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of the Endless Mountains

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We're pleased to present an article this year by our Counsel to the Foundation, Wilbur D. (Bud) Dahlgren. Bud brings to the Foundation over thirty years of legal expertise. Since April 2012, he has practiced with the Giangrieco Law Office in Montrose in areas including wills and trusts, gas, oil and mineral rights planning, estate planning and administration, elder law, LLC and partnership planning, income taxation and tax-exempt organizations. On Page 4 Bud shares his expertise in an article on the role of charitable giving in estate planning. Bud is a frequent speaker for community organizations, local businesses and the State Bar. Contact him at wdd@giangriecolaw.com.



George Schreck & Payton

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.



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Attorney Francis X. O'Connor is the new 120th president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBI) and the first to come from rural Susquehanna County. He grew up near Niagara Falls, NY and graduated from University of Scranton and Saint Louis University School of Law. He established his own law practice on Main Street in Great Bend four decades ago when he was the only resident attorney. He has numerous charitable affiliations including scouting, his church, and the local ambulance company. His many professional leadership positions include two terms serving on the Disciplinary Board of the PA Supreme Court. Among his peers he is described as "very cautious, hardworking and well prepared", "a family man first, conservative, honest and religious", and "one of a vanishing breed — a true general practitioner". We're pleased that Mr. O'Connor has chosen the Foundation as the site for PBI's Webinar series which provides live broadcast seminars to area attorneys. Read about that on Page 5.



Heather Taylor

New Staff

We welcome a new Foundation Administrator, Heather Taylor. She will be administering the Foundation's education assistance, and its 170 charitable endowments, valued at nine million dollars. She will also serve as liaison to the Women Helping Women organization.

For more on Heather, see inside back cover.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



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PETER QUIGG
President

I've always been fascinated by history. Nine years ago when I began working at the Community Foundation we managed 45 charitable endowments. Donors and I discussed the lasting effect these funds would have upon future generations. Today we are managing more than 170 endowments, benefiting organizations from Manhattan to Tokyo. We work for donors located from England to Texas. Almost daily we create tomorrow's history, and importantly, we carry forward charitable traditions begun decades ago which literally have no end in sight.

Recently the Dimock Community Workers transferred to us their college scholarship created in the 1930's by Francis Cope to assist graduates of Dimock Vocational High School. In the 1980's Dimock Community Workers Le June Ely, Martha Locey, Lucille Fuller, and Betty Mills among others, breathed new life into that scholarship to benefit today's graduates of Elk Lake School District. The Cope family was also a founder of the Susquehanna County Library and Historical Society which in 2007 transferred their long-standing endowment to our management.

We currently manage five funds that benefit the Tunkhannock Public Library, and all Wyoming County libraries. The latest, the Asheld and Kennard endowments, arrived thanks to efforts by County Commissioner Judy Mead. The fund honoring Frances Kennard was established in 1930. Now valued at \$100,000, it endures to benefit libraries. A few years ago Mark and Sandy Wilmot transferred to our management the Mountain View School District Library Fund established in the 1970's. Sandy was also instrumental in establishing with us the Clifford Township Historical Society Fund in 2008.

Over the years, we've facilitated many projects to benefit our Affiliate School District Foundations. In 2007 the Tourje family of Forest City transferred to us their memorial endowment honoring family matriarch Jessie Osgood Tourje. It supports special unfunded school district projects. In 2009 the Keller family brought us their college scholarship which honors coaching legend and family patriarch Dutch Keller. Recently Lakeland School District Superintendent, R. Scott Jeffery, brought under our management the Dana Rymer Battenberg Scholarship established by H.A. Willman with \$5,000 in 1920. Now valued at nearly \$65,000, the Foundation will respectfully adhere to Mr. Willman's criteria to benefit the students of Lakeland into the next century.

The John Lyons Fund was established in the same era, in 1936 to support several Montrose charities. Earlier this year the Montrose Cemetery Association voted to transfer their portion of that fund to our management. It joined another Foundation endowment which helps to maintain that historic final resting place of local families.

Each of our funds, new and old, is important and unique. Each adds to a deep and growing tradition of local philanthropy. It has been 94 years since Mr. Willman established his scholarship. As we create folders for our new endowments and place them in our archives, I wonder who may be writing a similar article in 2108 about this year's Joan O. Peters Memorial Scholarship, or the Child Safety & Advocacy Fund in memory of Kevin Boyle, or the Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity Scholarship, or the Elk Lake Visual & Performing Arts Fund.

The documentation of history takes many forms. Our endowments record and reflect the most personal and cherished wishes of our donors. We thank them for entrusting us with their preservation and fulfillment.



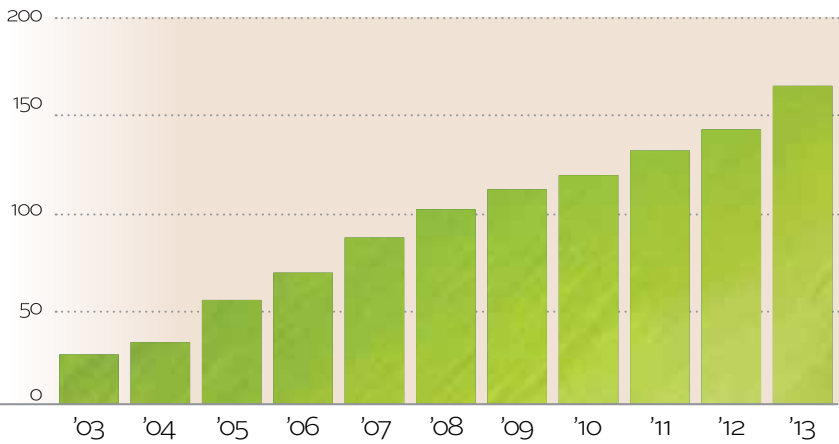
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Foundation by the Numbers

The Foundation continues to grow in both size and complexity. It is not possible to describe our success by a simple “tell me the bottom line” explanation. Several measures are needed.

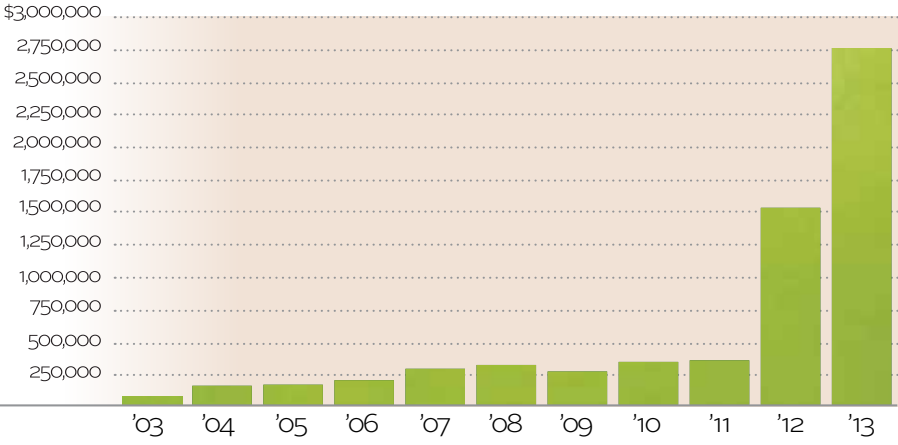
NUMBER OF FUNDS

A steady rise from 25 funds in 2003 to 163 funds in 2013.



