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teaching photography to
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George Schreck once again has contributed his nature photography to this Magazine's cover and interior. He raises a magnificent home garden at his home in Franklin Forks. His career as a game warden, and years of experience as a local hunter have endowed him with a deep understanding of our native woodlands and wildlife. He is known throughout this region for his wildlife and wildflower presentations. George coaches aspiring photographers on a one-on-one basis. He can be reached at geosankie@frontier.com.



Martha Cuomo

We welcome Martha Cuomo to the new staff position of Foundation Administrator. She will be working on charitable endowments and education assistance. She also has a particular interest in the Women Helping Women Fund. Martha is a gifted writer and this year has contributed several articles to this magazine, improved many others, and researched still more — proving herself invaluable to our Editor. Learn more about Martha in our Staff section.



Jim May

Jim is a native of Scranton with a BSBA with a minor in Industrial Engineering from Wilkes College. He is an inventor, product developer, and entrepreneur. His business, marketing, and strategic planning expertise were significant in building the Community Foundation 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 is involved with philanthropic interests, writes novels, paints and sails.



*“I don't know
what your destiny
will be, but one
thing I know:
the only ones
among you who
will be really
happy are those
who have sought
and found how
to serve.”*

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FROM THE EDITOR



“Where does it hurt?” & “How can we help?”



MARIAN S. MISKELL, Editor

A strong Community Foundation is an essential player on the region's overall health team. Because of our donors, now numbering in the thousands, the “vital signs” of the Endless Mountains region continue to improve. Like an astute medical team, the Foundation with its donors spot such problems as a deficient computer lab, an overcrowded library or a church building needing repair. Then we rally to treat the problem with financial support. We “vaccinate” preschool children with early-learning. We boost the defenses of our natural environment and agricultural heritage with conservation easements. We transfuse the blood of new resources into the arts and the sciences. We apply monetary therapy to the strained, sore joints and muscles of our social and educational infrastructure.

Last year our focus fell upon local health care infrastructure itself. A flood of funding and volunteer energy flowed into the Endless Mountains Health System new hospital project and into other health-related work. The Women Helping Women Fund saw a burst of attention in response to some alarming data on the insecurity and low prospects of many women in this area. In 2010 and 2011 the emerging opportunities and challenges of Marcellus Shale were in the forefront. Prior to that, local families were calling upon the Foundation for guidance in creating multi-generational family-advised funds and memorial funds.

This year the Foundation will be injecting a strong dose of community “preventive medicine” for the minds and the bodies of our youngsters. We will begin a campaign to grow the number of our business donors to the Education Tax Credit program and to strengthen our School District Foundations.

Join our team. Find your own way to support a Foundation initiative. You'll feel better, and the community will be healthier too.

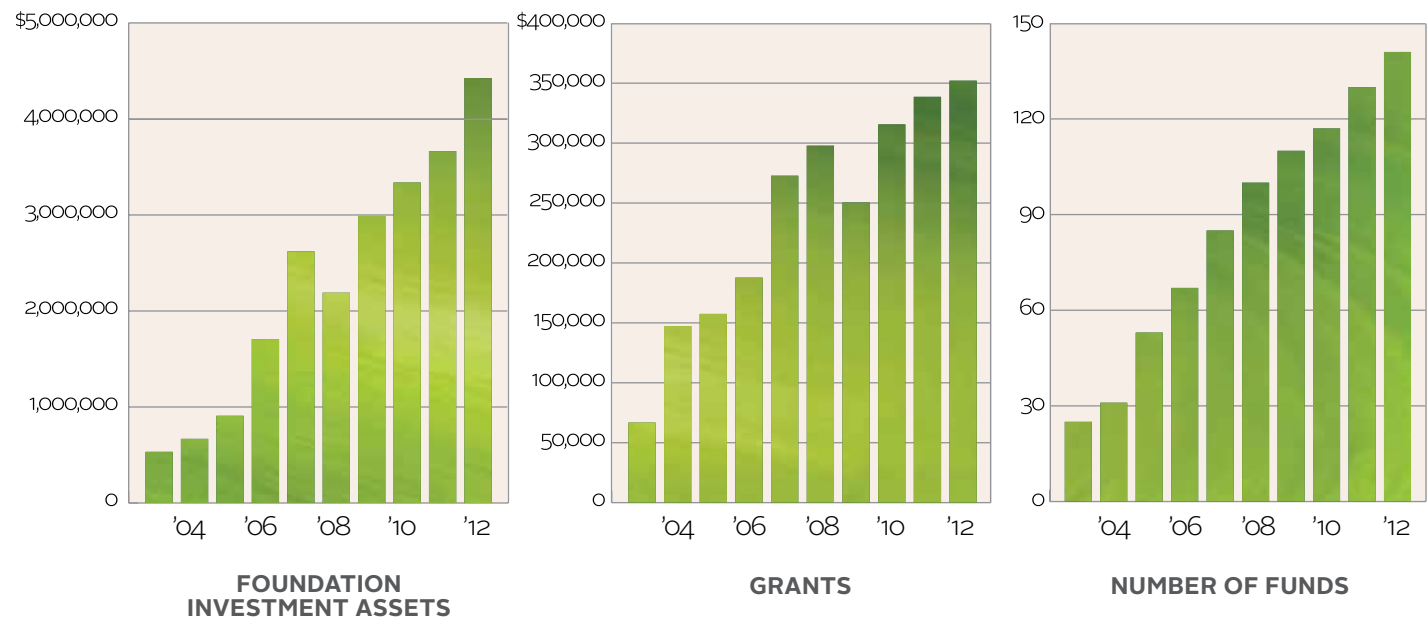
“It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.”

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

A Note from Marian S. Miskell: Over the next two years I will transition out of my role as Foundation Editor to serve instead as an Advisor to the magazine staff. It has been my honor to present within these pages the natural beauty of this region, and hundreds of acts of generosity and kindness by its residents.

“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



The Community is YOU!

Did you ever forget to thank someone? It’s such an easy thing to do. Getting all caught up in the day to day, it’s so common to let the important moments slip by, the chance to say “Thank You”. The Community Foundation has turned fifteen years old, and there are many people we need to thank.



EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman of The
Community Foundation

Before we existed there was a group that referred to themselves as “a board in progress”. They gave their time to decide what we should be, where we should locate, and how we should get started. They were here first. Thanks. We started as an affiliate of the Williamsport Lycoming Foundation. Those generous people showed us how to become a Community Foundation. Starting in January 1998, they taught us the basics. The first five years was our internship. They showed us, encouraged us, and financially supported us. We owe them a big “Thank You”. At the beginning of 2003, we became an independent, not-

for-profit corporation. Our assets were about \$500,000, mostly small funds. The board and a staff of two began running the Foundation and administering the Education Improvement Tax Credit program for the state. We owe our board thanks for struggling with the growing pain of a new organization; and the staff for their direction and the dedication they gave us on a shoestring budget. And now, we have 150 funds, 4 ½ million dollars in managed investments, and another 2 million that will be granted this year for a new hospital. At the end of 2012 our total assets were about 9 million dollars. The staff has grown to eight counting both full time and part-timers. We serve all of the counties of the Endless Mountains and the others nearby. Funds located in England, funds serving organizations across our country and as far away as Japan, all have their roots right here. Who do we thank for this success? The answer is right in our name. We are the Community Foundation. We serve the Community. We have the support of the Community. And the Community is you. So that’s who we thank. THANK YOU!

A complete audited financial statement is available upon request

The Foundation and the Legal Community

Over the years various endowments have been established at The Community Foundation by local attorneys who are



FRANK O'CONNOR
Attorney, President
Elect of the PA Bar
Association

representing their clients and their charitable priorities or who are settling estates and fulfilling a client’s final charitable wishes. These permanent endowments include support for local churches, college scholarships, and student clubs in the local school districts. The Community Foundation has been expanding its services to the legal community over the past year and a half, providing a comfortable, quiet, and private setting for Attorneys to gather for meetings, depositions, and legal education programs. In particular, the Pennsylvania Bar Institute has approved and reserved the Foundation as a site for its high quality, live broadcast seminars. On an average of 2-3 times a month, the PBI has utilized our space for a simulcast that originates from Mechanicsburg, PA. Attorney Frank O’Connor, President Elect of the PA Bar Association, is the Continuing Education Coordinator for Susquehanna County and schedules, as well as organizes the legal education programs. He oversees the registration and handles the accreditation with the Continuing Legal Education which is an arm of the PA Bar Association. Attorney O’Connor states, “The facility provided us at the Foundation is second to none. We are able to give our members the educational courses, needed to comply with the Supreme Court’s mandate of



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continuing education, in a modern, comfortable, clean, well lit room with a sound system of exceptional quality. You have to actually view this site in person to fully understand how wonderful it is.” With the increasing requests to reserve The Foundation’s beautiful Garden Room and Kitchen for legal programs, The Community Foundation and its Board of Directors took on a building project and renovations that they hope to have completed by early fall. The Library Level of the Foundation will provide an Audio/ Video Room that will be

specifically utilized for legal educational programs, freeing up the Garden Room and Kitchen for other avenues. Office space will also be available on this level for Attorneys to reserve on a temporary basis. The Foundation looks forward to providing these services to the Legal Community this fall and hopes that eventually our Donors may also benefit from reserving these rooms. For further information about the Foundation’s services and future reservations of the Audio/Video Room and office space, interested parties may contact The Foundation at (570)278-3800.

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Undesignated Funds:
Flexibility to Do What’s Needed

The Foundation has established a flexible new fund called The Community Fund. It will be an “Undesignated Fund” which means the Board of Directors will have the discretion to use the proceeds to meet unpredicted needs or an urgent crisis in our community. Anyone may make a contribution of any amount to The Community Fund. Gifts will be pooled to form a permanent undesignated endowment which will generate future grant awards.

Donors who wish to help the community but don’t want to choose a specific area of interest, are invited to:

- 1.) Contribute to The Community Fund in any amount, or
- 2.) Create your own Undesignated Fund. Just like all our funds, your own Undesignated Fund may be named for you or your family, or it may honor or memorialize anyone you choose. Its grants will be directed by the Foundation’s Board to address the greatest unmet needs.

Very often, during the course of normal operations, our President or a staff member receives a call for help in resolving a local crisis. An after school day-care center may have run out of funds to care for a sudden boom in attendance. A flood may have shut down a food pantry. A falling tree may have crushed a non-profit’s roof, or the library’s front steps may be crumbling.

Sometimes we are invited to participate in a promising educational opportunity for which there are no designated funds. A school district may be offered an advanced computer class, or a series of lectures on art from a Philadelphia Museum, but they need matching local contributions to be entitled to the program. Flexible, Undesignated Funds allow the Foundation to act on such worthy opportunities that would otherwise slip through our hands.

SEE THE
BIG PICTURE

WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR GIVING

The Community Foundation can help.

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When your giving is significant, a Charitable Advisor is essential.

