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Hon. Jason J. Legg

Judge Jason Legg of Susquehanna County has contributed an article to this edition on the American rural tradition of people helping people. In his role on the Board of Directors of the Montrose Minute Men, he has observed many examples of good actions which further the preservation of life and health in our community. He is also one of the longest serving members of this Foundation's Board. Our readers will recognize the values he extols in their own neighbors' kindness and generosity.



Sandra Boyle

Our thanks to attorney Sandra Boyle, our Board Corporate Secretary, for researching our archives to create a summary of two decades of Foundation milestones. You will enjoy reading about that remarkable journey on pages 2-3. In addition to managing her practice in Nicholson, Sandra has held many leadership positions in Wyoming County where she has been an advocate for children and youth, conservation efforts, and the United Way.



Robert Brown

Investment Manager and Foundation Director Bob Brown contributed this year to our report on the Tunkhannock School District Advisory Council. See pages 28-29. He and his fellow community leaders on that Council are re-imagining the potential of their already successful school district foundation. Their work is a model for how public schools can compete financially to attract students and new residents in a time of tax cuts, charter and private academies, online classes and home school options.



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Lesli and Kirk VanZandbergen are commercial photographers who have a studio in their 150 year old timber frame barn in Brackney, PA. They met at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara and moved to the Binghamton area in 1982. They work primarily in the southern tier of New York, and have mastered the capture of Endless Mountains scenes and moments. We thank them for the donation of our cover photo which features their own family pet (the black one) and some very photogenic friends. They brought a smile to every reviewer's face, and we're delighted to be able to share them with our readers. Contact the VanZandbergens at VZPhoto.com or call (570) 663-2210.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



“We see daily that the smallest seed of caring, concern, and memories can blossom into lasting support today, tomorrow, and far into the future.”

BY **PETER QUIGG**, COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



One county in 1998. Two counties in 2005. Fifty states in 2017! It has certainly been gratifying to see the charitable reach of our donors over the years. Individuals, families, and corporations bring their philanthropic priorities to us, and we make their plans a reality, whether it is supporting arts programs in schools throughout the United

States, Career and Technology Schools from New York to Maryland, financial literacy in Pennsylvania, or local libraries, our donors all have admirable ideas.

However their plans don't just materialize out of thin air. Our staff is the catalyst that brings to fruition the ideas of our donors. Cristine, Fran, Jody, Sandy, and Jean bring energy, focus, imagination, perseverance, and empathy to all of our projects large and small.

They are equally adept at working with Presidents of large corporations regarding intricate plans, or guiding a single mother through the process of receiving tuition assistance for a Pre-School child. When our phone rings the call may come from a corporate suite, and our very next office visitor may be a parent who can't afford a telephone. Did I mention flexibility when I listed the qualities of our staff?

All of us are humbled by the motivations of our donors; a widower honoring his late wife with an education endowment for nursing students, a mother and father providing grants to organizations that would have been important to their son who perished in a car accident, honoring a family matriarch with a grant to a local school district, or a corporation providing vast education and charitable assistance throughout eastern Pennsylvania. We see daily that the smallest seed of caring, concern, and memories can blossom into lasting support today, tomorrow, and far into the future.



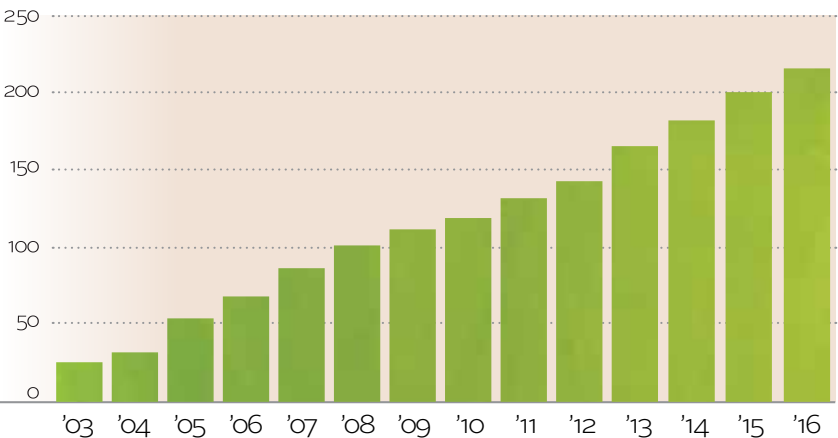
EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman of The
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Foundation by the Numbers

This is a report of the Community Foundation for 2016, our 19th year. The report includes several graphs which will show how our growth has developed over the years. A few items deserve particular attention:

NUMBER OF FUNDS

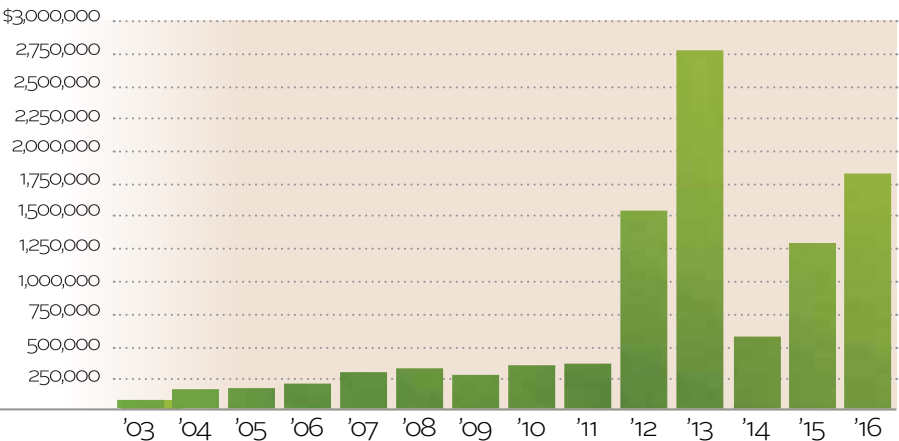
The number of funds increased in the year 2016 by 16. That increase matches our average growth of 15.43.



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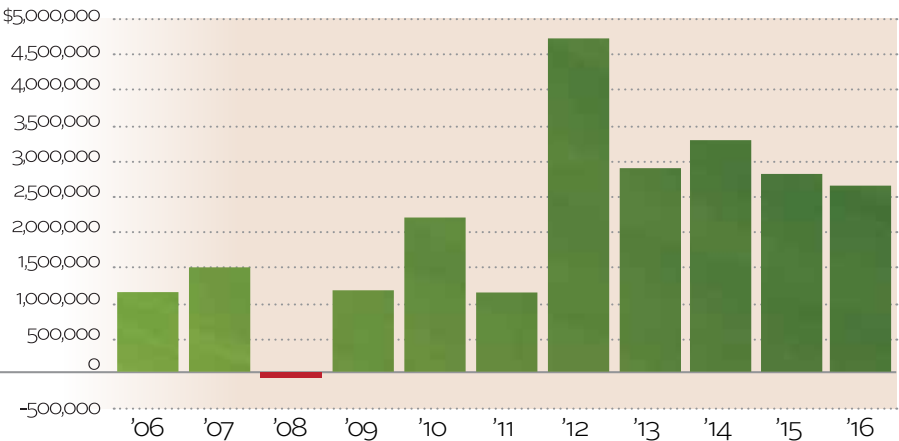
The amount of money distributed in grants during 2016 increased from \$1,251,355 to \$1,864,351, nearly a 50% increase.

The number of grants increased from 1,240 in 2015 to 1,606 the next year. The graph shows a large increase in the amount of money distributed in 2012 and 2013 because Cabot Oil and Gas and the Endless Mountains Health System worked with the Foundation to raise money for a new hospital.

