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George Schreck

George Schreck once again has contributed his nature photography to this magazine's cover. He raises a magnificent garden at his home in Franklin Forks. His career as a game warden and 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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FROM THE PRESIDENT



BY PETER QUIGG
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 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.

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Standing from left to right: Bob Brown, Karl Kail, Rick Lochen, Mark Carpenter, George Stark, Jason Legg, Joe Hunt, and Representative Sandra Major. Seated: Peter Quigg, Earle Wootton, and Bill Lewis.

From Successful to Exceptional

The year 2015 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.

BY EARLE WOOTTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



EARLE WOOTTON

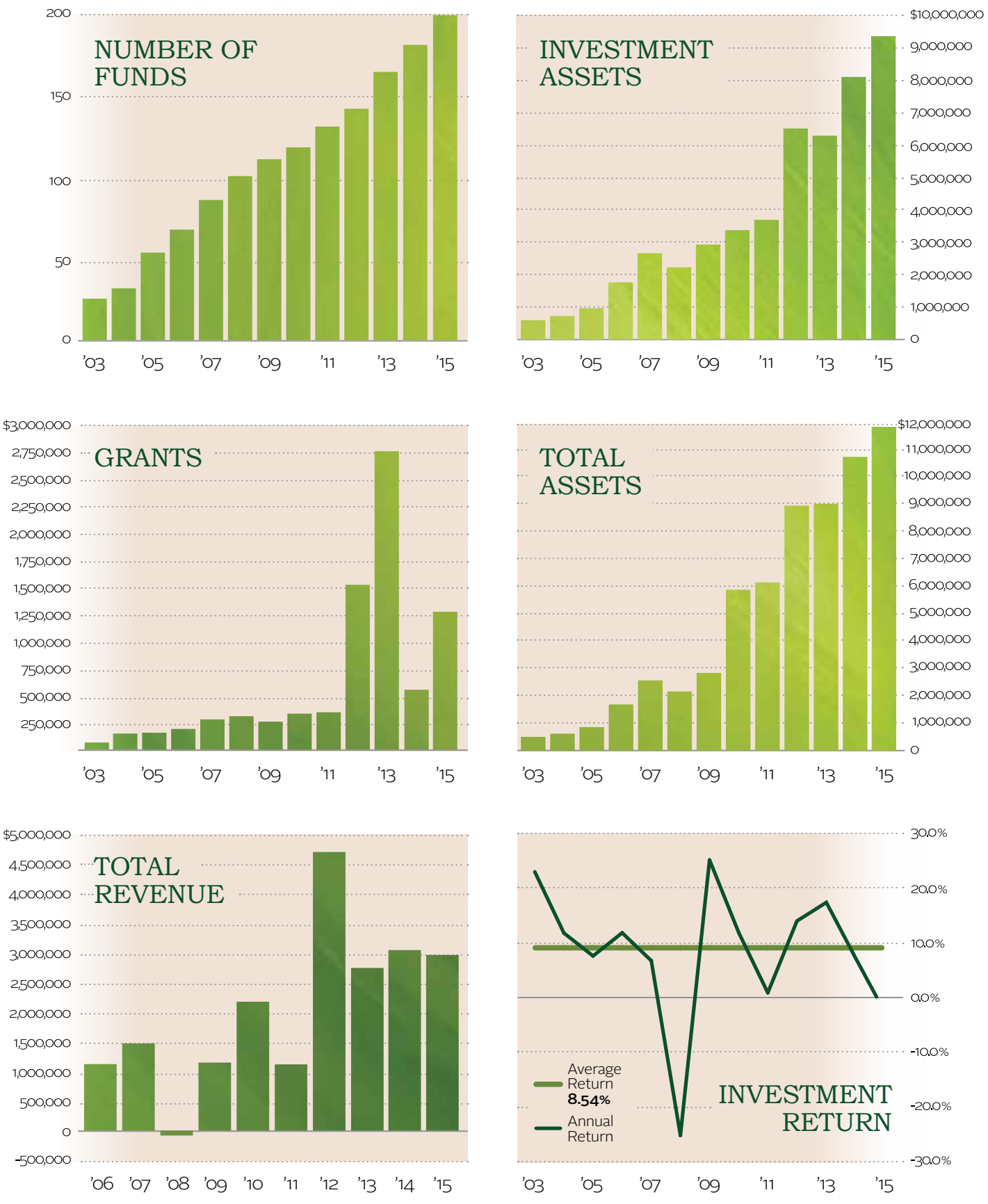
This has been a year to celebrate. In 2015 we made 1240 grants, double the number made in 2014. The total value of the grants was \$1,250,000. And this was accomplished with less than 7% of our income going to expenses.

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%.



Spirit of the ENDLESS MOUNTAINS Awards

The Community Foundation took time this Thanksgiving to inaugurate a new annual tradition which will be known as Spirit of the Endless Mountains Awards. Vice Chairman and Founding Director William Lewis described this year's awards as being about vision. "People in this room stepped up early to make the organization what it is today."



DEBRA DISSINGER

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.



GEORGE STARK

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.



MICHAEL GIANGRIECO

The Giangrieco Law Firm represented by Michael Giangrieco were noted to have exhibited confidence in the Foundation's work 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

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 indispensable to Foundation operations and a pillar of trust and integrity that donors recognized immediately. His peers in the philanthropy field note his tact and quiet effectiveness in developing endowments. His expertise has been sought out by several boards of charitable and educational institutions.



EARLE & JUNE WOOTTON

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."



From left to right, standing, Thomas Chamberlain, Cristine Clayton, Earle Wootton, George Stark and Fran Lyman. Seated, Peter Quigg and June Wootton.

"Outstanding Foundation" Honors

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 construc-

tive 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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Jean Hollister, the Foundation’s Events Coordinator, is standing by a dining room set that was donated to the Foundation. The table and chairs were made by the Kindel Company and are from their Winterthur collection. They were donated by Caroline and James Kolder of Barrington, Illinois. The Kolders wanted their dining room set to be preserved in an appropriate setting where it will serve the public. Caroline is the sister of Richard Jordan. Richard and his wife, Maureen, are both attorneys who live near Montrose.

