

“Giving frees us from
the familiar territory
of our own needs by
opening our mind to
the unexplained
worlds occupied by
the needs of others.”

—*Barbara Bush*

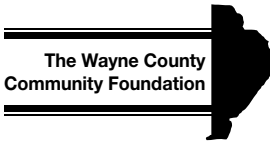


The Wayne County
Community Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT 2009



Warren Schloesser, 2009 Ben Franklin Community Service Award Winner.



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about the foundation

Mission Statement

It is our goal to serve as a publicly supported charity dedicated to preserving and enhancing the future quality of life in Wayne County by supporting that which is good about the present and that which seeks to do good in the future. This goal will be achieved by receiving charitable contributions, investing them and distributing them as our broad base of representative directors deem to be in the interest of the community which is Wayne County.

Foundation Background

Our Foundation was incorporated on June 21, 1991 and granted 501(c)3 status (tax-exempt institution) the following year. Thereafter a Board of Directors was elected, bylaws created, and then the work began! During the early years, results were modest, but with growing recognition of the Foundation's work, there was a continual increase in assets. These assets and a successful investment strategy have fostered an ongoing increase in the number of grants and scholarships that we have awarded. The Foundation continues to search for ways to grow and serve our community and its citizens.

Education Excellence Circle

For the past ten years, the Foundation's Innovative Teacher Grants have supported teacher innovation in a wide range of subjects and grades in schools throughout the county. The \$500 awards are instrumental in fostering change and thereby enhancing student motivation and achievement. Last year, 10 such grants were given. In the past the grants were paid for from our General Fund, but because of the program's success, we believed it was time to expand with a permanently endowed fund.

This endowed fund's principal would be invested and the annual earnings used to support the grants. We named the fund "The Education Excellence Circle" and we proposed raising \$100,000. We recognize that this is a challenge. However, the Foundation believes that the key to insuring that our students compete successfully in the ever changing global economy can only be done by way of the highest quality of instruction. Our first year's fund raising has been very gratifying and we urge our supporters, especially educators, to consider giving to this incredible new opportunity for our students.

Assets

As of June 30, 2009, the Foundation's assets totaled just under \$2 million. Our investments are managed by four local institutions: The Dime Bank, Honesdale National Bank, Wayne Bank, and Smith Barney Citigroup. Investment results are reviewed by our Treasurer and the Finance Committee, who meet annually in August with representatives from the institutions.

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Dear Friends,

The Wayne County Community Foundation is pleased to present its 2009 Annual Report. On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank you for your support for this great organization. As promised, The Foundation has remained committed to our goals in spite of the severe economic downturn. We recognize that during "tough times" more is required for us to do for those organizations and individuals most in need in Wayne County. There are a variety of ways you can support philanthropy in Wayne County!

Become a Donor: No donation is too small to help! Our Annual Fund Drive helps provide for our administrative needs and we have more than doubled our Annual Fund drive receipts in just three years.

Establish a Fund: You can establish a fund today with a gift of cash, securities, or real property. Your fund can be designated to assist a particular charity, or cause and by establishing an endowment it will live on in perpetuity.

WCCF vs. Private Foundations: When you've made the decision to give, some individuals consider establishing a private foundation in their family or business name. Upon further research, they often realize that a fund through a public community foundation can offer:

Philanthropic Impact • Community Recognition • Family Involvement

A Wayne County Community Foundation Fund: You can make immediate charitable gifts in the year that best fits your tax planning needs and grants from the fund to particular charities over time. Your contributions are fully tax-deductible in accordance with the federal and state laws. You are not required to make annual minimum awards based on the fund's balance. You can minimize capital gains taxes with a gift to WCCF of appreciated assets such as stock, while realizing the maximum tax-deductibility of your donation. You are saved from many of the onerous rules and regulations on grant-making and reporting that accompany giving through a private foundation. Finally, because we are a public charity described in the 501(c)3 section of the IRS code, we also can offer many advantages not available to a private foundation.

In closing, let me thank everyone associated with the Foundation for their tireless efforts for Wayne County's future!

