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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Wyoming County United Way, school districts in Susquehanna and Lackawanna counties, college scholarships funded by the Tunkhannock Class of ‘66, cemeteries in Susquehanna County, Nursing students from Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties, youth from the entire Endless Mountains region training for natural gas employment, animal shelters from across the United States: This is a sample of what our donors are supporting with their new endowments established at The Community Foundation in the last year. The list goes on.

The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains works for individuals, families, and organizations who have a long-range view of their charitable goals. We help turn those goals into reality. On behalf of our donors we have recently provided charitable and educational support in 25 Pennsylvania counties as well as in six states. Truly, those who establish charitable endowments with us have very interesting ideas. We have inherited endowments that were formed in the 1920s and we have established new endowments in memory of recently lost loved ones that will support favorite charities far into the future. We continue legacies and we create them.

We would also like to thank our corporate donors that in the last year contributed toward our Pennsylvania Education Improvement Tax Credit program. This helped provide tuition assistance to deserving Pre-K through 12th Grade students attending private schools in twelve counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. Our EITC program also helped special projects in more than twenty five public school districts in our corner of the commonwealth.

We were also pleased to continue our partnership with the Pennsylvania Bankers Association to help provide the EverFi Financial Literacy program in High Schools throughout all of Pennsylvania. Finally, we were proud to be recognized as the Outstanding Foundation of the Year by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. We will work hard to live up to these honors while serving the goals and priorities of our donors.
This has been a year to celebrate. In 2015 we made 1240 grants, double the number made in 2014. The total value of the grants was $1,250,000. And this was accomplished with less than 7% of our income going to expenses.

Last year we created 22 new funds bringing our total number of funds to 200. The addition of these funds increased our total assets to $12,000,000.00.

Most of our funds are donor advised “charitable savings accounts” that allow the donor to remove any amount of money at any time as long as the money goes to a charitable purpose. The other type of fund we create is an endowment which is managed to perpetually support the charitable purpose that the donor has selected. That type of fund currently pays five percent annually to the organization that the donor has selected.

Last year we sent scholarships and grants to over 100 schools, Pre-K through college. While the majority of our funds come from Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties, as we work with larger organizations, our funding is extending all across Pennsylvania.

The return that we receive from the investment accounts that are owned by each fund depend on the performance of the stock and bond markets. Unfortunately, last year saw disappointing results, and while the markets didn’t lose value, they didn’t gain either. We manage our investment accounts expecting that some years will be a disappointment. This is the second year in thirteen without a gain. 2008 presented us with quite a loss that took two years to recover from, but we don’t let one or two years of underperformance change our long term investment policy.

We invest 60% in equities, 40% in bonds, and stay very well diversified in both cases. Since 2003 our return on investments has averaged 8.54%.

This was an exceptional year. In several ways the Foundation exceeded our expectations. These graphs and this short explanation will show you our progress and explain why this year’s performance was beyond successful.
Debra Dissinger of Peoples Security Bank & Trust was described as a woman who works behind the scenes to have a tremendous impact. In early years she introduced the Community Foundation to the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program which over the past decade has awarded more than $3.5 million in scholarships to thousands of students. “Without you, it wouldn’t exist,” noted President Peter Quigg.

Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation represented by George Stark was recognized for its partnership with the Foundation in advancing the Endless Mountains Health Systems building project—a “truly remarkable,” feat. Mr. Quigg recalled a meeting with Cabot President Dan Dinges after the community had exceeded its goal by $200,000. “Without batting an eye Mr. Dinges said, ‘We’ll match that $200,000’.” Cabot’s fundraising campaign resulted in 4.4 million dollars for the new hospital. Cabot’s ongoing donations to provide EITC scholarships to PA Career and Technology Centers were also noted.

The Giangrieco Law Firm represented by Michael Giangrieco were noted to have exhibited confidence in the Foundation establishing early funds to benefit college bound Blue Ridge students, animal welfare, and to support health and wellness initiatives at Choconut Valley Elementary. The firm helped to establish the Foundation’s largest charitable endowment, the Donley Family Memorial Scholarship Fund. “They were confident in our ability to help with their clients’ goals,” said Peter Quigg.

Peter Quigg’s contribution was described by Chairman Earle Wootton this way: “The Community Foundation would not be here in its present form without Peter.” Mr. Quigg’s first years at the Foundation were as a sponsored executive, his services being donated by the Quigg family business Pump N Pantry. Over time Peter proved himself indispensible to Foundation operations and a pillar of trust and integrity that donors recognized immediately. His expertise has been sought out by several boards of charitable and educational institutions.

Bill Lewis presented awards to Earle and June Wootton. He recalled advice he had received from an early donor who said that organizations like the Community Foundation need three things to be successful: workers, wisdom, and wealth. “After working with Earle all these years I’ve learned that with him you get all three. Thank you for creating this organization.” Mr. Wootton noted, “June and I look at this not as a job well done, but as a job well begun.”

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter this year honored the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains as its Outstanding Foundation. Recipients are nominated for demonstrating outstanding commitment and leadership in all aspects of philanthropy. Our friends at Cabot Oil and Gas Corporation initiated the award citing our over 200 endowments serving a broad array of residents with charitable services throughout the region. The Community Foundation’s role as one of the few organizations in Pennsylvania authorized to administer all three components of the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program was noted. The $3.5 million value of EITC assistance rendered over the past 13 years was recognized as having made a powerful positive impact on Pre-K through 12th grade education in the region.

The Foundation’s many constructive partnerships with the gas industry, banks, public and private schools and universities that bring scholarships, financial literacy programs, and funding for education and nonprofits were applauded. Also very much appreciated was our timely focus upon programs that benefit students attending career and technology centers throughout the Commonwealth. On behalf of the generous donors we serve, we are delighted to take a bow, and thank AFP for a moment in their spotlight.
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of Barrington, Illinois. The Kolders wanted their dining room set to be preserved in an appropriate setting where it will serve the public.

The chairs were made by the Kindel Company and are from their Winterthur collection. They were donated by Caroline and James Kolder.