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 an 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 depositions. “It’s a matter of convenience,” say those with offices nearby. Others traveling from Tioga County or beyond find it, “...worth the drive to have such a beautiful, comfortable space.”

Essentials such as stationary and a good copier are close at hand, 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



VAN ZANDBERGEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Live-stream broadcasts are held in our comfortable and well-appointed library with seating up to 18.

Foundation is equipped with a professional kitchen with table service ware, flatware, glassware, table linens and floral arrangements available. Hot coffee or tea can be supplied, and chilled beverages are stocked in the onsite refrigerator.

Event coordinator Jean Hollister sees that all goes smoothly from reservations through clean-up. She will suggest a caterer, set up a wholesome breakfast, or arrange lunch from a gourmet deli. With her attention to detail even simple casual events become elegant and memorable. Jean remains available on site during all events. If more staff are needed, she will arrange that. All facilities are handicap accessible, and safe free off-street parking is close to entrances. Jean Hollister may be reached at events@community-foundation.org.



WHAT'S MISSING

IN YOUR ORGANIZATION?

A PLANNED GIVING OFFICE THAT SUPPORTS YOUR WORK?
DONOR OUTREACH TO CAPTURE LOCAL GIVING?
AN ENDOWMENT TO ENSURE YOUR ORGANIZATION'S FUTURE?

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ORGANIZATIONS

Lions live their motto: "We Serve"

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.



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 life-long 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.



Foundation Funds Preserving Historic Cemeteries:

- Eleanor Dewees McKeage Endowment
- John Lyons Memorial Fund (established in 1936)
- The Montrose Cemetery Association Fund
- Jackson Cemetery Association Fund
- East Rush Cemetery Endowment

SkillsUSA Students Bring Home the Gold

SkillsUSA offers training programs in 130 job categories. They partner with businesses, trade associations and unions to help instructors engage students, and to address the nation’s skills gap and skilled worker shortages.

Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative maintains an Education Fund at the Community Foundation that supports the SkillsUSA programs at Northern Tier Career Center in Bradford County and Susquehanna Career and Technology Center (SCCTC).

Such support this year allowed



25 area students to compete in the SkillsUSA state competition in Harrisburg. Several came home with gold medals qualifying them to go on to the National Competition held in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Alice Davis told the SCCTC school board, “I brag about how awesome my staff is, but to send 25 students from a small

school like this one is amazing.” Medal winners shone in many skills categories: Kenny Brittingham for prepared speech; Maryn Roloson, Amber Ross and Macy Wega for cosmetology; James McIntire, Chris Meaders and Keaton Smith for an outstanding community service project of constructing dog houses for the True Friends Animal Shelter; and Casey Kelley for exceptional building construction skills which included building a floor section, three walls and an entire block wall, and plumbing.

Williams’ Gift Seeds Claverack Endowment

Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative has established a new Claverack Member Assistance Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation to help co-op members experiencing difficulties paying their electric bills. The fund was made possible by a \$25,000 “seed money” donation from Williams.

Williams manager of public outreach, Michael Atchie said the co-op was selected in appreciation of the positive working relationship that has

developed between the two companies. Claverack has extended electric lines and upgraded circuits to provide power to natural gas compression stations Williams has constructed throughout the co-op’s service territory.

“Williams’ culture is to give something back to communities where we live and work. We appreciate this opportunity to do something that will benefit the cooperative and its members.” Atchie said. Claverack President Bobbi Kilmer explained, “The co-op will be adding unclaimed capital credits monies to the fund for a period of years in order to achieve a self-sustaining source of funding. The co-op would then be able to utilize up to five percent of the funds’ value for member assistance grants without the need to touch the fund’s principal.” Until that point Claverack’s existing HOPE program and Operation Round-up will be available to assist members.

Officials from Williams, Claverack and Community Foundation celebrate donation.



United Way Launches Imagination Library

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Dolly Parton’s most beloved accomplishment, her Imagination Library, a book gifting program that has mailed more than 70 million free books to children all around the world. The United Way of Susquehanna County (UWSC) is partnering with the organization to provide a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book each month to all Susquehanna County children under the age of five, regardless of household income.

Findings of a recent study prepared by the Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development reported that 81 percent of children in Susquehanna County under age five are living in economically at-risk families and are at moderate risk of school failure. Kim Merithew, Director of Corporate and Community Giving of UWSC, believes the program has the potential to rewrite this community’s story. “Imagination Library has achieved spectacular results in

communities around the world.” According to maternal and family health services experts, children’s brains develop most rapidly between birth and age five, when we lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning, and foster a desire and readiness to learn.

The announcement marks the beginning of a new direction for UWSC which includes investing more donor dollars towards programs that “Help Children Do Well.” They will emphasize academic readiness, mentorship, childhood wellness and family stability, that can have measured outcomes. Contact UWSC at 570-465-3868 or www.unitedwayofsusquehannacounty.org. The Community Foundation administers three endowments in support of the UWSC. They provide substantial grants to cover daily administrative expenses ensuring that more UW donations go straight to the children and households in need.



Dr. Alice Davis on Adult Learners at SCCTC



ALICE DAVIS, Ph.D.

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 PhD. 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 Congress to support training that takes the least time, causes the least debt, and connects students of all ages to high paying, family-sustaining careers. She asked Congress members if they planned to retire—all did. Then she assured them that we will

need every worker building that Social Security Trust Fund. "We can't afford drop-outs or young people caught up in the judicial 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.



Mike Rowe with SCCTC students and faculty.

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's 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."

SCCTC Programs

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| Accounting | Culinary Arts | Vascutouch | Medical Billing |
| Admin Assistant | Electrical, Electronics & Communications | PA Automotive Safety Inspection | EKG Tech |
| Auto Body/Collision Repair | Health Care Tech | ServSafe Certification | Medical Admin Assistant |
| Automotive Tech | Security & Protective Services | Lead Renovation | Dialysis Tech |
| Carpentry & Cabinetmaking | Vehicle Maintenance & Repair | OSHA Construction | Medical Terminology |
| Building & Property Maintenance | Welding | OSHA General Industry | ECG/EKG for Nurse |
| Cosmetology | Massage Therapy | Pharmacy Technician | |
| Cosmetology Teacher | Esthetician | Clinical Medical Assistant | |
| Criminal Justice/Police Science | Manicurist | Dental Assisting | |
| | Microdermabrasion | | |

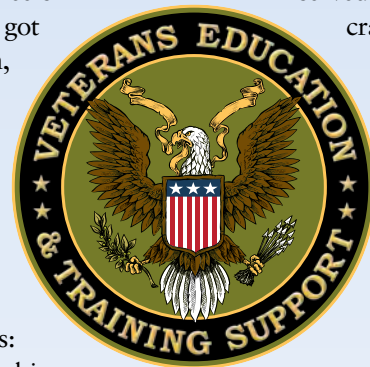


New VETS Fund Takes Shape

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.