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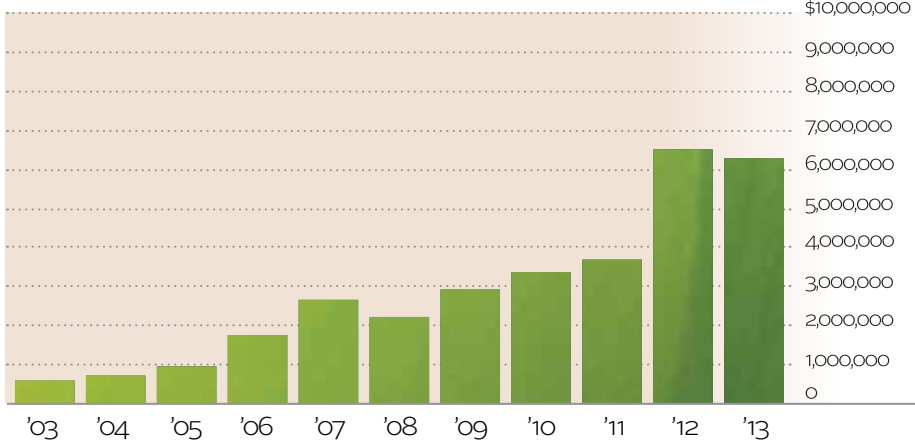
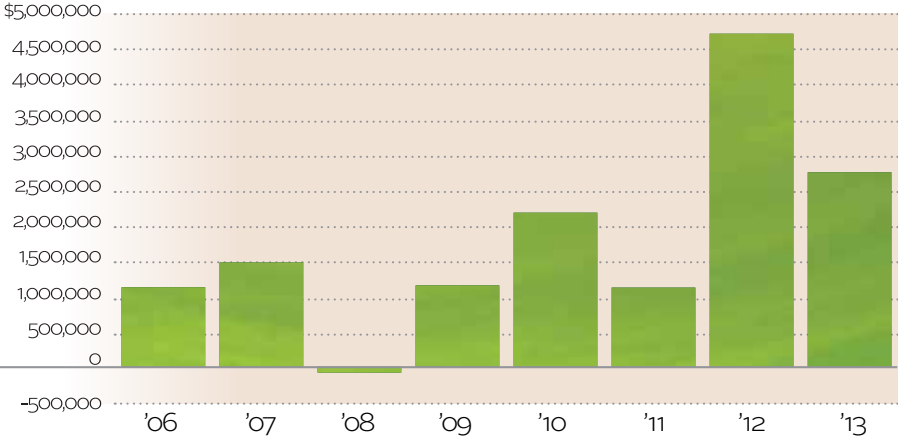
Big increases in 2012 and 2013 grant growth were funded by Cabot Oil & Gas and other natural gas businesses rallying to support a new hospital. Our 2013 grants totaled \$2,717,535.



TOTAL REVENUE

Average annual revenue of more than \$2.4 million per year for the last five years, excluding hospital funding swings.

A Note on Expenses: Our expenses of just 6% of revenues, places the Foundation among the most efficiently administered nonprofits. Total 2013 expenses were approximately \$191,000. These are paid by a 1% charge for endowments, a 2% charge for scholarships, and a higher fee for administering funds for the state of Pennsylvania.



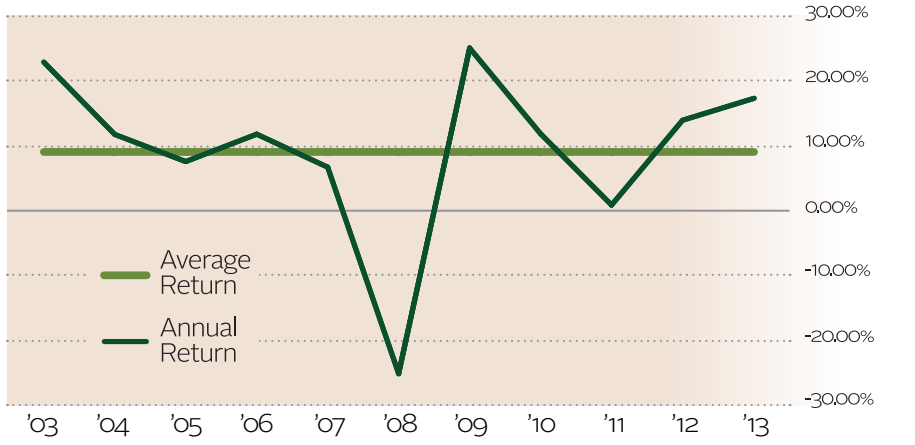
INVESTMENT ASSETS

Nearly the entire amount given in hospital grants was replaced by new donations in 2013 to end the year with \$6,289,956 in investment accounts.



TOTAL ASSETS

The combination of investments and fixed assets, real estate and equipment remained constant at slightly less than \$9 million.



INVESTMENT RETURN

Investment accounts earned a 17.8% return for the year and an average return of 13.5% for the past five years. Returns are net of all investment expense and are tax free.

Does a Charitable Remainder Trust Make Sense For You?

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Gifts to qualified charities, such as the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains, are deductible for income tax, estate tax and inheritance tax purposes. There are several ways to structure charitable gifts, with one of the most popular being the creation and funding of a charitable remainder trust. This type of trust allows you to retain an income interest in the property set aside for charity while giving you a current income tax deduction and reducing the size of your estate for estate and inheritance tax purposes.

There are two types of charitable remainder trusts: the Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust and the Charitable Remainder Unitrust.



1. Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust. This is a trust that pays a fixed dollar amount (at least five percent of the value of the property contributed to the trust) each year to one or more recipients (you, your spouse or other beneficiaries chosen by you) for life or for a term of years — maximum twenty years, and then upon the termination of the trust the remaining proceeds are distributed to one or more charitable organizations selected by you, such as the Community Foundation. The tax benefits include: (i) a current charitable deduction (subject to Adjusted Gross Income limitations) for the present value of the remainder interest; (ii) the capital gain on the sale of assets held by the trust is not recognized;

and (iii) the trust assets are not considered part of your estate for estate tax purposes.

2. Charitable Remainder Unitrust. This is a trust that pays a fixed percentage (at least five percent) of the value of the trust's assets each year (as valued at the beginning of each year) to the recipient(s). The charitable benefits are the same as an Annuity Trust, with the primary difference being the annual payment to the recipient is not a fixed annuity amount but will increase if the value of the trust increases or will decrease if the value of the trust decreases.

For example purposes, let's assume that a person age 65 (the "Grantor") establishes a charitable remainder annuity trust with a \$500,000 contribution of closely held stock (with a basis of \$100,000), and a 5% annuity payment back to the Grantor in the amount of \$25,000 payable once a year. Also assume that the stock is sold soon after it is contributed and that upon the Grantor's death the trust agreement provides that the funds will go to the Community Foundation.

Based upon those assumptions and applying the appropriate IRS table, the Grantor would be entitled to a charitable deduction of \$205,000 that can be claimed in the year of funding, but if the AGI limitations prevent a full deduction in the first year, the unused deduction can be carried forward up to five years. No capital gains would have to be recognized upon the sale of the stock in the year of sale, even if the stock's basis (what the Grantor paid for the stock) is much less than its sales price. Each year the Grantor would receive \$25,000 from the trust, which would be subject to income tax, first as ordinary income to the extent of the trust's interest and dividends for the year, with the balance taxed as capital gain rates. Upon the Grantor's death the trustees will distribute the balance of the trust fund to the Community Foundation and the full value of the trust is excluded from the Grantor's estate for estate and inheritance tax purposes.

If you were interested in making a gift to the Community Foundation, but were desirous of retaining some benefit in the gifted assets for yourself or a family member for a period of time before the gift is turned over to the Foundation, a charitable remainder trust would be an ideal option. Please contact the Foundation office if you would like additional information about these trusts.



The Community Foundation and the Susquehanna County Bar

BY FRANCIS X. O'CONNOR, ESQ.
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All attorneys are required to take a certain number of hours of continuing legal education (CLE) each year. The Pennsylvania Bar Institute (PBI), the education arm of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, is a provider of these courses. About four years ago, the Susquehanna Bar Association needed a new location in which to host its CLE's, as the county had run out of space to hold these much-needed courses. The Community Foundation building was the answer to our needs.



FRANCIS X. O'CONNOR, Esq.

Through the assistance of Earle Wootton and the PBI staff, we were able to move our courses to the Foundation location and thereby provide to our members the premier venue in the Commonwealth. Not only were we able to have a wonderful location staff — the very helpful employees of the Foundation — but we were also able to offer our members their educational credits in a well-lit, learning friendly, and beautiful environment.

After three years, Mr. Wootton said he could do better, and as a result constructed a whole new room dedicated to the

Bar's needs, with comfortable chairs, work tables, in-room refreshment facilities and adjacent restrooms. It is without a doubt THE location in which to listen and learn in all of Pennsylvania.

In discussions with the Susquehanna County Bar Association officers, the Foundation directors indicated they could offer even more to the legal community. Rooms are now available to allow private discussions with clients, trial preparation for cases being litigated down the road at the courthouse, space to meet with and take the depositions of witnesses and many other uses.

The President of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and its Executive Director recently journeyed up from Harrisburg to view the Foundation building. After a tour of the building and a review of the multiple ways members of the legal community could make use of the facility, it became apparent why this is often referred to as a place that cannot be adequately described, but has to be seen to be fully comprehended.

Were it not for the foresight of Earle Wootton in saving and developing this beautiful old structure, the legal community of Susquehanna County and the surrounding area would be lacking a facility in which to continue our educational requirements and to meet and prepare for extended litigation. A need was there, and the Foundation filled it. We are most grateful.

