouldn't be able to begin their preschool education." Creative Play

"Thank you for the money ... I am learning to write my name and my ABC's "

"You are giving our children a brighter future" Faith Mountain

> "Thank you for caring." Elk Lake/SCCTC student

"With God's help we were able to adopt these fine children from Poland. Through your help we are able to provide them with a great education."

> "I'm not a straight A student, but I did my best and I will continue this coming year..."

"... My daughter is excited to go, and comes home singing!"

"You are truly an invaluable asset to the students." Bronson Stone, Superintendent, Susquehanna Community School District

"I'm not as stressed out as I was before I received the awesome news from the foundation.."

"I received the Golden Test Tube Award for the highest grade in Chemistry!"

"I felt so proud ... I knew my Grandpa would be, too."

# EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS

# EITC Contributors for 2010









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In 2010, the business donors on these pages provided financial assistance to students attending schools in Bradford, Lackawanna, Wyoming and Susquehanna Counties.

# YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

• Give Preschoolers a time and place to learn

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- Provide tuition money for families
- Bring enhanced learning programs to public schools
- Fund tools and training for trade and tech students



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# EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS



## 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 Church Preschool, Factoryville
- Grace Lutheran Preschool, Hop Bottom
- Hearts & Hands Preschool, Tunkhannock

- Keystone College Children's Learning Center, LaPlume
- Lake Winola Preschool, Falls
- Small World Preschool, Meshoppen
- Sonshine Nursery School, Tunkhannock
- Tiny Acorns Pre-School, Olyphant
- Tiny Totz Preschool, Susquehanna
- Tunkhannock Nursery School, Tunkhannock

# K-12 Students Received Foundation Scholarships at these Schools

- Abington Christian Academy
- Blue Ridge School District
- Elk Lake School District
- Endless Mountain Christian Academy
- Faith Mountain Christian Academy
- Forest City Regional School District
- Geneva School
- Lackawanna Trail School District

- Montrose Area School District
- Mountain View School District
- Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center
- Scranton Preparatory School
- St. Rose Academy
- Summit Christian Academy
- Susquehanna Community School District
- Tunkhannock Area School District

I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning to sail my ship." Aeschylus

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION of the Endless Mountains

# REPORT CARD YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

# FOUNDATION

# FIRST SEMESTER

GRADE

Adds to school budget without taxes	A+
Can invest donations which school boards cannot	A+
Makes Alumni giving easy, secure, focused	A+
Removes scholarship administrative burden	At

## COMMENTS:

Worthy of Highest Honors! Keep Up the Good Work!

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# BE THE BEST you can become... Foundation Scholarships can help

he Foundation website www. community-foundation.org lists scholarships available to students from a broad range of schools in our Endless Mountain region. There are opportunities for financial help at all levels and learning stages, from preschool through paying off post-college loan debt. Applying is easy and involves just downloading a simple two-page application, getting it signed by your Guidance Counselor, and sending it to The Foundation.

The scholarships available through The Community Foundation offer something for everyone whether you are a scholar, love basketball, are a musician, artist, future business leader - whether you're headed into the trades, healthcare, technology, or the US Military. Do you want to teach? Is Economics your field?



Perhaps you are living with diabetes, opportunity to receive financial or perhaps you are a passionate pro- help Thanks to our diverse and other

through their School life advocate. There's a scholarship District Foundations, an EITC targeted to each of these situations. tax credit scholarship, or many established endowments. thoughtful donors, students and Scholarships have been our donors' families are sure to find some favorite choice for giving.

# 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, as well as funds that provide support for educational projects in the district. In addition The Foundation assists the Alumni Association in developing strategies to strengthen alumni relations.

#### Susquehanna Community School District Foundation

The Community Foundation manages scholarship funds that benefit the district and its students, and we provide funding for education improvement projects.

#### Tunkhannock Area School District Foundation

The Community Foundation manages funds that provide scholarships to Tunkhannock Area graduates.

# FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR EDUCATION IN 2010

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

#### Abington Christian Academy

• Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend Abington Christian Academy

#### Blue Ridge School District Foundation

- Blue Ridge Superintendent's Fund for Special Projects
- Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarship for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students
- Creative Adventures for Education (CAFÉ) Fund
- Cindi Conaty Memorial College Scholarship
- Bradley David Conklin Memorial College Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Donley Family Memorial College Scholarship
- Ferdinand Graf Memorial College Scholarship
- David Hwang Memorial College Scholarship
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- Kermit Van Cott Horticulture College Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors and Graduate Students
- Clair Young Memorial Fund for Youth Workforce
   Development
- Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend the Creative Adventures for Education field trip to Washington DC

#### Elk Lake School District Foundation

- Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarship for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students
- Cindi Conaty Memorial College Scholarship
- 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
- Lathrop Family Technical School Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial College Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's College Scholarship

- Reginald Sanger & Florence MacGowan Memorial College Scholarship
- Leopold & Jane Schreiber Culinary Arts Fund for the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music College Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students

#### 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

- Cindi Conaty Memorial College Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's College Scholarship
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
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• Tuition Assistance for students from low and moderate income families to attend The Geneva School

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- Paul Fearick Memorial College Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship

#### Montrose Area School District Foundation

- Daniel Arnold Memorial College Scholarship
- Dr. Raymond Bennett Memorial College Scholarship
- Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarship for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students

- Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund
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- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music College Scholarship
- Technology for Tomorrow College Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- Mathew James White Memorial College Scholarship
- Robert Wood Memorial College Scholarship

#### Mountain View School District

- Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarship for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students
- Cindi Conaty Memorial College Scholarship
- 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
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's College Scholarship
- 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

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#### Summit Christian Academy

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#### Susquehanna Community School District Foundation

- Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarship for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center Students
- Cindi Conaty Memorial College Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial College Scholarship for Diabetic Students
- Edward-Napolitano Memorial Music College Scholarship
- John James Memorial Endowment for Future Business Leaders of America Club
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's College Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music College Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament College Scholarship
- Susquehanna Fire Department College Scholarship
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship for College Seniors or Graduate Students
- A Grant in Partnership with Peoples Neighborhood Bank to Maintain "Project Lead the Way" for the Industrial Arts Program

#### Tunkhannock Area School District Foundation

- Joan Carter Beane Memorial College Scholarship
- Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarship for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center students
- 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
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- Young Musicians Endowment for 5th Grade Band Students
- Frank J. Valvano Memorial College Scholarship

# Keystone Dollars — "Right on the Money"

#### **BY SARAH KEATING**

heard a student say "That's not chopped liver" when he calculated by 12th grade he would have earned \$6500 renewable scholarship money for each year at Keystone College. He is right: that is big money.

Money has become an obstacle that prevents students from attending private college. The last decade has demonstrated



Sarah Keating, Vice President of Admissions

that students throughout the United States and particularly in our local schools are finding themselves priced out of private college education. With tuition so high, students have little incentive to figure out a way to afford full time enrollment, especially at a private college. But nine years ago Keystone College devised a creative method, the KC Dollars Scholarship

Program. In this program, students can earn \$26,000 in scholarship money to be used towards a future education at Keystone College.

Finding creative ways to give back to our community and provide opportunities that can benefit more than a handful is always challenging. The KC Dollars Scholarship program does just that. By providing value and incentive, students realize that not only is a college education affordable, but a private college education is truly attainable. With required coursework and grade structure in place, participants have the incentive to achieve good grades throughout high school because they are rewarded incrementally each year. This translates into scholarship money. Yes, it is "right on the money." What is the value of the program? Students receive tuition dollars each year they participate in the following manner.

GRADE	MINIMUM GPA	KC DOLLARS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
9th Grade	79	\$1250
10th Grade	82	\$1450
11th Grade	84	\$1800
12th Grade	87	\$2000
TOTAL	(x4 y	\$6500 ears)=\$26,000

Well over 200 students currently participate in this program from a number of districts in our region, including Elk Lake. In 2010 Keystone awarded over \$300,000 dollars to participating students, with a number of them enrolling in Keystone College that fall.

The process for this program is simple. We work with local high schools to engage students during their freshman year to enroll in the program. Enrollment is simply an informational form which the student and parent must sign. There is no obligation for the student to apply or enroll at Keystone College; however, the scholarship dollars can only be used at Keystone. Each year, the district agrees to send us enrolled student grades, and we then provide certificates to those students. By senior year, those fulfilling the course and GPA (grade point average) requirements will have achieved \$6500 in scholarship money, which can be renewed each year while they are enrolled at Keystone College. This totals \$26,000 in scholarship money to be used over four years of study.

> For my money and for yours, the program has proved valuable over the years, and we are looking forward to growing the enrollment with more districts throughout our community of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

# Santa Shop: Lessons in Giving

reachers Organization (PTO) has staged a real life experience in philanthropy for hundreds of elementary school children. Santa's Shop is most children's first experience with the joy of thinking of others, choosing something special that they would enjoy, wrapping and giving a gift.