“
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.
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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.



Wills for Heroes

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.

The concept was developed by Anthony Hayes, a Columbia, South Carolina attorney who emailed his local fire department shortly after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack to ask what lawyers could do to help. Informal discussions revealed a glaring need for estate planning services. Hayes and Jeff Jacobson later founded The Wills for Heroes Foundation, which has advanced the programs to ten states including Pennsylvania, providing more than 7,000 free documents nationwide.

Forbes magazine in 2007 reported a Harris Interactive survey done for lawyers.com which revealed 55 percent of the general population have no wills. Despite the inherently dangerous nature of their jobs, national first responders organizations report that approximately 80 to 90 percent of first responders do not have even simple wills. Our Community Foundation is pleased to have a role in solving that problem, and we thank Attorney Dahlgren, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Wills for Heroes Foundation for their leadership in the effort.

“ TESTIMONIALS FROM WILLS FOR HEROES FOUNDATION: ”

“It makes us stop and think, how are we going to take care of our loved one. It's a wonderful, wonderful service.”

—ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF JOHN KARNES, CA

“...counsel while drafting wills free of charge is a very noble and worthy contribution to the community.”

—POLICE CHIEF P.M. HOGAN, AZ

“...The speed and streamlined process for this program made what seemed to be a daunting task effortless”

—POLICE CHIEF JOHN WINTERSTEEN, AZ

“Many firefighters are now covered should the worst occur, and they have peace of mind knowing that these important decisions are in place.”

—FIRE CHIEF JOHN D. JANSEN, SC.

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VFW Salutes Community's Youth

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.”



Allied troops in amphibious landing craft approach the beaches of Normandy June 6, 1944. By July 4th one million men had landed.

Holbert Family Honors Military Service

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.



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EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS

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

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.

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



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

WHO:	DONATION:	PA TAX CREDIT:
PRE-K	First \$10,000	100%
	\$10,001-200,000	90%
K-12 & EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT	Single year	75%
	Two-year commitment (up to \$750,000)	90%

EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDITS



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How do we THANK YOU?! Let us count the ways

	STUDENTS	SCHOOLS	AWARDED DONATIONS
2003-16*	3,430	48	\$3,500,000
2015 ONLY	930	48	\$750,000

*THIRTEEN-YEAR TOTALS

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 Colwell Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- Waste Management funding for Project Lead the Way
- 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
- Andrew M. Snitzer Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Kermit Van Cott Horticulture Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship

Elk Lake School District Foundation:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Diane Bundy Memorial Fund for Elk Lake Ski Club
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- David Colwell Fund

- Elk Lake Class of 1958 Alumni Fund
- Elk Lake Visual & Performing Arts Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Dimock Community Workers Scholarship
- Agnes and 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 & Florence MacGowan 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

Forest City Regional School District:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- David Colwell Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- 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

- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Lakeland School District:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- College Dual Enrollment Assistance

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dana Rymer Battenberg Memorial Scholarship

Montrose Area School District Foundation:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Ayres- Stone VFW Charitable Fund
- Choconut Valley Elementary School Wellness Fund
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- David Colwell Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Mathew James White Memorial Fund
- Montrose Lions Club MASD Fund
- Peoples Security Bank and Trust 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 for the Arts
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Martin T. Dillon Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas D. Evans Memorial Scholarship

- Julia A. Frystak Memorial Scholarship
- Agnes and James W. Holbert Scholarship
- John Krupinski Memorial Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Memorial
- Montrose Area School District Educational Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- Morgan R. Potter Memorial Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- The 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
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship
- Robert Wood Memorial Scholarship

Mountain View School District Foundation:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- David Colwell Fund
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Mountain View School District Library Endowment
- NBT funding for Project Lead the Way
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Jack Brainard Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Fiske Educational Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Glenwood Stone Robert Klenk Memorial Scholarship
- Kingsley Civic Club Scholarship
- Norman J. Maza Memorial 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
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J. & Ann Vitale Scholarship
- James Zick Memorial Scholarship

Susquehanna Community School District Foundation:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- David Colwell Fund
- 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 Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Edwards/Napolitano Memorial Music Scholarship
- Mariano & Maria Fiaschi Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Beatrice Reynolds Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Susquehanna County Christmas Basketball Tournament Scholarship
- Susquehanna Fire Department Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- John J & Ann Vitale Scholarship

Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Bondurant Family Fund for Automotive Technology
- Cabot Oil & Gas Fund for Career & Technology Students

- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Leopold & Jane Schreiber Fund for Culinary Arts
- Diane Yakoski Memorial Nursing Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Lathrop Family Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- Harry Torney Memorial Scholarship

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 Dohrer Memorial Scholarship
- Endless Mountains Habitat for Humanity Scholarship
- Dutch Keller Memorial Scholarship
- Albert M Purdy Music Scholarship
- Dr. W. Dayton Shelly Memorial Music Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Tunkhannock High School Class of '66 Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet Memorial Scholarship
- Frank J. Valvano Memorial Scholarship

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- Abington Heights School District
- Honesdale High School
- Scranton Area School District
- Wallenpaupack Area School District
- Western Wayne School District

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 League, Arnot Art Museum and Tripp Foundation. He was elected Mayor of Elmira, chairman of the advisory

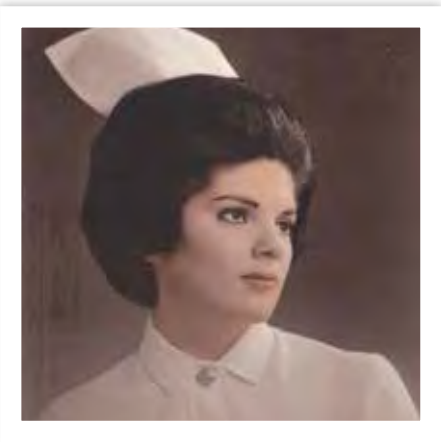


Howard Kimball (l) and John Diaz (standing) on the Bitterroot River in Montana.

board of Marine Midland Bank, and was appointed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller to important state commissions. Among his many initiatives are the founding of Seneca Lake Pure Waters, Dundee Cable Corp, NYS 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



Diane Yakoski

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.