Just Right for Professional Gatherings

One way the Community Foundation keeps its operating costs very low is by renting its large and small meeting rooms to donors and to select educational or professional groups. The fine quality of our Lake Avenue facility interiors—furnishings, rugs, electronic equipment, wood flooring, etc., require that all events must be pre-approved by a Foundation officer. The Foundation Garden room can host groups of about 75. The Library accommodates up to 18 guests. The intimate setting of our small parlors is just right for private consultations.

The Library has been the scene of regular Pennsylvania Bar Institute legal education seminars. Live digital feeds from Mechanicsburg or elsewhere are projected upon a large overhead video screen. Comfortable chairs ensure that attendees can relax and remain attentive for the four to eight hour programs. Many find Foundation facilities to be a perfect, neutral and private location to take deposition.

“It’s a matter of convenience,” say those with offices nearby, as are a secure internet connection, state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, sparkling rest rooms on each building level, and on-call technical support if needed. The

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The Lions Club of Montrose was chartered in October 1947. Since then the Lions have helped fund and provide manpower for projects benefiting almost every nonprofit organization in the community they serve: the new hospital, the library, the ambulance garage, Interfaith, Memorial Recreation Park, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Little League and American Legion Baseball, End of Day after school program, Women's Resource Center, Children and Youth Services, American Cancer Society, United Fire Company, United Way and Montrose Restoration Committee plus many more. This has all been done above and beyond their core interest in sight conservation, collecting used eyeglasses for redistribution, and supporting the NEPA Lions Eye Bank.

Lions live their motto: “We Serve”

You will see the Lions club in action each year at the July 4th parade which they have supported for 40 years along with Kiwanis and Rotary. They also help at the Memorial Day parade, Blueberry Festival, Apple Festival and Christmas in Montrose. The Foundation is pleased to manage three funds for the Lions Club of Montrose. While these funds are invested safely to grow and remain in perpetuity, the Lions can focus on their many charitable efforts. Their fundraising dollars always have a safe destination, consistent with their mission of service. The oldest Lions fund, dating back to 1976, is the Martin T. Dillon Scholarship Fund. Another fund provides grants for projects and programs at Montrose Area Schools. The third provides grants for the community.

Resting Place Preserved

The estate of the late Ellie McKeage of Montrose has established a Community Foundation endowment to benefit the Montrose Cemetery Association where she had served as a director. Mrs. McKeage was a lifelong member of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. She held leadership positions at the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association, the Endless Mountains Medical Care Foundation, the Susquehanna County Humane Society, and the Montrose Club where she was several times Ladies’ Golf Champion. She received awards for her community service from the Montrose Rotary Club and was a Montrose Chamber of Commerce “Citizen of the Year”.

The historic Montrose Cemetery was founded in 1819 and consists of a sprawling 26 acres just outside of town. Its monuments reflect all of the quirky individuality of ten generations of Montrose settlers. Cherubs, obelisks, an Italian mausoleum mix with birdhouses, whirligigs and a sculpture of a tree stump. Beloved pets share in the same hallowed ground as leading citizens such as historian Emily Blackman. It is a regional treasure of democracy, local history, and tolerance—and as peaceful and green a spot as anyone could desire.

The new McKeage endowment joins two other endowments at the Community Foundation which support the expenses of maintaining the Montrose Cemetery.

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Dr. Alice Davis on Adult Learners at SCCTC

Dr. Alice Davis is a whirlwind of enthusiasm. What she won't tolerate is obstacles to education. She listens when her adult students are blocked by financial limits, childcare needs, can't give up their day job, have no wheels to drive to school, can't attend class on Fridays, need off-season classes, don't have computer skills, etc. etc. Then she finds a way to get them learning. She and her staff excel at being flexible. When students tell her they love a teacher who is “so approachable”—that's what she wants to hear. She expects teachers to be able to teach in different ways until students get it, and to never belittle a struggling learner. “They are coming here to better themselves, to become self-reliant; we respect that.”

Dr. Davis was invited to speak before the U.S. Congress, as a mom of four sons, as an elementary teacher, as well as a Ph.D. She had a simple message: “Stop over-testing! We all have bad days and many students who don't test well actually deliver outstanding work results.” She's appalled at the $1.3 trillion dollar in student debt load Americans are carrying, and wants system.” Most important, she asked Congress to spread awareness about the dignity of all jobs, not just select professions. “We need doctors, but we surely need plumbers too!”

At SCCTC lecturing is less than one-third of the curriculum. In these working environments Davis expects adult students to act as role models in dress, language and behavior. In addition to maturity, many adults arrive with prior knowledge to share. When younger students realize the adults are making special sacrifices to attend, such as paying for a babysitter, they appreciate their own situation more. SCCTC programs are flexible and “competency based” meaning students progress at their own pace. All may receive a diploma, but individuals will graduate with various competency points depending upon the skills they master. One carpentry student came back after working on one of four houses SCCTC students have built. “When I came here I could not even say Pythagorean theorem. Now I'm actually using it all day!”

The Community Foundation has partnered with SCCTC in many ways to provide student scholarships. Our next collaboration will be in offering scholarships for veterans and reservists who want to take courses at SCCTC. Together with Dr. Davis, we're working to make Endless Mountains veterans the next role models in SCCTC classrooms.

SCCTC Programs
- Accounting
- Admin Assistant
- Auto Body/Collision Repair
- Automotive Tech
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- Building & Property Maintenance
- Cosmetology
- Cosmetology Teacher
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Culinary Arts
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- Security & Protective Services
- Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
- Welding
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- Esthetician
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- ServSafe Certification
- Lead Renovation
- OSHA Construction
- OSHA General Industry
- Pharmacy Technician Clinical
- Medical Billing
- EKG Tech
- Medical Admin Assistant
- Dialysis Tech
- Medical Terminology
- ECG/EKG for Nurse

Mike Rowe on educational bias

In May 2016 Mr. Rowe was a featured speaker at The Workforce Summit in Hershey, PA. He is an avid supporter of career and technical education and testified before the U.S. Senate about the importance of supporting it. He is the former host of the Discovery Channel’s Dirty Jobs and CNN’s Somebody Gotta Do It. Here are some of his comments and initiatives:

“There is a real disconnect in the way that we educate vis-a-vis the opportunities that are available. You have right now about three million jobs in transportation, commerce, and trades that can’t be filled. Pushing every kid to go to a four-year college is not working. You’ve got a trillion dollars in debt on the student loan side, and yet we have a skills gap. I see lots of excellent trade jobs available that many people would not only be successful at but happy to do.