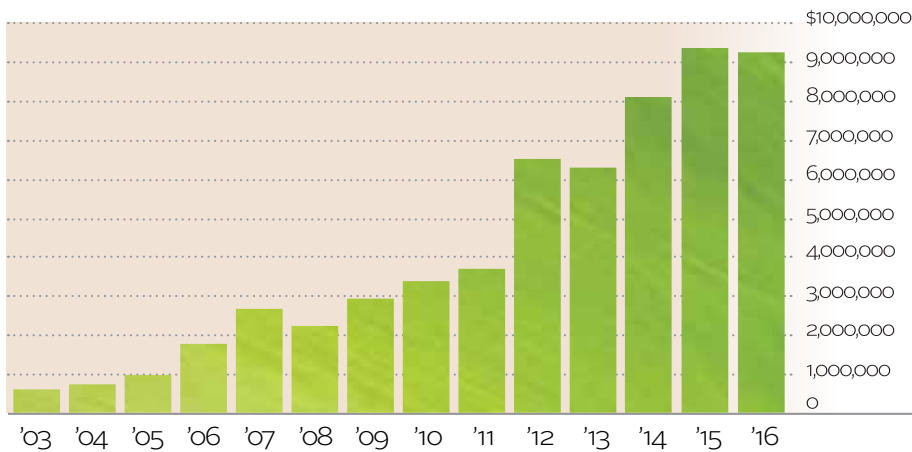


TOTAL REVENUE

Revenue in 2016 is down slightly from the previous year due to the loss of some charitable giving related to the slowdown in natural gas production. The large amount of revenue in 2012, 2013 and 2014 was the result of raising funds for the Endless Mountains Health System's new hospital.

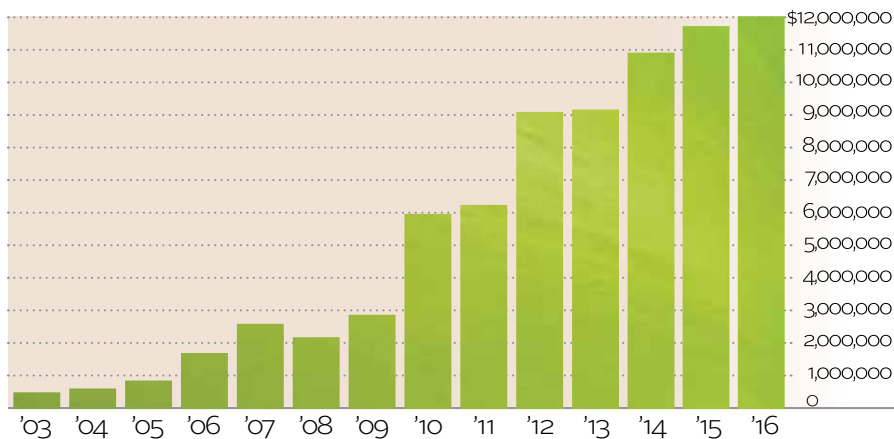


Our expenses in 2016 were 7.87% of our revenue. This increased from 6.79% in 2015. The increase was necessary because the amount of grant making increased. This level of expense is about one half of a typical community foundation.



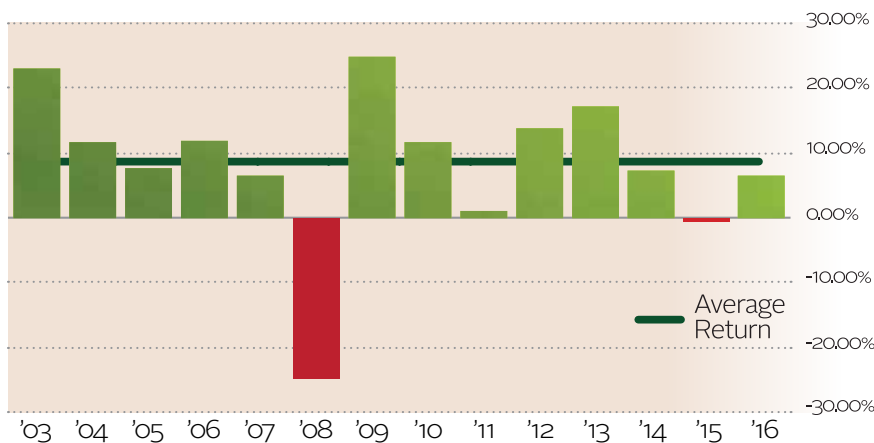
INVESTMENT ASSETS

Foundation current assets, the amount in Vanguard investments and bank accounts stayed nearly unchanged due to a large payouts for grants. Another factor is the mortgage balance of \$234,000 was paid which reduced the current assets.



TOTAL ASSETS

Total assets, which includes investment assets and fixed assets, increased due to building projects. The majority of these projects are funded by donations and do not use Community Foundation money.



INVESTMENT RETURN

The return that was earned on our investment in Vanguard in 2016 was 6.55%, below our average. The fact that 40% of our funds are invested in short and medium term bonds reduced our income. Our average since 2003 when we started investing is 8.39%. For the last five years, the average is 9.07%.

Two Decades of Milestones

BY **SANDRA BOYLE**, DIRECTOR

The Community Foundation was created on January 27, 1998 as an affiliate of the Williamsport Lycoming Foundation, the oldest and one of the most highly respected in Pennsylvania. A year later the Community Foundation made its first grants in a ceremony in the main courtroom of the Susquehanna County Courthouse. Judge Kenneth Seamans made opening remarks. Grants awarded totaled \$4,125.

2000-01

By December 2000, the assets of the Foundation reached \$250,000. The Foundation merged with The Charities Distribution Fund. Grants rose to \$56,000. Joe Burke was hired as Program Director, and plans began for the Charities Distribution Fund to become the United Way of Susquehanna County.

2002-03

On December 31, 2002, the Foundation became an independent not-for-profit corporation, designated tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its United Way capital campaign raised \$400,000 in pledges and services-in-kind. Foundation assets surpassed \$500,000, grants were over \$45,000, and the United Way of Susquehanna County's first annual campaign raised \$120,000.

2004-05

The Foundation was authorized to administer Education Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Today that program provides more than \$1 million in scholarships and grants to over one hundred schools, pre-K through 12th grade. Peoples Security Bank and Trust has led the way. The first school district foundations were established at Montrose Area and Blue Ridge. Today the Foundation serves more than fifty school districts.

In 2005 Earle Wootton became President, Ruth Donnelly became Executive Director of the United Way, and Peter Quigg joined the Foundation as the Director of Development. As the Foundation grew, Earle Wootton would become CEO and Peter Quigg would move to the office of President.

In October 2005, the Foundation responded to the written request of fifty community leaders to expand its service area to include Wyoming County. Four directors were added to the board to represent that county, and the Foundation's name was changed accordingly. Assets grew to \$900,000 and grants exceeded \$400,000. The combined impact of the Foundation and the United Way surpassed \$600,000.

2006-07

Restoration and expansion of Foundation offices began. Among other improvements, a kitchen and garden room were added and designed to be in keeping within the historical period of the original architecture.

The United Way of Susquehanna County transitioned from the Foundation to become a legal component of the United Way of Wyoming Valley in 2007.

2008-09

The number of funds grew to one hundred. Despite the financial downturn, grants totaled nearly \$500,000. By late 2009, the decrease in the value of funds caused by the recession had been restored. The combined value of 110 funds was \$3 million.



2010-11

The Foundation received a gift of the newly restored and expanded building at 270 Lake Avenue, Montrose, from the Wootton Foundation and June and Earle Wootton in 2010. This building would become the Foundation headquarters.