When you decide to make a significant charitable donation, there are more options to consider than “how much” and “which charity”. The Foundation can serve as your Charitable Advisor in developing a Plan to realize your intentions. Some questions to consider:

- What do I care about? What do I want my legacy to be?
 - What improvements do I want to support in my community?
 - Do I want to honor or memorialize a loved one with my giving?
 - Do I want to help one or several charities? Or shift my support annually?
 - Do I want to make a single gift or annual recurring grants?
 - Do I want to specify a purpose, or limit the charity’s use of the funds?
 - Do I prefer to let the Foundation Board use its discretion to meet a pressing unmet community need?
 - If my favorite non-profit doesn’t survive, or the local branch closes, what to do?
 - How can I build my charitable fund? What assets can be donated?
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- What should I give now? What should I give through my estate and Will?
 - Do I want to build the fund over several years before making grants?
 - What feedback, accountability do I want from non-profits I support?
 - Do I want anonymity? Is a press release or discrete publication appropriate?
 - Will my grants (a scholarship, for example) require an application process?
 - Do I want to be involved in choosing individual grant recipients or not?

It can be daunting. Working with The Foundation as your Charitable Advisor means you can relax and be confident. We walk you through creating your personal Charitable Plan that organizes your philanthropy. Then you can step back, continue to add tax deductible donations as you choose, and let the Foundation execute your wishes.

Once you’ve established your charitable fund, the Foundation provides ongoing management and investment services that help your donations and grant-making potential grow. Our average return on investment for the last 15 years has been 8-10% per year with a moderate risk, “steady as you go” investment strategy. This return makes it possible to establish as your personal or family legacy, a perpetual endowment that gives 5% annual grants to help your community.

“It’s more difficult to give away money wisely, than to make the money in the first place.”
ANDREW CARNEGIE

Organizations Benefit from Charitable Advisors

The Foundation is ideal for non-profit organizations building an endowment. When donations are raised, scholarships established, someone wants to remember your organization in his or her Will, or gas royalties begin to flow, The Foundation can be as important as your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor. Once the funds are in hand, the Foundation will manage the investment of your endowment for safety and growth. That ensures the long-term viability of your organization for future generations. And all the while, your staff and board members can continue to focus upon their own important work.

Non-profits often see turnover in their volunteer staffs. The geographic spread of members can make it difficult to centralize and secure the deposit of fund raising dollars. Record keeping, acknowledgments, donor lists, and tax reporting can become an administrative challenge. The Foundation’s staff, location, technology and expert communications can all be put to work for you.

In 2012 the Foundation served as a trusted repository for donations to one of the largest ever fund raising activities in the area — the Cabot-Endless Mountain Health System Match Fund which raised over \$5.6 million. We’ve

Non-profits and Gas Royalties

Non-profits who are or will be receiving gas proceeds are confronted with some very specific challenges. Royalty or lease revenues can put you into a taxable status. A partnership with the Foundation can neutralize that problem, plus provide you with an ironclad legal commitment that those funds must be used solely to benefit your group. This partnership allows your group to avoid the costs and labor involved in establishing a separate 501(c)(2). Call Peter Quigg for an appointment to discuss your needs.

helped the United Way, cemetery associations, schools, 4-H Club, land conservancies, beekeepers, churches, and Friends of Salt Springs Park. Our funds list (Pages 34 to 38) includes dozens more. If you are in a leadership position for an important Endless Mountains non-profit organization, please contact us about how we can help further your mission in our community.

Facing Big Life Changes?
Add a Charitable Advisor to your Team

Change happens. It creeps up quietly, or strikes with sudden finality. Becoming ‘empty nesters’ , a new career or new income such as royalties , adult children getting married, birth of grandchildren, health concerns that limit our activity, the selling of a life-long business, retirement, and death of a loved one disrupt the equilibrium of our lives. But a new situation also opens up new perspectives. Many families begin to look outward, feel a desire to give back to the community, and enrich the lives of others.

These are times when The Community Foundation, often working hand in hand with your Financial Advisor, your attorney or tax advisor, can help. The Community Foundation brings to the table expertise on local charitable

organizations and an array of ways that you can structure your gifts to be most effective and enduring. We understand the heartbeat of the community and what drives its activity and progress. We know where the needs are, how and where charitable giving is best applied.

We partner with your professional financial advisors to build relationships that promote families’ legacies, identifying non-profit organizations that focus on the issues and passions that the family cares about most. As families establish and build donor-advised funds, a positive change and perspective occurs. Their lives gain purpose, become bigger, broader, and more important to future generations.

EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS

“Thanks a Million!”

Over the last decade, our business donors have contributed over \$1 million to help more than 2,000 students in Bradford, Lackawanna, Wyoming, Susquehanna, Tioga, Sullivan, and Luzerne Counties.



Big Advantages of the Community Foundation EITC program

When your business makes EITC donations through this Community Foundation YOU know exactly where your dollars go, and RECIPIENTS know that your business is the donor.

- You receive your tax credits (75% to 100% of your EITC donation subtracted from your PA tax bill) PLUS:
 - Recipients know who provided the grants and scholarships because your gifts are branded with your business name like this:
 - “The Cabot Scholarships” for Career and Technology Students
 - “The Pennstar Bank Grant” for Project Lead the Way.
 - “Peoples Neighborhood Bank Scholarship” for Scranton Prep
- Grants and scholarships can be targeted to the particular area, county or school districts to help both private and public schools. Your customers, employees and their families, and your neighbors will benefit and know your commitment to their community.
- The Foundation submits news releases about your gifts to local and regional media; e-bulletins are circulated

to hundreds on our Foundation mailing list; the news is posted on our website which receives over 700,000 views a year; our social media sites receive regular updates.

- Your logo is displayed for free in our annual magazine and on our website.
- Scholarship winners receive a certificate naming the business donor.
- The Foundation also supports your business through the EITC application process, and may be able to submit your application.
- You can call and speak to our live, local in-house experts.
- We are the only local agency which can administer all three phases of the EITC program, and have been doing so for 10 years.
- We provide free brochures that are specific for gas industry related businesses, and for other businesses.
- For your accountant, we offer a Step By Step guide from the Reach Foundation.
- Click and read more on our website www.community-foundation.org



A CHILD YOU KNOW...

...in Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties has been helped this year by an EITC program.

| | SCHOOLS | STUDENTS | AWARDS |
|----------------------|---------|----------|------------|
| PRE-K | 11 | 77 | \$ 36,387 |
| K-12 (private only) | 6 | 54 | 109,000 |
| K-12 SCCTC | 6 | 150 | 40,000 |
| K-12 CAMP INVENTION | 5 | 50 | 10,000 |
| DUAL ENROLLMENT | 2 | 45 | 20,000 |
| PROJECT LEAD THE WAY | 1 | 80 | 8,000 |
| TOTALS | 31 | 456 | \$ 223,387 |

EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS



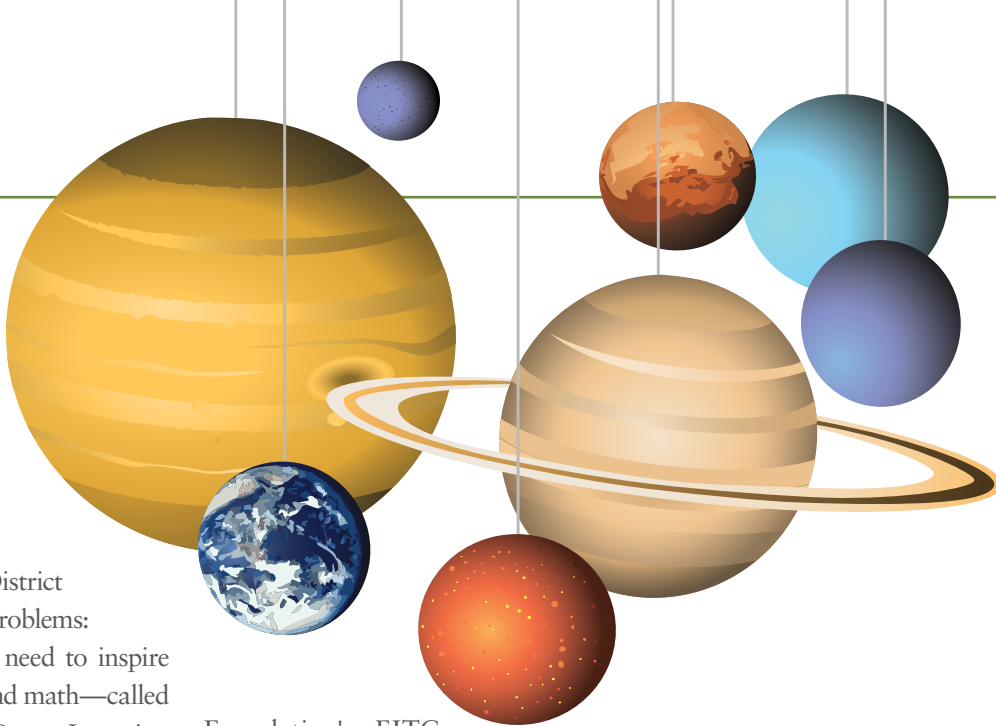
From left are: AEIO Board Members Barry Kaplan & Michele Tierney, AEIO President Trudy Montella, Abington Heights Superintendent Michael Mahon, Peoples Neighborhood Bank President Alan Dakey, Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains President Peter Quigg, AEIO Development Chairperson Margaret McNulty, AEIO Program Committee Chairperson Diane Hepford Lenahan, and AEIO Treasurer Scott Thorp.

Peoples Funds Improvements at Abington Heights

Peoples Neighborhood Bank provided a \$62,000 grant to the Abington Heights Educational Improvement Organization (AEIO) this spring for a broad array of educational projects in the Abington Heights School District that otherwise would not have been available to students. This funding has supported such projects as Odyssey of the Mind, First Robotics, Arts Alliance, Drama Society, Earth Camp, The Gathering at Keystone College, The Science Olympiad, among others. This grant is a component of the Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program administered by The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains. EITC offers the opportunity for businesses to direct certain business tax dollars to educational situations where property taxes and normal school funding do not extend.



Alan Dakey, President of Peoples Neighborhood Bank, had expressed that the Bank was gratified to provide this funding and that educating our local youth is a top priority for them and that they are pleased to be helping with these very worthwhile projects. Abington Heights School District Superintendent, Dr. Michael Mahon, acknowledged his and the district's appreciation for this assistance that would help fund innovative educational programs. The partnership of Peoples Neighborhood Bank, The Community Foundation, and Abington Heights School District sets an example of the many advanced opportunities that are provided to students and the enhancement of education that would not be possible without the generosity of local businesses.