JOHN THOMAS QUIGG

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

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.

ART EDUCATION DONORS WE CAN HELP YOU

- MATCH YOUR INTEREST TO SCHOOL NEEDS
- MEET YOUR GRANT MAKING BUDGET
- CREATE AN ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
- SUGGEST CREATIVE PROJECTS TO FUND
- SPONSOR A MURAL OR ART CONTEST
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WOMEN HELPING WOMEN

Educating Women for Success

BY COURTNEY ERAT
INTERN, 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

Executive Director:
Cristine Clayton

Leadership Committee:
Cristine Clayton, Co-Chair
Ellen DiPhillips, Co-Chair
Debbie Dissinger
Eileen Craige
Brittany Thomas Ramos
Kristie Congdon
Karen Hubbard
Ellen Jackson
Pamela Staats



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-foundaton.org
[f/WomenHelpingWomenoftheEndlessMountains](https://www.facebook.com/WomenHelpingWomenoftheEndlessMountains)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman

Earle is a founding director of the Community Foundation and serves as the 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

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 prior to joining the Foundation. Peter has served on the Pennsylvania 4-H Development Council, and on the Advisory Councils for Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center, 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, and as Advisory Council Member of the Year by the Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technology Education. 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 Principle of Sterling Wealth Management. His leadership and knowledge of investment management provided 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 Pennsylvania State University and he is a Certified Financial Planner.



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 2011 she has completed major upgrades to our website and enhanced our administrative systems 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.



MARK CARPENTER
Treasurer of the Board, Chief Financial Officer at Select Sire Power, Inc.

Mark is a 1995 graduate of Lackawanna Trail High School. He received a BS in finance from Penn State University and MBA from Marywood University. Mark is currently the Chief Financial Officer at Select Sire Power, Inc. based out of its northeast office in Tunkhannock, PA. Prior to joining Select Sire Power he was in various leadership roles within the education industry. In addition to recently joining the Community Foundation board, he is also Co-Chair of the Northern Tier Industry Education Consortium, and serves on the associate board of Peoples Security Bank and Trust in Wyoming County. Mark resides in Factoryville with his wife Tiffany and their two daughters, Paige and Madeline.



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 was 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 served as solicitor for the Wyoming County Housing Authority and Redevelopment Authority. Sandra resides in Tunkhannock.



BOB BROWN
Stone House Investment Management Managing Partner/Portfolio Manager

Bob graduated from Elk Lake High School and earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Bloomsburg University. He is a Certified Financial Planner and a founding partner in Stone House Investment Management, LLC. He has organized and presented many seminars on the financial impact of the natural gas activity in our area and is heavily involved in helping Stone House clients navigate through planning decisions. Bob currently serves as the Treasurer to the Wyoming County United Way and enjoys coaching sports and spending time with family and friends. He lives with his wife Deborah and their two children in Tunkhannock, PA.



THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN
Retired Owner of 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 the Susquehanna County United Way organizations and is serving as Director for the Susquehanna County Housing & Redevelopment Authority. Tom is president of Creative Adventures for Education and is 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.



JOSEPH HUNT
Founder & President, JHA Companies

Joe was born and raised on a Wayne County dairy farm. He earned an associate's degree in land surveying and a bachelor's in environmental engineering from Penn State University and is a licensed land surveyor and engineer in three states. He served honorably for eleven years in the Army National Guard and is a devout Christian. Joe volunteers with Engineering Ministries International which mobilizes design professionals to help the poorest of the poor around the world. He and his wife Lori have three sons and reside in Susquehanna County.



KARL KAIL, IV
Retired Business Executive

Karl grew up at Heart Lake and recently returned with his wife Laura. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering from University of Colorado, and master's and engineer's degrees from the Naval Post Graduate School. After retiring from naval aviation, he developed integrated computer-centric systems in 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.
President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County

Prior to taking the bench, Jason was the Susquehanna County District Attorney for 12 years. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Scranton where he received both a bachelor's and master's degree. He received his jurist doctorate degree summa cum laude from Albany Law School where he was 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.



REPRESENTATIVE SANDRA MAJOR
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Sandra Major served as Susquehanna County Treasurer before her election into the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1995. 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 Pennsylvania 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 a member of NEP Community Health Center and the Susquehanna County Railroad Authority, an officer for the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, and a former chairman of the Susquehanna County Democratic Committee. He and his wife Carol reside in Oakland Township.



DR. ARTHUR SHERWOOD
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 degree in economics from Stanford University before studying medicine at the University of Rochester. After eighteen years of family practice, Art served seventeen years as a senior executive with Geisinger Health System. Currently he is a 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.



GEORGE STARK
External Affairs Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation

George is a versatile public policy professional with twenty-five years of 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 judgement 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.



RICHARD LOCHEN JR.
Certified Public Accountant, Director Emeritus

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.



JAMES MAY
Director Emeritus

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.



MARIAN S. MISKELL
Editor, Director Emerita

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.

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FUNDS

AARF (ALL ANIMALS RESCUE FUND)

Established by Robert and Melanie Diehl of Oakland Township to provide support for domestic animal and wildlife rescue organizations.

“ADRIENNE’S GARDEN” ART AWARDS FUND

Established by James and Lorraine Maillet of Tunkhannock in memory of their daughter Adrienne to support the annual “Adrienne’s Garden” art awards provided to talented Tunkhannock students in grades Kindergarten-8th.

AIKEN FAMILY

Established by the Aiken family of Montrose to support their favorite charities.

L. CARTER & ELIZABETH ANDERSON FUND

Supports various charitable needs of Susquehanna County as recommended annually by the Anderson family of Franklin Forks.