"Kids just love it! Especially the little ones who look forward to taking items home and wrapping their surprises for Mom and Dad, Grandma and Grandpa, aunts and

> uncles, sisters and brothers , and notably- their pets," says Tina Hester.

> > Charm Giangrieco enjoys the rush of "400 little people trying to pick out 'the perfect gift' "We send

> > > home a flyer to the families and the kids arrive with envelopes



containing their money and their little list of the special people." The Tuesday before, children walk through on a "window shopping" tour of the gift-filled tables, creating anticipation and allowing them time to think over their choices. Tools, socks and work gloves are popular choices for Dads. Tina Hester calculates that "Every father in Choconut has by now received at least one screw driver." Santa Shop has tended to grow from year to year, and the toys and gifts evolved with the interests of the children. Everything costs just \$1.25.

Bridget Ferencik, a Choconut 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, took part in Santa Shop when she was a student herself from grades K through 6. "I remember my father's gift every year was work gloves. He still has a pair of those gloves from more than 20 years ago hanging in his shop. I loved the golden rings with a birthstone for myself and my mother. My little brother would buy me an eraser or pencil. He found it hard to save up for the sale, and erasers were just ten cents."

Among the lessons Mrs. Ferencik learned were how to save up her Saturday allowance money so she could buy the items she wanted for those on her list. "It was affordable. Of course, I wasn't able to go to the mall as a child. It was really special to be able to be part of the gift giving. My Dad paid us allowance based upon how many chores we actually completed. It was hard-earned money I saved for the big day. I remember my parents made a big deal of opening their gift. On their faces I could see that this was the most blessed gift - their response, seeing their smile, seeing how happy they were. That was the great part for me."

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Peter Quigg Community Foundation President 570.278.3800

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# EDUCATION



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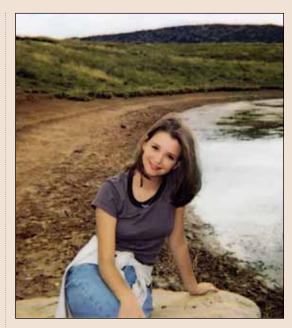
# Sponsors Rise to Rachel's Challenge

Thanks to our generous sponsors, last holiday season, adults and students from two Susquehanna County school districts, Mountain View and Blue Ridge, participated in the "Rachel's Challenge" anti-bullying and school violence program.

This powerful school assembly training was created by the family of Rachel Scott, the first person killed in the Columbine High School tragedy of April 20, 1999. That incident was the deadliest high school shooting in United States history, resulting in the death of 12 students, a teacher, and the two shooters.

The" Rachel's Challenge" program is aimed at raising awareness, stopping daily heartless behavior among teens, and adopting simple attitude-changing techniques such as looking for the best in people.

Rachel Scott was active in her Christian youth group. She was an aspiring writer and actress and left six diaries and several essays. Her writings have been compared to the diary of Anne Frank. Rachel advocates compassion and kindness and expresses the hope that small acts of kindness can create a chain reaction that can change the world. Nearly 16 million people have participated in Rachel's Challenge to date. This year alone two million students in 1700 schools in five countries throughout the US and North America will benefit from the program. Thanks to the following sponsors, students in our community are among those to hear Rachel's message: Peoples Neighborhood Bank, Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund, Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium, Southwestern Energy.



"This is meaningful character education." L. Fox, Assistant Principal BERKELEY SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

" It opened the mind and hearts of an age group very hard to reach."

> B. Flanigan, Guidance Counselor, T.L. TRAUGHBE JUNIOR HIGH

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## MARCELLUS SHALE



This article appeared in Spring, 2011 first edition of Marcellus Quarterly, a new publication of the Marcellus Shale Coalition. The article was addressed primarily to members of the natural gas industry. The Community Foundation believes Mr. Walker's perspective is of interest beyond industry insiders to our broader readership.

## Meeting the Challenge: Continuing to hone best practices and a culture of accountability and excellence will enable the natural gas industry to make history.

#### **BY RAY WALKER**

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, RANGE RESOURCES AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MARCELLUS SHALE COALITION

few years ago when the seeds of the Marcellus Shale Coalition were planted to establish best practices and responsibly develop Pennsylvania's modern natural gas industry, I never thought we'd have an organization with hundreds of active members, let alone a quarterly publication.

It surprises me even today that after 151 years, Pennsylvania is again at the epicenter of the industry and beneath our feet is one of the largest energy discoveries in history. With that tremendous opportunity comes and even greater responsibility.

Challenges are nothing new for this industry. When Colonel Drake drilled his first well in Pennsylvania, he had challenges. And much like the Marcellus, people knew about the resource for years. In fact, it is believed that Native Americans as far back as 1410 harvested oil seeps for medicinal purposes. Later settlers harvested and skimmed the oil seeps for their lamps and machinery, rather than using whale oil.

Edwin Drake was later hired to investigate oil near Titusville. Of course, the drilling technique he employed, which consisted of an old steam engine and some pipe, was initially thought not to work and was quickly named Drake's Failure. But a funny thing happened, the well worked and rest as they say is history.

From the earliest days, our industry has faced challenges from people who say our industry or our ideas are doomed to fail. But we kept our heads down, continued to drill, and changed the world through innovation. So while challenges are nothing new, I am not sure we've ever faced an opportunity like the one before us today.

We'll continue to innovate and change the world for the better, but the days of keeping our heads down are long gone. Remaining silent is no longer an option. For good or for bad, times have changed and through this coalition (Marcellus Shale Coalition) we will continue to innovate and change the world for the better in a way that is transparent, accessible and accountable and for the benefit of all.

If we follow that mantra, we will deliver on what is looking more like maybe the greatest economic opportunity this nation has seen in generations and all of us will continue to make history.

Even though states like Pennsylvania have and will continue to develop and implement better regulations that adapt to new technologies, in order to maximize this oncein-a-lifetime opportunity, we as an industry must employ best practices and continue to strengthen our culture of accountability and excellence.

As we deliver on the promise of natural gas, let's also raise the bar. Let's set the standard for the rest of the world and ensure that not only will we create jobs, economic opportunities, and cleaner, cheaper energy, but the communities we work will be far better off because of us.

For more about the Marcellus Shale Coalition visit www. marcelluscoalition.org.

# Farming and Marcellus

"When the Marcellus Shale started to be developed I was already involved in helping farmers make decisions concerning all the challenges and rewards of that development. I have been meeting with clients and their lawyers from the beginning to develop ways to legally avoid excessive taxes and put together estate plans that will ensure financial security and retain wealth for their families."

#### **BY HAROLD MOYER**

As an accountant that has well over 120 clients who are farmers, I would like to talk about some of the positive aspects the Marcellus Shale has had on farm landowners across the Northern Tier. Farming in the Northern Tier has always been a challenging and stressful occupation physically, mentally, and financially. Younger generations of our farm families have consequently left the farm and moved out of the area, leaving the older generation to continue farming well beyond normal retirement age.

Currently, I have clients that have formed Limited Partnerships and LLC's to distribute royalty income to the next generation. As a result, our youth are leaving their off-farm jobs and returning to the farm. With the additional income these families are growing their businesses and improving the farm infrastructure by replacing equipment that should have been replaced 20 years ago and refurbishing neglected buildings. Building new facilities and buying additional land and/or renting more acres are all part of the new goals of these progressive families. Just a few short years ago, I sat at many kitchen tables, where we strategized how their farms were going to survive the next downturn in milk prices and upturn in costs. What a difference the Marcellus has made in the attitude of these families!

It seems the media just wants to talk about the negative issues that have come along with the Marcellus development. At the farm, I hear very little of these negative issues, and instead I get questions about how to structure their business that will insure financial stability and reduce tax liabilities. Estate planning has become an important issue that was previously avoided due to the notion that farmers didn't have enough of an estate to worry about it.

There are a few clients that have been saved from foreclosure by the Marcellus Shale. It appears banks and other lending institutions are willing to work with clients that suddenly have doubled their net worth. Some were able to come up with



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operating cash by selling a part of their mineral interest in the farm. These are clients that are young, progressive, but highly leveraged, who just started farming when they suffered big losses because of extremely low milk prices in two of the last 5 years.

Over the last 30 years, the Northern Tier has lost many of the equipment dealers and agriculture supply vendors because of the poor economic environment that the area has experienced. Now, due to the Marcellus Shale, farm equipment dealers had very good sales and supply vendors from other areas of the state have setup satellite stores in the Northern Tier as a result of increased sales and demand.

The roads across the Northern Tier were notorious for the rough and narrow conditions. With the huge investment of the natural gas companies in the rural roads, access to the farms is improving. Neglected roads have been upgraded, utilizing funds not from the over-burdened tax base, but from the private sector.