Camp Invention:

Lisa Burgess of Tunkhannock Area School District is once again tackling two tough academic problems: Loss of learning over the summer, and the need to inspire interest in science, technology, engineering, and math—called STEM subjects. Ms Burgess is offering Camp Invention to children in grades 1 through 6. The Camp Invention curriculum was created by the National Inventors Hall of Fame Foundation and the US Patent and Trademark Office. Its modules are both imaginative and rich in academic content. Students simulate time travel, plan a mission to Mars, build a magnet-powered city, create rocket-powered back packs using discarded appliances and recycled materials. This year the

Foundation's EITC funding for Camp Invention has been raised again from \$8,500 of tuition assistance in 2012 to \$10,000. These scholarships enable the participation of more than 40 students who are excited and interested, but would not otherwise be able to afford the program. More corporate EITC donors would allow this program to include more eager young learners.



Preschools the Foundation's EITC program helps

- Angel Beginnings, Montrose
- Creative Play Preschool, Susquehanna
- Endless Mountains Learning Center, New Milford
- Factoryville United Methodist church Preschool, Factoryville
- Grace Lutheran Preschool, Hop Bottom'
- Keystone College children's Learning Center, LaPlume
- Lake Winola Preschool, Falls
- Small World Preschool, Meshoppen
- Sonshine Nursery School, Tunkhannock
- Summit Christian Academy Preschool, Clarks Summit
- Tiny Totz Preschool, Susquehanna
- Treasure House Preschool, Montrose
- Tunkhannock Child Development Center, Tunkhannock
- Tunkhannock Nursery School, Tunkhannock

Project Lead the Way:

Project Lead the Way at Susquehanna Community School District is an industrial technology program to introduce engineering and design curriculum to 7th 8th grade students. This joint effort by Penn State and Rochester Institute of Technology has been generously brought to our area by the EITC donations of Pennstar Bank, Peoples Neighborhood Bank, and the Tourje Family. Students study units packed with math and science learning experiences, problem solving, teamwork, and product development. They are introduced to concepts such as automation, robotics, the principles of electrons, and digital circuitry. With donor support, Susquehanna Community's traditional industrial arts, math and sciences



courses are being augmented to prepare students for more rigorous studies in high school, college and eventually in the workplace hungry technology savvy applicants.

Dual Enrollment:

This program allows students in good academic standing to enroll in special college level courses which are taught by certified teachers right in their own home high school. Upon successful completion, students will receive credits toward a degree at an affiliated college. Courses, such as Psychology or Chemistry cost approximately \$300, far less than they would cost at college. This saves college tuition costs for families,

holds down student debt, and challenges top performers while giving them a great start on their college degrees. Some students in our area can handle the academics, but can't afford Dual Enrollment tuition. That's where EITC donors can help—ensuring an opportunity for higher education for all. First Liberty Bank & Trust has been a strong supporter of our K-12 tuition assistance programs including dual-enrollment.

Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarships for Career & Technology Students:

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation has supported Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center students with a scholarship program which helps them purchase industrial tool kits and specialized work gear, and helps them pay testing and certification fees. In recent year's Cabot's generous \$50,000 EITC grants to SCCTC have opened doors to good paying jobs and career training for many young



people. George Stark, Cabot External Affairs directors says, "This scholarship directly relates to the quality of life enjoyed here in Susquehanna County." SCCTC's educational foundation equips young people for on-the-job training, or it can be a stepping stone to college level technology programs such as those offered at Lackawanna College, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Keystone College, and Johnson College.



FOCUS ON CAREERS

We hear a lot lately about high unemployment among the young, about new college graduates struggling to pay back college loans or find jobs, and about employers with jobs who can't find trained workers. Smart Foundation donors are tackling those problems with endowments aimed squarely at preparing youth for careers in demand, skills needed in the workforce, and hands-on experience that graduates carry with them into their first job interviews. The following Foundation funds and scholarships target career preparation:

| FUND/PROGRAM/ SCHOLARSHIP | CAREER |
|--|--|
| Bondurant Family Fund | Automotive Body & Mechanics Technology |
| Cabot Oil & Gas SCCTC Scholarships | LPN/Health Care Technology/ Automotive/ Carpentry/Welding etc. |
| Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship | Business |
| Mario & Maria Lampazzi Fiaschi Memorial | Nursing |
| Agnes & James W. Holbert Scholarship | U.S. Military |
| John James Memorial FBLA | Business |
| Robert W. Klenk Scholarship | Education |
| John Krupinski Memorial Scholarship | Business, Economics, Business Technology |
| Lathrop Family Scholarship | Technical Program or Trade School |
| Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal | Business |
| Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship | Business & Health Care Professions |
| Project Lead the Way | Industrial Technology |

| FUND/PROGRAM/ SCHOLARSHIP | CAREER |
|--|---|
| Beatrice Reynolds Memorial Scholarship | Teaching & Education |
| Scholarships for Careers | Vocational, Technical, Academic degrees |
| Leopold & Jane Schreiber Culinary Arts Funds | Culinary Arts |
| Andrew M Snitzer Memorial Scholarship | Education |
| Matthew Stahl Memorial 4-H Fund | Dairy Farming |
| Susquehanna County 4-H Fund | Agriculture |
| Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium Fund | Youth Apprentice Program and more |
| Technology for Tomorrow Scholarship | Technology & Industrial Arts |
| Kermit Van Cott Scholarship | Horticulture & Environment |
| Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship | Automotive Technology |
| Robert Wood Memorial Scholarship | Medical & Paramedical Professions |
| Wyoming County 4-H Fund | Agriculture |
| Clair Young Memorial Fund | Youth Workforce Development |

GRANTS FOR EDUCATION IN 2012

**Abington Heights School District:
SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- Peoples Neighborhood Bank Grant for Odyssey of the Mind, FIRST Robotics Program, Arts Alliance, Classrooms for the Future, Drama Society, FIRST Lego League, Summer Arts Alive, EARTH Camp, The Gathering, Lithium Project & MS Science Olympiad, Tastes of the World, Forensics Team/Speech & Debate League, Russian Olympiad.

**Blue Ridge School District
Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Blue Ridge Education Assoc./Cheryl Manchester Memorial Fund
- Blue Ridge Superintendent's Fund for Special Projects
- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- Creative Adventures for Education CAFE Wash DC trip
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Future Business Leaders of America
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- Claire Young Memorial Fund for Youth Workforce Development

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Bradley David Conklin Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Donley Family Memorial Scholarship
- Ferdinand Graf Memorial Scholarship
- David Hwang Memorial Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Andrew M. Snitzer Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship

- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Kermit Van Cott Horticulture Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

**Elk Lake School District
Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Bondurant Family Fund for Automotive Technology
- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- Elk Lake Class of 1958 Fund for Special Projects
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial for Future Business Leaders of America
- Leopold & Jane Schreiber for Culinary Arts at Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindy Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Agnes & James W. Holbert Scholarship
- Lathrop Family Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Reginald Sanger & Florance MacGowan Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

**Forest City Regional School
District:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial for Future Business Leaders of America
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

**Lackawanna Trail School
District Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Paul Fearick Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship

**Montrose Area School District
Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- "Adrienne's Garden" Art Awards
- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial for Future Business Leaders of America

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Daniel Arnold Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Raymond Bennett Memorial Scholarship

- Tony Bistocchi Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Bradley David Conklin Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel Crisman Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Martin Dillon Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas D. Evans Memorial Scholarship
- Julia Frystak Memorial Scholarship
- Agnes & James W. Holbert Scholarship
- John Krupinski Memorial Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial
- Montrose Area School District Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- Morgan R. Potter Memorial Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAREERS

- Nicholas Severcool Memorial Scholarship
- Albert e. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music Scholarship
- Technology for Tomorrow Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship
- Matthew James White Memorial Scholarship
- Robert Wood Memorial Scholarship

**Mountain View School District
Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial for Future Business Leaders of America
- Mountain View School District Library Endowment
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jack Brainard Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Kingsley Civic Club Scholarship
- Robert W. Klenk Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- Mountain View School District Alumni Association Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship
- James Zick Memorial Scholarship

**Susquehanna Community School
District Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial for Future Business Leaders of America
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial for Special Projects
- Pennstar Bank for "Project Lead the Way" Industrial Arts Program

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Edwards-Napolitano Memorial Music Scholarship
- Mariano & Maria Fiaschi Memorial Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Beatrice Reynolds Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship

- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Susquehanna Fire Dept. for Volunteerism & Community Service
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial for Automotive
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

**Tunkhannock Area School
District Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- "Adrienne's Garden" Art Awards
- Camp Invention Summer Enrichment Program
- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- Young Musicians for 5th Grade Band Instrument Rental

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Joan Carter Beane Memorial Scholarship
- David Clark Memorial Scholarship
- Jack Daniels Memorial Scholarship
- Jackie Dispenza Memorial Scholarship
- Joseph Dohrer Memorial Scholarship
- Ambrose "Dutch" Keller Memorial Scholarship
- Albert M Purdy Music Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Dr. W. Dayton Shelly Memorial Music Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- Frank J. Valvano Memorial Scholarship

**Wallenpaupack Area School
District:**

- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship

**Wayne Highlands School
District:**

- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship

Western Wayne School District:

- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship



School District Foundations

We are the only Community Foundation in the US which manages school district endowments, funds and scholarships as distinct School District Foundations. School districts enjoy the full umbrella of foundation services, technology, and tax-exemption privileges at a tiny fraction of the cost of alternatives, and with minimal administrative commitment. Here are some of the powerful advantages of this partnership:

- Adds new funding such as EITC grants to school budget at no cost to taxpayers
- Keeps alumni giving, and all fund raising proceeds secure, centralized, and easy
- Offers an online 24/7 scholarship application process tailored to your district
- Gives students and parents a website portal to scores of available local scholarships
- Unburdens school administrators from bureaucracy of scholarship applications and awards

- Matches and presents your district's needs to local donors
- Provides professional investment management of your endowments for safe growth
- Remember: Public schools cannot invest their endowments in markets. This limits endowment growth and subjects school financial gifts to the erosion of bank fees and inflation over time. This is a deterrent to donors and a loss to the school.

All eight of our School District Foundations have experienced growth in the number and variety of scholarships being formed, and in the amount of funding available for special projects such as computer labs, libraries, dual-enrollment programs, nature trails, Future Business Leaders of America projects, arts awards, wellness programs, and industrial arts curriculum. Many districts have moved existing scholarship accounts they have been managing for years on their own, and now are including them under their School District Foundation umbrella.

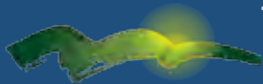
“The public school system is the most important institution in our democracy. But as important as it is, it is just as fragile. When we have an outstanding system, we should do everything we can to help it.”

WARREN BUFFETT

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School District Foundation call **570-278-3800**.

Elk Lake Alums Fund Anti-Bullying Program

The class of 1958 was the first class to graduate from Elk Lake High School after regional schools consolidated in the late 1950's. These Alumni have now established a permanent endowment with The Community Foundation to support extra-curricular activities at their alma mater. The Alumni class officers solicited donations from their fellow alumni to start this fund. They encourage everyone in the extended Elk Lake family, alumni of all classes, parents, staff, teachers and school district retirees to make tax-deductible donations to help the fund grow and support future generations of students. This year the endowment is providing support for an Anti-Bullying Program



Elk Lake School District's alumni class of 1958

presented in the schools.