HELEN & DEWITT ANDRE MEMORIAL FUND

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

AREA AGENCY ON AGING ENDOWMENT 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.

DANIEL ARNOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Daniel Arnold, killed in action in Iraq in September, 2005. Provides a college scholarship for a student who has excelled in athletics and has exhibited patriotism for the United States.

ASHELD MEMORIAL WYOMING COUNTY LIBRARY FUND

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

AYRES-STONE VFW CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by Ayres-Stone VFW to support student clubs, organizations or classes at the Montrose Area School district that show the students concern for the school and the local community.

DANA RYMER BATTENBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 1920 by H.A. Willman of Jermyn. For a student of high moral character who has attended Lakeland School District senior who will attend college or a post-secondary degree program outside of Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties.

JOAN CARTER BEANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of the late Mrs. Beane to provide a college scholarship to a graduating senior from Tunkhannock Area High School.

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 student who has excelled academically, and has participated in interscholastic athletics.

DR. A. MONROE & SARAH BERTSCH FAMILY FUND

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

ALBERT BERTSCH FUND IN MEMORY OF CHRIS LAKE

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

TONY BISTOCCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family and friends of Tony Bistocchi, a 2009 graduate of Montrose Area High School who died in a car accident in 2012. Provides assistance to a Montrose student who will attend college or a post-secondary degree program.

BLUE RIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CHERYL MANCHESTER MEMORIAL FUND

Established in memory of long-time Blue Ridge teacher Cheryl Manchester by her husband John and the Blue Ridge Education Association to assist with special unfunded departmental, athletic, or extra-curricular projects in the 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/Automotive Mechanics Department at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

BOOKIN FAMILY FUND FOR SS CYRIL & METHODIUS UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Established by Ronald Bookin of Nicholson, PA to provide support to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Olyphant, PA.

BOZ FUND

Established by an anonymous donor of Rush Township 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 forebear of The Community Foundation. Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

EVELYN G. BRUSH MEMORIAL FUND FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH OF SUSQUEHANNA BOROUGH

Established by the estate of Mrs. Brush, this fund provides annual grants for St. John’s Church.

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

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 the following organizations that were close to her heart, Exodus Prison and Aftercare Ministries, Yokefellowship, and Justice and Mercy.

MYRTLE W. CARLSON MEMORIAL FUND

Established by Reverend Carlson in memory of his wife to provide annual support for their favorite charities.

CHILD SAFETY AND ADVOCACY FUND

Established by Attorney Sandra Boyle of Tunkhannock in memory of her late husband Kevin to support organizations in northeastern Pennsylvania that provide advocacy and safety services 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, a Tunkhannock Area High School graduate who passed away unexpectedly. Provides a college scholarship to a Tunkhannock graduate.

CLAVERACK EDUCATION FUND

Established by Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative to support the SkillsUSA programs in the Northern Tier Career Center in Bradford County and also the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

CLAVERACK MEMBER ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT FUND

Established to provide financial assistance to members of the cooperative facing difficulties paying their electric bill.

CLEMENS FAMILY FUND

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

CLIFFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

DAVID B. COLWELL MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the estate of Mr. Colwell, a long-time citizen of Montrose, to provide support to the Journalism, Forensics, and Theater departments of all the school districts in Susquehanna County as well as Abington Heights School District.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BUILDING FUND

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

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY FUND

This fund was established by the Community Foundation as a non-designated fund to provide assistance for the most urgent needs in our area as directed by our Board of Directors each year.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

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

CINDI CONATY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Susquehanna County District Attorney, Jason Legg, in honor of his mother to provide a college or post-secondary degree program scholarship for a student from one of the six Susquehanna County high schools.

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 from Blue Ridge, Elk Lake or Montrose Area School Districts. 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, a High School student killed in an automobile accident. Provides a college scholarship to a graduate from Blue Ridge High School or Montrose Area High School.

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 FOR THE ARTS

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.

CROSSLEY-LABONTE FAMILY FUND

Established by Jane Crossley LaBonte, this fund supports various Susquehanna County charities and non-profit organizations as recommended annually by Mrs. LaBonte and her family of Brackney and Montrose.

JACK DANIELS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Jack Daniels, a gifted Junior High School student/athlete who passed away in a swimming accident. Provides a college scholarship for a Tunkhannock Area High School Senior.

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 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 FUND

Established by the Montrose Lions Club in memory of the late 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 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by The Dimock Community Workers. For a student who has the highest GPA of any Elk Lake student who resides in Dimock Township and who will matriculate in a post-secondary degree program.

JACKIE DISPENZA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Tunkhannock alumna Jackie Dispenza who perished in a tragic automobile accident. For a student who has exhibited a passion for art.

JOSEPH DOHRER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Mr. Dohrer, a Tunkhannock resident who passed away in the 1980’s. Provides a scholarship to a Tunkhannock graduate. If a 3.0 GPA is maintained in college, the award will be granted for up to four years of post-secondary degree education.

DONLEY FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

EDWARDS/NAPOLITANO MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established initially in memory of Johnny Edwards. In 2007 the name of the fund changed to also honor Johnny’s good friend and band-mate, John Napolitano, who has also passed away. This fund provides a college scholarship for a Susquehanna Community High School graduate.

EAST RUSH CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

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

ELK LAKE CLASS OF 1958 ALUMNI FUND

Established by the Class of ’58, 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 whose children attend Elk Lake School District to support the Art, Music, and Theater departments.

CECILIA C. ELY & GLENN W. ELY MEMORIAL FUND

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

HAROLD & FRANCES ELY FAMILY FUND

Established in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Ely by their children and grandchildren, this fund will provide assistance to Mr. & Mrs. Ely’s favorite charities.

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 who was a coach and faculty member at the Montrose Area School District. Provides college tuition assistance to a member of the Montrose Girls’ Varsity Basketball Team, or a member of the Varsity Golf Team.

PAUL FEARICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Mr. Fearick’s family and friends in memory of his many years as a teacher and coach at Lackawanna Trail High School. Provides a scholarship for a graduate of Lackawanna Trail High School, who will enter college or a post-secondary degree program.