Closing the skills gap doesn’t just benefit future tradesmen and the companies desperate to hire them. It benefits people like me, and anyone else who shares my addiction to paved roads, reliable bridges, heat, air conditioning, and indoor plumbing. The skills gap is real and it’s getting wider, as skilled workers are retiring fast and no one is there to replace them.”

From his website: “Mike runs the mikeroweWORKS Foundation, which awards scholarships to students pursuing a career in the skilled trades. He is closely associated with the Future Farmers of America, SkillsUSA, and the Boy Scouts of America, who honored him as a Distinguished Eagle Scout. For reasons he cannot explain, Forbes identified Mike as one of the country’s 10 Most Trustworthy Celebrities in 2010, 2011 and 2012.”
New VETS Fund Takes Shape

What began as a “brainstorm” in the mind of Joe (Malcolm) Andre almost two years ago has come to fruition as a new Community Foundation endowment to help veterans launch post-military careers in technology and the trades. Though he got the ball rolling with an initial donation, VETS or Veterans Education and Training Support is described by Mr. Andre as a group effort. It involves the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center (SCCTS), and the Community Foundation. Members of the Committee that will direct the VETS Fund are the following Veterans:

Chairman, Malcolm “Joe” Andre began his military career as an ROTC cadet at Penn State. After graduation, he was commissioned an Army Armor Officer. He was stationed in Korea, serving from 1963 to 1965.

Attorney William Aileo who graduated from West Point in 1969, was commissioned and attended airborne and armor branch training. He was selected by the Army to attend law school at the University of Georgia. He held many positions including Executive of the Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Army. Following his retirement in 1992, he served as sole counsel to the America Battle Monuments Commission.

Earle Wootton served in the Air Force and the Air National Guard from 1967 to 1974. He was a navigator and Air Targets Intelligence Officer in a Tactical Air Support Squadron.

Their plan includes helping veterans tap all the government funds they are entitled to, and then using VETS Fund grants to be sure that no one who has served our country falls through bureaucratic cracks trying to get career training. There are gaps in what the GI Bill will cover. Non-college training programs, for example, are excluded. Men and women serving actively in the Reserves also have limited scholarship options.

Adult veterans and reservists could slip right into the flexible SCCTC culture. Small hands-on classes, flexible hours, co-op work-study, e-course options were all a perfect match. Vets would fit well with the multi-generational mix of adult learners at SCCTC.

The first scholarship recipient is William Quick, a ten-year veteran, who will study to become a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Mr. Andre anticipates that the veterans and reservists who make it through SCCTC will “carry the message” to their peers. He’s also planning to spread the word himself among potential donors able to build the endowment. Please contact the Foundation if you would like to help with donations by emailing VETS@community-foundation.org.

Vets, including current members of the Reserves and National Guard, can apply by contacting Tammi Mowry, Financial Aid / Adult and Continuing Education at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center, 570-278-9229 ext. 6671.

Lifelong Learners
Moving on Up

In response to the pressing local, regional, and national need for adult jobs training and retraining, the Foundation is announcing the establishment of a Lifelong Learning Fund. Adult high school graduates hoping to make the transition from minimum wage positions, from homemaking and childcare, from heavy labor they cannot physically sustain for a lifetime, often need monetary help to afford job training in the industries that need workers. Most scholarships are targeted to help children and teens, leaving adults in need to scramble without tuition assistance.

The life scenarios are many and varied. Some are recovering from a medical crisis. Some have children or aging parents in need. Some must delay starting families. Some make do on seasonal jobs, odd jobs, or a patchwork of part-time employment. Many are at risk of slipping slowly into poverty.

The Foundation’s partnerships with local organizations such as Interfaith, area churches, and United Ways allow us to take the pulse of community needs and to effectively screen grant applicants. This new fund will be open to all adults who wish to apply. It will be initiated and controlled by the Foundation, but all donors may participate at any level of support. Contact our office if you would like to help 570-278-3800.

Collaboration Makes it Happen

In addition to managing philanthropic funds, the Community Foundation works with donors of existing funds to develop new ways to advance their charitable interests. Our new VETS Fund is a perfect example. The Andre Fund created the VETS Fund, which may now be funded with donations from everyone. Mr. Andre’s good idea has become a public resource to benefit veterans. The Community Foundation links ideas and resources to achieve a shared charitable goal.

We believe
where there’s a will
to improve oneself,
there should be a way.
If the way is blocked
by financial barriers,
the Foundation
wants to help.
The Ayres-Stone Post of the VFW in Montrose continued its long tradition of supporting a broad array of community and educational activities this year by establishing the Ayres-Stone VFW Charitable Endowment Fund. Quartermaster Richard Geiger points out that the general membership of the post felt it was important to recognize the accomplishments of our region’s young people and to lend support to their worthy efforts. The fund will assist student clubs, organizations and classes that are comprised of students who exhibit a genuine concern for the betterment of the schools and greater community.

“This new endowment will provide a reliable and growing base of funding that the Ayres-Stone Post will be able to utilize for many generations to come,” noted Peter Quigg Community Foundation President. Montrose Area Superintendent, Carol Boyce added, “We are so appreciative...It is even more meaningful since it comes from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a group whose service has meant so much to us all. They have set an excellent example for our young people to follow in offering their own service for the greater good.”

The children of Agnes and James W. Holbert have maintained a scholarship fund numerous years at the Community Foundation. It honors their father’s service in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. Mr. Holbert participated in the Normandy Invasion, the largest amphibious invasion in world history and a turning point in that war.

The Holbert fund awards college scholarships to Elk Lake and Montrose Area School District graduates who demonstrate all-around excellence plus a willingness to serve their country. Award winners must excel in academics, exhibit high moral character, and participate in ROTC in college or enter a U.S. Military Academy.

The 2016 recipient of the Agnes and James W. Holbert Scholarship is Michaela Meaders, an Elk Lake graduate, who will attend Summit University.