The intention of the Alumni officers is to provide permanent assistance to their school during the current time of budget cuts and constrained funding. They feel it is important to focus upon support to projects that augment and enhance the educational experience of as many students as possible. As class

President Joyce Schillinger Rudzianski points out, "Much has changed since 1958, yet much has remained the same, and students can certainly benefit from experiences outside the daily class room, such as field trips, sports, and various clubs." Alumni class Treasurer Gwen Snell Warner adds that this permanent endowment "will provide lasting support for future student activities while also honoring the tradition of the school district and perhaps encouraging other alumni to become involved with school projects."

"Thank you so much for joining us with the Elk Lake Class of '58 and the Robert and Katherine Warriner Fund to help us have an awesome speaker at our conference! Your gift will impact so many young leaders to make positive changes in their schools."

ELK LAKE STUDENT COUNCIL

Bondurant Family Fund

Ken Bondurant has been active in many leadership roles in New Milford for many years. He is also a long-time auto buff and hobbyist. These interests have led him to establish a Community Foundation Family Fund to support the Automotive Body Department and the Automotive Mechanics Department at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center. The fund will benefit many students from all school districts who attend SCCTC.

The fund is just the latest personal generosity of Ken Bondurant. He is currently chairman of the Friends of Scouting 2013 campaign which is raising money for the Baden Powell Council. That organization serves 600 Boy Scouts, and Ken's fund raising makes it possible for more of these boys to attend camp and other scouting activities. Ken is also a member of the New Milford Historical Committee and was involved in New Milford Township's Bicentennial celebrations and the Borough's 150 Year celebration. He is New Milford's Emergency Management Coordinator where he has worked diligently on the flood plain ordinance required by FEMA and PEMA. The Bondurant Family Fund is one of 26 Community Foundation funds which focus upon training local youth with skills that are career-oriented and needed in the workplace.

Left: Ken Bondurant and New Milford Historical Committee.

Anonymous and Much Appreciated Scholarships for Careers Endowment

The Community Foundation is always pleased to recognize its business and individual donors in press releases, on our website, and in this magazine. But for many good reasons, some donors wish to remain anonymous, and we respect their wishes, of course. One anonymous donation of \$200,000 has recently been received from a Susquehanna County family who has established a permanent endowment for The Elk Lake School District Foundation which is an Affiliate of The Community Foundation.

Each year this endowment will provide up to ten scholarships of \$1,000 each for graduates of Elk Lake High School and The Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC) who will attend college, technical school or other post-secondary degree programs. Students from high schools in Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who attend SCCTC will be eligible to receive the scholarships, and can apply online at www.community-foundation.org. Furthermore, The Foundation's participation in the Pennsylvania PATH Program provides the opportunity for potential matching funds for all of its scholarship recipients who attend college within the Commonwealth.

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This new endowment can also provide funding for special unexpected project expenses at SCCTC. Elk Lake School District superintendent, William Bush, is gratified that local citizens have the confidence in the school district and the Technology Center to provide this generous level of support.

"On behalf of my students, I know this support will certainly be put to good use as they continue their education and as the school maintains its state-of-the-art equipment."

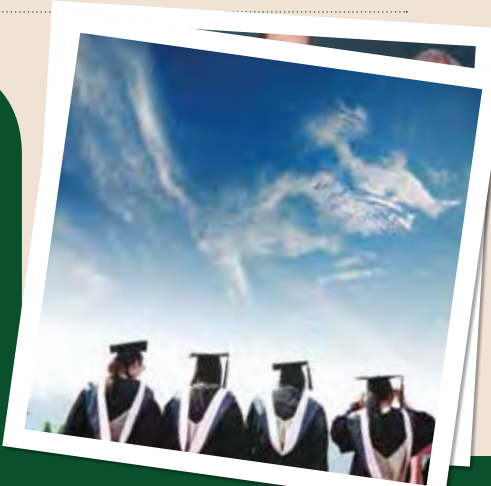
ALICE DAVIS DIRECTOR OF SCCTC

"The family who established this fund shows genuine care and concern for a large number of students from our region who attend our local award winning Career & Technology Center. This will profoundly benefit many students for generations to come."

PETER QUIGG PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Congratulations Graduates!

This year 61 high school graduates received over \$70,000 in college scholarships from School District Foundations affiliated with The Community Foundation. In addition, The Community Foundation's participation in the Pennsylvania PATH program allows graduates attending in-state colleges to be nominated for potential matching funds.



Adventures in “The World Capitol of Volunteerism”

Twelve years ago when my husband John and I first moved to this area I worked as a reporter where I heard Lee Smith, then County Commissioner, proudly refer to this area as “The world capitol of volunteerism.” The truth of that moniker became clear as my job placed me at the scene of local news. There was nary a breathing resident of any age, human or four-legged who did not volunteer. The fire fighters were volunteers, the Blueberry Festival supported the library, ponies pulled carts in parades, dogs gathered sheep at festivals. There were, Friends of this, and Committees for that everywhere we turned—Master Gardeners teaching novices, farmers teaching 4-H youngsters, craftspeople restoring historic sites and rebuilding stone walls. Indeed we were still signing our house closing documents when our attorney, Paul Kelley invited John and me to join the Montrose Restoration Committee. Volunteerism here , we quickly learned, is not a hobby or diversion for the idle. It is the fabric of this community, rooted in its rural history. Big things were done by rolling up one’s sleeves and pitching in—all together. Fortunately for us, it is the way we newcomers were welcomed and embraced. We participated fully in that culture over the years, and it has rewarded us with irreplaceable friendships, a feeling of belonging and acceptance in our new home, and personal satisfaction.

We went on to be part of the Restoration Committee team that for ten years prepared meals for its annual Restoration Fest. I also did communications work for the League of Women Voters - who could resist the good company of such bright, fun, well-informed women? We found Salts Springs Park next on a trip up Falls Brook with our grandkids, and soon John was on the Friends of Salt Springs Park board which he later led for four years, and I was serving hot dogs at their annual Celebration and helping Heidi Randall add gardens. John also helped aspiring entrepreneurs as a SCORE counselor.

After hearing Earle Wootton’s presentation of a plan for a United Way and Community Foundation Capital Campaign, I button-holed him at a Restoration Committee



gathering and volunteered to help if he needed a writer. Earle and Jim May, were building a new “purpose-driven” Board of Directors and they invited me to join. My new purpose became developing a newsletter. An excellent way of learning about something new is to be in the position of writing about it. As we learned more about The Foundation’s work John and I established a family charitable fund which we have recently rolled into the Women Helping Women endowment.

My first four-page glossy newsletter was published in the spring of 2004, and it evolved into this Magazine. This work was built upon a decade of volunteering experiences that provided a context for each article I wrote. It has become a cherished personal and professional achievement. I recall a quote by Leonard Nimoy that we used once in this Magazine and it truly applies here: “The miracle is this -the more we share, the more we have.”

Capturing our History: Friends of Salt Springs Park Celebrate 20th Anniversary

In 2014 the Friends of Salt Spring Park will celebrate 20 years of restoration and conservation of 842 of the most beautiful acres of Susquehanna County. The anniversary celebration will include the release of commemorative book, *Salt Springs: How a Committed Group of Volunteers Keeps a Park Alive While Honoring the Past*. The book will be available for purchase in April 2014. Anyone interested may sign up to receive details at friends@epix.net. The volume is being compiled from interviews and oral histories collected by the Friends’ Historical Committee. It will feature photographs, memories, descriptions of key hurdles and triumphs, and accounts by the people who have , and who continue to frequent and support the Park.

The Friends organized in 1994 as an all-volunteer citizen nonprofit to rescue the former Wheaton family homestead in Franklin Forks, PA. The Wheaton’s settled their 405-acres in the late 1830’s and passed it down through generations until in 1972 when they sold it to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used as a state park. But the property suffered a slow deterioration as state agencies were unable to maintain the buildings or develop its potential. From that low point the Friends organized and raised funds



to make repairs, and to purchase and protect an additional 437 adjacent acres. They hope to add more.

In addition to preserving open spaces, they have worked to restore the eleven traditional buildings on the lands, a collection of period tools, artifacts, and homestead practices that teach us so much about our pioneer settlers’ way of life. The Friends now offer family-friendly education programs on the environment and local agricultural history. They include nature hikes and forays for local children, traditional music performances, classes on open-hearth cooking, organic gardening, spinning and weaving, nature photography, and traditional uses of plants, herbs, mushrooms.

The Wheatons welcomed visitors and understood that land so uniquely endowed should be shared. Today the Friends perpetuate the tradition of preserving and sharing the Salt Springs area for today’s families and future generations.

The Friends have a Legacy Society and an endowment fund managed by The Foundation. People wishing to support conservation of natural lands, free, wholesome family recreation, environmental education, and historical preservation are urged to purchase the commemorative book and to contribute to The Friends of Salt Spring Park Fund. The Fund was one of The Foundation’s earliest, and was established by the Ken Leasure family to support Park programs. For more, visit www.friendsofsaltspringspark.org.

Wheaton House 1994, before Friends. Wheaton House 2005, restored by Friends. Barn raising of timber frame Pavilion 1998. Brass Quintet performs on Pavilion lawn 2010.

Anthony Bistocchi: *A Charismatic Student-Athlete*



Anthony Bistocchi

Anthony Bistocchi, 21, of Montrose passed away on Memorial Day weekend 2012 from injuries sustained in a car accident in Silver Lake Township. His friends and family knew him as uniquely kind and charismatic, with a wonderful sense of humor. To honor their loved one's memory, they have established a Community Foundation Memorial Scholarship Fund in Tony's name. It will be awarded to a good student who has overcome adversity with wit, lightheartedness, and humor. This fund will

become part of the Montrose Area School District Foundation providing perpetual scholarships to ongoing generations. Tony was a 2009 graduate of the Montrose Area High School where he was an outstanding student-athlete and student body leader. He was a member of the varsity football team, the National Honor Society, Student Council President and vice president of his class. He attended University of Scranton where he was a member of the Royals Rugby team. He transferred to SUNY Cortland where he also played rugby. At the time of his death he was majoring in history and adolescent education and working at the Cortland YWCA.

Tom Conaty: *A Fireman Guided by Love*



Tom Conaty

Thomas Conaty of Brackney, PA died of an apparent heart attack at 55 years of age in January, 2012. His stepson, District Attorney Jason Legg describes Tom as a man "guided by love". Tom was a member of the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad for 40 years, responding to calls at all hours of the day, or night. He had served as Assistant Fire Chief since 1993. Fittingly, on the morning of his death he had responded to an ambulance call. He was also the proprietor of Conaty Construction and Conaty Transportation. Jason tells us that a four-hour line of mourners, many of

whom Tom had helped over the years, paid their respects at his wake. "Tom never stopped moving, working and helping others. He went full tilt from the minute he got up in the morning until he laid his head down to sleep at night." Tom Conaty was a devoted husband, dad and stepdad to five children. He was pre-deceased by his wife Cindi Conaty whom he cared for until her long battle with ALS ended in 2011. A memorial fund honoring Mr. Conaty has been established by his family. It will provide a scholarship to a student who demonstrates a commitment to community service. Preference will be given to a student pursuing a degree in business or a related field.