In conclusion, farm families have been generous in their giving for many years and sometimes more generous than they could afford. The Marcellus is seen by many families as a gift from God, and so they are now giving back to their charity of choice. This generosity is helping to revitalize hospitals, churches, scholarship funds and more.



# Financial Impact of Marcellus

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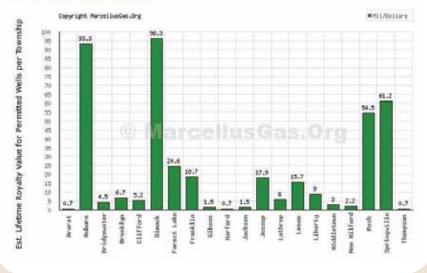
he growth of the Marcellus gas extraction taking place in Susquehanna county promises to provide a significant amount of revenue for county landowners who will be collecting royalties. Our estimates at MarcellusGas.Org show that for the time period up to the end of 2010, over forty million dollars of royalty payments have been, or will be, paid to county property owners within producing gas well units.

These revenue estimates are based on existing production values reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by the drilling companies. Royalty revenues will increase significantly over the next five years. Gas wells that will be coming on line will provide new royalty revenue, and since established gas wells will produce for many years, royalty revenues will "build" at a substantial rate. By our estimates, if the nearly 600 current permitted wells in Susquehanna county were on line Estimated Lifetime Royalty Revenue from Permitted Wells by Township for Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

423.9 million dollars: total estimated lifetime royalty revenue, Susquehanna County, for all permitted Marcellus wells (as of July 5th, 2011)

Dimock Township is the township with the highest estimated lifetime royalty revenue for all permitted Marcellus wells: 96.3 million dollars Show/Hide Statistical Criteria

Graph: Estimated Lifetime Royalty Revenue (in millions of dollars) from Permitted Wells by Township Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania



out to county landowners within will the royalties paid out. producing well units.\*

amounts are based on current pricing production reports visit www. values for natural gas. As the cost of MarcellusGas.org or call 570-278and producing, the amount of royalty natural gas increases (and if history 1994.

revenue over the next five years would is any guide, the price of natural gas approach half a billion dollars, paid will increase significantly), so too

For more gas well information It's worth noting that these dollar including detailed well data and

\*Editor's Notes: According to an industry spokesperson, only 10% of the projected number of gas wells have been permitted so far. Once pipelines and drilling plans are fully rolled out, royalty revenues for Susquehanna County could become \$1 billion per year.

David Masur of PennEnvironment concurs with these projections, "We are still in early stages. There are currently 2748 Marcellus wells drilled in the state, 399 are expected in the first months of 2011, and 50,000 Marcellus shale wells could be drilled in the coming decade."

Most people need the help of professional advisors to deal with major financial and tax changes. The Community Foundation does not replace your financial advisor, accountant, or attorney. Our specialty is charitable giving. Once you and your advisors determine that charitable giving is right for you, call The Foundation to establish an effective, enduring plan for local giving.

# MARCELLUS

# SCCTC students appreciate Cabot scholarships



Peter Quigg, Cole Wheaton, Derek Diskin, Dr. Alice Davis, Cody Franklin, George Stark

abot Oil & Gas Corporation has directed substantial assistance to Susquehanna County Career and Technology (SCCTC) students with a \$25,000 donation to Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. The company has pledged similar support for the 2011-2012 school year.

George Stark, Director External Affairs for Cabot says, "We are honored to be helping in this way. A successful education system means good paying jobs in our community and access to quality career training directly correlates with the quality of life enjoyed here in Susquehanna County. What better way to invest in our future than to invest in the success of our students."

Dr. Alice Davis Director of SCCTC stated, "many of these children explains the situation of young people not receive these opportunities."

learning trades. "This support lowers many barriers to success of our students. Some of the course materials needed can be quite expensive and many students are too embarrassed to ask for assistance. This program takes that worry away."

Since The Foundation began administering the EITC program in 2003, in partnership with strong corporate donors such as Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, 325 students have been helped at SCCTC. We expect to serve 70 more in this current school year. EITC assistance has also helped more than 1,100 K-12 students attend more than 20 local schools and educational programs. "Without the assistance of companies like Cabot", Foundation President Peter Quigg stated, "many of these children might

"This kind of support lets me buy the tools that I need for all of my classes. I'm going to own my own general contracting business and this kind of support really helps me succeed in life. I am so thankful."

> Derek Diskin, Carpentry & Cabinetry MONTROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Without these resources, it would be really tough to afford all of the many expensive tools I need for my classes."

> Cole Wheaton, Automotive Technology ELK LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"This scholarship allows me to purchase the gear and uniforms I need to be the best I can be at my profession."

> Cody Franklin, Food Management Production & Services ELK LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"This means so much to me. This support helps me reach my goals."

> Annamae Mitchell, Cosmetology LACKAWANNA TRAIL

#### Cabot Oil & Gas:

- Spent more than \$1billion in Susquehanna County since 2006
- Created 400 jobs and counting
- Will be around a long time
- Since 2006 146 wells drilled, 54 to come in 2011
- 8 of 10 top producing wells in PA are Cabot's
- In 2010 paid out \$10M on Susquehanna County road repairs in Springville, Dimock, Jessup Twsp
- Susquehanna County residents have received \$43M in Cabot royalties since 2006
- Committed to drilling only in Susquehanna County, but employees live all over region

#### PROUD TO INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY



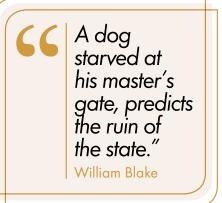
# Cabot responds to "Creatures great and small"

abot Oil & Gas Corporation has committed to matching up to \$10,000 of all new donations to True Friends Animal Welfare Center located at SR 706 and SR 29 North near the Montrose and Bridgewater Township boundary. Donations to True Friends will provide daily operating expenses such as food, vaccinations and shelter for animals. True Friends will also establish a permanent endowment fund at The Community Foundation to ensure the center's long-term support.

In May of 2011 True Friends was organized as a non-profit to operate the former Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PSPCA) also known as the Montrose Animal Shelter. That facility serves Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. Organized animal welfare services began in this area in the 1930's with the founding of the Susquehanna County Humane Society. In the 1990's the Humane Society became part of the PSPCA. During its 80 years the lives of thousands of animals were saved to bring happiness to many citizens who adopted them.

True Friends essential mission is threefold: to minimize public health hazards by assisting in the control of





stray animals, to rescue innocent animals from neglect and suffering, and to match animals with loving families. During 2010 alone, over 1,000 animals were adopted from the animal welfare center.

Dory Browning, President of the True Friends Board of Directors recognized Cabot "...as a good corporate citizen for our community. We are thrilled to have

TRUE FRIEN

them as our partner." George Stark, Director



Julia Fagan and Friends

External Affairs for Cabot Oil & Gas in turn praised True Friends for "... the work of dedicated staff, volunteers and generous neighbors that makes all the difference in creating and sustaining this successful, thriving animal shelter." Both organizations are hopeful that the Cabot Oil & Gas challenge grant will draw a great response from the community in the form of tax-

deductible donations sent to The Community Foundation. For more about helping go to w w w.truefriends. savingpets.org.

# John C. Haas (May 22, 1918 - April 2, 2011)

The Community Foundation and the Philadelphia region has lost a great benefactor and champion of community service with the death of John C. Haas, age 92, at his home in Villanova. Mr. Haas is described by all who knew him as a gentle and generous man who cared deeply about children and used his vision and resources, along with his wife Chara, to establish and support many charitable institutions.



After receiving degrees from Amherst College and MIT, Mr. Haas began his career as a process engineer in 1942 in his father's global chemical company Rohm and Haas. His affinity for what he termed "the people side of the business" soon emerged. He was called to active duty as a US Naval Officer during World War II. His family charitable foundation, the William Penn Foundation responded to social problems in the aftermath of that war.

John C. Haas

In 1960 John Haas was named chairman of The William Penn Foundation which he oversaw for over three decades. When his family company was sold to Dow Chemical in 2009, he directed a significant portion of the family charitable assets to its Foundation.

Mr. Haas served as president of the Greater Philadelphia United Way, was a founder of the Alexis de Tocqueville Society created to encourage people to become significant donors to the United Way. He was former director of Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia, on the Board of Governors of Temple University Health Systems, and an avid supporter of Natural Lands Trust.

# Breast Cancer Awareness

Y ou can help support the needs of women living with cancer here in our neighborhood. The Deborah A. Burke Breast Cancer Fund at the Foundation is an endowed fund which generates income that is used to assist breast cancer patients here at home. It can offer perhaps a ride to the doctor's appointment, cosmetic relief from the side effects of treatment, or some other needed kindness and comfort to those suffering. Every year 1.3 million women will be diagnosed with breast cancer worldwide and about 465,000 will die from the disease. It is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women. You can learn more about this fund, or schedule a guest speaker to explain the fund in detail by calling the Foundation at 570-278-3800.