The Wills for Heroes program provides free wills and estate planning documents to first responders and military veterans in a secure hometown setting. The Community Foundation is honored to host these events making them accessible to our Endless Mountain heroes who serve on the frontlines of our personal safety. The program is co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division. Its Susquehanna County coordinator Bud Dahlgren brings together attorneys, notaries and witnesses to make the process quick and easy for all.

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What is EITC?
The Education Improvement Tax Credit program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development, enables companies to redirect PA state tax dollars from Harrisburg to support local education. It is funded when businesses that owe certain types of state taxes make donations to education and then receive 75%–100% of their donation subtracted from their Pennsylvania state tax bill. Businesses may apply to direct their donations to any of the three aspects of EITC:

- Preschool children (ages 3-6 from low to moderate income families) receive tuition assistance.
- K-12 students (private or public) receive grants for tuition or school related costs, including vocational training and dual-enrollment.
- Education Improvement programs provide curriculum enhancement to local public schools.

Who is eligible?
- Limited Liability Corporations
- C Corporations
- Sub Chapter S Corporations or Partnerships

What can the tax credits be claimed against?
- Corporate Net Income Tax
- Bank and Trust Company Shares Tax
- Title Insurance Company Shares Tax
- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Mutual Thrift Institutions Tax
- Personal Income Tax of S Corp shareholders or partners

Where are the tax credits donated?
Many people ask, “Can I direct my PA state tax credit donations to particular schools, or school districts in PA, or to a geographic area of my choosing?” And the answer is: Yes. Many businesses target their education donations to specific Pennsylvania school districts where their customers or employees live, or to a specific Curriculum Enhancement program which they wish to support. The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains is the only local administrator of all aspects of EITC: Pre-K, K-12 and Education Improvement.

YOUR COST: On average 6-7 cents on the dollar

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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS YOUR ROADMAP TO EASY, EFFECTIVE EITC

START DONATING THIS YEAR BY CALLING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AT 570.278.3800
How do we THANK YOU?! Let us count the ways

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Sweet Rewards

“Happy Retirement” wishes to Norma Chacona of Creative Play Preschool in Susquehanna. For nearly a decade Norma’s little artists have charmed us with their sweet handmade thank you notes to our donors. We hope Norma will now enjoy some creative play of her own.

Recently Added Preschools Receiving Foundation Assistance
- Seeds of Grace: Tunkhannock
- University of Scranton Early Learning Center: Scranton
- Curious Minds at Poconos YMCA: Stroudsburg
- Greater Scranton YMCA: Dunmore
- Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA: Wilkes-Barre
LOCAL GRANTS FOR EDUCATION IN 2015

Blue Ridge School District Foundation:
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
  - Blue Ridge Education Association/Cheryl Manchester Memorial Fund
  - Blue Ridge Superintendent’s Fund for Special Projects
  - Clemens Family Fund
  - College Dual Enrollment Assistance
  - Creative Adventures for Education (CAFE) Fund
  - David Cowell Fund
  - Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
  - John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
  - Jessie Odegard Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
  - Waste Management funding for Project FB
  - Load The Way
  - Andrew F. Senko, Sr. Memorial Nature Trail Fund
  - Clair Young Memorial Fund for Youth Workforce Development

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Dimick Community Workers Scholarship
- Agnes and James W. Hultert 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 & Florence McGowan Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Maurice D. Taylor Memorial Music Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

Lackawanna Trail School District Foundation:
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
  - College Dual Enrollment Assistance
  - Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity Scholarship
- Paul Fearsick Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship

Lake Region School District:
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
  - College Dual Enrollment Assistance

SCHOLARSHIPS
- Scholarships for Careers
- Suzette County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
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Montrose School District Foundation:
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Susquehanna County Christmas:

Andrew M. Snitzer Memorial Scholarship
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Bradley David Conklin Memorial
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- The Nicholas Sovetsky Memorial Scholarship
- Albert E. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship
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- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship
- Robert Wood Memorial Scholarship

Mountain View School District Foundation:
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
  - College Dual Enrollment Assistance
  - Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
  - John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
  - Peoples Security Bank and Trust funding for Project Lead the Way
  - Jessie Odegard Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS
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- Suzette County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Mount East Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Plus 45 other districts such as:
  - Abington Heights School District
  - Honesdale High School
  - Scranton Area School District
  - Wallenpaupack Area School District
  - Western Wayne School District

Tunkhannock Area School District Foundation:
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
  - Adrienne’s Garden’ Art Awards
  - Camp Invention Summer Enrichment Program
  - College Dual Enrollment Assistance
  - 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 Doher Memorial Scholarship
- Montrose School District Foundation:
  - Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship
  - northwest Valley Music Scholarship
  - Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
  - Tunkhannock High School Class of ’66 Scholarship
  - Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
  - Frank J. Valvano Memorial Scholarship

Susquehanna Community School District Foundation:
- SPECIAL PROJECTS
  - College Dual Enrollment Assistance
  - David Cowell Fund
  - Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
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- Sid and Betty Fiske Memorial Scholarship
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**MEMORIALS**

**Fishing Pals Not Forgotten**

Howard H. Kimball, Jr. who passed away in August 2015 is being honored by his fishing buddy John Diaz. Mr. Diaz has established, in Howard’s name, a Community Foundation memorial fund to benefit animal shelters and animal rehabilitation centers in the United States. Howard and John shared a love of the great outdoors, its wildlife and adventures in the mountains of Colorado, the rivers and streams of the Adirondacks, the Caribbean, the Bahamas and the Florida Keys. On the friends’ first encounter John rescued Howard from near drowning. That bond is now immortalized in acts of caring for animals.

Mr. Kimball was born in Elmira, New York in 1929 and spent summers on the old family farm in Monterey. He served with distinction as a Lieutenant in the Army Rangers during the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart and other medals. He married his sweetheart Nancy F. Marks who passed away in 1998. They had three children, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and were collectors of art and patrons of local artists.

In his public life Howard was a legendary “whiz kid” and natural leader. He rose to be president of Rose Kimball & Baxter hardware business, was also president of the Arctic Cellars in Dundee.

Wine Grape Growers Association, and Glenora Wine Cellars in Dundee.

A farewell note in Howard Kimball’s obituary speaks of the rarity of true friendship and his appreciation of his “good friend, care giver, and fishing pal John.”