PHOTO BY GEORGE SCHRECK

Mariano & Maria Lampazzi Fiaschi



Mariano and his bride, Maria Lampazzi Fiaschi

Thanks to the efforts of Robert McNamara, former Principal of Susquehanna Community High School, the Mariano and Maria Lampazzi Fiaschi Nursing Scholarship has been transferred to The Community Foundation. The scholarship was established in 2003 by Colonel Peter Fiaschi to honor his parents. It provides assistance to Susquehanna students who score well on their SAT tests, will attend college to study nursing, and who show initiative to contribute in a meaningful way to the health and welfare of their community. Mr. and Mrs. Fiaschi were born in Italy and as young children immigrated with their families to the United States in the early 20th century. They were married in Sayre, settled in Susquehanna where Mr. Fiaschi worked for the Erie Railroad and PennDOT. They eventually purchased the Hotel Lorraine which they operated from 1923 to 1971. They were always active and supportive of community and civic endeavors. Mr. Fiaschi died in 1983 and Mrs. Fiaschi passed away in 1989. They had two sons, Joseph and Peter. Colonel Peter Fiaschi would become a decorated military nurse who served his country for 26 years in such locations as Vietnam and the Walter Reed Medical Center. Upon his own passing his estate established this scholarship to honor his parents and provide perpetual assistance to generations of students from his home town. The endowment is currently valued at more than \$190,000 and this year will provide a \$4,000 award that is shared by a Susquehanna graduate and three preceding graduates in good standing who are still in college nursing programs.

Charles Randall

The Community Foundation was saddened this year by the passing of one of our founding Board members, Charles Hiram Randall, Sr. of Silver Lake Township. Charles and his wife Hedi were among the earliest supporters of The Foundation and were present at its establishment in 1998. In memory of their son, they endowed the Jonathan Randall Memorial Fund which provides support to the Susquehanna County Free Library and the Historical Society Association. They also became members of the Friends of Salt Springs Park Legacy Society. Charles was born in Johnson City, NY and spent many summers as a boy at his family's cabin at Silver Lake. He recorded his reminiscences of those happy times in a book co-authored with Debra Adleman, [The Russell Estate at Silver Lake](#). Charles served in the Army during the Korean conflict. He earned an MBA from Syracuse University and worked for General Electric and Honeywell around the world. Hedi and Charles returned to Silver

Lake Township where they built their retirement home in the mid-1980s. They became ardent supporters of many civic projects including Salt Springs Park, the E.L. Rose Conservancy, the Silver Lake Fire Company and the Susquehanna County Library. Charles expressed his love for the natural beauty of this area through his landscape watercolor paintings. He also tended beautiful vegetable gardens and an apple orchard. He is remembered as a steadfast and reliable man who cherished his family and friends, a man of good humor and gentleness. We take this opportunity to honor and appreciate the Randalls' forethought and generosity in improving the quality of life in our region.



Benjamin B. Stone



Benjamin B. Stone

Benjamin Stone died in a tragic kayaking accident on Stonycreek River in Somerset County PA in 1999. He was only 53 years old and left behind his wife Joyce of 29 years and their three daughters. He also left behind many accomplishments that protected the environment and promoted education, music and health in the region. The RESCUE Scholarship Fund which honors Ben was established in 1999 and transferred to The Community Foundation this year.

Ben served as Secretary for the Laborers Local #7 Union Board in Binghamton where he fought for improved medical benefits and a national pension fund. He first joined the Union at age 18 when he worked in private road construction to pay for his expenses at Cornell University where he graduated in 1970. For several years Ben taught science in New Hampshire high schools. His amazing engineering

eye and craftsmanship were evident in 125 mountain and hammer dulcimers he built, 400 custom-built wood stoves, his home, and many boats.

Ben Stone was a folklorist and started the Montrose Folk Music Society which arranged monthly concerts for five years. For 22 years he organized the Old Mill Village Folk Musicians Contest in New Milford. Friends recall Ben's kind and gentle demeanor while tackling environmental issues in a peaceful manner. He served as President of the environmental group RESCUE, the Elk Lake PTA, Resident Naturalist at the Woodbourne Forest and Wildlife Sanctuary. He also developed the Dimock Township recycling program and his efforts led to the establishment of Susquehanna County's first Recycling Center.

Ben's memorial fund ensures that the good work of this wonderfully diverse, talented, tolerant man will be remembered and continued by new generations.

Harry Torney

Mr. Torney passed away unexpectedly at the age of 70 in 2010. His wife of 51 years, Mrs. Mary L. Torney, has established a Community Foundation Memorial fund in his honor. It will benefit a graduate from Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center who will pursue a post-secondary degree program to study carpentry, welding, or machine shop technology.

Harry Torney owned and operated the Circle T Machine Shop for more than 40 years. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman who was often seen driving around with his dog Speckles. He was a loving father of a daughter Connie Oliver of Springville, and son Harry Torney III of New Jersey, and grandfather to four grandchildren.

Students from the following schools attend Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center. They are all eligible to apply for Mr. Torney's scholarship and many more scholarships established by Community Foundation donors.



Visit www.community-foundation.org for details.

- Blue Ridge High School
- Mountain View High School
- Elk lake High School
- Susquehanna Community High School
- Montrose Area High School
- Lackawanna Trail High School
- Tunkhannock High School

Matthew's 4-H Fund

A perpetual fund has been established by family and friends of Matthew Waldron Stahl to always remember the blessings of his short, sweet life. The eight-year old perished at the start of Hurricane Sandy in October of 2012. Matthew's parents, John and Rachel, sister Michayla, and little brother Jack all love country living. When the Stahl family started to raise their own beef steer, taking care of them was on the long list of things Matthew loved to do. In the summer of 2012, sister Michayla showed a spring heifer at the Harford Fair. Though Matthew was too young to show, he took care of the animals. He would lay with the heifers, talk to them, sing, and even fall asleep cuddling with them. On one occasion Matthew and Michayla assisted in delivering a calf. From that moment, they were hooked on farming. Fittingly, Matthew's fund this year provided an \$875 grant to



support to the Youth Dairy Program of the Susquehanna County 4-H. That program organizes camps, judging and show activities for local children. It teaches the proper care for animals, the importance of farming to society, and the virtue in showing compassion and respect towards all creatures.

Matthew is described by his family as a little ball of energy that smiled constantly and loved to make people laugh. He was "inexhaustibly inquisitive", "nuclear powered" and didn't just think outside the box, he LIVED outside the box. Always on the go, Matt loved to learn and discover new things. He was always playing with his siblings, his dog Montana, riding his bike, building a fort, or playing pirates. Matthew also enjoyed Sunday school and weekday activities at Bridgewater Baptist Church. His "Action Bible" and "Comic Book Bible" were always found open on his nightstand where he left them every night after reading the stories of his favorite bible characters. Matthew reflected Christ's love by displaying a tender heart, thoughtfulness, and a "sincerely sweet inside."

“Love, sweetness, goodness in his person shined.”

JOHN MILTON



Focus on the Arts

Fortunately our donors take a long-view when deciding where to place their gifts. Many have chosen to support the arts by endowing scholarships that support students pursuing careers within the arts.

More than two million Americans' primary occupation is within the arts. They work as designers, performing and fine artists, art directors, directors and animators. They are architects, writers and authors, producers, and photographers. Within the U.S. labor force they represent a group that is larger than the legal profession (lawyers, judges, paralegals,) medical doctors (physicians, surgeons, dentists), or agriculture (farmers, ranchers, foresters, and fishers). In aggregate

they earn \$70 billion annually, though making about \$6,000 less per year than professionals with comparable education. They are better educated and more entrepreneurial than most. About 55% hold Bachelor Degrees or higher and about 35% of artists are self-employed.

However, as school budgets cuts take hold, funding for arts classes, performing arts programs, and extra-curricular activities has become more scarce. This is true, despite many studies relating students' engagement in the arts to positive academics (both writing and science), social, and civic outcomes such as voting and volunteerism. Additionally, many parents

and educators have observed that some children who do struggle with academic or social skills manage to excel and find their confidence within creative pursuits. Our National Endowment for the Arts proclaims, "A great country deserves great art." Quite true, but it must begin within our homes, and for many, within our schools.

| FUND/PROGRAM/SCHOLARSHIP | ART |
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| Adrienne's Garden Art Awards | Visual arts |
| Jack Brainard Memorial Scholarship | Art or Music |
| Daniel Crisman Memorial Scholarship | All Arts |
| Jackie Dispenza Memorial | All Arts |
| Edwards-Napolitano Memorial Scholarship | Vocal or Instrumental Performance |
| Giana Foundation Grants | Visual or Performing Arts |
| Albert M. Purdy Scholarship | Musical Arts |
| Dr. W. Dayton Shelly Memorial Scholarship | Music |
| Margaret Stone Scholarship | Music Major at Houghton College |
| Maurice D. Taylor Scholarship | Music |
| Young Musicians Fund | Musical Instrument assistance - 5th Graders |



Opera Recital Benefits Shelly Fund



Dr. Dayton Shelly

In 2009 the family and friends of the late Dr. Dayton Shelly of Tunkhannock established a music scholarship with The Foundation. It provided college tuition assistance to Tunkhannock Area students who shared Dr. Shelly's passion for music. The very first recipient of that scholarship, Jake Stamatis, has expressed his appreciation by performing a summer recital to benefit the scholarship fund.

Jake graduated from Susquehanna University with a Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Performance and is currently

enrolled in the Master's Opera program at SUNY Binghamton. He is also in the Resident Artist Training Program at Tri-Cities Opera. Jake was accompanied on the piano and flute by Joshua Silver and Jane Shelly and performed works by Schubert, Bach, Straus, Haydn, among other composers.

Jake Stamatis' free performance took place at Tunkhannock Methodist Church. Donations accepted at the event honored the memory of Dr. Shelly and will help the fund provide continued support to aspiring musicians. Join Jake and music lovers of the area by making a tax-deductible donation sent to The Shelly Fund at The Community Foundation, or online at www.community-foundation.org.

Giana Foundation Funds Arts in Schools

Natural gas and the arts is not a combination we usually think of together. However, for the second year in a row The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains is working with The Giana Foundation of Dallas, Texas and London, England to help foster and support a passion for the arts among students in all eight school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. In 2012 The Giana Foundation provided \$20,000 in college scholarships to four local students who planned to study the visual or performing arts. This year the assistance has been altered to provide much-needed funding directly to the school districts to help with the costs associated with the various Theater, Art, and Music Departments. Each school district is slated to receive \$2,500 for such expenses as art supplies, audio-visual equipment, instrument repairs, music curricula, Artist-In-Residence programs, theater repairs, and travel expenses for choral

and orchestral performances. In a broader sense thousands of students, faculty, and community members will benefit from this funding.