Sincerely, *Vicky Lamberton, President*

Who We Are

The Wayne County Community Foundation plays a vital role in supporting the citizens and service organizations of our county. Our 'culture' is one of community service to our neighbors, young and old alike! Over the past 18 years, the Foundation has continued to build a reputation of supporting a wide variety of causes. We champion the idea that all dreams have the potential to become a reality... to that end, we fund scholarships, innovative teaching, and award grants for special needs. We also encourage the spirit of giving. We assist with estate planning that target specific causes or that can be directed to the many needs of the Foundation itself. Each year's Annual Report gives an overview of the past year. If we can help you... contact us!

Exec. Dir, Paul Edwards (center) presents grant to Dorflinger Sanctuary. Representing the organization is Dr. Walter Barbe (left) and William Davis (right).



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world... indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.."

— Margaret Mead

The O'Neill Society

The O'Neill Society recognizes those donors who have invested in the future of our county by naming the Wayne County Community Foundation as a beneficiary of their estate plans. The name honors Dan O'Neill, long-time community activist and Foundation Board member.

Funds benefited by estate plans can support any charitable cause or organization, including the Foundation itself, and can work to benefit the county in perpetuity, long after the lives of the donors.

If you have or wish to include the Wayne County Community Foundation in your will or other planned gift and wish to be recognized in the O'Neill Society, please contact the Foundation's office and we will be pleased to help you complete the forms and add your name to our society.

SOCIETY MEMBERS

- ◆ Kent L. Brown, Jr.
- ◆ Vicky Lamberton
- ◆ Bill and Jessie Davis
- ◆ Paul and Sandy Meagher
- ◆ Walter and Marilyn Barbe
- ◆ Robert Kramer
- ◆ Paul and Colleen Edwards
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- ◆ Ann O'Hara
- ◆ Louis and Frances Gruber
- ◆ Dan and Alice O'Neill
- ◆ Warren H. Schloesser
- ◆ Leon M. Scudder*
- ◆ Tony and Sharon Herzog
- ◆ Jane Varcoe
- ◆ Cal* and Kuni Holbert
- ◆ William Schweighofer
- ◆ James and Shirley Chapman
- ◆ Jerry and Marilyn Swendsen
- ◆ Francis* and Martha E. Franco
- ◆ Bob Zabady
- ◆ Herman H. Rutsch

If you have an interest in becoming a member of this prestigious Society, please see form in the back of this annual report.

◆ List current as of November 1, 2009

* Deceased

scholarships *and* grants

“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.” – John F. Kennedy.



Scholarship Committee Members, Bill Gershey and Sharon Herzog with Scudder Scholarship Winners.



Executive Director Paul Edwards presents a check to Jennifer Porter of Workforce Wayne.

Foundation Scholarship Programs

The Foundation has a steadfast commitment to providing scholarships for deserving seniors from the high schools located in our county. Starting in 1991 with the first Edwin Thomas Scholarships, the various awards continue to grow in number and size of the award. Because of the generosity of the late Leon Scudder, twenty-two scholarships were awarded which totaled \$33,500. The Foundation Board extends its congratulations to all our winners who were hosted at the Foundation’s Scholarship Presentation on June 19, 2009.

Foundation Grants Program

One of the essential ways that the Foundation helps our county’s community organizations is by funding worthy projects through grants! The Grants Review Committee meets quarterly to examine requests and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The board then allocates available monies from our General Fund to those requests determined most in need of our support. This past year a total of 13 grants, totaling \$29,150, were awarded to the following organizations:

2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS and AWARD CATEGORIES

- ◆ **Edwin J. Thomas Scholarship (\$1000)**
Jonathan Gumble—*Honesdale*
Victoria Sverduk—*Western Wayne*
Alexandra Beard—*Wallenpaupack*
- ◆ **Robert Zabady Scholarship (\$2000)**
Lauren A. Cameron—*Wallenpaupack*
- ◆ **Jeri Bigart Memorial Scholarship (\$1500)**
Lauren Edsall—*Honesdale*
- ◆ **Robert and Inger Stovall Scholarship (\$1000)**
Danielle Cortese—*Honesdale*
- ◆ **Leon Scudder Scholarships (\$2000)**
Sarah Schweinsburg—*Canaan Ch.*
Katy DeGraw—*Honesdale*
Michael Visci—*Honesdale*
Eric Diehl—*Honesdale*
Jessica Richter—*Western Wayne*
Robert Moulton —*Western Wayne*
Shannon Irwin—*Western Wayne*
Amanda Morales—*Wallenpaupack*
Lauren Sweet—*Wallenpaupack*
Kristina Veltri—*Wallenpaupack*
- ◆ **Foundation Scholarships (\$1000)**
Chales Whitman—*Wallenpaupack*
Mark Davis —*Western Wayne*
Steven Decker—*Honesdale*
Wade Malicky—*Forest City*
Jessica Hanstine—*Hancock*
- ◆ **Marilyn and Jerry Swendsen Scholarship (\$1000)**
Tim Southerton—*Honesdale*