**Diane Yakoski Fund helps LPNs**

Mr. Joseph Yakoski has honored the memory of his beloved wife Diane with an endowment that will support the education expenses of local Practical Nurses. In this, the first year of the fund’s founding, Mr. Yakoski made a grant of $750 to the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC) Practical Nursing program.

Diane Yakoski was an LPN who worked locally for many years at Tyler Memorial Hospital. Her love and devotion to helping people was clear to all who had the pleasure of knowing her. This permanent endowment will provide annual grants to help others aspiring to devote their lives to this selfless profession. It is Mr. Yakoski’s intention that the grants will have the same impact on the recipient as Diane had on her patients’ lives. Dr. Alice Davis, Executive Director of SCCTC stated, “I can’t thank Mr. Yakoski enough for his support of the SCCTC Practical Nurse program. It will surely make dreams come true for our nursing students.”

**Quigg Memorial Funds Honor Charitable Lives**

Within the last year our President Peter Quigg and his family have lost two parents. John Thomas Quigg died in October 2015. Shirley Lutz Quigg passed away in April 2016. Both were models of community service and will be honored by Memorial Charitable Funds in each of their names.

**Mr. Quigg grew up in Clarks Summit where he was a high school football star. After starting out at Lehigh University on a football scholarship, he graduated from the University of Scranton after an injury ended his football career. He served in the U.S. Marines, earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Management at the University of Pennsylvania, and graduated from the Executive Education program of Harvard University. Tom held various positions in industry and academia before developing the Pump N Pantry chain of convenience stores which remains a family-run business managed by Peter’s brother Scott.

Tom was a founding member of the Community Foundation, and served on the boards of Keystone College, Guthrie Health Care System, Susquehanna County Red Cross, and the Pocono Environmental Education Center. He was also a member of the Vestry and was Treasurer for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Montrose, and served on the Corporate Board of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. He provided college scholarships for local students and was proud of rescuing from demolition the still-active Montrose Movie Theater which he donated to the Montrose Restoration Committee. The John Thomas Quigg Memorial Charitable Fund has been established by Tom’s family and friends and each year on his birthday in May will provide support to one of his favorite charities or non-profit organizations.

Shirley Lutz Quigg was born in Carbondale and grew up in Waverly where she was an avid tennis and basketball player and editor of the school newspaper. Her memories as a Girl Scout camper and counselor at Camp Archbald led to her support as an adult the camp’s reconstruction project. She attended Keystone Junior College and worked for Charm Magazine in New York City.

In addition to being a mother and homemaker, Shirley Quigg also served on the boards of the Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic Women’s League, the Visiting Nurse Association of Lackawanna County, the Susquehanna & Wyoming Counties chapter of the American Cancer Society, and the Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association. She was a member of the Altar Guild of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church and also the Garden Club of Montrose. In her later years Shirley was pleased to help support the Women Helping Women Fund at The Community Foundation, The Shirley Lutz Quigg Memorial Charitable Fund has also been established by Shirley’s family and friends and each year on her birthday in June will provide support to one of her favorite charities or non-profit organizations.
Montrose Chorus Features Irish Troubadours

The Concert Chorus of Montrose Area Junior-Senior High School is up to 70 student voices strong. They represented their area proudly at district, regional, all-state festivals, continuing a long tradition of community music participation.

This May, their efforts were rewarded by a generous grant provided by the Wert Family Fund administered by the Community Foundation. The grant allowed the Chorus to host special guest performers Four Shillings Short to join them in an evening of choral Irish folk songs. Four Shillings Short is a husband and wife duo from Cork, Ireland. They are true full-time traveling troubadours who have been touring the U.S. and Europe for two decades, this year performing 150 concerts.

The centerpiece of the evening was a block of traditional Irish music including Danny Boy, The Rocky Road to Dublin, Molly Malone (Cockles and Mussels), The Wearing of the Green, and Dulaman with the chorus joined by the duo. It was a rousing example of the wide-ranging repertoire, genres and time periods that the students experienced. The evening also featured selections from Phantom of the Opera, a spiritual, and various spot solos performed by student members.

Visual Arts and Children’s Brains

One-third of all children are what educators call “visual learners.” They absorb information best from visual images. Art classes for all young children are highly recommended for developing motor skills as well as reading readiness. Each time a child holds a paintbrush or cuts paper with scissors, his or her dexterity and motor skills improve. These tasks improve visual-spatial skills and eye-hand coordination. Visual art also helps children appreciate different cultures and traditions, providing a foundation for understanding racial diversity and American society and history.

Education research has uncovered many distinct relationships between arts and academic and social outcomes. Dramatic enactment is related to conflict resolution. Traditional dance has been linked to nonverbal reasoning. Learning a musical instrument correlates with mathematics proficiency.

Given the benefits, the Foundation would like to thank, once again, an anonymous family from the Elk Lake School District for establishing the Elk Lake Visual and Performing Arts Fund. Each year, their fund provides assistance for special projects in the art, theater and music departments at the Elk Lake School District. We hope their gift inspires the imagination of other donors to support arts education.

Giana Fund Arts Grants

Once again in 2015 thousands of area students, faculty and community members have benefited from school district grants from The Giana Foundation of Dallas, Texas and London, England. Up to $2,500 for each school district has been provided for expenses such as art supplies, audio-visual equipment, instrument repairs, music curricula, Artist-in-Residence programs, theater repairs, and travel expenses for choral and orchestral performances.

The Giana Foundation is passionate about arts education. For several years they have chosen this very meaningful way to support local students residing in areas where they do business.

ARTS
Educating Women for Success

BY COURTNEY ERAT
INTER, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ten years ago, Judy Ventresca established a Community Foundation endowment with the salary from her final year of employment. Her grants provided assistance, education, and support for deserving women of the Endless Mountains. In 2012 that fund became the seed money for the Women Helping Women (WHW) initiative. More than 100 individuals and dozens of businesses have joined Judy in raising over $100,000.