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Join the many fine Endless Mountains organizations already benefiting from their Foundation endowments to:

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Organizations with Community Foundation Endowments

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- Abington Heights School District
 - Area Agency on Aging
 - Blue Ridge Education Association
 - Blue Ridge School District
 - St. John the Evangelist Church
 - CAFE Education Assistance
 - Camp Arrowhead
 - Choconut Valley Elementary School
 - Clifford Township Historical Society
 - Countryside Conservancy
 - Edward L. Rose Conservancy
 - Elk Lake Class of 1958
 - Elk Lake School District
 - Forest City Regional School District
 - The Susquehanna County Food Pantry
 - Friends of Salt Spring Park
 - Friends of Tunkhannock Public Library
 - The Garden Club of Montrose
 - H.A.N.D.S of Wyoming County
 - Jackson Cemetery Association
 - Future Business Leaders of America
 - Keystone College
 - Kingsley Civic Club
 - Lackawanna Trail School District
 - Lakeland School District
 - Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Montrose Area School District
 - Montrose Business and Professional Women
 - Montrose Minute Men
 - Montrose Restoration Committee
 - Montrose United Methodist Church
 - Mountain View School District Alumni Association
 - Mountain View School District
 - Northern Tier Industry & Education Consortium
 - North Branch Land Trust
 - Oriental Grange of Mill City
 - Rail-Trail Council
 - R.E.S.C.U.E.
 - Silver Lake Ladies Club
 - Spirit of 9/11 Enduring Freedom Memorial Park
 - Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association
 - Susquehanna Beekeepers
 - Susquehanna Community School District
 - Susquehanna County 4-H
 - Susquehanna County Civil War Monument
 - Susquehanna Fire Department
 - True Friends Animal Welfare Center
 - Tunkhannock Area School District
 - Tunkhannock Public Library
 - United Way of Susquehanna County
 - Wallenpaupack Area School District
 - Wayne Highland School District
 - The Self Discovery Wellness Arts Center
 - Western Wayne School District
 - Women Helping Women
 - Wyoming County 4-H

“The most important predictor of charitable giving is “community of participation” or groups and organizations in which a donor is a member or otherwise involved; where a donor is embedded socially and engaged.”

BOSTON COLLEGE CENTER ON WEALTH AND PHILANTHROPY



Dimock Community Workers

Martha Locey recalls that the Dimock Community Workers began in her parents' generation. "As a small girl I remember going to the community building in Dimock to help with an oyster stew fund-raiser dinner. We were all poor back then and even children worked hard during the Depression. Sometimes the funds helped local individuals of all denominations. We enjoyed getting together, and made donations to fire companies from Elk Lake, Montrose and Rush, cemeteries, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Minutemen, anyone and everyone really helping the Dimock community."

Some say that the Copes family and particularly Mrs. Evelyn Cope (1897-1947), a Bryn Mawr graduate and first wife of Francis R. Cope Jr., helped establish the Dimock Community Workers. Francis had founded the Dimock Community Church. Mrs. Cope was certainly among the earliest members and meetings were occasionally held at her home.

The Copes, who were Philadelphia Quakers, were among the earliest large landowners in Susquehanna County. Francis R. Cope, Jr. (1878-1962) was a naturalist and ornithologist with advanced degrees and fellowships from Harvard University. He began his career as a dairy farmer and fruit grower at Woodbourne in Dimock experimenting in fruit tree grafting and

studying birds.

The Copes founded a small Dimock school house, a nature study camp for local teenagers, were major donors to the Montrose Public Library, and eventually donated the 500-acre Woodbourne forest reserve to the Nature Conservancy. They were reformers advocating against political corruption and for housing, education, libraries, and they once established a college scholarship for promising Dimock students.

In 1980, Lucille Fuller encouraged the Workers to revive that historic scholarship. In 2013 the organization, now disbanded, moved its scholarship fund into the care of the Community Foundation, after nearly a century of keeping it alive.

We thank some of the individuals who are remembered as Dimock Community Workers, realizing there were numerous others over the decades who helped: Mrs. Evelyn Flowers Cope, Mrs. Gesford, Delia Gregory, Mabel Smyder, Mrs. Fuller, Marion Mead, Marion Taylor, Anna Bush, Pearl and Adie Beniger, Diana Swackhammer, Katrina Gregory, Lucille Fuller, Martha Locey, and Betty Mills.

Endowments for Organizations

"Many hands make light work." When a committed group puts its collective effort towards building an endowment, the task can be achieved with surprising speed. We've seen at the Foundation how the creation of even a single small fund to support your church or charity immediately inspires others to add their own gifts, or to create additional funds. Once established, your active organization will find many good times and reasons to build upon that good start:

- **A beloved leader retires:** *Honor him or her with a financial gift to the cause*
- **A major anniversary approaches:** *Celebrate with a fund raising fete*
- **An estate gift has been donated:** *Make it last by adding it to the fund*

Long-time members of a group feel more comfortable with their gift when they know where their funds go and what good works it will generate. Regular grant making and the dependable arrival of checks to pay bills, to fund activities, to expand, to maintain, to repair and restore are the benefits of a long-term organization endowment.

Church Endowments — Faithful to the End

Those who have found a spiritual home within their local church sometimes choose to continue their "tithing" after their deaths. They sometimes make an endowment to their church in their estate plans. But ten times more often, they establish an endowment to benefit their church while they are still alive. There are advantages to using the Community Foundation to facilitate either of these choices.

You can control what will happen to your endowment in the case of a church closing or consolidation. You may

choose to have your funds absorbed into the regional church coffers, or reassigned to another local church or nonprofit.

You can designate a specific purpose for your gift. For example, building maintenance, the music program, stained glass windows, programs for youth or the aged, Christmas or Easter flowers.

Foundation endowments are invested to ensure a consistent five percent annual grant through good years and bad.

Foundation Endowments helping churches and their missions:

- **Helen & DeWitt Andre Memorial Fund** benefits the Montrose United Methodist Church and other charities recommended by the Andre family.
- **Erma and Beulah Hefferan Endowment Fund** provides the Montrose United Methodist Church perpetual support for the operating expenses.
- **Mary M. Umlaff Fund** provides monthly grants to the Lanesboro Community Church to pay expenses. Since the funds are invested, the grants keep up with inflation.
- **Evelyn Brush Memorial Fund** helps St. John the Evangelist Church in Susquehanna Depot pay its expenses, including its heating bills to keep parishioners warm.
- **Kintner Family Fund** provides annual support to Mehoopany United Methodist Church.
- **Ruth Taylor Yeager Fund** provides socially and emotionally challenged children monetary assistance in attending Shepherds Camp at Arrowhead Bible Camp.
- **Julie Bush Capwell Memorial** benefits Exodus Prison and Aftercare Ministries, Yokefellowship, Justice and Mercy as well as other charities.
- **Montrose United Methodist Church Music Endowment** assists with expenses related to choir and music activities.
- **Rita and Haskell Oakes Memorial Fund** benefits the Montrose United Methodist Church or other charities recommended by the Andre family.
- **Feed a Friend Fund** supports St. Joseph's Food Pantry, a collaborative mission of St Joseph's Church, Silver Lake Presbyterian Church in Laurel Lake, St. Augustine's Church in Brackney and the Silver Lake Ladies Club.
- **Ralph and Dorothy Taylor Endowment Fund** provides perpetual financial assistance for the general expenses of the Montrose United Methodist Church.



People of Faith are Generous

Religious giving is an example of the most prevalent and generous type of giving in the United States. It accounts for over 38 percent of all charitable gifts with gifts to education coming in a far second place at 15 percent of all giving. Religious affiliation and attendance at religious services correlates with giving twice the dollar amount of non-religious donors, and three times the percentage of their income.

Estate Gifts Build True Friends Endowment



Bequests from two estates have recently established two new \$100,00 endowments to benefit True Friends Animal Welfare Center. The Community Foundation now administers three endowments for True Friends with a combined value of more than \$250,000. Annual grants from these endowments provide income to meet recurring expenses such as building maintenance, food and veterinary care for needy animals.

Sylvia Glover Rivenburg



Sylvia Glover Rivenburg Russell owned and operated Rivenburg Investments. Though they had no children, their pets were always treated as family and brought the couple immense joy. So much so, that the image of one of their beloved pet companions appears on Sylvia’s grave monument in Arkansas. Understanding these sentiments, her family requested that memorials in Sylvia’s honor be made to any Humane Society in her name. Also, Sylvia’s estate plans included a generous gift of \$100,000 to True Friends.

