



The Endless Opportunities Scholarship



PATRICIA
FURNEAUX-BROWN

The Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce is honoring Patricia Furneaux-Brown, one of its founding members who passed away in August, 2024. Gina Suydam was Chamber President at the time and she recalls that the Board members wanted to remember Pat in a way that would be meaningful and enduring. They have decided to establish The Endless Opportunities Scholarship at the Community Foundation.

Patricia Furneaux-Brown had a passion for small business and entrepreneurship. She carried on the family real estate business Endless Realty in Tunkhannock for 52 years, and she was the owner/operator of Second Wind, a neighborhood bar and restaurant on East Tioga Street. She was dynamic and outspoken, and according to Ms. Suydam she had a talent for energizing a room and bringing together the right people to make things happen.

Patricia was a past president of the Wyoming County Business and Professional Women's Club, helped to bring the 9-1-1 Communications Center online, and was Director of the Wyoming County Emergency Management. She was also a past member of the Tunkhannock Ambulance Association working as a volunteer EMT.

The Chamber's youth leadership program YOU is available to Tunkhannock Area High School juniors and seniors. Students are nominated by their teachers to participate in the five-session course where they will learn about leadership style, teamwork, building resilience, healthy habits, mentoring, goal setting and more. Graduates of YOU who are moving on to post-secondary studies are eligible to apply for the new Endless Opportunities Scholarship. Chamber board members will participate in the selection committee. With funding support from the Chamber's 360 plus members, the scholarship will endure as a perpetual memorial honoring their colleague, Patricia Furneaux-Brown.