To respond to donors with philanthropic needs beyond Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties, the Board authorized an expanded service area and name change to the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains.

2012-13

The Foundation partnered with the Endless Mountains Health Systems to realize its plan for a new hospital. In 2012, Cabot Oil and Gas announced a \$1 million kick-off donation and challenged the community to raise another million which Cabot would match. The community more than matched the \$1 million challenge. The Weinberg Foundation added another \$1 million. As a result, a state-of-the-art hospital now serves the greater Endless Mountains region.

An audio/video room and office space were constructed on the lower level of the Foundation building. The Pennsylvania Bar Institute approved this location for PBI continuing legal education credit seminars. Attorneys also hire the space for client consultations and taking depositions. Events using the garden room and kitchen expand and provide income for building maintenance.

The Women Helping Women Fund was formed. It has grown and joined forces with Cabot Oil and Gas to provide breast cancer screenings at the Endless Mountains hospital.

2014-15

The Foundation and President Peter Quigg were honored as "Advisory Committee Member of the Year" in 2015 by the Pennsylvania Association of Career and Technical Education. They noted EITC support for specialized training for youth. The Foundation partnered with the Pennsylvania Bankers Association to provide EverFi financial literacy courses in public schools throughout Pennsylvania. Funding is generated from corporate contributions to the EITC program.

2016-17

The by-laws of the Foundation were amended to create the office of Executive Director. Cristine Clayton was elected to this position where she ably applies her technological and organizational skills.

Committee structure has changed. The Nomination and Compensation Committee and Audit and Compliance Committee were combined to form the Governance Committee. The School District Committee now comes under the new Development Committee. A Conflict of Interest Policy and Ethics Statement formalized the policy that all board members be free of conflicts of interests.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals honored the Foundation as its Outstanding Foundation of the Year citing its EITC program and more than 200 endowments.

The Community Foundation has come a long way from that initial grant ceremony in the Courthouse. Many thanks to all who made such progress possible.

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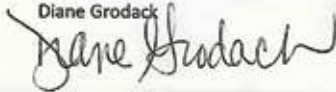
Diane Grodack 

January 18, 2017

Dear Peoples Security Bank and Trust,

I am sincerely honored that my son Matthew was selected as the recipient of the Peoples Scholar Award. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to enroll him at Bright Beginnings Preschool in Dalton for the 2016-2017 school year. He is enjoying his time in class learning how to socialize with classmates and the preschool curriculum. His favorite lessons seem to involve the weather, seasons, and days of the week. I can never truly express the impact this scholarship has made to my family. My husband received a kidney transplant in November, and without this scholarship Matthew may not have had the opportunity to attend this program because of my husband's loss of work and medical bills. I have enclosed Matthew's first school picture.

Warm regards,
Diane Grodack






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| 2003-16* | 4,430 | 108 | \$4,500,000 |
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| PA Farm Bureau | + | Mobile Ag Lab Visits to Schools |
| PA Bankers Association | + | Financial Literacy Classes |
| Cabot & Gas Businesses | + | Hospital Funding, STEM Scholarships |
| Preschools across PA | + | Scholarships for Kids |
| School Districts | + | Arts & Special Projects Funding |
| PA Bar Association | + | PBI Continuing Legal Education Simulcasts |



CONTACT PETER QUIGG TO LEARN MORE 570.278.3800

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS

Mobile Ag Ed Lab Seeks EITC Approval

The Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab is an educational outreach project of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau. Since 2003 the Bureau has maintained a fleet of six 40-ft trailers which have delivered agricultural science classes right to the school door of over one million students. The trailers are heated, air conditioned, and equipped with 12 work stations to accommodate 24 elementary and middle school students. This rolling classroom arrives with all necessary supplies and a certified teacher to spend about a week at each school.

Children cycling through the

lab respond to the novelty with enthusiasm. Using the scientific method and working cooperatively, they solve problems, form a hypothesis, collect data and draw conclusions. They practice techniques such as how to measure water with a graduated cylinder or determine the melting times of cocoa, and how to conduct viscosity tests. The



experiments highlight Pennsylvania's primary food and fiber products, the state's particular environment, and biotechnology employed by local farmers.

Each five-day school visit costs the Farm Bureau about \$2,500. They are funded entirely by donations. The program is seeking approval from the state to qualify for EITC donations. If approved, your Community Foundation will help the Mobile Ag Ed Lab find supporters. If your business is interested in sponsoring the Ag Lab or other education innovations, contact our office.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO Family Foundations

Thanks to technology, the Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains can work seamlessly with philanthropic organizations virtually anywhere in the world. For example, over the last decade we have teamed up with a family foundation of London, England to bring performing arts to rural public schools.

Please contact us if you are interested in possible collaboration—in leveraging our beautiful facility, our staff, our technology infrastructure, our Pennsylvania professional contacts to help you fulfill your mission. We specialize in partnerships that benefit all parties and ensure that donors' identity, such as your family name, is not lost in the giving process.

The digital age has opened up cost saving opportunities you may not have considered in the past. As generations pass and family members settle in far-flung locations, family foundations can be challenged. Perhaps we can help. Call Peter Quigg at 570-278-3800 to start the conversation.



HEALTH FUNDS

Our Health Funds

If your area of charitable interest is ensuring health, you are in good company at the Community Foundation. Here is a listing of our current health-related funds, and we add more each year. Our advisers can assist you in identifying the special health niche that will be most meaningful to you.

Fund

Health Focus

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| Deborah A. Burke Breast Cancer Fund | Patient assistance |
| Button Weller Fund for Cancer Patients | Supports local cancer organizations |
| Cameron County Outdoor Youth Activities | Promotes healthy outdoor activities |
| Child Safety & Advocacy Fund | Services for abused and neglected children |
| Choconut Valley Elementary Wellness | Student health and wellness initiatives |
| Cindi Conaty Memorial | Pro-Life advocacy |
| Gil Depew Memorial | Scholarship for diabetic student |
| Feed a Friend | Food Pantry funding |
| Lampazzi Fiaschi Memorial | Scholarship for student majoring in nursing |
| Hawkins Memorial | Endless Mountains Health System support |
| Andrew Mazza Fund | Supports Greenfield Township Health Clinic |
| Montrose Minute Men | Ambulance company support |
| NEPA Community Health Care (2) | Funds current & long-term clinic expenses |
| Vicki's Fund | Supports for Women's Resource Center |
| Wellness Fund | Supports Self Discovery Wellness Arts Center |
| Women Helping Women Fund | Cancer screening, women's health, safety, education |
| Robert Wood Memorial | Scholarship for paramedic or medical student |
| June J. Wootton Fund | Hospice and palliative care support |
| Ruth Yager Memorial | Helps special needs kids attend Camp Arrowhead |
| Diane Yakoski Memorial | Supports Practical Nursing training at SCCTC |

Animal Health, not forgotten by our donors:

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| All Animal Rescue Fund (AARF) | Support for domestic animal and wildlife rescue organizations |
| Kimball & Diaz Endowment | Shelter and rehab center supporter |
| Sylvia Rievenberg Memorial | Supports True Friends Animal Welfare Center |
| Stizza Fund | Spaying/neutering services |
| True Friends Animal Welfare Center | Operating expense assistance |

SEE FULL NAMES AND FUND DETAILS ONLINE AT COMMUNITY-FOUNDATION.ORG.



Wellness Center

The Self-Discovery Wellness Arts Center is a neighbor to the Community Foundation and was among the first to establish a perpetual endowment known as the Wellness Fund. Under the guidance of the Center's founder Anna D'Andrea, it has become a place to experience alternative and complementary healing techniques both ancient and new. You need not go to Chartres Cathedral to experience a labyrinth meditation. Classes in yoga, Taichi, or aromatherapy are available in the pristine Lake Avenue Montrose facility. A Course in Miracles, or a class in Reiki healing may be on the calendar.