Richard E. Davis, Sr.



Richard E. Davis, Sr. Richard Davis of New Hope died in Abington in November 2012 at age 75. His beloved wife of 44 years Gladys Davis had passed away just three months earlier. Richard was an avid animal lover and activist throughout his lifetime, as well as a devoted father of two sons and grandfather to six. He included in his estate a generous \$100,000 donation to True Friends. Richard was born in Philadelphia. He had been a resident of New Hope, and for 40 years lived in Richboro. He was a graduate of Abington High School and earned a master’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business. He put that training to good use working in the insurance industry for over 40 years. Retirement in 2002 allowed him time to enjoy the Jersey shore, reading, and all things related to Civil War history. His animal activist efforts continue with his gift to True Friends.

Horizons Expand for Habitat Scholars

Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity this year will complete construction of its tenth home. Its mission is to “provide safe, sturdy affordable homes for hardworking low income families, giving them the opportunity to improve their lives with their own two hands.” Children raised in owned homes vs. rentals are more likely to finish their education, avoid teen pregnancy, and attain higher lifetime incomes. Communities also see benefits as families develop more stable, lasting relationships. Chris Turrell has been on the Board of Directors of Endless Mountains Habitat since 2005. He not only swings a hammer sometimes, but also mentors Habitat families. He and his wife Diane noted several Habitat children in Tunkhannock schools achieving Honor Roll, National Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society recognition. They wanted to encourage “expanding their horizons” with college or post-secondary trade or technology opportunities. They knew there were great



careers in fields crying out for qualified workers. Plus, they realized Habitat youths could benefit from expanding their social circle, learning from peers on campuses buzzing with fresh ideas, diversity, and career tracks never dreamed of by their parents’ generation. After considering the challenges associated with establishing a private trust and scholarship, and discussing options with their accountant, the Turrells found a natural partner in the Community Foundation. To volunteer or learn more about Habitat go to www.habitat.org.

Generations Support 4-H

The Kowalewski and Cornman families and friends are honoring two dear elders by making memorial donations to the Foundation’s Susquehanna County 4-H Endowment. The families’ agricultural roots reach back to their great-grandparents, and extend through today’s youngsters still active in 4-H. Florence J. Kowalewski of Forest City died at age 78. She and her husband John raised seven children. Florence was active in the Polish Women’s Alliance, and at Ascension Parish. She was an avid bowler and quilter, and worked for Forest City School District and for K.W. Oil. Florence is remembered as having never missed her children or grandchildren’s sporting event, school activity or 4-H show at the Harford Fair. Melvin E. Cornman of Carlisle died at age 67. Melvin was the son of a dairy farmer and livestock broker, and “passionate about his family.” He and his wife Betty raised a son and daughter on a small farm in Carlisle, PA, supporting them through 4-H and FFA programs which lead them to careers in agriculture. He worked for 45 years at Lear Corporation and was a member of the Carlisle Fair

Association. Daughter Michelle Kowalewski, a Penn State Ag Extension Educator, says, “4-H was a huge part of our lives. Our family vacation meant taking trailer loads of animals to the Shippensburg Community Fair. It was a lot of work, but what we all loved to do.”

If you share this family’s love for family farming, consider supporting these Community Foundation funds:

- Susquehanna County 4-H Fund
- Wyoming County 4-H Fund
- Matthew Stahl Memorial 4-H Fund
- Oriental Grange of Mill City Fund



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Over the last eleven years, the Foundation's business donors listed directed over \$1,560,000 into our Education Improvement Tax Credit program, helping thousands of students and families. To them we say, "Thank you" for making the following happen:

- Hundreds more preschoolers are attending schools
- K-12 private school students have received tuition help
- School districts have funding for special projects
- College-bound students can afford Dual Enrollment classes
- More K-12 students attended Camp Invention
- Hundreds of SCCTC students received work tools
- 7th and 8th graders learned industrial technology with Project Lead the Way

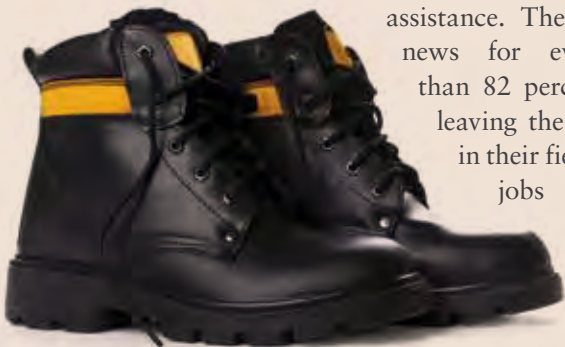




Cabot Oil & Gas: Tools to Succeed at SCCTC

Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC) has doubled its floor space and has been adding new career programs at breakneck speed. They are responding to students looking for economic opportunity, and to industries crying out for skilled workers. SCCTC had a record number of 139 graduates in 2014. Yet, even with training brought right into their community, many of SCCTC’s students and their families find the costs related to technology training a barrier. Safety equipment, industrial tools, uniforms and hard-toe shoes, automotive tools, cosmetology kits, certification exams all can cost lump sums of hundreds of dollars these families just don’t have. Filling their gas tank or buying lunch is a struggle for some.

This is the critical gap being filled by Cabot Oil & Gas. Their \$50,000 Cabot Oil & Gas Scholarships for SCCTC students are directed through the Foundation’s EITC program. This year it helped 104 students with learning tools assistance. The result is good news for everyone: More than 82 percent of students leaving the center to work in their field of study have jobs awaiting them.



The center receives students of seven area schools: Elk Lake, Blue Ridge, Lackawanna Trail, Montrose Area, Mountain View, Susquehanna Community and Tunkhannock Area. The current SCCTC roster of career training opportunities now includes:

- Security and Protective Services
- Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician
- Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping
- Cosmetology/Cosmetologist
- Institutional Food Workers
- Health/Medical Assisting Services
- Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician
- Building/Property Maintenance
- Cabinetmaking/Carpentry
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Technologies
- Welding Technology/Welder
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering Technology
- Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Services
- Cooperative Education (Off campus 1/2 day work-study programs)

Preschools We Help with EITC Scholarships

- Abington Christian Academy, Clarks Green*
- Angel Beginnings, Montrose
- Bright Beginnings Preschool, Dalton*
- Creative Play Preschool, Susquehanna
- Creative Crayons Childcare Center, Hallstead*
- Endless Mountains Learning Center, New Milford
- Faith Mountain Christian Academy, New Milford*
- Grace Lutheran Preschool, Hop Bottom
- Keystone College Children’s Learning Center, LaPlume
- Lake Winola Preschool, Lake Winola
- 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
- Wyoming Valley Montessori Preschool, Kingston*

*Preschools that are newly receiving Foundation assistance:

Abington Christian Academy
204 S. Abington Rd., Clarks Green, PA (570) 586-5270
PreK3 through 8th grade Christian academy. Core subjects plus Latin, logic, music art, health, and physical education.

Bright Beginnings Preschool
125 S. Turnpike Rd, Dalton, PA (570) 563-1967

Creative Crayons Childcare Center
23595 State Route 11, Hallstead, PA (570) 879-0944

Faith Mountain Christian Academy
957 Main St. New Milford, PA (570) 465-2220
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Summit Christian Academy
660 Griffin Pond Rd. Clarks Summit, PA 18411 (570) 587-1545
Preschool through 12th grade independent Christian academy located in the Abingtons. Curriculum includes academics, fine arts and athletics.

Wyoming Valley Montessori Preschool
851 W Market St., Kingston, PA 18704 (570) 288-3708
This is one of twenty-two thousand Montessori schools worldwide. It is located just across the Susquehanna River from Wilkes-Barre. It is a private, nonprofit, coeducational and nonsectarian day school.