FEED A FRIEND FUND

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

THE MARIANO & MARIA LAMPAZZI FIASCHI MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Peter Fiaschi in memory of his parents. For a Susquehanna Community School District graduate that will major in nursing. Scholarship award is available for four years of college if the recipient remains a student in good standing enrolled in a nursing program.

FISKE EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established by the Harford High School Alumni Association, to provide a scholarship to a Mt. View student in good standing that will matriculate to an accredited post-secondary program.

FRIENDS OF SALT SPRINGS PARK FUND

Established by the Leasure family, this Fund supports the programmatic needs of Friends of Salt Springs Park.

FRIENDS OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FUND

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended by The Friends of Susquehanna County.

JULIA A. FRYSTAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Julia Frystak, a High School student killed in an automobile accident. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose Area High School graduate who excels in academics and participates in athletics.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF MONTROSE JEAN ROSE MEMORIAL EDUCATION FUND

The Fund provides support for Garden Club members’ education enhancement, and for college scholarships for local students.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF MONTROSE PRESIDENTS FUND

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

GIANA FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR THE VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Established by The Giana Foundation to assist with special unfunded projects in the Art, Music, and Drama Departments of the eight school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

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.

BRENDAN TYLER HALL MEMORIAL FUND

Established by family and friends, in honor of Brendan Hall. This fund will provide assistance to local charities.

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

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

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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 ENDOWMENT FUND

Established from the estates of Montrose sisters Erma & Beulah Hefferan 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 in the Army Medical Corps during WWII and participated in the Normandy Invasion. The scholarship will be awarded to an Elk Lake and Montrose Area High School student, 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, a teenager killed in an automobile accident. Provides a scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate, who will enter a post-secondary degree program.

JACKSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND

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

JOHN JAMES MEMORIAL FUND TO BENEFIT FBLA CLUBS

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

Provides assistance to the Little Hill Foundation – Alina Lodge.

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.

DUTCH KELLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

FRANCES E. KENNARD MEMORIAL WYOMING COUNTY LIBRARY FUND

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

FRANCES E. KENNARD PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND

Established by the library’s Board of Directors to assist with the expenses of running the Kennard Public Library in Meshoppen.

KEYSTONE COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND

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

HOWARD H KIMBALL & JOHN DIAZ CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT

Established by John Diaz, to provide support to animal shelters and animal rehabilitation centers in the United States.

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.

KINTNER FAMILY FUND

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

MT. VIEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 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 alumnus, 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.

MARY AND KENNETH LEASURE FUND

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

MARY K. LEASURE FUND

In memory of Mary Leasure, who greatly enjoyed the beauty of Salt Springs State Park. Provides grants for the maintenance of Salt Springs State Park, and especially for the upkeep of the Mary K. Leasure Memorial Bench.

WILLIAM AND DEBORAH LEWIS FUND

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended 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.

JAMES J. LUCIANA MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the estate of the late Mr. Luciana of Susquehanna Depot to provide charitable assistance in the borough.

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.

NORMAN MAZA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Presented to a diligent student who has exhibited integrity and good citizenship, and who has brought honor and joy to the community of teachers and learners that is Mountain View.

MCKEAGE MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the estate of Ellie McKeage to support 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 graduating seniors from the High Schools in Susquehanna County as well as Home Schooled or Cyber Schooled students, who reside in Susquehanna County who will major in a business related field.

MONTROSE AREA KIWANIS CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

Established by the Montrose Area Kiwanis Club to provide support for the club’s community and education assistance projects.

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 and who will enter college or a post-secondary degree program.

MONTROSE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN’S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a graduate of a Susquehanna County high school who will further his or her education in preparation for entering the business or health care professions, or to an adult seeking further education. This scholarship will not be available while the fund matures in value.

MONTROSE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION FUND

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

THE MONTROSE FUND

Established by The Community Foundation to make grants to the Borough of Montrose for Borough improvements and beautification.

MONTROSE LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY FUND

Established by the Montrose Lions Club to provide support to charitable organizations throughout Susquehanna County that demonstrate the potential to benefit the greater community at large.

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

MONTROSE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MUSIC ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by Mr. & 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 ENDOWMENT FUND

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

GREGORY L AND EILEEN K MYER FUND

Supports low income housing projects in Susquehanna County.

NEPA COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUND

Established by NEPA Community Health Care to help provide immediate financial assistance for current expenses.

NEPA COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE FUND

Established by NEPA Community Health Care to help provide long-term assistance for ongoing annual expenses.

NORTH BRANCH LAND TRUST FRIENDS OF HOWLAND PRESERVE FUND

Established by the North Branch Land Trust to assist with the expenses of the Howland Preserve in Tunkhannock, PA.

NORTH BRANCH LAND TRUST FUND

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

NORTHERN TIER INDUSTRY & EDUCATION CONSORTIUM ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by the Consortium to support joint activities between schools and business. The programs provide students in the five northern tier counties of Pennsylvania with pathways to sustaining careers and help employers connect with youth to staff their business.

RITA & 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.

JOSEPH F. & KATHLEEN T. O’CONNOR SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FOR ENERGY RELATED PROFESSIONS IN THE ENDLESS MOUNTAINS

Established by the O’Connor family, this scholarship benefits a student from the Endless Mountains who is in a graduate degree program that will lead to a managerial or engineering position in the energy exploration industry.

ORIENTAL GRANGE OF MILL CITY FUND

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

PEOPLES SECURITY BANK & TRUST CHARITABLE FUND

Established to serve charitable, educational and non-profit organizations as recommended by officers of Peoples Security Bank & Trust.

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. This scholarship will be awarded to a Mt. View senior enrolled in a post-secondary degree program.

POPE FAMILY FUND

Established by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Pope of Tunkhannock, PA to provide assistance to their favorite charities.

MORGAN R. POTTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Morgan Potter, a college student who passed away unexpectedly. Provides a college scholarship to a Montrose High School graduate who exhibits school spirit, has maintained a B+ Grade Point Average.

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 exhibits exceptional musical talent, and will pursue a musical education in college.

JOHN THOMAS QUIGG MEMORIAL CHARITABLE FUND

Established by the family and friends of Tom Quigg, who was active in business and civic endeavors in northeastern Pennsylvania, to carry on his tradition of community, charitable, and educational support.