Ms. D'Andrea appreciates the arts. Her events are

always inspiring, and in keeping with the healing mission of the Center.

This year the Center hosted a jazz concert featuring the vocal and instrumental harmonies of Nancy Reed and Spencer Reed. In January the Center welcomed classical guitarist Jay Steveskey. A collective Art Show and Sale this spring brought unique furniture, pottery, paintings and photography.

The annual summer Lavender Festival showcases homemade lavender ice cream, baked goods, beverages, jams, lavender plants & body products. Visit the Center's website, www.wellnessarts.com to learn more.

Button-Weller Family Fund for Cancer Patients



The Button-Weller families of New Milford and Montrose continue their tradition of cancer patient assistance with the establishment of a new Community Foundation fund: The Button-Weller Family Fund for Cancer Patients. The family looks forward to working with local organizations which provide assistance and services to local individuals being treated for cancer and their families.

The Button-Weller families have personal experiences with cancer, and for a number of years have organized a local 5K Walk/Run known as Run for Life which raises funds for cancer patients.

Helping People Help People

BY JUDGE JASON J. LEGG



*Jason Legg
Serves on the boards
of directors of The
Community Foundation
and the Montrose
Minute Men*

Montrose is known for its Fourth of July celebration, which was launched in 1976 to honor the bicentennial year. It has continued for over four decades attracting hundreds of thousands of people who flock into town for the parade, the food and the vendors. This year's parade theme was a celebration of rural America and participants created floats highlighting the theme.

The time and effort devoted to this event by generations of residents over the decades is a testament to the love they feel for their nation, their state, their communities and their neighbors.

The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains exemplifies these same values and its staff works tirelessly to help our neighbors help each other. But no matter how much hard work one puts into a field, it will not yield a crop unless there is fertile soil. The growth of the Community Foundation over the past two decades demonstrates that its fields are rich with charitable hearts.

Similarly, the Montrose Minute Men is a non-profit corporation serving Montrose and its surrounding municipalities with emergency medical transportation, ambulance services, and general transportation services between hospitals

and treatment facilities. But for the generosity of the community over the past sixty years, the Minute Men would not have been able to provide a full-time, professional ambulance service to such a large geographic rural area.

The Community Foundation assists the Minute Men through the management of a perpetual endowment that provides them with a prudent financial investor, a reliable partner, and a flexible friend. Most recently, the Foundation and the Minute Men worked together to use the endowment to purchase a new ambulance without the need to borrow additional funds. The Minute Men Board have recognized the value in maintaining the existing endowment, to the extent that they now contribute monthly to its growth.

A local resident, David Mitchell, recently left the Minute Men a generous gift from his estate. When faced with the question of how to handle such a financial bequest, the Minute Men Board of Directors voted to place those funds into the endowment managed by the Community Foundation.

Rural communities are special places to live, work, and raise families, but they also tend to lack the full-time services that larger urban areas take for granted. While many communities depend upon volunteer fire companies and emergency squads as their first responders, the Minute Men provide a full-time ambulance service to a large geographic area. Beyond its primary coverage area, the Minute Men assist neighboring first responders when needed. People helping people help people is a cherished principle of rural life.

Donors help the Minute Men fund its continued operation. The Minute Men trust the Foundation to manage its endowments prudently. The Foundation helps the Minute Men develop a steady source of income to ensure it can continue helping people. In rural America, we all have to help one another and the relationships among donors, the Minute Men and the Community Foundation are wonderful examples of cooperation toward the mutual goal of helping as many people as possible.





The Endless Mountains Children's Choir performed.

Breakfast for Life 2017

The life-affirming values of Cindi Conaty were once again celebrated at a January 21st Breakfast for Life held at the Montrose Bible Conference. The breakfast was provided at no cost. All donations from the event support a Community Foundation scholarship which is awarded annually to a student in Susquehanna County who writes an essay explaining his or her pro-life stance and values.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton led prayers which were for our country to uphold the sanctity of an unborn child's life. Children were welcome to attend. Supervision and crafts were provided for them during the program. Attendees were treated to a performance by the Endless Mountains Children's Choir.

Get a Screening, Give a Screening

Thanks to the Community Foundation Women Helping Women Fund donors and volunteers, women in the Endless Mountains region were able to receive low cost or no-cost breast cancer screening at participating hospitals. Cabot Oil & Gas and the Endless Mountains Health Systems have been staunch supporters of this program. Early detection of breast cancer dramatically increases survival rates, so screenings literally save lives.



Since 2014, the Get a Screening, Give a Screening program reminds all women to schedule their mammograms, while inviting them to help a woman less fortunate by making a \$200 donation. These gifts help pay for screening costs for uninsured women and costly co-pays for those unable to afford them. Learn more about the Women Helping Women initiatives on page 30-31.

PA BANKERS AND THE FOUNDATION: *Working Hand in Hand for a Better PA*

The partnership between the Community Foundation and the Pennsylvania Bankers Association (PA Bankers) continues to develop.

It began in 2015 with an alliance to bring the best financial literacy curriculum, EverFi, to schools across the state. Participating banks' Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) donations were administered by the Foundation to accomplish this.

In June 2017, PA Bankers chose the Foundation to be their Select Vendor for administration of their entire EITC program, including educational gifts beyond financial literacy classes. The Foundation will provide start-to-finish service, unburdening bankers of an EITC process that can be overwhelming and time consuming. Banks will no longer need to dedicate internal personnel and resources to manage and track state regulations, applications deadlines and processing, potential recipient inquiries, receipts, donations, etc. Banks will now be able to write a single check and the Foundation will do all the work for them.

This Select Vendor relationship ensures that banks' EITC donations are more effective community outreach. Each

banks' identity remains attached to each gift, so that award recipients know their benefactors. That knowledge builds personal connections and loyalty. Since local neighborhoods are the source of any local bank's assets, banks want their donations to benefit the communities where their employees and customers live, work, study and play.

The Foundation creates an exclusive EITC fund for use by each bank partner. We help them target specific EITC approved educational programs the banks can be proud to support. If a program that interests the bank is not yet EITC approved, the Foundation can facilitate that process. Once award decisions are made, the Foundation announces each with a personal letter to every scholarship winner, identifying the bank which provided the donation. Certificates with the banks' name and logo suitable for framing are mailed to each family.

In addition to the personal touch, press releases with bank officer photos are sent to all local media to announce each bank's donations. This creates an awareness in the community that the banks are on their side, supporting what is important to the families and businesses they serve.





Peoples Security

Bank & Trust Est. 1905

This year, Peoples Security Bank & Trust was our corporate leader in donations. Below are some of their notable contributions. Please thank them when you visit one of their 26 branches.

Lackawanna College Environmental Education Field Trips

Peoples provided \$130,000 in assistance to the Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center. This will enable the college to continue offering environmental education field trips to thousands of K-12 students from 17 school districts in northeastern Pennsylvania. Students learn about our natural environment and the habitats and survival skills of animals, diversity in the animal kingdom, energy efficiency and conservation and other topics.

Pre-K Assistance to Pocono Services for Families and Children

Peoples' gift of \$25,000 will allow children who would otherwise be unable to attend preschool to be enrolled at one of the six sites offered by Pocono Services for Families and Children. Their award winning accredited childhood education reaches 200 of Monroe County's most vulnerable families and children.

Science and Engineering at Blue Ridge School District

A Peoples' grant of \$9,500 to Blue Ridge School District enabled the district to continue its "Project Lead the Way" course in science and engineering. This is a national curriculum which trains teachers to empower students in the STEM material essential to success in the modern workplace.