In addition to targeting health, economic self-sufficiency, personal safety, leadership, and professional development, this year WHW is emphasizing the importance of education. In the Endless Mountains, the number of young women who choose to pursue higher education is significantly lower than both state and national averages. By granting additional funds to programs in the area, WHW enables women to further educate themselves through classes, workshops, career counseling, and more. This year WHW has helped:

- Interfaith’s Pathway Connections
- Women in Shale Energy (WISE)
- Tunkhannock Area School District’s Tigress Program
- Montrose Area School District’s Meteorite Wellness Night
- Children’s Center
- CareNet
- Women’s Resource Center

You can make a difference

The programs and services WHW provides would not be possible without the support of our generous donors. Our donor levels are as follows:

- Platinum: $2,000 per year / 5 years
- Gold: $1,000 per year / 5 years
- Silver: $500 per year / 5 years
- Bronze: $200 per year / 5 years
- Annual Membership Renewal: $50 minimum donation

If you are interested in supporting WHW, donations may be mailed to:
The Community Foundation 270 Lake Avenue, Montrose PA 18801
or made online at www.community-foundation.org

About the Grant Recipients

Interfaith’s Pathway Connections aims to teach personal development and confidence as tools for professional success. The four-week program includes a personality profile, advice on professional dress, makeup tips, and financial education. Job interviews and professional etiquette are taught.

WISE is a Lackawanna College’s School of Petroleum and Natural Gas organization. It was founded in 2015 to encourage women pursuing a career in a predominantly male field. With the help of WHW, WISE runs a professional development program that includes resume building, mock interviews, trips to industry workshops, and networking skills.

Tunkhannock’s Tigress program and Montrose’s Meteorite Wellness Night help young women become self-aware, learn how to handle stress and negative situations, and promote overall wellness. With assistance from WHW both programs are able to hold events where female students can spend time with their peers learning valuable skills from positive role models.

Children’s Center is dedicated to serving children and providing the best care possible. WHW helped fund educational materials for outreach services to local schools.

Women Helping Women Leadership Team

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Cristine Clayton

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WHW Happenings

“GET A SCREENING, GIVE A SCREENING” sponsors breast cancer screenings during the entire month of October for women in the area who could otherwise not afford them. According to the American Cancer Society, a woman in the United States has a one in eight lifetime risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer. Women over the age of 45 are strongly encouraged to undergo an annual screening, at minimum, to increase the chances of early detection and survival. WHW has partnered with Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation and Endless Mountains Health Systems since 2014 to cover the cost of mammograms for women in Susquehanna County. A donation of $200 will cover co-pays or provide a no-cost screening. We encourage women in Susquehanna County to schedule an appointment by calling Endless Mountain Health Systems at (570) 278-3801 and asking to speak with Valerie Brewer.

“PAINT THE TOWN PINK” Events are part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Volunteers are needed on Sept 25th at 1 P.M. in both Montrose and Tunkhannock.

Contact: whw@community-foundation.org

Facebook: WomenHelpingWomenoftheEndlessMountains
WILLIAM LEWIN
Vice Chairman of the Board, Principal, Financial Management

Bill is a founder of the Community Foundation of Susquehanna County and is our first Chairman of the Board. He serves as the President and serves as our Vice Chairman of the Board. The leadership and his expertise in financial management provided valuable guidance to the Foundation. He grew up and attended school in Montrose where he still lives with his family and friends. He lives with his wife Deborah and their four children. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Pennsylvania State University and he is a Certified Financial Planner.

MARK McNAMARA
Executive Director

Mark is a 1991 graduate of Lackawanna Trail High School. He received a BS in finance from Penn State University and a PhD from Marywood University. Mark is currently the Chief Financial Officer at Selectivestore In, Inc., based out of Scranton in Tunkhannock. Prior to joining Selectivestore Inc, Mark was in various leadership roles within the education industry. In addition to his current role, Mark recently joined the Community Foundation board to provide continued leadership and support.

SANDRA ROYCE, Esq.
Attorney

Sandra is a graduate of Marywood University and Villanova Law School. She was a catering sales director for Lackawanna College and was a solicitor for both Lackawanna Trail School District and Wyoming County Children’s Aid Society for many years. She is a board member of Community Services Corporation and is a U.S. Army Reserve Colonel Retired. She is a member of the National Association of Public and Private Development Authority. Sandra resides in Tunkhannock.

JOSEPH HUNT
President

Joe was born and raised in Wyoming County. He is a graduate of Wyoming Area Senior High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Bloomsburg University. Joe is a skilled at motivating and managing people to create strong businesses. He is the founder of Cabot Oil & Gas and served as its CEO until 2022.

CRISTINE CLAYTON
Corporate Secretary

Cristine was born in the Bronx and raised in New York. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Albany School of Business. As a management consultant for Ernst & Young, she worked with various Fortune 500 companies. Since joining the Foundation in 2008, she has completed major upgrades to our website and enhanced our administrative and internal processes to better serve our donors and scholarship recipients. Cristine is the Executive Director for Women Helping Women. She lives with her family in Susquehanna County.

PETER QUIGG
Chairman

Peter graduated from Clarion University in 1990. He earned his master’s degree in business administration from Keene State College in New Hampshire in 2004. Peter is a Certified Financial Planner. He currently serves as our Board Chair and serves as our Treasurer. He is a Certified Public Accountant and serves as Vice President of the Community Foundation of Susquehanna County. Peter lives with his family in Susquehanna County.

JOSEPH INCE
Chairman Emeritus

Joe was born and raised in the Farmington area. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Bloomsburg University. He is a board member of the Community Foundation of Susquehanna County. He is also a member of the Community Foundation of Wyoming County.

KRISTEN HARRISБrown
Chief Financial Officer & Director of Finance

Kristen is currently the Chief Financial Officer & Director of Finance for the Community Foundation of Susquehanna County. She has over ten years of experience in finance and accounting, and is responsible for managing the financial operations of the organization.

SCOTT BROWN
President & CEO

Scott is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and holds degrees in Business Administration and Management from Stanford University. He has extensive experience in the financial services industry, having worked at firms such as Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs.

JAMES W. MAY
Director Emeritus

Jim was a native of Scranton. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Old Dominion University and served as a career military officer in the U.S. Army. He was a career military officer and served as a manager and consultant for the Community Foundation of Scranton.