Organization	Amount	Project
◆ Pleasant Mt. Comm. Ctr.	\$4,500	Activity Program
◆ Workforce Wayne	\$5,000	Feasibility Study
◆ Deveraux	\$2,000	School to Work Pgm.
◆ Wayne Co. Chamber	\$2,000	Graduation Projects
◆ Workforce Wayne	\$2,500	Equipment Purchases
◆ Dorflinger Sanctuary	\$5,000	Site Plan Project
◆ Boy Scouts of America	\$2,000	Equipment Upgrade
◆ Wayne Co. Arts Alliance	\$900	Summer Inst. Program
◆ Upper Del. Ski Patrol	\$750	“Hug-a-Tree” Program
◆ Bethany Public Library	\$1,000	Summer Program
◆ Salem Public Library	\$2,000	Install Air Cond.
◆ Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000	New Home Construction
◆ Lakeville Fire Co.	\$2,500	Building Project



Showcase Fund: L.E.A.P.S. (“Let Every Ability Play Safe”) and Bounds Playground Project. This fund was established to raise funds in order to build a safe and accessible playground for special needs children.

funds *and* aid to education



Damascus
Christian 3rd
Graders with
their new
Dictionaries.

Foundation Funds

The Foundation establishes funds bearing the names of their donors, while other funds bear the names suitable to their objectives. Our management of a fund is the opportunity for individuals or groups to make donations directly to these separate accounts or to establish new funds. As we are a charitable and tax-exempt institution, contributions are deductible from federal income taxes. Another advantage is that once a fund is established it can continue into the future.



Damascus School
Students receive
a grant from the
Youth Advisory
Program.
The project
enabled the
students to do an
in-depth study of
the Middle Ages.

Aid To Education

In addition to scholarships and grants, each year the General Fund helps fund the **Innovative Teaching Program**. Teachers from local schools submit grant applications for projects to help their students. Typically, the funding is for those things that could not normally be paid for out of the local budgets. The grants cannot exceed \$500. This past year there were 18 Innovative Teaching Grants awarded. The Foundation budgets \$5000 for this cause and in addition received contributions from the following businesses: *Mr. James Kilgore, PPL Inc. and Charles Grimm Construction.*

Dictionary Project: One of the Foundation's most successful undertakings.

Third graders receive a quality hard-cover dictionary. Scholastic Library Pub. gives us a generous discount enabling the dictionaries to be purchased for \$10. Honesdale National Bank, Wayne Bank and The Dime Bank distribute donation requests to their customers. We wish to thank the many individuals who gave at least \$10 to this outstanding project. In 2009 we distributed 441 dictionaries.

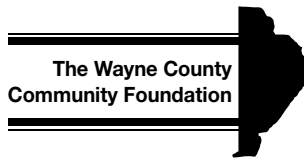
The Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program provides significant funding for the three local school districts. This year, \$64,800 was presented to County public school districts in support of academic enhancing programs. Corporate sponsors were: The Dime Bank; Honesdale National Bank; First Community Bank; Waste Management Inc.

Youth Advisory Committee: Comprised of student leaders from the three school districts, this committee was established to promote the idea of philanthropy and community service. As a result of a bequest to the Foundation, the Committee awards mini-grants to school clubs, classes and school service projects. This past year 7 grants were awarded, two at Wallenpaupack, two at Wayne Highlands and three at Western Wayne.