SHIRLEY QUIGG MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family and friends of Shirley Quigg to support her favorite charities.

RAIL-TRAIL COUNCIL OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by the Rail-Trail Council to assist with its administrative and project expenses.

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 by the Randall family of Silver Lake.

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. The scholarships are available to Seniors from all of the High Schools in Susquehanna County and from Honesdale, Wallenpaupack Area, and Western Wayne High Schools in Wayne County.

REPPY-KEKER FAMILY FUND

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

BEATRICE REYNOLDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the late Ira T. Reynolds in memory of his late wife to assist a Susquehanna Community School District graduate who will major in education or teacher training. Scholarship is provided in four equal installments as long as the recipient remains a student in good standing.

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

REGINALD SANGER & FLORENCE MACGOWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Mr. Sanger and Mrs. MacGowan who were brother and sister who retired to the Elk Lake area. The scholarship is for an Elk Lake senior, who is enrolled in a post-secondary degree program.

GEORGE SCHAUTZ MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family of George Schautz for his favorite charities, with emphasis on the Tunkhannock Public Library.

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 & Technology Center. The scholarship fund can also be used to assist with special unfunded projects in the School District or the Career & Technology 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. This fund supports the Culinary Program of the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center.

THE NICHOLAS SEVERCOOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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 honor his love of music. This fund grants a scholarship to a graduating Tunkhannock Area High School senior who will enter college or a post-secondary degree program.

ALBERT SHEPHERD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by the family of Albert Shepherd to assist 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 F. SIENKO, SR. MEMORIAL FUND

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

SILVER LAKE LADIES CLUB FUND

Supports the Club’s annual college scholarship presented to a High School graduate from Silver Lake Township, or other Club projects.

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 throughout the United States.

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 New York City on September 11, 2001. The fund will provide for the perpetual care of the Spirit of 9-11 Enduring Freedom 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 AND 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 ENDOWMENT FUND

Established by Mrs. Stone, Houghton College class of ‘45, to assist a music major attending her alma mater.

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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 various program expenses.

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 CIVIL WAR MONUMENT FUND
Supports the restoration and maintenance of the Civil War Monument on the Montrose Green.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FUND
This endowment has existed for a number of years, and in 2007 the Board of the Library and Historical Society transferred it to The Community Foundation for local management. The endowment assists with the expenses of operating the Historical Society in Montrose, and the Library branches throughout the county.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY FUND
Established by the Board of Directors of the Historical Society to provide permanent annual support to assist with the Society's expenses.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND
Established by Jason Legg, to assist with the expenses of law enforcement, particularly the Susquehanna County Task Force, and the K-9 Unit.

SUSQUEHANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the Susquehanna Fire Department to assist a Susquehanna Community student who has demonstrated a strong sense of volunteerism and community service, with consideration given to students that participate in the Fire Department.

MAURICE D. TAYLOR MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family of Mr. Taylor who was originally from Montrose and became a nationally recognized music and band instructor. The scholarship will benefit a student from Montrose or Elk Lake who will attend a post-secondary degree program to major in music.

RALPH & DOROTHY TAYLOR ENDOWMENT FUND
Established from the estates of Mr. & Mrs. Taylor of Montrose to provide support for the Montrose United Methodist Church.

HARRY TORNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family of Mr. Torney to provide assistance to a graduate of The Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center who will go onto a post-secondary degree program to study machine shop technology, welding, or carpentry.

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, located in Montrose. To assistance with its operating and administrative expenses.

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

MARY M. UMLAUF MEMORIAL FUND
Supports the Lanesboro Community Church.

UNITED WAY FUND
Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

UNITED WAY OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY FUND
Established by the United Way of Susquehanna County to assist with their administrative expenses so that a greater portion of annual donations to the United Way can be used for community charitable support.

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.

KERMIT VAN COTT HORTICULTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the Van Cott family in honor of their father, Kermit. Provides a college scholarship to a Blue Ridge High School graduate who will study horticulture, botany, forestry, or agriculture and exhibits a need for economic assistance.

MATTHEW VAN FLEET MEMORIAL AUTOMOTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by Matthew's parents and his sister in memory of Matt who passed away in an automobile accident. The scholarship provides assistance to a student who will study automotive technology. The scholarship is available to students from all the school districts in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

VICKI'S FUND FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
In memory of Vicki Clary, killed by her estranged husband. Provides support to the Susquehanna County Women's Resource Center.

JOHN J. AND ANN VITALE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Available to alumni from the six school districts in Susquehanna County who will enter their final year of college or graduate school and who have incurred student debt.

WARRINER FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warriner of Elk Lake to provide assistance to their favorite charities.

WELLNESS FUND
Established to encourage an understanding of complementary and alternative health and wellness by providing support to The Self Discovery 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 Side Cemetery in Brooklyn, PA.

ROBERT & GRACE WERT CHARITABLE FUND
Supports charitable and non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended by the Wert family.

MATHEW JAMES WHITE MEMORIAL FUND
In memory of Mathew 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
Aims to provide perpetual assistance to local non-profits that address issues specific to women of Endless Mountains. The fund pools donations and volunteers to create a larger impact than any one person could make individually.

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 attend college to train for the medical professions or who will attend a post-secondary program to become a Paramedic.

JUNE J. WOOTTON FUND FOR HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE
Supports hospice and palliative care in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

EARLE AND JUNE WOOTTON FUND
Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties as recommended annually by the Wootton family of Montrose.

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 administrative expenses so that a greater portion of annual donations to the United Way can be used for community charitable support.

DIANE YAKOSKI MEMORIAL NURSING FUND
Established by Diane's family to provide support to the Practical Nursing Program at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center.

RUTH TAYLOR YEAGER MEMORIAL FUND
Established by the family of Mrs. Yeager, who was a long-time special needs teacher to socially and emotionally challenged children. The endowment provides assistance for special needs individuals to attend Shepherds Camp at Camp Arrowhead in Brackney, PA.

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

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

JAMES ZICK MEMORIAL COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established by the family of Mr. Zick, a long-time School Board Member of Mountain View School District, among other civic activities, to honor his passion for education and community service. Provides assistance to a Mountain View student who has exhibited civic involvement.