Donations to this fund are a perfect and positive way to honor someone you know who is a breast cancer survivor, or someone who has died from the disease. "He didn't care much for the trappings of wealth or success. He only cared about using his resources to help others. His special passion was improving human services and protecting our environment."

Ed Rendell, Former Mayor of Philadelphia and Governor of PA

"He was the epitome of humility and kindness, setting an example for everyone associated with the Foundation."

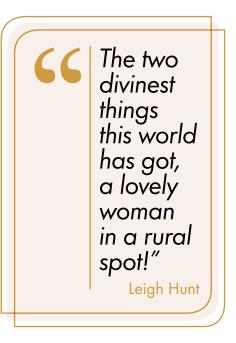
*Feather Houstoun, President of the William Penn Foundation* 

"We are gratified that his good works continue to live on through the people and organizations he touched."

Mr. Haas' children

"John Haas understood the value of both the United Way and the Community Foundation. He was a mentor who gave both advice and encouragement. He was a good friend."

Earle Wootton, Chairman of the Community Foundation



# Her young life's sparkle and promise remembered



Jackie A. Dispenza

Jackie Dispenza died on June 15th, 2011 from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Jackie was just 21 years old, a graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School class of 2007, and had just completed her first year at Lackawanna College with a 3.93 point average.

She is described by her loved ones as a brilliant, quickwitted, achiever who loved art. She will be remembered for her unstoppable radiant smile, stunning appearance, an ability to continually surprise and take charge when she wanted to

accomplish something. Her warm heart made her sincere and endearing to be around.

The Dispenza family is working with the Community Foundation to establish a memorial fund in Jackie's memory. Family and friends are invited to honor Jackie's memory with a contribution to the Jackie Dispenzea Memorial Fund c/o The Community Foundation.

## Carol Versa Jennings Clemens (1931-2010)



Carol Versa Jennings Clemens

The community was saddened last fall by the loss of a dear friend and supporter of many important improvements. Carol Clemens was a graduate and valedictorian from Middlebury College in Vermont where she majored in economics. She was a teacher of young people in computer and business skills. She had a life-long love of music and sung in the Franklin

Hill Presbyterian Church choir where she also served as an elder. She was Treasurer of the Susquehanna County League of Women voters for 13 years. Carol was a founding member of the women's book group and served on the stewardship committee of the Florence Shelley Nature Preserve.

In addition to a wide circle of dear friends, Carol leaves her husband of 57 years, David Clemens, three accomplished daughters, and six grandchildren. The fund established by Carol and Dave, the Clemens Family Fund, has supported several open land preservation initiatives and the United Way of Susquehanna County. The work of that fund continues to honor her memory and her generous, kind and loving influence upon this place.

## Conaty Scholarship supports pro-life values



Students from all six Susquehanna County School districts will be eligible to apply for a new college scholarship established by District Attorney Jason Legg in honor of his late mother, Cindi Conaty. The \$500 award will go to a student who writes a winning essay explaining his or her pro-life stance and values

Cindi Conaty

and how these values have impacted the student's life.

This was a topic about which Mrs. Conaty deeply cared. Student winners of this scholarship will be eligible for potential matching funds from the Community Foundation's participation in the Pennsylvania Partners for Access to Higher Education Program.

Cindi died at home at the age of 57 after a long battle with ALS. She was a member of St. Augustine's Church, Silver Lake, PA, and was a bus contractor for the Montrose Area School District for over 20 years. Cindi was able to be at home because of the help of close friends, neighbors and caregivers. The family is appreciative for all of their help and support through this time.

# CHURCHES

# St. John's kept warm by Brush grant

E ach fall when St John the Evangelist Church in Susquehanna heating bills start mounting, The Foundation sends a check from the Evelyn Brush Memorial Fund to the Church Pastor. It is an annual gift from a woman who was a devoted long-time parishioner. She died in 2009, but Evelyn Brush established the fund in her Will, and her wishes continue to be fulfilled and appreciated.

The Evelyn Brush Fund was one of the early church funds established with The Foundation, and has inspired others

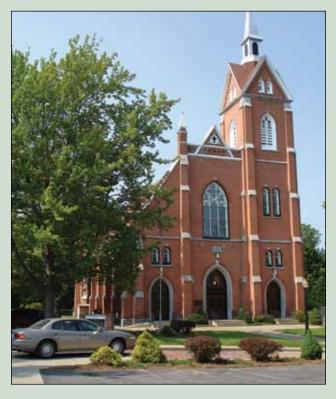
"Winter is our most expensive season and the check helps defray the cost of heating our church. We are happy to note the increase."

#### Reverend David Cramer

to remember their spiritual home in their estate planning. Such donations remain local. Your annual gift to your church is evergrowing, perpetual and consistent at 5% of your total endowment. Your principal remains invested prudently and growing. Your grants continue being delivered to your church, through good and bad market years. Even if your own church is closed for any reason, you can provide an alternative direction for your

gifts, such as a local charity, a religious school or camp.

In a time when some churches are closing or consolidating, donors wonder if some day their donation might be absorbed into the coffers of a distant regional church organization and



spent in a direction they would not choose, in a place where they have no family roots. Planning can avoid that situation. Discuss your charitable intentions with your attorney. The Community Foundation is here to answer any questions you or your attorney have.



# The Yeagers' Good Work Goes On

In 2009 the family of the late Ruth Taylor Yeager of Montrose established an endowment in her memory to provide financial assistance to special needs individuals. Mrs. Yeager was for many years a teacher of socially and emotionally disturbed youth. Her husband of 62 years, Jack, believed the fund was a fitting tribute to his late wife since it benefitted people who were close to her heart. In August, 2010, Jack Ray Yeager, age 91, also died. At the time the Yeager family requested that donations in Jack's memory be made to the Yeager Fund.

In 2009 Jack decided to honor the legacy of Maurice Taylor, Ruth's uncle, by establishing a Community Foundation scholarship in his memory. That fund provides college tuition assistance to a Montrose area or Elk Lake graduate who will major in music. Maurice Taylor was a marching band legend, music teacher, and composer of nationally acclaimed band music books.

Jack taught Industrial Arts for 39 years at Montrose Area School, and served on the Borough Council for 32 years. He was instrumental in the creation of the Montrose Restoration Committee and in 2001 was selected to be the Montrose Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. His family describes him as their "rock."



Both the Ruth Taylor Yeager Memorial Fund and the Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music Scholarship endure as fitting tributes to an exceptional couple whose two lives of service to our community and its residents should be remembered by many. This year the Yeager family designated the Arrowhead Bible Camp as the recipient of its annual grant.

Arrowhead Bible camp serves hundreds of individuals with developmental disabilities each year. These special campers connect with friends and enjoy the pleasures of a camp setting with caring individual supervision when needed. The Yeager grant plays a significant role in making it possible for local individuals who could not otherwise attend Shepherd's Camp to participate.

"What a blessing to receive the grant for 2010 from the Ruth Yeager Memorial Fund. The grant *will be applied to our camper* scholarships for Shepherds *Camp – our residential* program for developmentally disabled teenagers and adults. We are honored to join you in remembering Mr. and Mrs. Yeager. May God bless you and the legacy of your family ... Thank you so much for investing in the great things God is doing here at Shepherds Camp."

Ben Myer, Arrowhead Bible Camp



### Churches Receiving Foundation Endowment Grants

- Lanesboro Community Church
- Mehoopany United Methodist Church
- Montrose United Methodist church
- St. John the Evangelist Church of Susquehanna



# <u> Heritage / Environment</u>



Linda Thoma, Peter Quigg, Paul Lumia, Rick Koval, Barb Romanansky

# North Branch Land Trust Creates Endowment

has the mission to work in partnership with landowners and their communities to conserve scenic, natural, and working landscapes. They operate in eight northeastern PA counties. The Foundation is pleased to be among NBLT's partners as we announce the establishment of its Stewardship Endowment Fund.

land trust has conserved The over 10,800 acres in northeastern Pennsylvania since its inception in 1994. Income from the Endowment Fund will be used by the trust to monitor conserved

(NBLT) of Trucksville, PA are maintained in a natural state. NBLT recently reported that regional population statistic show that city centers are losing population while suburban and rural areas see population growing. "Residents are spreading out, migrating away from older communities and city centers to "greenfields," writes Paul Lumina, NBLT Executive Director. Mitigating the negatives of urban sprawl involves conserving lands and thoughtful regional planning to include greenways and open space for both people and wildlife.

While Paul and his organization Countryside Conservancy.