Grants for Education in 2013

Abington Heights School District: **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- Camp Invention Summer Enrichment Program

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 Center Students
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- Creative Adventures for Education (CAFE) Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund for Future Business Leaders of America
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- Andrew F. Sienko Sr. Memorial Nature Trail Fund
- Clair 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 Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

Elk Lake School District **Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Bondurant Family Fund for Automotive Technology
- Diane Bundy Memorial Fund for Elk Lake Ski Club
- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center Students
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- Elk Lake Class of 1958 Fund for Special Projects
- Elk Lake Visual & Performing Arts Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts

- John James Memorial Fund for Future Business Leaders of America
- Leopold & Jane Schreiber Fund for Culinary Arts

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Dimock Community Workers Scholarship
- Agnes & James W. Holbert Scholarship
- Lathrop Family Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial Scholarship
- 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
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

Forest City Regional School **District:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts

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

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Lakeland School District: **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Dana Rymer Battenberg Memorial Scholarship

Montrose Area School District **Foundation:**

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Cabot Oil & Gas for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center Students
- Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial for Future Business Leaders of America
- Montrose Lions Club MASD Fund
- Peoples Security Bank funding for Solar Pavilion Project

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 Scholarship
- Montrose Area School District Educational 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 Students
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund for Future Business Leaders of America
- Mountain View School District Library Endowment

- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jack Brainard Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Glenwood Stone Robert Klenk Memorial Scholarship
- Kingsley Civic Club Scholarship
- Mountain View School District Alumni Association Robert Klenk Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- Mountain View School District Alumni Association Scholarship
- Joan O. Peters Memorial 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 Students
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund for Future Business Leaders of America
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- NBT Bank funding 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 Department Scholarship
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- 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 Center Students
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- Young Musicians Fund for 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
- Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity 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



Futures Powered by the Sun

With Community Foundation EITC funding of \$42,000 donated by Peoples Security Bank, Montrose High School has begun construction of a solar pavilion. Once completed, the new twelve by eighteen foot structure will provide electricity to the school and athletic facilities. The project was proposed by teacher William Host. Mr. Host's plans were supported by the school board with an initial allocation of \$4,500. Host then sought community support to complete the funding.

The process of constructing an actual building required blueprints. Students enlisted a volunteer, contractor John Puzo, to do the drawings. Carlo Schneller, a professional engineer signed and sealed the plans. Eric Lewis of Spectrum Electric made the final connection with electrician Jamie Holbert overseeing the students on electrical code requirements. Bruce Costelli of the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center conducted a class on hand tool safety and protection with students.

The pavilion construction, and eventual connection to the High School utility grid will introduce students to the mechanics of solar energy, and electricity in general. It will enhance students' study of physical science, electronics, physics, general science, and architecture in the Junior and Senior High School. The practical physics club will also use it as a learning resource.

Once the lessons are learned, Mr. Host expects the pavilion will be a permanent asset to the school, providing shade and cover for relaxation and picnics by school groups and sports teams.

"Above and beyond" projects that enhance students' learning are exactly what EITC special projects funding is all about. They have been popular in gaining support from Foundation corporate EITC donors. Past EITC special projects have also benefited Susquehanna Community and Abington Heights School Districts.

Bright Ideas That Last

Time is the great multiplier of charitable endowments. An example of this is the Dana Rymer Battenberg Memorial Scholarship which was recently transferred to the Community Foundation from a private foundation. It was established in 1920 for \$5,000 — which must have been a large sum for that day. Yet, after providing scholarships for nearly a century, it is currently valued at \$65,000 and will award a \$3,000 scholarship in 2014.

The man with the bright idea to established the scholarship was H.A. Willman of Jermyn Borough in Lackawanna County. The foresighted Mr. Willman was an early electrical engineer who established one of this region's first electric light plants, The Independend Electric Light Corporation. His store was noted in local newspapers as installing one of the first commercial steam heaters as well. Willman's enterprise grew to include a railroad ticket office as the railroad industry was bustling. Like many of today's philanthropists, Mr. Willman was active in business and civil society. He served on the Jermyn Board of Trade, was also a member of the Merchant's Protective Association, and a trustee of Jermyn's very first and still active fire company, Crystal Fire Company No.1.

H.A. Willman's goodwill continues to shine to benefit Lakeland School District students of "high moral character who have achieved the highest grade point average of any student, and who will attend college or a post-secondary degree program." His legacy is an example of the endurance of charitable funds invested to last.



Welcome Lakeland!

The Foundation is pleased to include Lakeland School District among our grant and scholarship recipients. Lakeland is a small, rural, public school district located in northern Lackawanna County. Its students are residents of the boroughs of Jermyn and Mayfield and the townships of Carbondale, Greenfield and Scott.

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Take your time deciding where you want to make your gifts.
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Your grant making is flexible. You control the timing and amount of your grants.
- **EASIER THAN WRITING A CHECK:**
With just a call, your grant is on its way.
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Any number of charities can benefit. And you can change the charities you wish to help anytime.
- **CHARITABLE SAVINGS GROW TAX FREE:**
Amounts that remain in your Account grow tax-free because they are professionally invested. The annual returns of our Community Foundation investments have averaged 13.5% over the last five years.
- **GET STARTED:**
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WE ASK A LOT THEY GIVE MORE

OUR MISSION: FUTURE FUNDS FOR VETERANS

The Foundation has friends among many of the area's veteran support organizations. We are working with leaders from these groups towards the goal of establishing several creative new endowment funds. These funds would be focused upon providing financial assistance to programs and agencies that help both current and retired service personnel. Such funds could be structured to receive donations from the veteran organizations themselves, as well as from individuals and corporate sponsors.

VETERANS & HEROES

Service & Sacrifice

Many Community Foundation funds honor, remember, and support those who have made exceptional sacrifices and who daily face danger to secure our country and our homes. In alphabetical order, we highlight their stories:

■ DANIEL ARNOLD

Montrose football player, member of Tunkhannock Masons, U.S. Army Reserve Staff Sergeant. Killed at age 27 in Ramadi, Iraq in 2005.

■ THOMAS CONATY

Forty year member of Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad, Assistant Fire Chief from 1993 until his death in 2012, on a day on which he had responded to an ambulance call.

■ DANIEL CRISMAN

Shy and artistic, a quick learner who loved poetry, photography, and New York City. Killed at age 25 in the World Trade Towers.

■ DUTCH KELLER

World War II Army veteran served in 95th Infantry Medical Battalion, awarded Bronze Star for courageous evacuation of wounded soldiers from French and German battlefields. Fabled Tunkhannock sports coach

■ AGNES & JAMES HOLBERT

Provides scholarships for Elk Lake and Montrose High School graduates enrolled in college ROTC or U.S. Military Academy.

■ LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND

Established by District Attorney Jason Legg to assist law enforcement Task Force and K-9 unit.

■ KENNETH LEASURE

World War II veteran who received a Silver Star and a Purple Heart. He flew fifty missions as a navigator on a B-24 bomber over oil fields of Rumania.

■ MONTROSE MINUTE MEN AMBULANCE

Established by estate of Homer B. Shay to support Montrose Minute Men Ambulance Company.

■ JONATHAN RANDALL

Devoted dad to his 11-year old daughter when killed in the World Trade Towers at the age of 42. Bible study leader with a "gift for peacemaking."

■ SPIRIT OF 9/11 ENDURING FREEDOM

Provides perpetual care to Memorial Park in South Montrose to honor 9/11 victims and heroes.

■ SUSQUEHANNA DEPOT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scholarship for Susquehanna Community graduate with strong volunteerism and community service.

■ ROBERT WOOD

In 1955 Robert Wood founded the Montrose Minute Men ambulance service and emergency responder organization.



MEMORIAL & LEGACY



Lyons Fund Preserves Cemetery and History

In January, 2014 the Foundation was very pleased to bring under its stewardship a portion of the John Lyons Memorial Fund which has survived since its origin in 1930.

This portion of a legacy from a distinguished founding family is dedicated to the support of the Montrose Cemetery. It memorializes John P. Lyons (1858-1939) who loved animals and was a first officer of the Susquehanna County Humane Society which he organized in 1921.

The Montrose Cemetery itself is a 19th century treasure. Its oldest lawns, among towering hundred-year-old hemlocks are the final resting place of 52 Lyons family members. The Lyons family's endowment will help preserve that place and their own place in Montrose history. Some of their history is summarized below.

The first Lyons brothers arrived in Montrose from Massachusetts and had grandparents who were among those pitching British tea into Boston Harbor in 1773. Their father was a university trained physician who practiced medicine in New England. Young Nathan Holmes Lyons, a bookbinder by trade, struck out on his own and was first to arrive in

Montrose in 1818. He established a surprisingly successful bookstore despite the town's very early state of development and mere four hundred residents.

Jerre Lyons arrived in 1819 and established a mercantile business consisting of a store, house and granary which brother Benjamin R. Lyons soon joined. Benjamin continued that business for 67 years surviving and reviving the store following historic fires and all the economic turmoil of a frontier town. He was himself a well-informed philanthropist who surrounded himself with a valuable library. Benjamin was among the first bank directors for the Bank of Susquehanna County established in 1837.