RICHARD L. LEIBNIZ
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Established by Mrs. Sarah Bertsch of Montrose, this fund provides a college scholarship to a graduating senior from Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

Established in memory of Dr. Ray Bennett, a long-time member of the Montrose Area Methodist Church and a Montrose Area Schools Board member, this fund provides a college or post-secondary degree program scholarship to a student from the greater Montrose area.

Established by the family and friends of Tony Bistocchi, this fund provides annual support for their favorite charities.

Established in memory of Daniel Crisman, who was a Montrose student who will attend college or a post-secondary degree program.

Established by an anonymous donor to provide support for unfunded programs of the Community Foundation as a non-designated fund to provide assistance for the most urgent needs in our area.

Established by Robert and Diane Turrell to provide annual support for their favorite charities.

Established by Robert and Melanie Diehl of Oakland, this fund supports the programmatic needs of Friends of Salt Springs Park.

Established by the family of the late Montrose alumna Jackie Frye, this fund supports the programmatic needs of Friends of Salt Springs Park.

Established by the family of the late Dr. Jimmy Frye, this fund supports the programmatic needs of The Garden Club of Montrose.

Established by an anonymous donor to provide assistance for a graduate of Lackawanna Trail High School, who

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JOHN TORREY HAWKINS & EVELYN LUTZ HUBBARD FUND
Established by the family and friends of John “Jack” Hawkins, this fund provides for the on-going operation of the Endless Mountains Health Systems which had been of great benefit to their times in the area.

ERMA & BEULAH HEFFERAN ENDOWMENT FUND
Established from the estate of Erma & Beulah Heffearn to provide support for the Montrose United Methodist Church.

AGNES AND JAMES W. HOLBERT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the children of James W. Holbert, who was killed in action during WWII and participated in the Normandy invasion. The scholarship will be awarded to an Elk Lake High School senior.

SALISBURY & JOAN KELLER MEMORIAL FUND
Established by the estate of Mr. Keller’s family in memory of this man who was an educator and principal of the district. Provides for a scholarship to a graduate of Elk Lake School District.

HOUSER FAMILY FUND
Established by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harold House of Harford, PA to provide support for their favorite charities.

DAVID HWANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family to provide support to their alma mater.

SALISBURY & JOAN KELLER MEMORIAL FUND
Established by the family to provide support to their alma mater.

LIBRARY IN MESHOPPEN
Established by the estate of a Mountie to support the operation of the Montrose Foundation.

THE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND
Established by The Consortium to support joint activities between the Mountain View School District and The Community Foundation.

KLENK SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family, friends, and former students of Mr. Klenk to provide a scholarship to a graduate of the Mountain View School District.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Provides a scholarship to a Mountain View student interested in joining the Marine Corps.

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PARKS & RECREATION FUND
Established by the family of Mr. Samuel Rohr to provide support for the maintenance of the Rose Conservancy of Susquehanna County.

LEOPOLD & JANE SCHEIBER CULINARY ARTS FUND
Established by friends of Leopold and the late Jane Schieber, this fund provides for culinary arts instruction and education.

THE NICHOLS-SEVRECOK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Provides a scholarship to a Montrose High School student who has previously attended a non-profit primary or secondary degree program.

SHARED BLESSINGS FUND
Established by Neal Ando and Sonja Lee of Montrose to provide and enhance the quality of birth, compassion and education.

WILLIAM D. SMITH MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family and friends of Mr. Smith to honor his love of music. This fund grants a scholarship to a graduate of Elk Lake High School who will enroll in a college or a post-secondary degree program.

ALBERT SHEPHERD MEMORIAL FUND
Established by the family of Albert Shepperd to provide support to a graduate from Montrose Area High School who has been a student in good standing and who will enter college or a post-secondary degree program.

ANDREW V. SENKO, SR. MEMORIAL FUND
Established by the Senko family to provide support to the Andy V. Senko Memorial Nature Trail at Elk Ridge Elementary School.

SILVER LAKE LADIES CLUB FUND
Supports the Club’s annual scholarship program presented in cooperation with Peoples Security Bank & Trust.

SILVER LAKE CURES FUND
Established by the Silver Lake Advisors, a New York City investment banking boutique, to support various non-profits in the northwest corner of Pennsylvania and throughout the United States.

JOHNNY WHITEMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by a college alumnus, a shoe man named Johnny Whiteman, to provide support to a graduate who will major in a business related field.

MARGARET STONE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP
Established by friends of Margaret Stone to provide music support to a student in good standing.

JOE & PILLY SNOOK MEMORIAL FUND
Established by Joanne and Robert Snook to support the operation of the Montross Medical Center.

JOHN THOMAS QUIGG MEMORIAL FUND
Established by the family and friends of Tom Quigg, who was a young man who was a star basketball player at Elk Lake High School.

HASKELL OAKES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family of Mr. Haskell Oakes to support students who will major in a business related field.

JOHN KRUPINSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by a graduate from Elk Lake High School who will pursue a musical education in college.

W. DAYTON SHELLY MEMORIAL MUSIC FUND
Established by the family of Mr. W. Dayton Shelley to provide support to a graduate who will major in a business related field.

THE NICHOLAS SEVERCOOL MEMORIAL FUND
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Susquehanna Beekeepers Education Fund
Established by the Susquehanna Beekeepers Association to assist with their education programs for young people.

Susquehanna County 4-H Program Endowment Fund
Established by the Susquehanna County 4-H to assist with their various programs.

Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship Fund
Established by the school district to provide college scholarships to students from the township that participate in the Annual Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament every December.

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

Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Endowment Fund
Established by the board of directors of the Historical Society to provide annual support to assist with the library's expenses.

Susquehanna County Historical Society Fund
Established by the Board of Directors of the Historical Society to provide annual permanent support to assist with the operations of the Historical Society in Montrose, and the Library facilities throughout the county.

Susquehanna County Library Endowment Fund
Established by Jason Legg, to assist with the expenses of law enforcement, particularly the Susquehanna County Police Department.

Susquehanna Fire Department Scholarship Fund
Established by the Susquehanna Fire Department to assist an incoming or current Susquehanna County student who have demonstrated a strong sense of voluntarism and community service who will further demonstrate that characteristic while in college.

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Tunkhannock Public Library Endowment Fund
Established by the Board of Directors of the Library to provide professional assistance to local libraries that participate in the one Kingsley location. Their alumni associations make a fund for perpetual assistance to local libraries that participate in the one Kingsley location.