**7** he North Branch Land Trust lands in the region to ensure that they are hard at work on those efforts, a relationship with The Community Foundation makes good business sense. The Foundation can help NBLT advance its mission by investing the land trust's funds in a conservative and prudent manner. Both organizations share similar goals of ensuring that our communities develop responsibly and that the quality of life we all enjoy is upheld.

> The Community Foundation is also proud to administer endowments for two other local land conservancies: The E.L. Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County, and The

# PLANTING SEEDS for the Future Generations

program has established an endowment with The Community Foundation. Its purpose is a long-term savings account from which a percentage can be withdrawn

yoming County's 4-H for the benefit of 4-H. Foundation President Peter Quigg serves on the PA 4-H Development Council which promotes understanding, awareness, organization instills solid values and

area who are receiving financial windfalls from natural gas proceeds. A contribution to the 4-H Endowment can provide helpful tax benefits while ensuring the long term stability of Foundation also administers a similar fund for the Susquehanna County 4-H program.





Vic Cappucci, Extension Board and 4-H Advisory Committee Member; Peter Quigg, The Community Foundation; Karen Bracey, County Extension Director; Dan Pope, Extension Board President; Joe Stanco, 4-H Educator

#### Advantages to 4-H

- Fund grows tax-free from investment returns (11.7% for 2010)
- Donors receive tax deduction for their gifts
- Annual grants to 4-H grow with the fund
- Fund principal grows to help future generations
- Withdrawals for 4-H needs are possible at any time
- Foundation provides stable management as 4-H volunteers change

Take a few simple steps to plan your Legacy...

# when you're gone YOUR WORK LIVES ON

The Community Foundation can help... 570.278.3800



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# Welcome New Legacy Society Members

The Foundation is pleased to welcome three new members to our Legacy Society. With gratitude for their kind forethought we announce their names.

Legacy Society Members have made plans for charitable contributions to the Endless Mountains region in their estate planning and Wills. Their declarations serve as inspiration to others to do the same. Their commitments secure the long term survival of the charities they support.

Alexandria, Virginia will have their estate establish a used in books, videos, plays, and on websites. His first fund with The Foundation that will support charities children's CD, Big Fish Little Fish won high praise and causes as recommended by our Board of Directors. from Publishers Weekly and School Library Journal, Such flexible donations allow the Board to respond to and was added to a Jane Goodall Institute program. unexpected community needs.



Nancy Thaler NASDDS Executive Director

Nancy Thaler has worked for over 40 years in years helping people with developmental disabilities. She is currently the Executive Director of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS). She served for 11 years as Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation in the State Dept. of Public Welfare

where she expanded home and community-based services. She began her career as a houseparent in a group home for children with disabilities, but has also worked with elderly health centers and Medicare and Medicaid Services.



Karl Thaler Singer/Songwriter/ Author

Karl Thaler. also creator of both popular and specialty songs, as-told-to books, and short stories. In 1998 he was a candidate at the Grammy Awards, and he is the winner of three ASCAP Awards. Karl spent most of the 70's working • Rails to Trails of NEPA

and has written songs for self-advocacy groups which are now regularly performed before local, national • True Friends Animal Shelter

Nancy and Karl Thaler of Tunkhannock and and international audiences. They've been translated,



James P. Yeich is a long time member of Rail-Trail Council of Northeast PA. That organization just celebrated its 20th anniversary. Its mission is to renew NE PA's historic pathways for everyone to enjoy.

James P. Yeich

Mr. Yeich is a retired teacher from Blue Ridge School, and a lifetime

adventurer. He hiked the Appalachian Trail, cycled across the US and in Ireland, and he took a dory - a wooden hulled boat - down the Colorado River. He is an active member of St. Mark's Church in New Milford where he works to assist area seniors.

Mr. Yeich will have his estate establish a fund with known The Community Foundation which will provide professionally as Karl Williams, is a equal assistance to the following organizations which reflect his interests in nature, an active lifestyle, and community involvement:

- Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- for Best Contemporary Folk album Boy Scouts of America; Delahanna District
  - Friends of Salt Springs State Park
  - New Milford Parks & Recreation Committee
- with kids with cognitive disabilities Susquehanna County Free Library and Historical Society Association



Tunkhannock Area Middle School - Concert Location

# Wyoming Chorale Celebrates 20th Anniversary



presenting two concerts each year. A Visit large repertoire of music is performed org for information. The Community by the chorus. The director Carl Shinko Foundation and accompanist Ron Stabinsky are Cartwright, is a Chorale founder and paid professionals who have been with has been president of the board for the organization for eight years. The several years.

The Wyoming County Chorale Chorale is planning special events and was formed in 1992. It is a 40 concerts to celebrate its 20th year of voice volunteer singing group bringing fine music programs to the area. www.wyomingcountychorale. Director, Maggie

# Friends of Tunkhannock Public Library Endowment

The Friends of Tunkhannock Public Library have made an initial contribution of \$25,000 to create an endowment at The Community Foundation. Its purpose is to provide a permanent source of funding for a broad array of library needs that are not included in the budget. In the past the Friends have been called upon to help with needs for energy saving blinds, furniture for the young adult and children's areas, a fire alarm system, a crosscut shredder, and promotional tote bags.

The Friends are energetic library supporters who conduct fundraisers throughout the year in order to raise \$140,000 necessary to meet state library aid requirements. Donations to the Friends' Fund contribute toward that local funding quota, and also increase the value of the permanent fund which generates annual grants. So, in addition to being tax-deductible for donors, library donations bring a triple bang for the buck to the local library.

The Friends were encouraged in this endeavor but the success of the Tunkhannock Public Library's first everyone," including future generations.



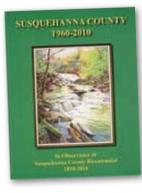
Peter Quigg of The Community Foundation & Deb Barkley of The Friends of Tunkhannock Public Library

Foundation fund established by its Board of Directors in 2008. That fund continues to grow while generating permanent annual support. By thinking long-term and establishing these strong financial underpinnings, library directors and supporters ensure that the library remains a vital part of the community and "the place for

# Susquehanna County 1960-2010

To commemorate Susquehanna County's 2010 Bicentennial, Montrose Publishing Company, People's Neighborhood Bank, and Susquehanna County 4-H have sponsored a 244-page collection of photos and articles capturing all facets of County life from 1960 to 2010, including the arrival of The Community Foundation.

The book's author Harold Ely, age 93, worked with an able editorial team including Roxanne Connelly for over two years to see this project to fruition. Mr. Ely himself is a farmer and the 2009 recipient of the Pennsylvania Farm



Bureau's Distinguished Local Affairs Leader Award. During his 55 years of service to the farming community he was instrumental in organizing farm c o o p e r a t i v e s, supporting legislation that created the Milk Producers' Security

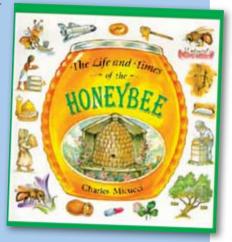
Fund, and many progressive industry policies. Mr. Ely's ancestors are among the earliest to settle Susquehanna County.

Persons interested in local history will want to add this book to their library. The book's cover features a beautiful watercolor of the falls at Salt Springs Park painted by Montrose artist Rodrica Tilley. This volume would make an excellent gift. It follows in the tradition of the famous 19th century educator and historian, Emily Blackman who recorded Susquehanna County history by gathering the oral history and family records of its people while she lived among them.

Copies of Susquehanna County 1960-2010 are available for \$25.00 at the Montrose branch of People's Neighborhood Bank, at the 4-H office in the County Office Building on Public Avenue in Montrose, or by contacting Carol McCall at PO Box 83 Brooklyn, PA 18813 or at 570-289-5050.

# Bee Keepers Donate Honey Bee Books

It takes a real bee keeper to recognize a really good book about bees. The Susquehanna Bee Keepers have been busy learning and promoting the culture of honey bees for 32 years. They are dedicated to teaching others about the critical link bees provide in the human food chain and the entire ecological web- especially in agricultural areas. They give school demonstrations to 15 to 20 schools per year.



In 2009 they established a Foundation endowment to sustain their teaching and promotion mission. This year their growing young fund generated a small grant of \$187.00. They used the grant to purchase copies of the book The Life and Times of the Honeybee by Charles Micucci. The books were distributed to twenty schools in the following six counties: Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Sullivan, Susquehanna, and Wyoming. Thousands of area youngsters now have access to this acclaimed and reliable reference book.

The Life and Times of the Honey Bee has received raves from school librarians. It is a charming and concise presentation of facts about the life cycle, work, and history of the most studied insect in the world. Its original artwork and watercolors are both precise and spectacularly lovely. It is well organized, humorous, with detailed narrative that makes it a wonderful learning tool for children ages two to five and perfect in appeal and skill level for the young reader.

Topics taught by the book include physical characteristics of bees, division of labor, and their role in pollination. There are fascinating facts about a bee's year-round activities, the job of the beekeeper, the many products that contain beeswax, and ways honey has been used throughout history are included. Even the "tail-wagging dance" that directs bees to flower locations is diagramed.