Four Lyons brothers fought for the Union during the Civil War, with only one returning home.

The Lyons family home, located at 315 Church Street, Montrose, was built in 1818. It is known both as the John Lyons House and the Sylvanus Mulford House after its first owner. This New England saltbox is the oldest surviving home in Montrose and on the National Register of Historic Places.



John P. Lyons

Kevin Boyle's Child Safety and Advocacy Fund

A new fund has been established at the Community Foundation to provide assistance to Northeastern Pennsylvania organizations that promote advocacy and safety for abused and neglected children. Foundation board member Sandra Boyle, Esq. has established the fund in memory of her late husband Kevin Boyle MSW who passed away in 2007.

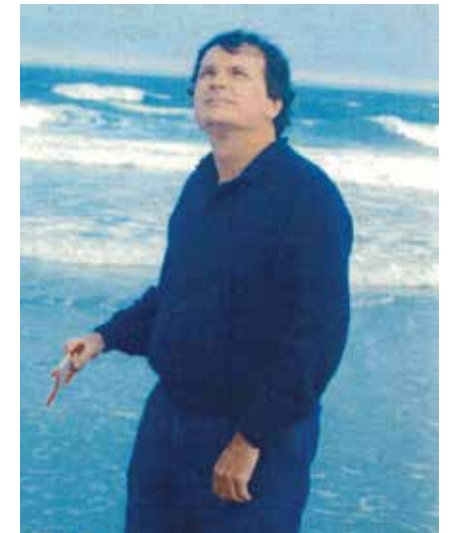
Kevin was a licensed clinical social worker employed by Tri-County Human Services for 28 years as a mental health counselor. He volunteered his services for the American Red Cross serving in several national disasters including Oklahoma City, Shanksville, and the World Trade Center. He counseled rescue workers as well as victims.

Kevin received his formal training from Trenton State College,

Marywood University, and the University of Pennsylvania. But he was a life-long student whose intellectual pursuits ranged from healthful cooking to philosophy. Human behavior and psychology were of particular interest to Kevin. He especially enjoyed reading the words of Carl Jung and Ira Progoff.

He pondered the existence of God and the universe, marveled at the delicacy of a sea shell and the development of a child. He made life interesting to those around him. When he played with his own children he would add new twists to old games. He bent the rules to make the game more interesting or humorous, or to build their self-esteem.

Kevin educated himself in several disciplines, then quietly interpreted what he learned to fit his own highly



Kevin Boyle flying a kite on the beach

developed sense of decency and kindness. There could not be a more appropriate tribute to his spirit than to continue his kindness. Nothing was more sacred to Kevin than children and the defenseless.

"In lieu of flowers..." A Beloved Teacher's Enduring Legacy



Joan O. Peters

Joan O. Peters retired from Mountain View School after 38 years of teaching English and Latin. But she continued sharing her experience as an elementary school volunteer listening to first and third graders read. Her death in January 2014 at age 81 still has not put an end to her good works. An outpouring of memorial contributions from her family, friends, students, and colleagues has resulted in a perpetual Community Foundation scholarship fund named in her honor.

This legacy is perfectly fitting for a woman who

dedicated her life to education after receiving a master's degree from Marywood College in Scranton. She began her career at Lourdesmont School, a special education high school in Clarks Summit. She was a 54 year member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a professional honor society for women educators. She served that society at the local, state, regional and international levels. She also held a variety of positions in the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees.

Joan was a woman of deep Catholic faith and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Patrick's Church in Nicholson. She was also an assistant superintendent of the school department at the Harford Fair for 20 years.

WOMEN HELPING WOMEN



From left to right: Renee Jones and Deb Cechak for TIGRESS, Laura Squier for CareNet, Melissa Bickelman for Women's Resource Center, Cindy Beeman for Interfaith, Beverly Griffiths for B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, and Andrew Granick and Traci Decker for TREHAB.

Generous Grants for Wonderful Women

Requests for grants from the Women Helping Women Fund reached \$14,678 this year. They came from six area agencies who are doing terrific work to help women throughout all stages of their lives — from girls through aging caregivers. We were able to provide some help to each agency, with a total of \$4,000 in grants distributed. With your help, the WHW endowment will grow and we will be able to do more and more to make a difference in the lives of area women and girls.

Agencies helped this year with Women Helping Women grants:

- Interfaith was funded for women's professional development classes.
- Trehab received money for its Seeking Safety curriculum to address addiction and trauma.
- Women's Resource Center was funded for advocacy and education to end domestic violence.
- Area Agency for the Aging caregivers' library will be updated with WHW funds.
- Care Net was funded to purchase devices for education classes serving women's needs
- Tigress was funded to start a new project to develop the life skills of Tunkhannock Area High School girls.



Teaming Up: Women Helping Women is pleased to announce an exciting new project happening here in our own backyard! We have partnered with Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation and Susan G. Komen Northeastern Pennsylvania to sponsor women in Susquehanna County to get breast cancer screenings at Endless Mountains Health Systems during the month of October.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. For a tax deductible donation of \$200, you can sponsor a woman from Susquehanna County to get a screening. Screening is vital to early detection, which in turn increases survival rates of this devastating disease. Every donation will help this worthy cause. Spots are limited — sign up for your screening today!



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NETWORKING BRUNCH

DATE:
Saturday, October 4, 2014
10:30 am

LOCATION:
Community Foundation
270 Lake Ave., Montrose

RESERVATIONS:
Heather Taylor
at 570-278-3800
by September 22.

This is a casual but elegantly catered annual fund raiser and women's networking event.

It is your opportunity to meet caring, involved women leaders of the Endless Mountains. Presentations by WHW grant recipients are informative regarding the issues endangering and limiting women and girls. We stress open discussion, practical solutions, and collaborative giving. Please bring a friend!



A Stitch in Time Quilt Guild

Among the many enduring folk traditions of the Endless Mountains is the art of quilting. It has roots in self-sufficient farmers and the Underground Railroad. Homemakers “made due” by reusing cloth scraps and feed sacks. When commercial blanket wool was reserved for the soldiers during wars, community-made quilts were raffled to benefit the Red Cross. Folklore tells us that escaping slaves were directed to freedom by the patterns on hanging quilts which signaled safe houses and travel routes. American history and regional history are stitched into its quilts.

Today's quilters appreciate this heritage, and remain fascinated with the puzzling and creative process that yields surprising beauty. Sandy Rinker, a spokesperson for Stitch in Time Quilt Guild, recounts that her mom was a doll maker. But she caught the quilt bug from her grandmother Ethel, a widowed mother of seven children who always had a quilt sheet stretched out, and from her Aunt Ester's “closet full of quilts”. These memories, and her study of fashion design inspired her to the piecework she now favors.

Quilting is typically collaborative, and often philanthropic. The Stitch in Time quilters have created lap quilts for Wounded Warriors, kids quilts for children's hospitals, baby quilts for neo-natal wards, quilted hand-washable dresses for Haiti's storm survivors, and colorful adult bibs for geriatric patients. They've raised cash for charities by auctioning off beautiful bedcovers and wall hangings. The Women Helping Women Fund has been a grateful recipient of their donations as well. The Stitch in Time Guild welcomes new members. Contact Sandy Rinker at srinker58@yahoo.com.



Springville Area Women's Club

For 50 years Springville Women's Club has been raising funds for local charities. Members from Dimock, Springville and Lake Walter, Lynn and Elk Lake meet, as they always have, at member homes. They began in 1975 as a off-shoot of the Montrose Area Junior Women's Club. Current president Janis Winschuh joined soon after. Like most members at the time she was a homemaker with young children.

The Club supports Elk Lake School's Santa Fund, and an overnight empowerment program for girls. They provide holiday meals for local families in need. Poor migrant workers have been helped, as have the local fire company, the library literacy program, Canine Companions, Brothers' Keepers, Woodbourne Preserve, True Friends, Interfaith, Women's Resource Center, and the Women Help-

ing Women Fund to which they have made a multi-year pledge.

The Club's major fund raiser is its annual bazaar held on the first Saturday in November at Elk Lake School. For a minimal fee, 140 dealer-participants including crafters, church groups, libraries, quilters and more set up a booth and do their own fund raising by selling holiday wares. Please support them as they have supported so many for so long.

LIBRARIES

Donors Support Libraries

The Foundation is steward to six funds that benefit public libraries in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties, as well as the two school libraries in the Mountain View School District. Two recently transferred funds were begun in the 1930's.