Mary M. Lingle Memorial Fund
Supports the Lutheran Community Church.

United Way Fund
Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

United Way of Susquehanna County Fund
Established by the United Way of Susquehanna County. Provides grants to non-profit organizations that participate in the United Way.

Frank J. Valvano Memorial Scholarship Fund
Established in memory of Frank J. Valvano, a retired Tunkhannock Area School District administrator, who passed away in a tragic motorcycle accident. Provides a scholarship to a Tunkhannock Area Graduate.

Jermey Van Cott Horticulture Scholarship Fund
Established by the Van Cott family in honor of their daughter, Jermey. Provides scholarships to a Tunkhannock Area High School student who study agriculture, horticulture, and exhibits a need for additional assistance.

Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Automotive Scholarship Fund
Established by Matthew’s parents and six sisters in memory of Matt who passed away in an automobile accident. The scholarship provides assistance to a student who will study automotive technology. The scholarships are available to students from all the school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

Vicki’s Fund for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
In memory of Vicki O’Day, killed by her estranged husband. Provides support to the Susquehanna County Women’s Resource Center.

John J. and Ann Vitalle Scholarship Fund
Available to students from the six school districts in Susquehanna County who will enter their final year of high school and who have incurred student debt.

Warner Family Charitable Fund
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner of Elk Lake to provide assistance to favorite charities.

Wellness Fund
Established to encourage an understanding of complementary and alternative health and wellness by providing support to the Iroquois Wellness Arts Center in Montrose.

West Side Old Cemetery Association Endowment Fund
Established by the Cemetery Association to assist with the expenses of maintaining The West Old Cemetery in Montrose, PA.

Robert & Grace Wert Charitable Fund
Supports charitable and non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended by the Wert family.

Matthew James White Memorial Fund
Established by the family of Matthew White, a high school student killed in an automobile accident. To provide support to the Montrose Area school district.

Andrew Blake Wildoner Memorial Fund
Established by the family and friends of Andrew to support charities and organizations close to his heart.

Women Helping Women Fund
Established to provide financial assistance to local women that provide assistance with breast cancer and other related expenses.

Robert Wood Memorial Scholarship Fund
In memory of Robert Wood, who in 1952 started the practice of dentistry in Montrose and served the community as a college scholarship to a Montrose High School undergraduate to assist with their educational expenses so that the greater portion of annual donations to the United Way can be used for community charitable support.

June L. Wotton Fund for Hospice and Palliative Care
Supports hospice and palliative care services in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

Earle J. and June Wotton Fund
Established by the Wyoming County United Way to assist with their educational expenses so that the greater portion of annual donations to the United Way can be used to provide community charitable support.

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

Wyoming County United Way Endowment Fund
Established by the Wyoming County United Way to assist with their educational expenses so that the greater portion of annual donations to the United Way can be used to provide community charitable support.

Diane Yakeoski Memorial Nursing Fund
Established by Diane's family to provide support to the Practical Nursing Program at the Susquehanna County Career Center and Technology Center.

Sandra Major Public Service Fund

To honor Representative Sandra Major’s 21 years of devoted service in the Pennsylvania Legislature and in numerous local charitable and civic organizations, her constituents, friends and supporters are establishing a new permanent education endowment at the Community Foundation. It will benefit schools and students in Representative Sandra Major's 111th district which comprises portions of Susquehanna and Wayne Counties. The focus of the fund’s grants will be organizations and activities that foster an interest in public service and community involvement in our region’s youth. More details will be announced at a retirement picnic at Green Gables in September.

Historical Society Endowment
Would you like to research your family’s history? Read a newspaper from 100 years ago? Learn about your region’s historic architecture? Discover how the United States Homestead Act traces its roots to Susquehanna County? Then a trip to the Historical Society is on your Bucket List. For decades the branch office of the Susquehanna County Free Library and the Historical Society have shared a home on Monument Square in the heart of Montrose. With the upcoming construction of the new library on the outskirts of town the Historical Society will be able to utilize the entire current building for its vast holdings. Many local historical items that have long been in storage will now be available for viewing. Genealogical and historical research facilities will be expanded. However, this expansion will of course not be free. In addition to being stewards of our past, the current Board of Directors of the Library and Historical Society are looking forward to the ongoing expenses of maintaining the Historical Society’s expanded home. The New Susquehanna County Historical Society Fund has recently been established at The Community Foundation to help provide support for the Historical Society’s annual expenses so that future generations can learn about our heritage that stretches back centuries, includes our current daily life, and expands far into the future. Contributions to the new Historical Society Fund are always welcome to help carry on our common legacy.

Fiske Endowment Welcomed
The Harford High School Alumni Association has entrusted to the Community Foundation, a fund that was established by one of its alumna, Mrs. Leona Fiske. The Fiske Educational Scholarship Endowment Fund provides college or post-secondary degree tuition assistance to a Harford High School graduate who will attend college to train for the medical professions or who will attend a post-secondary program to become a Paramedic.

Sandra Major Public Service Fund
Established by the family of Mr. Nelson Fiske who passed away in 2015. He owned and operated Sage Supply in Binghamton until his retirement. The long-standing business provided heating, bath and plumbing supplies, and continues today under new ownership. We appreciate the confidence the alumni have demonstrated in placing their endowment under Community Foundation management.

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We welcome our Director of Operations and Corporate Secretary Cristen Clayton to her new seat on our Board. Her vision and execution of technology upgrades has been indispensable to our growth, as has her leadership of Women Helping Women.

We also congratulate Representative Sandra Major on her 21 years of public service as Pennsylvania State Representative for the 111th District. She will not seek re-election in 2016, but we trust the Foundation will continue to enjoy her support.

Congratulations are in order to Foundation Director Jason Lagg for his election to the position of Susquehanna County President Judge. The voters obviously recognized the same integrity the Foundation board appreciates.

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Learn about each of our staff members on the following page. We are forever grateful that this important work continues to attract good new talent!
Address changed?
Please contact our office.

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BIGGER THAN YOU
TO IMPACT SOMEONE SMALLER

The Community Foundation is your easy philanthropic connection to schools and charities of the Endless Mountains