Susquehanna Beekeepers have proven how much good can be accomplished with the thoughtful application of even modest grant funds.

# Organizations & Non-Profits which received Foundation grants in 2010

- Binghamton University Foundation
- Brushy Mountain Bee Farm
- Countryside Conservancy
- Creative Adventures for Education
- E.L. Rose Conservancy
- EMHS Capital Campaign
- Exodus Prison & Aftercare Ministries
- Garden Club of Montrose
- Habitat for Humanity of Susquehanna County
- Hospice of the Sacred Heart
- Interfaith
- Interfaith Back to School Program
- Justice & Mercy
- Little Hill-Alina Lodge

- Montrose Borough
- Montrose Minute Men
- Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation
- Susquehanna County Library Association
- Susquehanna County Library Building Fund
- Susquehanna County Literacy Program
- Susquehanna Fire Department
- The Food Pantry
- TREHAB
- United Way of Susquehanna County
- United Way of Wyoming County
- Wyoming/Lackawanna Dairy Princess Program
- Yokefellowship Prison Ministry

# Young Author Supports New Library

en- year-old Max Brewer is an author, illustrator, and a philanthropist. To help his local Susquehanna County Library, he asked all his friends to celebrate his birthday by making a donation to the library's Building Fund. His efforts raised \$250 which will go towards building a new library.

Max won first prize in the Write and Illustrate Your Own Picture Book Contest. His book, 'Mr.

Toad and Mrs. Toad' can be borrowed from your local library. Susan Stone, Administrator Librarian noted, "It's especially heartwarming and inspiring to see a child be so community-oriented and supportive of the need for a new headquarters for the county library system."



From left Administrator Librarian Susan Stone, Max Brewer, and Children's Librarian Karen Braker-Reed.

Kim Harwood, chair of the Building Fund says, "Max's donation may be about the most inspiring of all the nearly 700 pledges and donations we've received." With Max's help that fund is nearing the \$1.5 million mark. You can add your donation and learn more by going to www.librarybuildingfund.org. The library also maintains an endowment fund at The Foundation to assist in operating expenses.



From left: "Horse and Man Armors," 1507 and c. 1505 respectively, Germany; "Pair of Parrots," 1730-40, Netherlands; "Olympic Games Munich 1972," 1971-2, by Jacob Lawrence.

# *Tourjé Fund connects Philadelphia Art Museum to Mountain View*

When George Barbolish and Pete Regeski of Mountain View High heard that the Philadelphia Museum of Art was interested in piloting a new distance learning platform, they wanted to bring this opportunity home to their students. The Museum staff was enthusiastic and willing to travel to the Kingsley school to help plan.

Peter Regeski contacted Peter Quigg at The Foundation. "The issue, as always, is funding. With furloughs and curtailment of programs, district funding is not available. Does The Foundation make any provisions for this? "Thanks to our Tourjé family donors, we were able to help.

The advisors of The Jessie Osgood Tourjé Memorial Fund responded to the request by providing \$900.00 of the \$1000.00 program expenses. The Tourjé family, owners of NEP Telephone Company, holds this fund for the purpose of providing grants for special projects in local schools. In the past they have assisted Project Lead the Way for Susquehanna Community School District, and a Weather Bug Station at Forest City Regional School.

The Philadelphia Art Museum's videoconferencing programs provide interactive learning which links the Musem's collections and special exhibitions to all areas of classroom curricula- math, science, history, language arts, world languages, and more. They help teachers engage students in higher-order, sophisticated classroom thinking.

Research by Elliot Eisner of Yale University published by the National Art Education Association shows that the arts teach children lessons that sciences and math cannot convey: how to make good judgments about qualitative relationships, to realize that problems can have more

### PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART



George Barbolish, Karen Voigt, Andrew Chichura, Barb Bassett, Lynda O'Leary, Steven Tourje , Peter Quigg, Andy Doster, Pete Regeski

than one solution, that there are multiple perspectives on the world, and that small subtle differences can have large effects. The arts' position in the school curriculum demonstrates to the young what adults believe is important. Fortunately for our students, the Tourjé family believes the arts are worth supporting.

# Project Lead the Way

This year 176 students from grades 7 and 8 at Susquehanna Community School benefitted from a state-of-the-art industrial arts program called Project Lead the Way. It teaches computer design and enhanced engineering skills. The curriculum augments Susquehanna's traditional arts, math, and science courses to prepare middle school learners for more rigorous studies in high school, college and real world workplaces.

Project Lead the Way is packed with math and science learning experiences



include computer design and modeling, automation and robotics, the principles of electrons, and physics.

Project Lead the Way was introduced in 2009 thanks to an initial \$24,000 EITC grant from Peoples National

and problem solving. Study units Bank (now Peoples Neighborhood Bank) and additional generous support for NEP Telephone Company. A program such as Project Lead the Way provides a platform of basic skills upon which they can build in a job situation.

## Culinary Fund honors Schreibers

the Culinary Arts program at Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center has been established by friends and associates of Leopold and Jane Schreiber. Many chocolate lovers from southern New York and northern Pennsylvania are fans of Master Confectioner Leopold Schreiber's creations. He had a store in Binghamton for years and currently works his magic

new endowment to support at Chocolates by Leopold in downtown to continue providing a wide variety of Montrose. Foundation President Peter Quiqq points out "Leopold's store has been a great asset to Montrose and has proven to many that talent can exist in a small town. He gives a new meaning to the term Corner Candy Store."

> Leopold began his career at just 12 years of age. A Culinary Fund in his and his late wife Jane's honor will benefit young High School students following in his footsteps. Alice Davis the Center's

> > Administrative Director says, "..this funding will enable us

opportunities for our students in the culinary program." These students have gone on to successful careers not only in this region's top restaurants, but around the world."

Tom Follert, Production Manager at Leopold's store adds, "Anyone who knows Leopold knows that he loves his work and he loves to educate people about what he does. This endowment is a natural extension of everything Leopold stands for. "

Partial funding for this new endowment was provided by Everything Chocolate Dessert Contest held at the annual Chocolate & Wine Festival in May, 2011. This fund is a example of how personal, meaningful and appropriate an endowment can be for a circle of donors and a special niche of students who now have a champion, and a role model.

## Industry & Education Consortium Establishes Endowment



Minturn Smith, Executive Director

Tier Industry and Education through educational outreach, training processes, and job fairs. It is headquartered in South Montrose. The organization has established a

for operational expenses for generations to come. Retired districts, dozens of businesses and organizations in its Executive Director Gary Matson sees the endowment as a five-county service area.

The mission of the Northern way to build a stable, long-term source of funding.

NTIEC has be especially focused on reaching area Consortium (NTIEC) is to High School students to give them real world experiences help create a skilled and knowledgeable in different career fields. These career lessons enable workforce in northeastern Pennsylvania students to better understand their options, and to gain true-life experiences. NTIEC has established a Youth Apprentice Program, job shadowing opportunities, career fairs, educators and workforce initiatives, and has brought business professionals into the classrooms Community Foundation endowment fund to provide support of regional schools. Their partners include 22 school

# Entering the trades after High School? Trade & Technical School Scholarships Available!

Technical Program or Trade School: If you know an Elk Lake High School student who plans to enter the trades after graduation, please check out the Lathrop Family Scholarship on The Foundation website www.community-foundation.org. A simple 2-page application can be downloaded, or you can inquire at the Elk Lake Guidance office. The Lathrop family has established this scholarship to help students attend a trade or technical school. It might mean the difference between trying to get a job with little work experience, and having some good credentials to show on a job application. The Lathrops wish to encourage students to apply, and all applicants will be seriously considered. Don't overlook this opportunity to improve your skills and job prospects.

Automotive Technology: The Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship provides assistance to a student who will study automotive technology and who



writes a winning essay about why he or she has chosen that field and also addresses the future of automotive technology. The scholarship is available to students from all the school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. This scholarship was established in 2007 in honor of Matt Van Fleet, age 21, who perished in an

automobile accident. Matt loved all things mechanical and had a passion for cars. For Matt's parents and sister, this scholarship is a way of honoring his short life and memory. An easy application can be downloaded online at www.community-foundation.org, or inquiries can be made at your school Guidance Office.

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Earle Wootton. Chairman



Peter Quigg, President



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Marian S. Miskell, Editor



Angela L. Frystak, Accountant

husband Jim have two sons and live in Montrose. In warmer months she provides lawn care services at Montrose Cemetery. The Frystak family are tireless fund raisers for the Julia Frystak Memorial Fund.

bookkeeper for business

clients. Angie and her



Jerry Golis, Director of Technology

For seven years Jerry volunteered his services to the Foundation, but by 2008 the complexity of our Internet servers and web-based programs required a Director of Technology. He was the perfect match.