Since the Great Recession, libraries have been under intense financial pressure, making the need for ongoing philanthropic support still essential.

THE KENNARD FUND: “A little money” and a life’s work

The history of Wyoming County tells us that Meshoppen’s library is named for Frances E. Kennard, an early librarian who “left it a little money and spent her life directing library activities.”

That amount was actually \$1,000, a significant bequest for the 1930’s Depression era. Miss Kennard’s family owned the Kennard Hotel, a three story Victorian which eventually became the first site of Tyler Memorial Hospital. She had attended Drexel University Library School in Philadelphia, and was assisted by other educated locals. These included Mrs. John Bunnell, a veteran Tunkhannock teacher and graduate of Mansfield “normal school”, and Mrs. Leslie Ellsworth who helped keep the library open after school hours.

The very first Meshoppen library was started in 1900 on the site of the current Bridge Restaurant. Belle Hankinson Woodward, a graduate of Bucknell University, installed it on the second floor of her father’s store. Over the years that original collection was shifted from a vacant church building, to the municipal building, and eventually to the second floor of a bank building at the corner of Canal and Auburn Streets where it has served as a branch library since 1975.

Miss Kennard’s “little bit of money” along with a great deal of work by many library friends over 114 years, today amounts to nearly \$97,000. The Foundation is delighted to be the new home and 21st century financial guide to this historic endowment.



Kennard Hotel



Asheld Endowment

An endowment to benefit the Wyoming County Library Board has been established with the Foundation. Known as the Asheld Memorial Fund, it was placed in our trust with little information regarding the original donors. Research on the Asheld family in Tunkhannock has uncovered a family that are likely candidates, given their prominence in local business, civil service, and politics.

Homer B. Asheld who lived in Tunkhannock from 1887 until his death in 1965 was a son of Pierce Asheld and Helen Miller Asheld. Pierce Asheld is described in local newspapers when he died in 1928 as “one of Tunkhannock’s best.” His four children were Lillian, Homer, Horace, and Clarence. Homer appears often in Tunkhannock and government records. He served in the military during World War I and he was married. He worked at a glass cutting factory and later owned a photographic studio on Warren Street which he sold in 1931. His

brother Clarence, who served at least once as a census taker, is reported in 1894 as selling a book of 500 photographic images of the world. Homer appears on the Wyoming County payroll as an Auditor in 1925. In 1928 he was appointed Tunkhannock’s U.S. Postmaster, a position he held for several years. An amusing incident reported in the news recounts that as Postmaster he had the duty of auctioning off to the highest bidder a clutch of unclaimed chicks that had arrived in the mail. Homer was also member of the Order of Odd Fellows and served for a time as Chairman of the Wyoming County Republican Party.

Though the details of the Asheld history remain sketchy, the Asheld Endowment, now valued at over \$41,000 survives to support its donor’s wish that local libraries will endure.



“All In” on Behalf of Her Library

Two passions of Tunkhannock community leader Maggie Cartwright came together with the transfer of an existing Tunkhannock Public Library Endowment to the Community Foundation in 2009. Maggie had been an active board member of both organizations and she quickly saw the benefits of managing the library’s fund locally and with conservative investment by the Foundation. Maggie’s efforts, along with a vibrant and faithful band of library supporters, have over the years continued to



raise funds to build and renew that endowment. Supporters gather and overflow the library’s parking lot at

each annual food and wine tasting and other events. The Tunkhannock Library Friends Fund, which also continues to grow robustly, is also maintained by the Foundation.

Maggie does nothing half way! Her personal estate plans include a legacy permanent endowment that will also benefit the Tunkhannock Public Library. Though none of us is immortal, our goodwill, like Maggie’s, in the form of an endowment, can perpetually energize a nonprofit we love.

Mountain View Library Fund: Focus & Consolidation

Since 2009 the Foundation has managed the Mountain View School District Library Fund to benefit both the elementary school and the high school libraries in that district. The endowment was originally established in 1994 by an avid reader, Mark Wilmot of Union Dale who donated the stipend he received as acting treasurer for the Mountain View School Board. The Community Foundation was able to consolidate Mark and his wife Sandra’s gift with gifts of other school district advocates and create some synergies that benefit all involved:

- An existing Mountain View Staff/ United Way Community Service scholarship was rolled into the new library endowment fund
- School district faculty and staff had the opportunity to designate their United Way contributions to benefit their own library fund
- The Tourje family of Forest City, staunch supporters of local education, were invited to contribute proceeds of their Jessie Osgood Tourje Fund to the new library fund



- The school district Parent Teachers Organization, led by parent Kim George contributed to further build the new endowment

With leadership and pulling together in this way, many more organizations would be able to create and build an endowment they now consider impossible. School district funding may go up and down, but each year Mountain View’s permanent library endowment provides dependable revenue to bring students new books, new services, new learning resources.

“Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.”

WALTER CRONKITE



TOO GOOD TO RESIST: The Susquehanna County Library

Each day the popular Susquehanna County Free Library is open, 818 items fly off its shelves. Forty percent of the county’s residents hold a library card which is the key to Michael Lewis’ Fly Boys, the wildflower drawings of a Shaker sister, Chicken Soup for the Soul, or how to crack the PSATs — just a few of this month’s additions. Up to 7,500 new items are added each year, replacing the same number which must be culled to make room in the crowded stacks of the 1907 original Montrose building. No one with a pinch of human curiosity can resist such a smorgasbord for the mind.

Consultants have advised the library trustees that a more appropriate space for the geography and population



this library reaches would be a new 20,000 square foot building with 70 parking spaces. A new building of that size requires meeting a challenging fund raising goal of \$4.5 million. The board of education has donated 3.3 acres as a new library site where there is available access to required utilities. The library’s famed annual Blueberry Festival, an arts auction,

book sales, and an upcoming sporting clays tournament are planned. The Foundation encourages the community to generously support these fund raisers, as eagerly as they use the library’s services. The Foundation is proud to hold an endowment on behalf of the Susquehanna County Free Library and Historical Society.

Meanwhile, the current library staff continues the efforts of 107 years of sharing the library’s treasure of 100,000 “information packages” with six school districts, senior centers, nursing homes, babies and moms, books-by-mail services, home school families, book clubs, and thousands of cross-legged children sitting engrossed on floors throughout the county.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman of the Board

Earle is a founding director of the Community Foundation and serves as Chairman of the Board. He is also a director at Peoples Security Bank and Trust. 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 thirty years. He has a bachelor's degree from Rochester Institute of Technology and an M.B.A. 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 degree from Lesley University. He worked fourteen years as a teacher and administrator at Killington Mountain School. Peter has served on the Pennsylvania 4-H Development Council, and on Advisory Councils for Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center, the Lackawanna College New Milford Center, and the Montrose/Elk Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. He has been honored as a Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Boys Scouts of America. Peter and his wife Therese live in Franklin Township in Susquehanna County.



WILLIAM LEWIS
Vice Chairman of the Board Principal, Sterling Wealth Management

Bill is a founding director of the Community Foundation and was our first Chairman of the Board. He currently serves as our Vice Chairman of the Board, and is the Principal of Sterling Wealth Management. His leadership and knowledge of investment management provide valuable 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 holds a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from University of Colorado, and a master's and engineer's degree from the Naval Postgraduate School. After retiring from naval aviation, he developed integrated computer-centric systems for the defense industry. He is the founder of 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 where he received both a bachelor's and a master's degree. He received his jurist doctorate degree summa cum laude from Albany Law School where he was 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 and has over twenty-five years of accounting experience. He is a founding partner of Lochen & Chase P.C. From 2006 to 2010 he was president and CEO of Peoples Neighborhood Bank and Peoples Financial Services Corporation. He chairs the audit committee and serves on boards of Peoples Security Bank and Trust, and Peoples Financial Services Corp. Rick and his family live in Nicholson where he is treasurer of the Heritage Association, and secretary, trustee and firefighter for the Fire Company.



DR. ARTHUR SHERWOOD
Treasurer Physician

Art 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.



MARGUERITE CARTWRIGHT
Secretary Community Leader

Maggie 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 twenty-six years. Maggie was the founder of Tunkhannock Area Decorative Arts and co-founder of Wyoming County Chorale. She is currently a trustee and administrative board chairperson for Russell Hill United Methodist Church, and she is also president of the Tunkhannock Public Library Trustees.