Members of The Giana Foundation have business holdings in the burgeoning natural gas industry in our region and with personal interests in the arts this assistance is their way of supporting our local students in an important and meaningful way. Peter Quigg, President of The Community Foundation points out that often funding for the arts in our public schools is the first to be compromised due to tight budgets, and this funding may help give students a broader exposure to fields of study that they might otherwise miss. Bronson Stone, Superintendent of

the Susquehanna Community School District, which will use this funding to upgrade its Theater Department's audio-visual equipment, adds that not only will students themselves benefit, but the broader community at large, especially parents, will enjoy better school performances due to the district's improved equipment. This assistance will be helpful across our region for many years to come.



Women Helping Women Fund
Empowering women and girls of the Endless Mountains through collective, engaged philanthropy

Organization

The Women Helping Women initiative was established in 2012 to address the needs of women and girls, and remove their barriers to autonomy, financial security, and safety. The initiative built upon the work of Judy Ventresca who wished to open up her own women-centered endowment fund to more participation. A leadership committee was formed, and the first annual Fall Breakfast was held in October. Seventy-five women attended the event which featured a presentation by screenwriter, author and actor, Angela Shelton. Since that kick-off, the value of the Women Helping Women Fund has tripled by new donations and pledges, and its grant making ability has also tripled.

The New Year brought great loss and sorrow to our community when we were shaken by the death of a beautiful young woman who had experienced domestic violence. Domestic violence victims often experience isolation and loss of control that hold them hostage and powerless in a relationship. Most often family members and friends are completely unaware of the situation.

With this concern in mind, the Women Helping Women Fund leadership designated Dating Violence Prevention Education as a primary focus for the year 2013. We targeted 2013 grants to three agencies which provide educational programs in the schools: Care Net, Women’s Resource Center, and Trehab.

Funding Priorities include innovative approaches to create these positive changes:

- Promoting economic self-sufficiency
- Supporting healthy decision-making and taking control of one’s life; improving self-esteem
- Leadership development
- Education
- Personal Safety
- Serving women and girls in crisis situations

FALL EVENTS:

Make your reservation! Mark your calendar!

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN BREAKFAST

Sat. October 5, 2013 8:30 am

Speakers: 2013 Grant Recipients (Women’s Resource Center, Care Net, Trehab GED Program)

- \$20 donation requested
- The Community Foundation
270 Lake Avenue, Montrose, PA
- Reservation and Information Contact: Cristine Clayton at 570-278-3800 or cclayton@community-foundation.org

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sun. October 13, 2013 • 9am Shotgun start (rain or shine)

- Conklin Player’s Club
1520 Conklin Road, Conklin, NY 13748
- \$100/Person or \$400/Team
Fees include golf carts with GPS systems, greens fees, roast beef & turkey buffet, and door prizes!
- Contact and information: Gretchen Backer at (215) 284-4123



First Year Update

In its first year, the group has grown to 29 members. Donor levels currently include:

- \$10,000 Platinum
- \$2500 Silver
- \$5000 Gold
- \$1000 Bronze

Pledges are spread out over 5 years. Some have chosen to pay up front. We will be presenting pins to the members that have already completed their pledge on the day of the breakfast.



PHOTOS BY THERESE STUKAS-QUIGG

Women Helping Women Members

| PLATINUM | SILVER | MEMBERS | |
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| Debra Dissinger* | Gretchen Backer* | Vesta Adriance | Debbie Lewis |
| Marian Miskell | Karen Borin | Cristine Clayton* | Margaret Miller |
| Judy Ventresca* | | Martha Cuomo, | Susan Newhart |
| | | Staff Liaison * | Angela Shelton |
| GOLD | BRONZE | Eileen Craige | Janet Small |
| Shannon Albert | Nan Baker | Debbi English | Gloria Stanton |
| Brenna Aileo | Donna Cosmello* | Philippa Follert | Audrey Waterman |
| Diane Koloski* | Therese Stukas-Quigg* | Mary Gere | Jan Winemiller |
| Nancy Ross | | Liz Janoski | A Stitch in Time Quilt Guild |
| June Wootton* | | Laura Kail | The Vestal Center United |
| | | Lenore Keyes | Methodist Church |
| | | Betty Kwader | Women’s Group |

**Steering Committee Members*

“I believe you can transform a life with a little help. That’s why I love this fund so much. A little help can change a community.”

ANGELA SHELTON, AUTHOR AND FILM MAKER

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- Teens age12-19 experience the highest rates of rape and sexual assault
- Teens age 18-19 experience the highest rate of stalking
- 1 in 3 adolescent girls in the USA is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse
- 1 in 4 young girls will experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18

Be a part of the solution. Join a Women Helping Women Fund committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman of The Community Foundation

Earle is a founding Director of The Community Foundation and serves as Chairman of the Board and is currently a Director at People's Neighborhood Bank. 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 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

Peter grew up in Clarks Green, earned a Bachelor's degree from Bennington College, and a Master's from Lesley University. He worked fourteen years as a teacher and administrator at Killington Mountain School prior to the Foundation. Peter has served on the Pennsylvania 4-H Development Council, the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center Advisory Council, The Lackawanna College New Milford Center Advisory Council, and he received the Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award from the Boy Scouts of America. Peter and his wife Therese live in Franklin Township.



WILLIAM LEWIS
VP, Managing Director Peoples Wealth Management

Bill is a founding Director and the first Chairman of The Community 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.



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 computer-centric systems for the defense industry and then 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.



JASON J. LEGG, ESQ.
Susquehanna County District Attorney

Jason is serving his third term in office. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Scranton, receiving both Bachelor's and Master's degrees, as well as from Albany Law School, receiving his jurist doctorate degree as salutatorian of his graduating class. Jason lives in Silver Lake Township with his wife Maggie and two daughters. As well as being active in many civic activities, Jason enjoys golfing, basketball, reading and writing, including a weekly column that appears in local newspapers.



RICHARD LOCHEN JR.
Certified Public Accountant

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 and CEO of Peoples Neighborhood Bank and Peoples Financial Services Corp. He continues to serve as Audit Committee Chairman at PNB and serves on the Board of Directors for the Peoples Financial Services Corp. Rick is treasurer of the Nicholson Heritage Association; Secretary, Trustee and active firefighter with Nicholson Fire Company. Rick lives with his family in Nicholson.



DR. ARTHUR SHERWOOD
Physician

Art is Treasurer of the Board of Directors. He was raised in Nicholson, and is a graduate of Wyoming Seminary. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Williams College, and a Master's in Economics from Stanford University before studying medicine at the University of Rochester. After eighteen years of family medical practice, Art served seventeen years as a Senior Executive with Geisinger Health System. Currently he is the managing member of Keystone Saw Shop LLC, Susquehanna Hospitality LLC and Bradford Hospitality LLC. He is retired and lives in Tunkhannock with his wife, Jennifer. He has three adult sons.



MAGGIE CARTWRIGHT
Community Leader

Maggie, the Secretary of the Board of Directors, is a graduate of Dimock-Springville High School and resides near Tunkhannock. She worked at Bendix before owning an auto body shop and garden center with her late husband Harold (Bo) for 26 years. Maggie is current President of the Tunkhannock Public Library Trustees, Founder of Tunkhannock Area Decorative Artists, Co-Founder of Wyoming County chorale, Trustee and substitute organist for Russell Hill United Methodist church. She was recognized as BPW 2006 Woman of the Year.



SANDRA BOYLE
Attorney

Sandra is a graduate of Marywood University and Villanova Law School. She practiced law for seven years in Scranton and for the past 32 years in Nicholson. Sandra was a Custody Hearings Officer for Lackawanna County and a Solicitor for both Lackawanna Trail School District and Wyoming County Children & Youth for many years. She is a board member of Countryside Conservancy and past President of Wyoming County United Way. She currently maintains a private practice concentrating in real estate, estate planning and administration. Sandra resides in Tunkhannock.



REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA MAJOR
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Sandra Major was Susquehanna County Treasurer before her 1995 election. She graduated from Keystone Junior College and attended University of Scranton. She serves on the Boards of PA Higher Education Assistance Agency, The Community Foundation and Keystone College President's Advisory Council. Sandra is a member of the PA Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association, Friendship Club of Montrose, and 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

Bob received a BS degree in Special Education from Mansfield University, MS degree from Marywood College, and an MS degree in Secondary School Administration from University of Scranton. He has been a Superintendent, Principal, and Special Education teacher in Susquehanna County. Bob is a US Army Lieutenant Colonel Retired. He is currently Acting Secretary of NEP Community Health Center, a member of the Susquehanna County Railroad Authority and Chairman of the Susquehanna County Democratic Committee. He and his wife Carol reside in Oakland Township.



MARIAN S. MISKELL
Emeritus Director

Marian graduated from Suffolk University in Boston with a BA degree in English. She has been a small business owner, and for 11 years worked in marketing at AT & T and Bell Labs. In 2004 her work as a journalist in Montrose led to an invitation to join the Board and to edit the Foundation's first Magazine. Though she is currently retired and living in AZ, she serves as Magazine Advisor. Marian is also a Founder of the Women Helping Women Fund.



BOB BROWN
Stone House Investment Management: Managing Partner/Portfolio Manager

Bob graduated from Elk Lake High School and earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Bloomsburg University. He is a Certified Financial Planner and a founding partner in Stone House Investment Management. He has organized and presented many seminars on the financial impacts of natural gas activity and is involved in the reporting and verification of royalty payments. Bob enjoys volunteering in the community, coaching sports and spending time with family and friends. He lives with his wife Deborah and their two children in Tunkhannock.



THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN
Owner of Thomas Chamberlain Insurance Company

Tom is a founding Director of The Community Foundation, and holds a degree in Business Administration from Broome Community College. He is a board member of both the United Way of Susquehanna County and Wyoming Valley. He is President of Creative Adventures for Education, Secretary of the New Milford Community Men's Group, and active with the Baden Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the New Milford United Methodist Church. Tom and his wife Jane live in Great Bend Township where they raised three children.



GEORGE STARK
Director, External Affairs Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation

George is a versatile public policy professional with 20 years experience, 15 years with a Fortune 300 natural gas company. He has extensive experience in government, political and public affairs, communications, community relations and advocacy. He is consistently recognized for political judgment skills and the ability to explain public policy initiatives to various audiences. George is successful at developing and integrating public relations campaigns and legislative strategies to meet business challenges and exceed organizational objectives. He is skilled at motivating and managing people to create partnerships and foster an environment of teamwork and cooperation. George is a new member of the Board.



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 degree from Muhlenberg 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.



JAMES MAY
Emeritus Director

Jim is a native of Scranton with a BSBA with a minor in Industrial Engineering from Wilkes College. He is an inventor, product developer, and entrepreneur. His business, marketing, and strategic planning expertise were significant in building the Community Foundation 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 is involved with philanthropic interests, writes novels, paints and sails.