[See biographies on pages 44 & 45]

Jerry is a graduate of Montrose Area High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer sciences from Bloomburg University. He is in charge of computer systems for both graphic and data applications at Montrose Publishing Company where he has worked since 1992.



Maria Conigliaro Graphic Designer

service and design has led to her current position as a Graphic Artist and Community Relations specialist for Hospice of the Sacred Heart. Freelance and family keep Maria busy year round.

Maria grew up helping

her parents with their

family business, Green

Gables Restaurant in New Milford. She obtained a

BFA in Communication

Design from Kutztown

concentrations in Graphic

and Marketing. Maria's

experience in customer

with

Advertising,

University,

Design,



### A Fable for Today

Two good brothers were each blessed with a \$100,000 windfall. Both pledged to give 10% to charity.

Brother One held his funds while income taxes mounted. Brother Two thought this through. He put his \$10,000 into a Community Foundation Charitable Savings Account.

Ten years passed. Sad to say, after all the taxes he'd had to pay, Brother One had only \$6,700 left for giving. Brother Two could celebrate. For a decade, his cash had compounded tax-free. He had \$26,000 for a hometown charity!

Moral: A Community Foundation Charitable Savings accounts lets your donation multiply tax-free, while you take the time you need to consider charitable choices.

PHOTO BY GEORGE SCHRECK

# 2010 and Early 2011 Arrivals

### 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.

### 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. Scholarship award for 2011 is \$1,900.

### 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.

### 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.

### NORTHERN TIER INDUSTRY & EDUCATION CONSORTIUM FUND

Established by the Consortium to support joint activities between schools and business which help students develop career awareness and skills through career fairs, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. The programs provide students in the five northern tier counties of Pennsylvania with pathways to family sustaining careers and help employers connect with talented youth to staff their business.

### NORTH BRANCH LAND TRUST FUND

Established by North Branch Land Trust to assist with its projects to protect open land in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

### WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUND

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

### JOAN CARTER BEANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of the late Mrs. Beane to provide a college scholarship to a graduate of Tunkhannock Area High School who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA and has been involved with numerous school and community activities. Scholarship award for 2011 is \$1,000.

### JOHN TORREY HAWKINS MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family and friends of John "Jack" Hawkins of Montrose to benefit the Endless Mountains Health Systems which had been of great assistance to him in his later years.

### CINDI CONATY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Susquehanna County District Attorney, Jason Legg, in honor of his mother to provide a college or post-secondary degree program scholarship for a student from one of the six Susquehanna County High Schools who writes a winning essay explaining his or her pro-life stance and values and how those values have had an impact upon the student's life. Scholarship award for 2011 is \$500.

# **CC** They do not love that do not show their love."

William Shakespeare

### LATHROP FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Mrs. Mary Lathrop to provide a scholarship to graduates of Elk Lake School District who will enter a Post-Secondary Degree Technical Program or Trade School. Scholarship award for 2011 is \$2,500.

### CAMERON COUNTY OUTDOOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

Established by the Andrews family of Tunkhannock and Emporium to support programs that foster an understanding and enjoyment of the outdoors and the overall environment.

### FRIENDS OF THE TUNKHANNOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Established by The Friends of The Tunkhannock Public Library to provide support for the expenses and programs of the library.

### LEOPOLD & JANE SCHREIBER CULINARY ARTS FUND

Established by friends of Leopold and the late Jane Schreiber in honor of their years in the confectionary business. This fund supports the Culinary Program of the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center.

### JACK BRAINARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a Mountain View student who will major in art or music.

### JACKIE DISPENZA MEMORIAL FUND

Will assist deserving youth of Tunkhannock with their education goals.

### THOMAS EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose student who has been a member of the Golf Team or Girls' Basketball Team.

### ALBERT SHEPHERD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose student in good standing who will enter a post-secondary degree program.

### MONTROSE MINUTE MEN FUND

Provides support of the Montrose Minute Men Ambulance Service.

### MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose student in good standing who will enter a post-secondary degree program.



# OF DIRECTORS

Earle is

Director

a founding

The

of

Community Foundation

and serves as Chairman

of the Board. He was

President of a group of

commercial printing and

publishing companies prior to his retirement in

2004. Earle has been a

director of a number of

community and regional

financial institutions for

Art is Treasurer of the

Board of Directors. He

was raised in Nicholson,

and is a graduate of

He earned a Bachelor's

degree from Williams

College, and a Master's in

Economics from Stanford

studying medicine at the

Seminary.

before

Wyoming

University



Earle Wootton, Chairman of The Community Foundation

twenty-five years. He has a Bachelor's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology and an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Earle lives in Montrose with his wife, June.



Peter Quigg, President of The Community Foundation

Susquehanna County. His father's 1975 purchase of Seddon-Lathrop Oil Corporation has evolved into the Pump n Pantry chain. Peter and his wife Therese live in Franklin Township.

of

the

Board

founded the Pennsylvania

Peter joined the Foundation in 2005 after having worked fourteen years as a teacher and administrator at Killington Mountain School. He grew up in Clarks Green, has a Bachelor's degree from Bennington College, and a Master's from Lesley University. His mother's ancestors were among the earliest settlers of



VP, Managing Director Peoples Wealth Management

Bill is a founding Director and the first Chairman The Community of Foundation. He is currently Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors. His leadership and knowledge of investment management provide important guidance to the Foundation. He grew up and attended school in Montrose where he still lives with his wife,

Deborah, and their four children. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science degree from The Pennsylvania State University and he is a Certified Financial Planner.



Dr. Arthur Sherwood, Physician

University of Rochester. After eighteen years of family medical practice, Art served seventeen years as a Senior Executive with Geisinger Health System. He is retired and lives in Tunkhannock with his wife, Jennifer. He has three adult sons.



Maggie Cartwright, Community Leader

Heartland Artists. is current President of the Wyoming County Chorale, and Board member of The Tunkhannock Public Library, Blue Heron Art Gallery, and Russell Hill United Methodist Church. She was recognized as 2006 Woman of the Year.



Sandra Boyle, Attorney

Sandra is a graduate of Marywood University and Villanova Law School and currently resides in Tunkhannock. She practiced law for seven years in Scranton and for the past 28 years in Nicholson. Sandra was a Custody Hearings Officer for Lackawanna County for 23 years, 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 past President of Wyoming County United Way.



Bob Brown, Stone House Investment Management: Managing Partner/ Portfolio Manager

Bob earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Bloomsburg University and lives in Tunkhannock with his wife Deborah and their two children. He is a partner in Stone House Investment Management with offices in Montrose and Tunkhannock that serve clients throughout our region. Bob has organized and presented many seminars on the

financial impacts of natural gas activity. In addition to his volunteer work Bob enjoys his family and friends, and coaching sports.



Thomas Chamberlain, Owner of Thomas Chamberlain Insurance Company

New Milford Community Men's Group, a Board member of Skylake Retreat Center, Lackawanna College, Peoples Neighborhood Bank, and a Trustee of New Milford United Methodist Church.

Tom is a founding Director of the Community Foundation and holds a degree in Business Administration from Broome Community College. He and his wife Mary Jane live in Great Bend Township where they raised three children. He is President of Susquehanna County United Way, and Creative Adventures for Education, Secretary of the



Charm Goff Giangrieco, Director of Planned Giving

Board member, and also serves as Director of Planned Giving. She graduated from Broome Community College with an accounting and banking degree. She grew up in Harford and lives with her husband Mike and their son near Montrose. She was an investment representative

Charm is a Foundation

with County National Bank and Commonwealth Bank, and a Fiscal Planner at Trehab in Montrose. Charm is a member of Choconut Valley Youth Athletic Association and is President of Montrose Junior Football.



Karl Kail, IV, **Retired Business** Executive

Karl grew up at Heart Lake and recently returned there with his wife, Laura. He obtained a BS in Aerospace Engineering from University of Colorado, an MS and Engineers Degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. After retiring from Naval Aviation, he developed integrated computercentric systems for the defense industry and then

Major

Treasurer before her 1995

election. She graduated

from Keystone Junior

College and attended

University of Scranton.

She participates on six

caucuses including Oil

& Gas and serves on

the Boards of PA Higher

Education Assistance, the

Community Foundation,

was

County

founded CardioNet, Inc., a national ambulatory cardiac monitoring company. Karl is currently involved in local real estate development and enjoys time off to golf and ski.

Sandra

Susquehanna



Jason J. Legg, Esq., Susquehanna County District Attorney

daughter. He is involved with many local civic activities and in his spare time he enjoys golf, basketball, reading, and writing. His insightful weekly columns appear in local newspapers.