Scranton Prep Scholarships

Peoples' scholarship assistance of more than \$71,000 will be provided to 30 deserving students wishing to attend Scranton Prep. These scholarships open the door to talented students able to rise to the rigorous academic challenge, but unable otherwise to afford the cost. They also benefit the school by ensuring a more diverse and representative student body.

Advanced Placement Test Fee Assistance

Advanced Placement courses are college level courses taken during high school. Colleges may grant placement and course credit to those who obtain high scores on course exams. The \$93 exam fee for each course is an impediment to many good students. This year, Peoples has offered an innovative solution—they are appealing to the state to allow EITC donors like themselves to pay those fees on behalf of students. That would ensure the gifted, ambitious students are not held back.

EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Breakout Classrooms

Education Improvement Organizations or EIOs is a term used by the state of Pennsylvania to designate non-profits that offer programs with content and delivery methods that are innovative and advanced beyond what is offered as part of the regular academic public school curriculum. Many expand the classroom beyond school walls and into the fields and forests, or workplace environments.

In 2017 the Foundation is seeking first-time approval or renewed approval from the Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) to administer the following outstanding EIOs that offer our donors and students programs that can change lives and open minds.



Cameron County Outdoor Youth Activities Organization:

Enhanced science, biology and environmental studies curricula includes “Trout in the Classroom” for third grade students. Students receive brook trout eggs each fall and raise them in class aquariums. Mature fish are released in spring in approved streams. For high school students, the Envirothon Program offers classroom and outdoor activities to expose students to nature and the human impact on the natural world. Teams compete in field testing in topics of soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife and environmental issues.



Endless Mountains Nature Center:

Live, native, temperate forest animals are brought to third grade students from late winter through early spring as part of their year-long nature journaling project. Students learn how to make scientific observation and document their personal reflections to enhance critical thinking and observation skills. Students are introduced to famous naturalists and non-fiction literature. In spring they conduct field study to contrast plants and animals found in a variety of environments. This program is designed to enhance both language arts and science curriculum for the Tunhannock School District students.



Entrepreneurship Academy:

High school students in the Carbondale and Forest City school districts develop entrepreneurship, learn leadership, marketing, effective business practices, and independent thinking. Classroom instruction is enhanced with hands on learning while completing a project in conjunction with a local business. This program is offered by the Carbondale Technology Transfer Center. Business participants include Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Northeastern Economic Development, Dunkin Donuts, Scranton Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, and NEP Telephone, among others.



Northern Tier Industry and Education Consortium (NTIEC):

This group's mission is to ensure that the best and brightest local students stay in the area to become a highly-skilled, adaptable Northeastern Pennsylvania workforce. They do this by integrating school, employment and training. Their many programs include offering apprenticeships, health care career camp, visits to manufacturing sites, workplace shadowing, a seminar on energy careers, vehicular career day, career fairs, teachers and administrators workplace visits, and workplace tours for students. Cabot Oil & Gas has been a donor to NTIEC, and we hope to assist other donors concerned about unfilled jobs due to the skills gap in applicants.

*“Sometimes getting away
from school is the best thing that can
happen to a great mind.”*

KEN ROBINSON



Junior Achievement (JA): Peoples Security Bank and Cabot Oil & Gas have both funded JA programs. JA is the world's largest organization educating K-12 students about how to generate and manage wealth, create jobs and apply entrepreneurial thinking. Community volunteers deliver JA courses in the areas of economics, business concepts, finance, global marketplace, and how to launch a business. Core competencies they are striving for are work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. Courses are evaluated and improved based upon independent third-party experts who measure their impact.



WVIA: WVIA develops and distributes many innovative educational video programs to schools and individuals throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania. These include documentaries, a young writers contest, Reading Rainbow, Kids Clubhouse in the Classroom, WaterWise, Junior Achievement courses and more. They offer films, videotape, two-way distance learning, web streaming and podcasting. WVIA's multi-media assets allow educators and parents to access quality instructional programs that are curriculum based.



VETERANS



Joe Andre, founder of the VETS Fund, left, congratulates William Quick, first recipient of the VETS Scholarship, along with Dr. Alice Davis, Executive Director of the SCCTC.

VETS Fund

US Navy and Pennsylvania National Guard veteran William Quick is this year's winner of the Community Foundation VETS (Veteran Education & Training Support) Fund scholarship, administered by the Community Foundation. He will use the award to participate in the year-long Licensed Practical Nursing program at the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC). That program is in its seventh year and includes classroom study and clinical rotations leading to a practical nursing license upon graduation. Mr. Quick has served for ten years in the Navy and National Guard. He is married with a family and hopes to go on to become a Registered Nurse.



Decisions on the VETS Fund awards are made by a committee of distinguished veterans that include William Aileo, Malcolm "Joe" Andre, John Reynolds, and Earle Wootton. Administering the fund includes SCCTC helping veterans tap all the government funds they are entitled to, and supplementing those entitlements with VETS Fund grants. The VETS Fund welcomes donations from anyone who wishes to help veterans and reservists retool their skills for civilian life.

Contact the Community Foundation at 570-278-3800 or Tammi Mowry at SCCTC 570-278-9229 ext 6671.

Wills for Heroes Returns

Wills for Heroes provides free basic estate planning documents to first responders and military veterans in Pennsylvania. Those serving on the front lines for our personal safety are eligible. This includes police, fire, emergency medical personnel, all active and retired Pennsylvania First Responders, all sworn personnel and their spouses/significant others as well as Pennsylvania military veterans.

Wills for Heroes programs are staffed by lawyer volunteers who meet each hero privately during sessions conveniently offered in local neighborhoods. The Community Foundation was pleased to host the May 20th program at our headquarters on Lake Avenue. Attorney Zachary D. Morahan led the sessions this year. Lawyer volun-



teers at these events use laptop computers loaded with a software program designed specifically for Wills for Heroes. Using this technology allows lawyers from all specialties to participate in the program. During the events, each participant meets with a volunteer who inputs information from the questionnaire into the software. A lawyer volunteer reviews the draft estate planning documents with the first responder to make sure he or she understands and agrees to the plan. The documents are then finalized, signed, witnessed and notarized at the event so they are effective immediately.

For more information about Wills for Heroes and its Pennsylvania programs and to register as a volunteer, visit www.pabar.org/site/YLD/Wills-for-Heroes or call the Pennsylvania Bar Association Young Lawyers Division at 800-932-0311.

*“Leadership
is service,
not position.”*

TIM FARGO



LOCAL GRANTS FOR EDUCATION IN 2016

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
- EverFi Financial Literacy
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects
- Andrew F. Sienko, Sr. Memorial Nature Trail Fund
- Clair Young Memorial Fund for Youth Workforce Development

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cody Albert Memorial Scholarship
- 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
- Meshoppen Creek Scholarship
- Montrose Business & Professional Women's Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal Scholarship
- RESCUE/Ben Stone Memorial Scholarship
- Scholarships for Careers
- 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

- Cody Albert Memorial Scholarship
- 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
- Meshoppen Creek 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

- CTTC Entrepreneurship Academy
- College Dual Enrollment Assistance
- David Colwell Fund
- EverFi Financial Literacy
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cody Albert Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Meshoppen Creek Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal 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
- EverFi Financial Literacy
- Paul Fearick Memorial Scholarship
- Margaret Stone Music Scholarship
- Matthew Van Fleet 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
- EverFi Financial Literacy
- 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

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cody Albert Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel Arnold Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Raymond Bennett Memorial Scholarship
- Tony Bistocchi Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Bradley David Conklin Memorial Scholarship
- Daniel Crisman Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Martin T. Dillon Memorial Scholarship
- Thomas D. Evans Memorial Scholarship
- Julia A. Frystak Memorial Scholarship
- Agnes and James W. Holbert Scholarship