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FUNDS

ADRIENNE’S GARDEN ART AWARDS FUND

Established by James and Lorraine Maillet in memory of their daughter Adrienne to support the annual Adrienne’s Garden Art Awards provided to talented Tunkhannock students in grades K- 8.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING FUND

Established by the Area Agency on Aging to assist with their work on behalf of senior citizens in Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna and Tioga Counties.

L. CARTER & ELIZABETH ANDERSON FUND

Supports charitable needs of Susquehanna County as recommended by the Anderson family.

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 other charities.

DANIEL ARNOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

JOAN CARTER BEANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of the late Mrs. Beane to provide a college scholarship to a Tunkhannock Area High School graduate who has achieved at least a 3.0 GPA and has been involved with school and community activities.

BEGASSE FAMILY FUND

Established in memory of Pat and Bruce BeGasse to support adult learners and favorite charities of the BeGasse family.

DR. RAYMOND L. BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

DR. A. MONROE & SARAH BERTSCH FAMILY FUND

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

ALBERT BERTSCH FUND IN MEMORY OF CHRIS LAKE

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

ANTHONY BISTOCCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in by friends and family in memory of Anthony who was a scholar-athlete and student body leader. Provides a scholarship to a Montrose Area School District graduate who is a good student and has overcome adversity with wit, lightheartedness and humor.

BLUE RIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CHERYL MANCHESTER MEMORIAL FUND

Established in memory of long-time teacher Cheryl Manchester to provide support for unfunded departmental, athletic, or extra-curricular activities in the Blue Ridge School District.

BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION SUPERINTENDENT’S FUND

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

BONDURANT FAMILY FUND

Established by Ken Bondurant of New Milford to provide support to the Automotive Body Department and the Automotive Mechanics Department at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

BOZ FUND

Established by an anonymous donor from Rush Township in Susquehanna County to benefit his family’s favorite charities and educational projects in the local school districts.

JACK BRAINARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of Jack Brainard to assist a graduate of Mountain View High School who will attend college or a post-secondary degree program to major in art or music.

NORMAN BRUNNER MEMORIAL FUND

Established in memory of Norman Brunner, who in the 1950s founded the Susquehanna County Charities Distribution Fund, the predecessor of the United Way. 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 the Blue Ridge School District. Notable for continuing the annual Blue Ridge 6th Grade trip to Washington D.C.

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.

JULIE BUSH CAPWELL MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family and friends of Julie to benefit 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. Provides a college scholarship to a Tunkhannock Area High School graduate who has overcome personal adversity.

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.

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 Board of Directors to assist with Foundation administrative expenses .

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BUILDING FUND

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

CINDI CONATY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the Susquehanna County District Attorney Jason Legg in memory of his mother to provide a college or post-secondary degree program scholarship for a student from Susquehanna County who writes a winning essay explaining his or her pro-life stance and values.

THOMAS CONATY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of Mr. Conaty to provide a college or post-secondary degree program scholarship to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to community service. Preference will be given to a student who will pursue a degree in business or a related field.

BRADLEY DAVID CONKLIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Brad Conklin. Provides a college scholarship to a graduate who excels in academics and exhibits exceptional athletic talent.

COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVANCY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

DANIEL CRISMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

CROSSLEY-LABONTE FAMILY FUND

Established by Jane Crossley Wilson, this fund supports various Susquehanna County charities and non-profit organizations as recommended annually by her and her family.

JACK DANIELS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Jack Daniels, a gifted student/athlete.. Provides a college scholarship for a Tunkhannock Area High School graduate who exhibits exceptional talent in interscholastic athletics and maintains an outstanding academic record.

WILLIAM DEAN MEMORIAL FUND

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

GIL DEPEW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

MARTIN T. DILLON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established by the Montrose Lions Club in memory of Montrose attorney Martin Dillon to provide a college scholarship to a deserving student from Mr. Dillon’s alma mater of Montrose Area High School.

JACKIE DISPENZA MEMORIAL FUND

Established by Jackie’s family and friends to assist deserving youth of Tunkhannock who have a passion for the arts, and who have overcome personal adversity to continue their education.

JOSEPH DOHRER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

DONLEY FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of the Donley family siblings, Harry, Josephine, Maurice, and Paul. Provides assistance to a Blue Ridge graduate with financial need. If the recipient maintains a 3.0 GPA in college this will be awarded for four years.

EDWARDS-NAPOLITANO MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Johnny Edwards a talented musician from Susquehanna and his good friend and band-mate, John Napolitano. This fund provides a college scholarship for a Susquehanna Community High School graduate who exhibits exceptional musical talent in vocal or instrumental performance.

ELK LAKE CLASS OF 1958 FUND

Established by the Class of ’58, it is the first graduating class of the consolidated school district, to assist with special unfunded projects in the Elk Lake School District.

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.

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, a coach and faculty member at the Montrose Area School District. Provides college assistance to a member of the Montrose Girls’ Varsity Basketball Team, or a member of the Varsity Golf Team who exhibits outstanding leadership, sportsmanship and a 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 college or post secondary degree scholarship for a graduate of Lackawanna Trails who exhibits leadership, perseverance, dedication, academic commitment, and has participated in school sports.

FEED A FRIEND FUND

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

MARIO & MARIA LAMPAZZI FIASCHI MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Peter Fiaschi in memory of his parents to provide college tuition assistance to a graduate of Susquehanna Community School District who will major in a Nurse training program.

FRIENDS OF SALT SPRINGS PARK FUND

Established by the Leasure family to support the programs 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,

FRIENDS OF TUNKHANNOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Established by the Friends to provide support for the expenses and programs of the library.

JULIA FRYSTAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Julia Frystak. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose Area High School graduate who excels in academics and participates in athletics.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF MONTROSE, PRESIDENTS FUND

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

THE GARDEN CLUB OF MONTROSE, JEAN ROSE MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

Provides support for Garden Club members’ education enhancement and for college scholarships for local students.

GIANA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

For a student in good standing who has exhibited a passion for the visual or performing arts and who will attend college or a post-secondary degree program to major in those fields.

FERDINAND GRAF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

H.A.N.D.S. OF WYOMING COUNTY FUND

Established by H.A.N.D.S. to support its work to improve pre-kindergarten education in Wyoming County.

JOHN TORREY HAWKINS MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family and friends of John “Jack” Hawkins of Montrose to benefit the Endless Mountains Health Systems.

AGNES & JAMES W. HOLBERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the children of James W. Holbert. Provides assistance to Elk Lake High School, and Montrose Area High School graduates who excel in academics, exhibit high moral character, and who will participate in the ROTC Program in college or enter a U.S. Military Academy.

DAVID HWANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

JACKSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FUND

Established by the 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 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 non-profits 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. For a student ranked in the top third of Tunkhannock’s graduating class who has earned at least five varsity letters during high school.

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.

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, a long-time teacher and principal of the District. Provides a scholarship to a graduate who will attend college to pursue a degree in education.

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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.

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

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

MARY AND KENNETH LEASURE FUND

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

MARY K. LEASURE FUND

In memory of Mary Leasure. 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.

MONTROSE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PAULINE MACNEAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established to honor past Chamber member Mrs. Pauline MacNeal. Provides 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 high school graduate or to an adult from Susquehanna County entering the business or health care professions.

MONTROSE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FUND

Established by the 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.

MONTROSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE FUND

Established by the Committee to support 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.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY FUND

Established by 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 and help employers connect with talented youth to staff their business.

NORTH BRANCH LAND TRUST FUND

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

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 need assistance to further their education.

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 Grange to support projects and initiatives that will encourage an interest in agriculture among young people in Wyoming County.

PEOPLES NEIGHBORHOOD BANK FUND

Supports business leadership development programs in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

MORGAN R. POTTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Morgan Potter. 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.

RAIL-TRAIL COUNCIL OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by a donation to the Rail-Trail Council to support its work on the D & H Rail-Trail in eastern Susquehanna County and the Endless Mountains Trail in central Susquehanna County.

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.

REGINALD SANGER & FLORENCE MACGOWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Mr. Sanger and Mrs. MacGowan . Provides scholarships for an Elk Lake student who exhibits good citizenship and maintains a 3.0 GPA.

REPPY-KEKER FAMILY FUND

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

R.E.S.C.U.E. BENJAMIN B. STONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the environmental organization “Return Susquehanna Country Under Ecology” to recognize Benjamin Stone's courageous and life-long efforts that both halted threatening pollution to our region and established the Susquehanna county Recycling Center.

BEATRICE REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the estate of Ira T. Reynolds of Susquehanna in honor of his wife, a long -time teacher in Susquehanna Community High School. Provides assistance to graduates of that school who will major in teaching or some other field of education.

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 programs of the Edward L. Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAREERS

Established anonymously by a local family with ties to Elk Lake School District. The scholarship is for graduates of Elk Lake School district and/or The Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center who will attend a vocational, technical, academic, or other post-secondary degree program. The scholarship fund can also be used to assist with special unfunded projects in the School District or the Career Center.

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. The fund supports the Culinary Program of SCCTC.

NICHOLAS SEVERCOOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

SHARED BLESSINGS FUND

Established by Neil Andre and Sonji Lee of Montrose to promote and enhance the power of faith, compassion, and education.

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.

ALBERT SHEPHERD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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 NY and PA.

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.

SPIRIT OF 9/11 ENDURING FREEDOM MEMORIAL PARK FUND

Established by Debbie Crisman, mother of Danny Crisman who perished in the Twin Towers of NYC . Provides for the perpetual care of this Memorial Park in South Montrose.

MATTHEW STAHL MEMORIAL 4-H FUND

Established in memory of eight year old Matthew Stahl who perished in Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. The fund will provide support to the Youth Dairy Program of the Susquehanna County 4-H, which was one of Matthew's favorite activities.

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.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FUND

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.

SUSQUEHANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the Fire Department to assist a Susquehanna Community student who has demonstrated a strong sense of volunteerism and community service.

MAURICE D. TAYLOR MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

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

TECHNOLOGY FOR TOMORROW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established anonymously. Provides a scholarship to a Montrose Area High School graduate in good standing, with good character and citizenship qualities who will enter a post secondary degree program for technology or industrial arts.

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.

TRUE FRIENDS ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER FUND

Established by True Friends Animal Welfare Center to assist with its expenses of caring for homeless pets from Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

HARRY TORNEY MEMORIAL FUND

Established by Mrs. Mary L. Torney in memory of her husband who owned and operated a machine shop for more than 40 years. Provides a graduate of SCCTC a scholarship to pursue a career in carpentry, welding or machine shop technology.

TUNKHANNOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Established by the Board of Directors of the Library to provide permanent annual support to assist with library 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. Provides a scholarship to a Tunkhannock Area graduate who is a good, solid student, and who exemplifies Mr. Valvano's outstanding character and varied interests.

KERMIT VAN COTT HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the Van Cott family in honor of their father, Kermit, a New Milford nurseryman . 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.

MATTHEW VAN FLEET MEMORIAL AUTOMOTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Matthew's parents and his sister in memory of Matt. The scholarship provides assistance to a student who will study automotive technology and who writes a winning essay.