Mansfield

School

from

from

Jason is in his second

term as District Attorney

and a Foundation Board

Member. His degrees

include a Bachelor's and

Master's with honors

from the University of

Scranton, and a Summa

Cum Laude Law degree

Albany

School. Jason and his

wife Maggie live in Silver

Lake Township with their

University

teacher in Susquehanna

County. Bob is a US Army

Law

Richard Lochen Jr., **Certified Public** Accountant

Wyoming County Industrial Development Foundation, and Chamber of Commerce. Rick lives in Nicholson with his family and is active in that Volunteer Fire Company, serving on its Board of Trustees.

of

PA

Community



Representative Sandra Major, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

TreHab, Keystone College President's Advisory Council, PA Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association, Friendship Club of Montrose, the Susquehanna, PA and National Councils of Republican Women. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Montrose.



Robert McNamara. **Retired School District** Superintendent

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.

Bob received degrees in Special Education from University and Marywood College, and an MS in Secondary Administration of Scranton. He has been a Superintendent, Principal, and Special Education

Marian S. Miskell Retired from AT&T

writing and she now edits our Foundation Magazine. Marian and her husband John live at Lake Raylean in Bridgewater Township. They share their lives with eight adult children and eleven grandchildren.

Marian was born Boston, Massachusetts. She graduated from Suffolk University with a BA degree in English. She was the owner of a cafe and a natural food business, and was a manager at AT&T for eleven years in marketing positions. "retirement" In her she turned to freelance

Rick graduated from the

University of Scranton,

is a Certified Public

Accountant, and founding

partner of Lochen &

Chase. From 2006 to 2010 he was President

Bank. He serves on the

Board of Directors of the

Community Foundation,

Association

of

Bankers,

Peoples National

Matthew Sordoni, Vice President of Upland Corporation

Matt manages investments at Upland, and owns DeCoverly Kennels in Factoryville and Sterling Farms in Monroe Township. Matt holds a Bachelor's Muhlenberg from College, an MBA from the ESADE Business School in Barcelona, and completed programs in The Netherlands and

China. He is Vice Chair of North Branch Land Trust, is on the investment committee of United Way of Wyoming Valley, and is director of the Sordoni Foundation. Matt was raised in Monroe Township and resides in Dallas, PA.



Iames May. **Emeritus** Director

and designing its marketing materials. Until his retirement he and his wife, Ann, enjoyed a vacation home on Silver Lake in Susquehanna County. Jim still advises our magazine team from his home in California where he writes novels, paints and sails.

Jim is a native of Scranton with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Wilkes College. He is an inventor, product developer, and entrepreneur. His marketing, business, and strategic planning expertise were significant in building the Community Foundation



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### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Joshua Oliver who will attend Kutztown University.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Taylor Heeman who will attend York College.

### 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.

#### CAFE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Established by Creative Adventures For Education (CAFE) 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.

### CHOCONUT VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WELLNESS FUND

Established by Michael and Charm Giangrieco to support student health and wellness initiatives in the Choconut Valley 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Jeanette Shao.

#### 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 FUND

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

#### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

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

#### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BUILDING FUND

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 Blue Ridge High School graduate who excels in academics and exhibits exceptional athletic talent. The scholarship recipients for 2011 are Kaniel Kempa, Erin Salinkas who will attend Marywood University, and Gregory Stonier who will attend The University of Scranton.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Kathryn Swingle who will attend Kutztown University.

#### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Chelsea Wootten.

#### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Chad Paulin from Forest City Regional High School.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Skyler Wilcha who will attend Chatham University.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Mark Willchock who will attend Moravian College.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Sean Lenord.

### 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.

### THOMAS D. EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of the late Mr. Evans who was a coach and faculty member at the Montrose Area School District. Provides college tuition assistance to a member of the Montrose Girls' Varsity Basketball Team, or a member of the Varsity Golf Team who exhibits outstanding leadership qualities and good sportsmanship as well as an inherent desire to succeed.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Jordon Rose.

### 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 scholarship recipient for 2011 is Amelia DiPhillips who will attend Luzerne County Community College.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Zachary Kruger.

### GRW FUND

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County.

### 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 by the family and friends of John "Jack" Hawkins of Montrose to benefit the Endless Mountains Health Systems which had been of great assistance to him in his later years.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Ethan Jones from Montrose Area High School who will attend King's College.

#### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Gregory Stonier who attend The University of Scranton.

#### JACKSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FUND

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

#### JOHN JAMES MEMORIAL FBLA FUND

Established by the estate of the late John James to provide assistance to the Future Business Leaders of America Clubs in all the school districts of Susquehanna County.

#### JONES FAMILY FUND

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

#### KAIL FAMILY FUND

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

### 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. The Scholarship recipient for 2011 is Anna Nole who will attend East Stroudsburg University.

### KEYSTONE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by Keystone College for alumni, friends, and benefactors to provide long-term financial support for the college.

#### 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. The scholarship recipients for 2011 are Barbara Bennett who will attend Mansfield University, Logan Mack who will attend Penn State/Wilkes-Barre, and Michael Purdy who will attend Broome Community College.

#### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Brian Miller who will attend Kutztown University.

#### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Bryce Carlton who will attend Kutztown University.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Established by Susquehanna County District Attorney, Jason Legg, to assist with the expenses of law enforcement, particulary 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 Spings State Park. Provides grants for the maintenance of Salt Springs State Park, and especially for the upkeep of the Mary K. Leasure Memorial Bench.

#### WILLIAM AND DEBORAH LEWIS FUND

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as 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.

#### 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 AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the School District to provide college tuition assistance for a deserving student who exhibits financial need.

### MONTROSE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a graduate of a Susquehanna County high school 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 FUND

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

### THE MONTROSE FUND

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.

### MONTROSE MINUTE MEN AMBULANCE FUND

Established by the estate of the late Homer B. Shay to benefit the Montrose Minutemen Ambulance Company. Additional tax-deductible donations to the fund are always appreciated.

### 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.

### MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC FUND

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. The scholarship recipients for 2011 are Barbara Bennett who will attend Mansfield University, and Eric Potter who will attend Keystone College.

### 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.

### NORTHERN TIER INDUSTRY & EDUCATION CONSORTIUM FUND

Established by the Consortium to support joint activities between schools and business which help students develop career awareness and skills through career fairs, mentoring, job shadowing, and internships. The programs provide students in the five northern tier counties of Pennsylvania with pathways to family sustaining careers and help employers connect with talented youth to staff their business.

### 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 unexpectadly. 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Bryce Cline who will attend The University of Florida.

#### 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.

#### REPPY-KEKER FAMILY FUND

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

### **RICCI FAMILY FUND**

Established by Mr. Daniel Ricci of Montrose to provide assistance to his family's favorite charities.

#### EDWARD L. ROSE CONSERVANCY FUND

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

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Joseph Woocock who will attend West Chester University.

### 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. Scholarship award for 2011 is \$1,900.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Samantha Verti.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Christopher Linden.

### 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 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.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Amanda Rispoli.

### MARGARET STONE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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. The scholarship recipients for 2011 are Amelia DiPhillips from Montrose Area High School who will attend Luzerne County Community College, and Cole Wheaton from Montrose Area High School.

### SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 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 FUND

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

### SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY 4-H FUND

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

### SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CIVIL WAR MONUMENT FUND

Supports the restoration and maintenance of the Civil War Monument on the Montrose Green. "Civil War Monument" booklets, onsale in the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library, detail the history of the monument as well as lists the names of all the soldiers from the county who have given their lives in service to the country. Proceeds from the booklet, which costs \$5, will be donated to the endowment.

### SUSQUEHANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the Susquehanna Fire Department to assist a Susquehanna Community student who has demonstrated a strong sense of volunteerism and community service. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Jordan Boerner who will attend Broome Community College.

### 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.

### 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 finanical need may also be considered. The scholarship recipients for 2011 are Bryce Carlton who attend Kutztown University, and Jesse Frystak who will attend PennTech College.

### 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 FUND

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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Kevin Packer.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Lynette Dooley.

### MATTHEW VAN FLEET MEMORIAL AUTOMOTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Matthew's parents and his sister in memory of Matt who passed away in an automobile accident. The scholarship provides assistance to a student who will study automotive technology and who writes a winning essay about why he or she has chosen that field and also addresses the future of automotive technology. The scholarship is available to students from all the school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

### 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. Scholarship award for 2011 is \$1,100.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Alexis DeLouisa who will attend Penn State/Abinton.

### WOMEN HELPING WOMEN FUND

Established by Judy Albert Ventresca to assist deserving women making an effort to improve their circumstances and to provide an opportunity for those more fortunate to contribute to this cause.

### 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. The scholarship recipient for 2011 is Drusilla Potts who will attend California Polytechnic College.

### 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.

### WYOMING COUNTY 4-H FUND

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

### 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 Shepards Camp at Camp Arrowhead in Brackney, PA.

### CLAIR YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND 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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