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

NEW FUNDS

Historical Society Endowment

Would you like to research your family's history? Read a newspaper from 100 years ago? Learn about our region's historical 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 Montrose branch 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



From left to right: Tom Kurosky, Historical Society President; Peter Quigg, Community Foundation Pres.ident; Betty Smith, Historical Society Curator; and Rob Vermette, Historical Society Treasurer

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 Mountain View High School graduate. The Harford and Mountain View school districts combined many years ago into the one Kingsley location. Their alumni associations were also combined and are identified today as the

Mountain View-Harford Alumni Association. Mrs. Fiske was a devoted wife of 61 years to the late 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.

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 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.



VAN ZANDBERGEN PHOTOGRAPHY

Standing from left to right: Jody Daye, Fran Lyman, Angela Frystak, Jean Hollister, Sandy Hoppe, and Jerry Golis. Seated: Peter Quigg, Earle Wootton, and Cristine Clayton.

Foundation Colleagues On the Move

This year we welcome three new staff members: Sandy Hoppe, Scott Heckman and Courtney Erat. They bring impressive experience and fresh skills to our team.



Congratulations are in order to Foundation Director Jason Legg for his election to the

position of Susquehanna County President Judge. The voters obviously recognized the same integrity the Foundation board appreciates.



We also congratulate Representative Sandra Major on her 21 years of public

service as Pennsylvania State Representative for the 11th District. She will not seek re-election in 2016, but we trust the Foundation will continue to enjoy her support.



We welcome our Director of Operations and Corporate Secretary Cristine 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.



For seven years Richard Lochen, Jr. brought to our board his experience as a

Certified Public Accountant and a banking executive. We are pleased to honor him with an Director Emeritus position, and hope to have the benefit of his good financial judgment going forward.



Sadly and with many thanks, we wish farewell to Marguerite (Maggie) Cartwright.

Our Grande Dame of Wyoming County has retired from our board. The board will certainly miss her knowledge and long history of community service to Tunkhannock.



We give a warm welcome to Sandy Hoppe who has arrived with a lifetime

of accounting experience. Her last whistle stop was Montrose Area School District. She'll be applying her attention to detail to our educational programming—keeping our young scholars ON TRACK!

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!

FOUNDATION STAFF



EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman

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PETER QUIGG
President

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CRISTINE CLAYTON
Director of Operations

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MARIAN S. MISKELL
Editor

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FRAN ALLEN LYMAN
Administrator

Fran was born and raised in Philadelphia, is the mother of three great people, and a proud grandmother. After graduating from Keystone College, she worked as the copy editor at the Susquehanna County Independent. Since then, she has worked as a freelance writer, photographer, and illustrator, the Susquehanna County Library's Children's Services Librarian for over thirteen years, and ran her own research business for seven years. Fran joined the Community Foundation in July 2015 as Administrator, where she works with scholarships and grants. She lives in Springville Township, with her husband Kevin.



WILBUR D. (BUD) DAHLGREN
Counsel to the Foundation

Bud has been an attorney for over thirty years, practicing now with the Giangrieco Law Office in Montrose. Previously, he was head of the estates and trusts department of a Binghamton firm. He is a frequent public speaker on estate planning, elder law, gas and mineral rights, planned giving, and tax law. He received his bachelor's degree from State University of New York, and a Jurist Doctorate from Syracuse University, both with high honors. He is married to Dr. Elizabeth Patch, a recently retired economics professor.



SANDY HOPPE
Educational Programming Coordinator

Sandy is a lifelong resident of northeast PA. She has 35 years of various accounting experience, the last 19 years were with the Montrose Area School District. She and her husband live in Bridgewater Twp. She has two grown children, and two grandsons.



JODY DAYE
Accountant

Jody is a lifelong resident of NEPA. She has an associate's degree in accounting and over twenty years of experience in the field of accounting. In addition to part-time book-keeping jobs, Jody owns and operates a home baking business called Daye-licious Baking. She lives in Springville with her husband Jason and their three children and enjoys being involved in church, school, and community activities.



MARIA CONIGLIARO TRAINO
Strategic Designer

Maria Conigliaro Traino is the founder and creative director of Inspired Design Studio, a branding and graphic design company. She earned her BFA in communication design and marketing from Kutztown University. She helps businesses and organizations translate their message into cohesive and memorable visual products to present to the world. Maria serves on the board of the Wyoming County United Way and is a member of the American Advertising Federation of Northeast Pennsylvania. She lives with her husband Jason and daughter Gianna Rose in Clarks Summit.



SCOTT HECKMAN
Volunteer Management Consultant

Scott is a retired Foreign Service Officer, with 30 years' experience in overseas U.S. government administration. Scott's extended family has owned property in Susquehanna County since the 1930s. He and his wife Lois moved from the Washington, D.C. area last year and are now permanent residents. They have two adult children, Victoria and Madeline.



JEAN HOLLISTER
Events Coordinator

Jean is originally from Watertown, New York. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in nursing from Philadelphia University and a Master's Degree in education from Wilkes University. Her career as a school nurse practitioner and retail sales associate have cultured her flexibility, organization and attention to detail. In addition to her work as Foundation meetings and events coordinator, Jean volunteers as a Master Gardener. She and her husband Robert have two children and a grandson.



JERRY GOLIS
Technology Consultant

Jerry is a graduate of Montrose Area High School. He attended Bloomsburg University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science. Jerry worked at the Montrose Publishing Company from 1992 until 2012 where he was responsible for graphics and data applications. He has worked at Andre and Sons, Inc. in the information technology department since 2012. Jerry began helping the Community Foundation with computer hardware applications in 2001.



COURTNEY ERAT
Intern

Courtney is a rising senior at Penn State University where she is pursuing a degree in public relations from the College of Communications, with minors in business, sociology, and a certificate in sports journalism. She is an Account Executive with Happy Valley Communications, a student-run PR firm, as well as a Public Relations captain for Penn State Homecoming. She is an active member of Atlas For The Kids, an organization benefitting the Penn State Dance Marathon (THON). Courtney graduated from Elk Lake High School in 2013 and, when she's not at Penn State, lives in Susquehanna County with her family.

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