- John Krupinski Memorial Scholarship
- Meshoppen Creek 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
- EverFi Financial Literacy
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Mountain View School District Library Endowment
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cody Albert Memorial Scholarship
- Jack Brainard Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Fiske Educational Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Kingsley Civic Club Scholarship
- Norman J. Maza Memorial Scholarship
- Meshoppen Creek Scholarship
- Mountain View School District Alumni Association Robert Klenk Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal 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
- EverFi Financial Literacy
- Giana Foundation Grant for Visual & Performing Arts
- Peoples Security Bank and Trust funding for Project Lead the Way
- Denise Reddon Memorial Fund
- Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund for Special Projects

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Cody Albert Memorial Scholarship
- Cindi Conaty Memorial Scholarship
- Gil Depew Memorial Scholarship
- Edwards/Napolitano Memorial Music Scholarship
- Mariano & Maria Fiaschi Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Meshoppen Creek Scholarship
- Montrose Area Chamber of Commerce Pauline MacNeal 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
- Claverack Education Fund

- John James Memorial Fund to Benefit FBLA Clubs
- Leopold & Jane Schreiber Fund for Culinary Arts
- Diane Yakoski Memorial Nursing Fund
- VETS – Veterans Education and Training Support 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
- Bob Crimmel 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

Plus 45 other districts such as:

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

MEMORIALS

Cody M. Albert



Cody Albert

Cody Albert of Kingsley was just 21 years old when he passed away in March 2016. He was a graduate of Mountain View High School and a junior at Kutztown University. He loved outdoor activities and lived life to its fullest enjoying snowboarding, dirt-bike riding, baseball, skateboarding and hunting. Cody was talented in sketching and drawing and fond of cars. His many pets held a special place in his life. He shared close bonds with his brother Ryan and his Grandma Audrey. Anyone who knew him never forgot his beautiful heart-warming smile.

In his memory, Cody's parents Dale and Linda Albert have established a scholarship fund with the Community Foundation. It will be awarded to a Susquehanna County high school graduate who will be going on to college to major in visual arts, psychology or physical therapy and who has overcome anxiety, depression or other adversity.

Andrew C. Mazza Fund Supports Greenfield Township Health Center



Andrew Mazza

The family and friends of Andrew Mazza this year established a Community Foundation Memorial Health Care Fund in his honor. The fund will support the planned new Andrew C. Mazza Memorial Health Center in Greenfield Township. That Center will be part of the growing NEPA Community Health Care network which currently provides primary care and behavioral health at three locations throughout Susquehanna County.

Andrew died at age 23 due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Gibson Township. His selfless sacrifice at the time of the accident saved another life. That bravery and courage inspired the naming of the new health center in his honor. Andrew was a 2011 graduate of Lakeland High School and received a degree in Machine Tool Technology from Lackawanna County Career and Technology Center. He carried on a family tradition of membership in the Operating Engineers Union, Local 542 as a heavy equipment operator as well as working on various natural gas pipelines throughout the area. Though Andrew's life was cut too short, this permanent endowment will endure as a lasting legacy of his compassion.

*“Live like a tree,
giving, forgiving and free.”*

DEBASHISH MRIDHA, M.D.



Superintendent Bronson Stone, Mary Jane Reddon (mother) and Peter Quigg.

Denise A. Reddon

The family and many friends of Denise Ann Reddon have established a memorial fund in her honor at the Community Foundation. Denise passed away from illness at age 58 in 2010. Her fund will provide annual support for the athletic department of Susquehanna Community School District. She taught, coached and served as athletic director at that district for 27 years.

Denise was a graduate of Niagara University and Marywood University where she received her master's degree. She had a positive influence on many young people in her role as teacher and coach for girls' basketball, softball, volleyball and cheerleading. She was also an American Red Cross CPR instructor and an avid golfer who spent summers working at the Golden Oak Golf Course.

At the time of her death, Denise Reddon was serving her second term as mayor of Susquehanna Depot, Pennsylvania. Tributes from some of its 1700 residents mention her many acts of kindness during the 2006 flood that inundated their borough. The Denise Reddon Memorial Fund will endure as a legacy honoring her inspiring coaching and stellar citizenship.

Bob Crimmel: Family Man, Beloved Coach, Warm Friend



Bob Crimmel

At the sad announcement of Bob Crimmel's death in 2015, tributes flooded in to his wife of 43 years, Jodi, and two children. In a long career as Tunkhannock Area Middle School teaching physical education and health, and coaching swimming, football, and baseball, Bob was in a position to guide thousands of students with his positive example. Tributes from his students recounted how his warm smile, and famous "dumb" jokes were woven into the fondest memories of their school years. To his own children he was the "most kind, patient and supportive father."

Bob was a 1970 graduate of Abington Heights and a 1975 graduate of Slippery Rock University. His lifelong ties to the community were deep and he loved golfing with fellow retirees, kayaking, riding his bicycle, and the Philadelphia Phillies. He was a Rotarian. Neighbors recall his walking his dog Jackson, and struggling to pass any dog without stopping to share a greeting.

A friend's tribute referred to Bob Crimmel as a "Sweet Prince" to all he knew. His family and friends have ensured that his kindness continues with the establishment of the Bob Crimmel Memorial Scholarship at the Foundation. It will be awarded to Tunkhannock students with college or post-secondary aspirations who write a winning essay about overcoming adversity.



SCHOOL DISTRICT MODEL

Poised to Pounce!

Tigers' Advisory Council Focused on Opportunities

BY ROBERT BROWN, DIRECTOR

The Tunkhannock Area School District (TASD) Foundation consists of sixteen endowments valued at \$435,000. For the past decade these funds, mostly scholarships, have been managed through the Community Foundation. Parents and business leaders see the potential to do much more. Their approach is a model for all school foundations.

They've formed an Advisory Council to find new ways to fund their evolving wish list of school improvements: Top rated technology and equipment, expanded programs and curriculum, flexible facilities, sport-specific team funds are a few examples.

The ten current Advisory Council members would welcome a few more action-oriented members. The Council will contain no more than two school board members and maintain proper independence from the

board. They welcome ideas and donations from alumni, administrators, parents—anyone with a connection to TASD and an interest in seeing it shine for students and families considering moving to the area.

The Council's first very promising campaign is to approach local businesses about taking advantage of state EITC (Education Improvements Tax Credits) and directing tax credited donations towards Education Improvement projects at TASD. Business owners can learn more about EITC at community-foundation.org.

Individual or family donations made to the TASD Foundation are fully tax deductible AND those dollars can be committed to the donor's specific area of interest. These gifts will target "above and beyond improvements" and are distinct from the general school budget funds.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

(AS OF JUNE 10TH)

- Dr. William Prebola, *Physician*
- Robert J. Brown, *Certified Financial Planner*
- Don Sherwood, *former Congressman & Business Owner*
- Sally Steele, *Attorney*
- Dick Daniels, *Former TASD Educator*
- Dr. Art Sherwood, *Retired Physician*
- Rod Azars, *Financial Adviser*
- Rob Parry, *Business Owner*
- Barb Macculloch, *Banker*
- Bill Ruark, *Business Owner*

To join the effort contact the Foundation at 570-278-3800 or any Council member.



School District Fund Highlights

All School Districts: The Community Foundation this year provided 87 college scholarships valued at more than \$123,000. Because of the Foundation's participation in the state PATH program, students who choose Pennsylvania colleges will be nominated for potential state matching funds. These awards went to graduates from eleven high schools or career and technology schools in Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming Counties. Congratulations to all our graduate scholarship winners and to our generous donors who help launch their future success.