Foundation Funds

- ◆ **The Jeri Bigart Memorial Fund** was established by Mr. Eugene Bigart in memory of his wife. The fund assists deserving students attending a vocational school, and this past year funded two scholarships.
- ◆ **The Boy Scout Troop 111 Fund** consists of funds bequeathed to the troop for its ongoing use.
- ◆ **The Ben Franklin Fund** was bequeathed in Benjamin Franklin's will. Our Foundation qualifies to receive this funding and this year \$1000 will be presented to our Ben Franklin Service Award winner, who in turn will give it to a charity of their choice.
- ◆ **The Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund** was established by his parents William and Debra Bryant to assist people with special needs or developmental disabilities. Additionally, funds can support civic projects, such as the 4-H or volunteer fire companies.
- ◆ **The General Fund** is by far the largest and is comprised of many gifts, but principally made up of a bequest from the late Marie Stemmler of White Mills. This fund is used at the discretion of the Board.
- ◆ **The Aaron Hocker Fund** was created by the family and friends of the late Aaron Hocker for the purpose of extending aid to students and others studying in the health care field.
- ◆ **The Wayne Library Authority Fund** was established by interested citizens to aid the county's libraries.
- ◆ **The Wayne Sports Hall of Fame Fund** was established to further sports opportunities for youth in Wayne County.
- ◆ **The Robert and Inger Stovall Fund** funds a scholarship for the most improved senior at Honesdale high school as determined by the faculty.
- ◆ **The Rileyville Child Care Fund** was established this year by Mrs. Barbara Houghtaling in support of elementary school libraries and the purchase of books for children.
- ◆ **The Albert S. Lipperini Scholarship Fund** established by his friends, honors the late Mr. Lipperini, administrator of the local Public Assistance Office, who died prematurely in 2003.
- ◆ **The Leon Scudder Fund** was created by a substantial bequest to the Foundation which established an endowment for scholarships.
- ◆ **The Rotary Fund** gives grants to community projects via the Rotary Club of Honesdale.
- ◆ **The Edwin J. Thomas Fund** provides for scholarships and also funds community projects.
- ◆ **The Robert Zabady Fund** recognizes the substantial support given to our Foundation by Mr. Robert Zabady. The fund provides for an annual scholarship.
- ◆ **Jerry and Marilyn Swendsen GGH Fund** This is a donor advised fund— the Swendsen's direct the contributions to be made from it with the consent of the Board.

"Be the Change you want to see in the world." – Gandhi



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The O'Neill Society

Joining the O'Neill Society

The Society recognizes those who have notified us that they have included the Foundation in their estate plans or other deferred giving plan. The name honors Daniel J. O'Neill, long-time board member and community volunteer.

There are two steps to join:

1. Arrange your estate to leave a gift to the Foundation. The Foundation does not need to know the size of your bequest, however if you have particular causes that you wish to support please let us help create the appropriate fund for you. Common ways to give a gift to the Foundation are:

- ◆ Bequest through your Will or Trust
- ◆ IRA/401K designation
- ◆ Life insurance policy beneficiary designation
- ◆ Charitable Trusts (life income arrangements)
- ◆ Estate Note/Deferred Pledge Agreement available from WCCF Office)

Note: We recommend that you discuss these options with your family and with your attorney, accountant, insurance agent, or financial planner as may be appropriate. You may also contact the Foundation office to discuss the various ways to leave your legacy through the Community Foundation.

2. Inform the Wayne County Community Foundation that you have made the necessary arrangements by returning form below. This will give us permission to include your name in future listings of O'Neill Society Members.

Wayne County Community Foundation
214 Ninth St., Honesdale, PA 18431 (570) 251-9993

O'Neill Society

I/We have made a provision for the Wayne County Community Foundation in my/our estate plans and wish to be included in the O'Neill Society. I/We agree to be included in published listings of the Society's members.

Please print name(s) as you wish to be listed _____

Signature(s)

Date



Winners of Edwin Thomas Scholarships with Attorney Ron Bugaj (left), Edwin Thomas, Jr. (center) and Bill Davis (right).

Memorial and Honorary Gift Program

Our Memorial and Honorary Gift Program is intended to acknowledge a gift to the Foundation in memory of a loved one or friend. Also a gift can be made as a living tribute in honor of someone the donor cares about. The following gifts were received this past year.