SANDRA BOYLE, Esq.
Attorney

Sandra is a graduate of Marywood University and Villanova Law School. She 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 in Nicholson concentrating on real estate, estate planning and administration. She serves as solicitor for the Wyoming County Housing Authority and Redevelopment Authority. 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 the University of Scranton. In addition to serving on the Community Foundation board, she serves on the board of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, and on the Keystone College President's Advisory Council. Sandra is a member of the state Farm Bureau, National Rifle Association, Friendship Club of Montrose and the Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, 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 bachelor's degree in special education from Mansfield University, a master's degree from Marywood College, and a master's degree in secondary school administration from the University of Scranton. He has been a superintendent, principal, and special education teacher in Susquehanna County, and is a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Retired. He is acting secretary of NEP Community Health Center, a member of the Susquehanna County Railroad Authority, and former Chairman of the Susquehanna County Democratic Committee. He and his wife Carole reside in Oakland Township.



MATTHEW SORDONI
Vice President, Upland Corporation

Matt manages investments at Upland including DeCoverly Kennels in Factoryville and Sterling Farms in Monroe Township. He is a director of Sordoni Construction Services in Forty Fort. Matt holds a bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College, and an MBA from the ESADE Business School in Barcelona. He is chairman of the board of North Branch Land Trust, a trustee at Wilkes University, serves on the investment committee of United Way of Wyoming Valley, and is director of the Sordoni Family Foundation. Matt was raised in Monroe Township and resides in Dallas, Penn. with his wife Stefanie.



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

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, Thomas Chamberlain Insurance Company

Tom is a founding director of The Community Foundation. He holds a degree in business administration from Broome Community College. He is a board member for both the Susquehanna County and the Wyoming Valley United Way organizations. Tom is president of Creative Adventures for Education and secretary of the New Milford Men's Group, and he is active with the Baden Powell Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and the New Milford United Methodist Church. He and his wife Mary 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 twenty years experience, fifteen 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 ability to explain public policy initiatives to various audiences. George has developed successful public relations campaigns and legislative strategies, and is skilled at motivating and managing people to create partnerships, teamwork and cooperation.



MARIAN S. MISKELL
Emeritus Director

Marian received a bachelor's degree in English and speech from Suffolk University in Boston. She worked for eleven years doing marketing and writing for AT&T and Bell Labs. She owned and managed successful small businesses in Colorado and Virginia. Her work as a journalist in Montrose led to an invitation to join the Foundation board and to edit its first newsletter in 2004. Though now retired in Arizona, she edits the Foundation magazine. Marian and her husband John are founding members of the Women Helping Women Fund.



JAMES MAY
Emeritus Director

Jim is a native of Scranton. At Wilkes College he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a minor in industrial engineering. His experience as an inventor, product developer, marketer and entrepreneur helped build the early Community Foundation. He and his wife Ann vacationed on Silver Lake until their retirement to California. Jim writes novels and paints. He recently became a U.S. Coast Guard Captain and does sailing charters and instruction for a sailing academy. He advises our magazine staff.



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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.

ASHELD MEMORIAL WYOMING COUNTY LIBRARY FUND

Established by the Wyoming County Library Board to provide support to the various public libraries throughout Wyoming County.

DANA RYMER BATTENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 1920 by H. A. William of Jermyn. For a student on high moral character who has attended Lakeland School District for at least five years and who will attend college or post-secondary degree program outside of Lackawanna or Luzerne counties and who has achieved the highest GPA of any students fulfilling the aforementioned criteria.

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.

DIANE BUNDY MEMORIAL FUND

Established by her family in memory of Diane to provide Elk Lake students with opportunities to pursue the sport of skiing and higher education. Diane, Fred Williams and Jim Brooks established the Elk Lake Ski club to provide these opportunities to the students in the late 70’s early 80’s.

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.

CHILD AND SAFETY ADVOCACY FUND

Established by Attorney Sandy Boyle of Tunkhannock in memory of her late husband Kevin to support organizations in northeast Pennsylvania that promote advocacy and safety for abused and neglected children.

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.

RICHARD DAVIS, SR. MEMORIAL FUND FOR TRUE FRIENDS ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER

Established by the estate of Richard Davis, Sr. to provide support to True Friends Animal Welfare Center.

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.

DIMOCK COMMUNITY WORKERS

Established by the Dimock Community Workers. For a student who has the highest GPA of any Elk Lake student who resides in the Dimock Township and who will matriculate at a college, trade school, or other post-secondary program.

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.

ELK LAKE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS FUND

Established anonymously by a family from Springville to support special unfunded projects and expenses in the visual and performing arts departments of 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.

ENDLESS MOUNTAINS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Robert and Diane Turrell to provide post-secondary degree education assistance to families living in Habitat for Humanity housing in Wyoming County.

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 GRANTS FOR VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Provides assistance to all school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties for arts, theater, and music departments in elementary and high schools.

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.

GLENWOOD STONE ROBERT KLENK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the Cecil Kilmer family in memory of respected long-time Mountain View School District teacher and administrator Robert Klenk. Provides college tuition assistance to a student will major in education and the teaching profession.

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 & EVELYN LUTZ HAWKINS MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family and friends of John “Jack” and Evelyn “Chips” Hawkins of Montrose to benefit the Endless Mountains Health Systems which had been of great assistance to them in their later years.

ERMA & BEULAH HEFFERAN FUND

Established from the estates of Montrose sisters Erma & Beulah Hefferan to provide support for the Montrose United Methodist Church.

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.

HOUSEL FAMILY FUND

Established by Robert and Jennifer Housel of Harford to provide support for their favorite charities.

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.

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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.

FRANCES KENNARD MEMORIAL WYOMING COUNTY LIBRARY FUND

Established by the Wyoming County Library Board to provide support to the various public libraries throughout Wyoming County.

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.

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.

LINABERRY FAMILY FUND

Established by Robert and Christina Linaberry of Naples, Florida to provide support for their favorite charities.

JOHN LYONS MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE MONTROSE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Established by the estate of Montrose resident John Lyons in 1936 and transferred to The Community Foundation to provide support for the maintenance of the Montrose Cemetery.

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 LIONS CLUB MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND

Established by the Montrose Lions Club to assist with unfunded departmental, athletic, or extra-curricular activities for Grades Kindergarten through 12th in the Montrose Area School District.

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 SECURITY BANK FUND

Supports business leadership development programs in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

JOAN O. PETERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family, friends, and former students of Joan Peters, a long-time respected teacher in the Mountain View School District, to provide college tuition assistance to an academically inclined student who exhibits great promise.

POPE FAMILY FUND

Established by Dan and Jean Pope of Tunkhannock to provide support for their favorite charities.

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.

SYLVIA RIVENBERG MEMORIAL FUND FOR TRUE FRIENDS ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER

Established by the estate of Sylvia Rivenberg to provide support to True Friends Animal Welfare Center.

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.

DIANE & PAUL STIZZA FUND FOR ANIMAL CARE

Established by Diane Stizza to support organizations in northeastern Pennsylvania that provide spaying and neutering services for the household pets of the deserving elderly and also low-income families and to assist the deserving elderly with health care access for their pets.

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.

RALPH & DOROTHY TAYLOR FUND

Established from the estates of Mr. & Mrs. Taylor of Montrose to provide support for the Montrose United Methodist Church.

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.

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New Fund for Animal Care

Donor Diane Stizza has established a new fund to promote animal health. It will support organizations in northeastern Pennsylvania that provide spaying and neutering services for the household pets of deserving elderly and also low-income families. The fund will also assist deserving elderly with general health care access for their pets.

Diane has lived in Susquehanna County for 20 years and is originally from the Jersey Shore. She creates beautiful watercolor, colored pencil and acrylic works, and she specializes in pet portraits. She also enjoys depicting other animals and old buildings like barns and churches. She has shown her work in many regional galleries and events, and is one of the Martin's Creek Artists. She has also taught drawing, watercolor and colored pencil painting at the adult school in Mountain View High School.

Facts about Spaying & Neutering

- It is a very safe procedure
- Decreases risk of diseases that are expensive to treat
- Lowers risk of certain cancers and other serious complications by 85%
- Dogs' natural instinct to protect home and family is not impaired
- Less likely to mark or spray, bite, get into fights
- Less roaming which results in traffic accidents
- Compassionate solution to overpopulation



- Animals less nervous
- One in four animals entering shelters are purebred
- 50% of animals in shelters are euthanized (regardless of breed)
- Communities spend millions of dollars to control unwanted animals
- Unintentional breeding is the root cause of most vicious dog bites and attacks

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.

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
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