Tunkhannock Area: Community Bank this year provided \$12,000 to Tunhannock Middle School to provide scholarships for grades 1 through 6 students who otherwise could not attend Camp Invention. This week-long summer science enrichment program helps students succeed in life and on their science assessment tests by challenging them to work in teams to solve problems. Study modules involve science, math, history and the arts. It was developed by the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the US. Patent and Trade Office and has received high praise from local parents and students who have participated since 2006. Thanks to Community Bank for opening doors to this opportunity!



Susquehanna Community: The Denise Reddon Memorial Fund honors a long time coach, athletic director and teacher who was serving as Susquehanna Depot's mayor when she died in 2010. The endowment created by her parents and friends is a fitting legacy that will provide a perpetual annual grant to benefit the school district's athletic department.

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

BEN FRANKLIN



FIVE YEARS *of Giving & Growing*

The Foundation's Women Helping Women initiative (WHW) is celebrating its fifth anniversary. Over that time the WHW Leadership Committee has awarded approximately \$20,000 to organizations working to improve the lives of women and girls in Northeast Pennsylvania. Applications for WHW awards are reviewed and selected annually to meet the WHW objectives of promoting economic self-sufficiency, education, women's health, leadership development, personal safety and serving women and girls in crisis situations.

Grant Recipients Since 2012

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| ■ Area Agency on the Aging | ■ Montrose Area School District Meteorites Wellness Night | ■ Women in Shale Energy (WISE) |
| ■ CareNet | ■ Tunkhannock Area School District's TIGRESS Program | ■ Women's Resource Center (WRC) |
| ■ Children's Advocacy Center's | | ■ Trehab |
| ■ Interfaith Pathway Connections | | |

Our 2017 grant recipients were Women's Resource Center and CareNet each of whom received \$2,500. In accepting the WRC check, Tiffany Benedict spoke of providing local women with justice. This year's award will go toward emergency housing. CareNet's spokesperson, Laura Squire, described how their organization offered hope to those they serve.

Members & Donors

Everyone is welcome to join. Members support with a minimum donation of \$50 per year. If you see names you recognize, THANK THEM for their support of women. Even better, become part of the solution and JOIN THEM at the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch: Saturday, May 5, 2018.

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| Wendy Albert Laney | Jean B. Jane | Eileen Myer | Brittany Thomas Ramos |
| Holly Anderson | Abby Jones | Susan Newhart | Audrey Waterman |
| Sally Ayers | Laura Kail | Victoria Ogden | Pat Welling |
| Gretchen Backer | Lenore Keyes | Marion O'Malley | Ruth Wilmarth |
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| Jennifer Street Borelli | Kate Kurosky | Margie Sedor | Lucille Winston |
| Cristine Clayton | Betty Kwader | Ann Shafer | |
| Kristie Congdon | Jeanne LaBonte | Lesli Sharenow | |
| Eileen Craige | Debbie Lewis | Angela Shelton-Kail | |
| Barbara Hinckley | Fran Lyman | Janet Small | |
| Karen Hubbard | Sandra Major | Pam Staats | |
| Ellen Jackson | Shirley C. Masters | Gloria Stanton | |
| Liz Janoski | Margaret Miller | Rebecca Sullivan | |
| | Monica Miller | Robert Tambur | |



women HELPING women

FOUNDING MEMBERS & MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS

BRONZE (\$1,000), GOLD
(\$5,000) OR PLATINUM
(\$10,000) LEVEL
SUPPORTERS SINCE 2012 :

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Ellen DiPhillips

Judy Johnson

Joseph Keeves

Therese Stukas-Quigg

*The Leadership Committee
pictured above, from left:
Therese Stukas-Quigg, Kate Farrell Kurosky,
Ellen Jackson, Rebecca Sullivan,
Cristine Clayton, Judy Ventresca,
Diane Koloski, Karen Hubbard,
Ellen DiPhillips, and Pamela Staats.*



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.

ACROSS COUNTRY CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT FUND

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

"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.

CODY ALBERT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Dale and Linda Albert in memory of their son Cody to provide a college scholarship to students from Susquehanna County who will major in the Visual Arts, Psychology, or Physical Therapy and who have overcome anxiety, depression, or other adversity.

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 Jermyrn for a Lakeland School District senior of high moral character 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 excelled academically, and has participated in interscholastic athletics.

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.

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.

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.

BUTTON-WELLER FAMILY FUND FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Established by the Button-Weller family to support organizations that provide assistance to cancer patients from Susquehanna County.

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.

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 who has overcome personal adversity to graduate from high school and go on to college.

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 by Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative to benefit its Member Assistance Program.

CLEMENS FAMILY FUND

Established by the Clemens Family to support their charitable wishes.

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 support the upkeep and capital project expenses for the building that houses the Community Foundation.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION COMMUNITY FUND

Supports current needs in the community.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DIRECTORS FUND

The Directors Fund was formed to help fund major capital projects selected by the Board of Directors.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPERATING FUND

Supports the operations of the Foundation.

CINDI CONATY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Susquehanna County President Judge, 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 school districts.

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.

BOB CRIMMEL

Established by the family and friends of Bob Crimmel of Tunkhannock to provide a college scholarship to graduates of the Tunkhannock Area High School.

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 Wilson, this fund supports various Susquehanna County charities and non-profit organizations as recommended annually by Mrs. Wilson 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 Dispensa 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 honor Johnny's good friend and band-mate, John Napolitano, who 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.

ELKDALE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT

Established by the Elkdale Cemetery Association to assist with the expenses of maintaining the Elkdale Cemetery.

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 Mtn. 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 annually by The Friends of Susquehanna County.

JULIA A. FRYSTAK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Julia Frystak, a Montrose student killed in an automobile accident. Provides a post-secondary scholarship to a 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.

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FUNDS

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 who 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.

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 FBIA 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 as an endowment for alumni, friends, and benefactors to 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 Mehooopany.

MOUNTAIN 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

Established 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.

“Collectively we can do what no person can do singly.”

LELAND KAISER

MARY AND KENNETH LEASURE FUND

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

MARY K. LEASURE FUND

Established 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.

J. RODGER LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of J. Roger Lewis, a former Montrose Area Superintendent. Provides a post-secondary scholarship to a high school graduate who has exhibited perseverance and academic responsibility.

WILLIAM AND DEBORAH LEWIS FUND

Supports non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended by the Lewis family of Montrose.

LIFELONG LEARNING FUND

Established by the Community Foundation to provide scholarships to eligible adult students seeking tuition assistance for job training certificate and higher education degrees. This fund is building value and will begin awarding scholarships once the fund reaches \$10,000.

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.

ANDREW MAZZA MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE FUND

Established by the family and friends of Andrew Mazza to help support the Andrew Mazza Memorial Health Center in Clifford, Pennsylvania operated by NEPA Community Health Care.

MCKEAGE MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the estate of Ellie McKeage to support the Montrose Cemetery.

MESHOPPEN CREEK FUND

Established by Reverend Paul Carlson and his late wife Myrtle to provide assistance to a graduating high school Senior from Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania or Pinellas County, Florida who exhibits exceptional promise for their future and who writes a winning essay about their greatest accomplishment in life so far.

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 homeschooled or cyber schooled students, who reside in Susquehanna County and 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 annual 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 AMBULANCE FUND

Established by the estate of the late Homer B. Shay to benefit the Montrose Minutemen Ambulance Company.

MONTROSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE FUND

Established by The 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. and Mrs. Curtis Stone to assist with expenses related to the church choir and general music activities at the Montrose UMC.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Provides a college scholarship to a Mountain View student in good standing who will matriculate at college or a post-secondary degree program.

MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

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

MYER FAMILY CHARITABLE FUND

Established by Gregory and Eileen Myer of Montrose to support human service organizations 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 North Branch 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 businesses which help students develop career awareness and skills. 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 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 Mountain 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.

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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

Established in memory of Jonathan Randall, who was killed in the World Trade Towers, September 11, 2001. Provides grants to charitable agencies as recommended annually by the Randall family of Silver Lake.

DENISE REDDON MEMORIAL FUND

Established by the family and friends of Ms. Reddon who, in addition to being the Mayor of Susquehanna Depot, was also a long-time coach and Athletic Director in the Susquehanna Community School District. The fund will provide annual support for the expenses of the school district's Athletic Department.

REPPY-KEKER FAMILY FUND

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

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

Established by the environmental organization "Return Susquehanna Country Under Ecology" to recognize Benjamin Stone. 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.

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.

E. L. ROSE CONSERVANCY STEWARDSHIP FUND

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

E. L. ROSE CONSERVANCY S. LAKE ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Established by the conservancy's Board of Directors to support the expenses of maintaining the access point to the High Point Preserve and S. Lake Road on Silver Lake.

REGINALD SANGER & FLORENCE MACGOWAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in memory of Mr. Sanger and Mrs. MacGowan, a 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 who have financial need, exhibit promise for the future, and will attend a vocational, technical, academic, or other post-secondary degree program. The scholarship fund can also be used to assist with special unfunded projects in the School District or the Career & 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 SHELLEY 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 LAKE 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.

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 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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY & FREE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PERMANENT ENDOWMENT 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 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 HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '66 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established by Tunkhannock alumni from the class of 1966 to provide tuition assistance to a deserving student to attend college or a post-secondary degree program.

TUNKHANNOCK KIWANIS COMMUNITY FUND

Established by the Kiwanis Club of Tunkhannock to assist with the club's community service projects in Wyoming County.

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 OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY ENDOWMENT FUND

Provides grants to the United Way of Susquehanna County.

CDF UNITED WAY OF SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 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, a long-time nurseryman from New Milford. 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.

VETS – VETERANS EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUPPORT FUND

A scholarship to assist veterans, reservists, and National Guard members to obtain vocational training at the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center (SCCTC.)

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.

ROBERT & GRACE WERT CHARITABLE FUND

Supports charitable and non-profit organizations in Susquehanna County as recommended by the Wert family.

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.

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 that he was interested in, especially programs for young people in northeastern Pennsylvania.

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.

EARLE AND JUNE WOOTTON FUND

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

JUNE J. WOOTTON FUND FOR HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE

Supports hospice and palliative care in Susquehanna and Wyoming Counties.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



EARLE WOOTTON
Chairman of the Board and CEO of the Community Foundation

the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Earle lives in Montrose with his wife June.

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



PETER QUIGG
President of the Community Foundation

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.

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



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

from Pennsylvania State University and he is a Certified Financial Planner.

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



SANDRA BOYLE, Esq.
Corporate Secretary, Attorney, Retired

member of Countryside Conservancy and the Wyoming County Planning Commission. Sandra resides in Tunkhannock and is now retired from the practice of law. She enjoys traveling, hiking, and spending time with her family.

Sandra is a graduate of Marywood University and Villanova Law School. While engaged in the private practice of law, she was a custody hearing officer for Lackawanna County and solicitor for Lackawanna Trail School District, Wyoming County Children & Youth, and Wyoming County Housing and Redevelopment Authority for many years. She is a past president of Wyoming County United Way and is currently a board



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

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.

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 sitting on the Community Foundation board, he



CRAIG W. BEST
President & CEO, Director of Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company

he is on the boards of the Scranton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Development Corporation. He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Princeton University.

Since 2013 Craig has led Peoples, the largest bank headquartered in Northeast Pennsylvania. He was formerly the President and CEO of Penn Security Bank and Trust Company, and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Commonwealth Bank. He began his banking career with Equibank in Pittsburgh, after working as a market analyst for Equitable Bank in Baltimore. In addition to serving as a Director of this Community Foundation,



BOB BROWN
Stone House Investment Management Managing Partner/Portfolio Manager

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.

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



THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN
Retired Owner of Thomas Chamberlain Insurance Company

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.

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



CRISTINE CLAYTON
*Executive Director
of the Community
Foundation of the
Endless Mountains*

Cristine was born 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, scholarship processing, 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.



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, and serves on the Board of Word of Life Fellowship, a worldwide non-denominational Christian organization headquartered in in Schroom Lake New York. 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.



HON. JASON J. LEGG
*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.



SANDRA J. MAJOR
*Retired State
Representative*

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 Keystone College President's Advisory Council. Representative Sandra J. Major retired in December 2016 after serving for eleven terms in the PA House of Representatives representing the 111th Legislative District which includes parts of Susquehanna and Wayne Counties. She served as Republican Caucus Chairman. Sandra is a member of the 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 the 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, a member of the Susquehanna County Railroad Authority, officer for the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees and 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 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.

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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.

“Human communities
depend upon a diversity of talent,
not a singular conception of ability.”

KEN ROBINSON



FRAN LYMAN
Administrator

Fran, originally from Philadelphia, graduated from Keystone College before working at the Susquehanna County Independent as staff reporter/photographer, and copy editor, and later as freelance writer and illustrator. After thirteen years as the children's librarian at the county library, followed by seven years running her own research business, she joined the Community Foundation

in 2015 as Administrator, where she works with EITC scholarships and marketing. Fran lives in Springville with her husband Kevin and together they have five children and eight grandchildren.



JODY DAYE
Accountant

in church, school, and community activities.

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 bookkeeping 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



JEAN HOLLISTER
*Events Coordinator,
Building Manager*

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, and Building Manager, Jean volunteers as a Master Gardener. She and her husband Robert have two children and a grandson.

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 Son, Inc. in the information technology department since 2012. Jerry began helping the Community Foundation with computer hardware applications in 2001.



WILBUR D. (BUD) DAHLGREN
Counsel to the Foundation

Mr. Dahlgren joined Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP in 2016 as Of Counsel. He has been an attorney for 30+ years and prior to joining Coughlin & Gerhart, led another regional firm's Estates & Trusts Department. His practice areas include wills and trusts; estate planning and administration; elder law; LLC and partnership planning; income taxation; gas, oil and mineral rights planning; and tax-exempt organizations. Mr. Dahlgren is a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Pennsylvania State Bar Association, the Florida State Bar Association, the Broome County Bar Association, the Susquehanna County Bar Association, and the New York State Bar Association's Trusts & Estates Law and the Elder Law Sections. Mr. Dahlgren is a frequent speaker for community organizations, local businesses, and the Bar on topics such as estate planning, long term medical care planning, elder law, charitable giving, planned giving and changes in the tax law. Mr. Dahlgren obtained his BA degree from SUNY Cortland and his JD degree from Syracuse College of Law. Mr. Dahlgren is married to Dr. Elizabeth Patch and they reside in Binghamton, NY.



MARIA CONIGLIARO TRAINO
*Creative Director,
Designer*

Maria Conigliaro Traino is the founder and creative director of Inspired Design Studio offering clients a tailored branding experience. Maria is passionate about helping businesses and organizations build a cohesive and memorable brand identity that will attract their ideal audience. She earned her BFA in communication design and marketing from Kutztown University. Maria serves on a committee for the Wyoming County United Way and is a member of the American Advertising Federation of Northeast Pennsylvania. She lives with her husband Jason and their two daughters in Clarks Summit.

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 grandchildren.



SANDY HOPPE
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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.

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