VICKI'S FUND FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

JOHN J. AND ANN VITALE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

ROBERT AND KATHARINE WARRINER FUND

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Warriner of Elk Lake to support agricultural heritage and cultural programs in Susquehanna County.

WELLNESS FUND

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

ROBERT AND GRACE WERT CHARITABLE FUND

Supports non-profit organizations in Susq. County.

MATHEW JAMES WHITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Mathew White. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose High School graduate who writes a winning essay about the hazards of adolescent substance abuse.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN FUND

Established by Judy Albert Ventresca to assist deserving women in improving 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.

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FUNDS



"We look forward to continuing to build a successful organization that not only provides a safe refuge and hope for a second chance, but also works towards minimizing the over population of homeless pets. We are sincerely grateful for the tremendous ongoing support of The Community Foundation as well as all the animal advocates throughout Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties. Without that, True Friends would not have been possible."

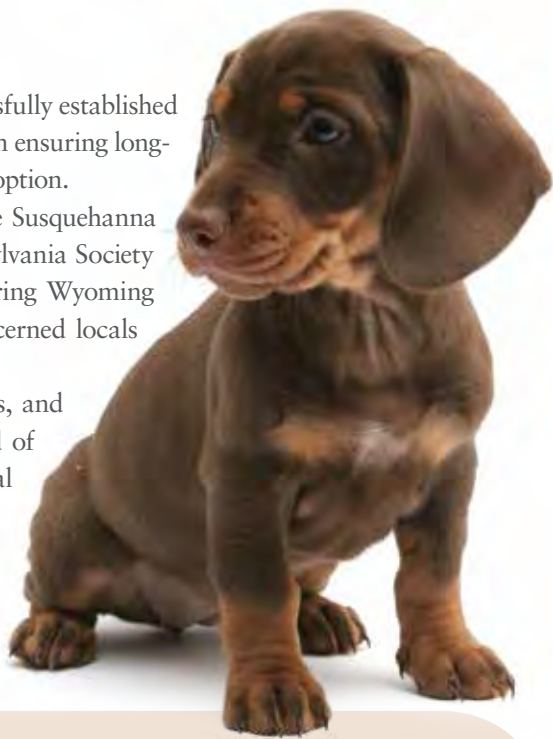
DORY BROWNING TRUE FRIENDS DIRECTOR

New Fund Arrival

Thanks to community donors True Friends Animal Welfare Center has successfully established a permanent endowment with The Community Foundation. This is a key step in ensuring long-term financial stability for the center which cares for homeless pets awaiting adoption.

The True Friends Center continues an 80 year tradition that began with the Susquehanna County Humane Society facility in Montrose, became a chapter of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and broadened to include neighboring Wyoming County. The Center was saved from the brink of closure in 2011 when concerned locals banded together to form True Friends.

Since then over 1,500 homeless animals have been placed into loving homes, and True Friends have built their network of business and individual donors, and of volunteers who provide socialization, exercise, and affection to their animal friends. They depend upon the community for financial contributions to stay open. They are a tax deductible organization and donations can be made online at www.community-foundation.org. Your help will ensure a homeless cat or dog has food and a warm bed tonight, and that humane animal service remain the norm in our community for many years to come.



FUNDS continued...

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.

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 teacher to socially and emotionally challenged children. Provides assistance for special needs individuals to attend Shepherds Camp at Camp Arrowhead in Brackney, PA.

CLAIR YOUNG MEMORIAL FUND FOR YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Established by the family of Mr. Young, a retired Blue Ridge High School Principal. Supports the Trehab Agency in providing workforce development for a Blue Ridge graduate seeking immediate employment after high school.

YOUNG MUSICIANS FUND

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

JAMES ZICK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of James Zick to honor his passion for education and community service. Provides assistance to a Mountain View School District student who has exhibited civic involvement and has plans for continued community service.

NOTE: FIND MORE FUND DETAILS AT WWW.COMMUNITY-FOUNDATION.ORG.

FROM THE GRAPEVINE

"It is not a disadvantage to come from a rural community. It is in this community where you learned to work together, have fun when the times are good and come together and help each other in times of need."

JEFF ROOD, PHD | SCHS GRADUATE AND COMMENCEMENT KEYNOTE SPEAKER

"Whether it is providing gas for a woman with cancer to make it to her treatments for a week, purchasing fuel to help a senior citizen who is scraping by on social security alone, or making it possible for a child to receive gifts on Christmas morning, you are giving the gift of help and hope through your service."

RACHEL PRATT | DIRECTOR OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY INTERFAITH

"It is through organizations such as yours that today's students are able to afford a post-secondary education...and we are appreciative!"

ELIZABETH K MCCLOUD | ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

"Our children have so greatly benefited from the preschool, and the opportunity for early learning is not lost on me. I see its benefits on a daily basis."

FATHER OF THREE FOUNDATION EITC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

"Thank you for the check for The Food Pantry. It is a great help at this time of year with two holidays so close together and our numbers increasing."

ROSALYND PERLICK-SPENCER | DIRECTOR OF THE FOOD PANTRY, BRACKNEY

"Without your support many of our students would be unable to continue their education."

ALICE M. DAVIS PH.D. | ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR SCCTC

"The family who established this fund shows genuine care and concern for a large number of students from our region who attend our local award winning Career & Technology Center. This will profoundly benefit many students for generations to come."

PETER QUIGG | PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION STAFF



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PETER QUIGG
President
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CRISTINE CLAYTON
Operations Manager

Cristine was born in Bronx, New York and raised in the Hudson Valley. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology from the School of Business, University at Albany. As a Management Consultant based in New York City, she worked for Ernst & Young and Cap Gemini. She traveled extensively and has worked with a variety of Fortune 500 firms.

Cristine joined the Community Foundation in November 2011 as the Operations Manager. She has been working on revisions to our website, as well as other internal processes. She oversees all events at the Foundation and serves on the Steering Committee for Women Helping Women. She lives with her family in Harford.



JERRY GOLIS
Director of Technology

Jerry is a graduate of Montrose Area High School. He attended Bloomsburg University and earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in computer science. Jerry worked at the Montrose Publishing Company from 1992 to until 2012 where he was responsible for the graphics and data applications. He has worked at Andre and Son, Inc. in the IT department since 2012.

Jerry began helping The Community Foundation with computer applications in 2001 doing much of his work as a volunteer. As the degree of complexity increased to include the use of Internet servers and web based programs, his position, Technology Consultant, became a vital element in creating an efficient Foundation.



ANGELA L. FRYSTAK
Accountant

Angie was born in Tunkhannock and raised in Springville. She holds an Associate Degree from Penn State in Business Administration. In addition to working part time at the Community Foundation, Angie is currently a book-keeper for Griffis Lumber and a Tax Collector for Bridgewater Township. She and her husband Jim live in Montrose with their two sons. In her spare time, she enjoys working and relaxing with them on the family farm.



MARIA CONIGLIARO
Creative Director & Strategic Designer

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 University, concentrating in Graphic and Advertising Design, as well as Marketing. Maria's experience in customer service and advertising, paired with 13 years of professional design has led to the development of Inspired Design Studio in Nicholson.

New Staff at the Foundation



MARTHA CUOMO
Administrator

We welcome Martha Cuomo to the new staff position of Foundation Administrator where she will be working on charitable endowments and education assistance. She also has a particular interest in the Women Helping Women Fund. Martha and her husband Dr. Kenneth Cuomo, Principal at Elk Lake Elementary School, have lived in Susquehanna County for 21 years together with their children. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science from Messiah College and has worked most recently at The Women's Resource Center of Susquehanna County as a Counselor/Advocate and a Program Manager.

Martha's charitable works within her church and this community have been extensive. She enjoys running and writing in her spare time, and has been a principal contributor to this Foundation Magazine.



WILBUR D. (BUD) DAHLGREN
Counsel to the Foundation

We are pleased to introduce Wilbur D. (Bud) Dahlgren who will serve as Counsel to the Foundation. Bud is a summa cum laude BA graduate of State University of New York at Cortland. He graduated with a magna cum laude jurist doctorate degree from Syracuse University. Bud has been an attorney for over 30 years, recently with Hinman, Howard and Kattell, where he headed the firm's Estates and Trusts Department. He is currently an attorney with the Giangrieco Law Office located in Montrose. He is a frequent speaker for community organizations, local businesses and the State Bar. Bud is married to Dr. Elizabeth Patch and has an adult son.

Marian Miskell...bittersweet, gone but not forgotten

WRITTEN BY JIM MAY
DIRECTOR EMERITUS

If you've ever been an appreciative committee or board member, thankful for the insight of your fellow volunteers, you probably know how the Susquehanna County community feels about its recent loss of Marian Miskell after her recent move to Arizona. During their twelve-year residence, Marian and her husband John made a local footprint far beyond the size commensurate of just two people – two who made a difference that matters. Notably, John found his niche on the board of The Friends of Salt Springs in Friendsville, and could be found regularly along with Marian with tools and paint brushes in hand improving the aged structures, serving food for fundraisers, and organizing the investment activities which to this day has added significant financial strength and controls to the nagging perennial budget issues. John's volunteerism guided aspiring business people as a SCORE counselor and made at least three significant influences of which we are aware. Marian, on the other hand, humbly and without much fanfare, was recruited by a myriad of community organizations that became aware of her talents and community dedication.

Marian still serves as the editor of this magazine, and



she probably won't approve of this dedication to her. Too bad, for once she's overruled. Some things just 'don't go without saying'. This is our time to say a community-size "Thank you for all you've done". Without you, the Community Foundation might still be floundering, looking for a perceptive writer to present its storyline; then to have the added bonus of a full-fledged editor, photographer, magazine producer and

notably a sensitive board member complete with human resource, marketing, and diverse business acumen which blended seamlessly and respectfully influenced the mix of personalities and opinions of her peers. Without her, there would be one less fund listed with the Community Foundation. Without her, the Montrose Restoration Committee might not have had a full decade of successful fundraisers. Without her, the Women Helping Women's Fund may not have gotten off to the great start it has. Without her, there would not have been so many quiet acts of kindness and unselfishness benefiting others throughout the community. Without her, we all would be the lesser for it.

As wonderful as Susquehanna County is, it is less so these days.

FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



PETER QUIGG
President

One of the most fascinating aspects of being affiliated with The Community Foundation is how our projects affect so many facets of life, whether we're providing tuition assistance to a Pre-School student or managing an endowment for the Area Agency on Aging. If families enjoy the benefits of state parks, fire departments, libraries, hospitals, schools, churches, a college education, or even adopting a pet from the local animal shelter the chances are that we have been involved in providing some form of local support. We thank our donors, whether they be individuals, families, organizations, or corporations, for choosing The Community Foundation to help them fulfill their charitable goals. Our scope of activity continues to broaden and is driven by the priorities of those among us who truly wish to have a positive impact on the quality of life in our region for many generations to come.



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