◆ In Memory of Michael Bryant:

Robert and Annetta E. Leitbold; Doris Bryant; Fred and Doris Neely; Nancy Neely; Burke Neely; W.J. Reining & Sons; Allison and Joseph Francesco; Beach Lake UMYF; Christian and Edna Striffler; Chester and Betty Kawalko; Kuo-Hsien and Sandra Cheng; The Goode Family; Daniel and Linda Westbrook; Darryl and Carrie Bomgardner; Ruth M. Craig; William and Debra Bryant; Jess and Emily Montgomery; Larry and Dena Lowman; Zach and Katie Bryant; Mary Markowski; Leroy Barnet; Calkins Creamery; John and Michele Young; Dr. and Mrs. John Burlein; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ridd; Merrilyn Cummings; Gladys Mang; Constance Moser; Charlotte Meyers; Anne Cadden.

◆ The Rotary Fund (In Memory of John Sutton):

Warren Schloesser

◆ The Rotary Fund (In Honor of Warren Schloesser):

Maureen Bielman

◆ Mother's Day (In Memory of Adele Schloesser):

Warren Schloesser

◆ In Memory of Hannelore Guinther:

Joseph Guinther

◆ In Memory of Gerald Rickard:

Joseph Murray

◆ In Memory of Joe Weber:

Ann O'Hara; Warren Schloesser; Rose Reina; Frances and Louis Gruber; David Wright; William Tiel; Frank and Carol Olsen; HHS Class of 1954; Werner and Barbara Korteling; Margaret and Donald Beck.

In Loving memory

◆ In Memory of Al Lipperini:

Motion Physical Fitness

◆ In Memory of Kenneth Box:

Kent Brown

◆ In Honor of Marjorie Potter:

David and Kay Reynolds

◆ In Memory of C. W. Linde:

The Atcavage Family

◆ In Memory of Charles Frederick:

Dr. and Mrs. James R. Gay

◆ In Honor of the Jeri Bigart Memorial Scholarship Fund:

Timothy and Judith O'Connell

◆ In Honor of Laurie Alabovitz and Tim Beaham:

Warren Schloesser

◆ In Honor of Janine Edwards and Allison Sealy:

Cinda Tietjen

◆ In Honor of the Police and Fire Departments of Wayne County:

Patricia Finken

◆ In Memory of Tyler Bond:

Kelly, Tom and Gregory Cousins

◆ In Memory of Ruth W. Akers and Helen L. Herzog:

Tony and Sharon Heerzog

◆ In Memory of Earl "Bud" Wilcox:

Richard Chrzan

◆ In Memory of George and Mary Bayly:

Peggy Lohmann

◆ In Memory of James O'Neill:

Dolores O'Neill

◆ In Memory of George Louis and Margaret C. Dein:

Raymond and Mary Ellen Dein Morgan

◆ In Memory of Virginia Leipzig, PhD.:

Dale Laszig

◆ In Memory of Robert W. Ahrens, Sr.:

Mrs. Barbara Ahrens.

◆ In Memory of Lorraine A. Brynes:

James W. Brynes

◆ In Memory of Sydney Fahrenbach:

The Lambertson Family

◆ In Memory of Joyce Sonderland:

Cynde L. Kielar

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Wayne County Community Foundation 2009 “Landmarks”

- ◆ Foundation attained assets of almost \$2 million
- ◆ Twenty-two scholarships awarded to Wayne County Graduates (\$33,500 total)
- ◆ Thirteen new grants presented to community organizations, totaling \$29,150
- ◆ 441 Dictionaries given to 3rd Graders
- ◆ Nine Innovative Teacher Grants were funded for public and parochial teachers for creative teaching projects (\$3,975 total)
- ◆ Awarded 6 Youth Advisory Program (YAC) grants
- ◆ Contributed \$64,800 under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program to county public school districts programs



Helping You Become a Donor!

Community Foundations represent one of the fastest growing areas of philanthropy. When charitable minded people seek suitable ways to give, we can help you make a difference by creating a fund that has the potential to live in perpetuity. Here are some ways we can help you:

- ◆ Managing the fund, overseeing its investment and maintaining tax records
- ◆ Filing tax returns and providing an independent audit
- ◆ Providing the services of experienced grant professionals who know the community, its needs, and its organizations.
Our staff can assist in matching your interests with the needs of the organizations in the County.
- ◆ Ensuring that grants are always awarded in the name of your fund and according to your intent.
- ◆ Issuing regular financial reports detailing the status of your fund.