



2023

ANNUAL REPORT
Fiscal Year July 2022 - June 2023



INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE



MISSION

The mission of the Wayne County Community Foundation is to preserve and enhance the quality of life for all people in Wayne County. The Foundation invests in our community by growing our permanent endowment, encouraging philanthropy and innovation, supporting charitable activities, and assessing, and addressing community needs.

VISION

Wayne County Community Foundation envisions supporting a thriving, collaborative, and vibrant Wayne County.



WHY SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

Money is both the means and the end for community foundations.

When we grow, the community benefits.

When donors choose a community foundation as the vehicle for a donor advised fund for their charitable giving, the whole community benefits. When donors choose to provide the community foundation unrestricted funding to support our operations, the staff of the foundation, with our expertise in fundraising, nonprofit management, and grant writing, can help support the nonprofit organizations in our area do their work more effectively. The more assets under management at a community foundation, the more money that goes out into our community in the form of grants, scholarships, technical assistance, and training.

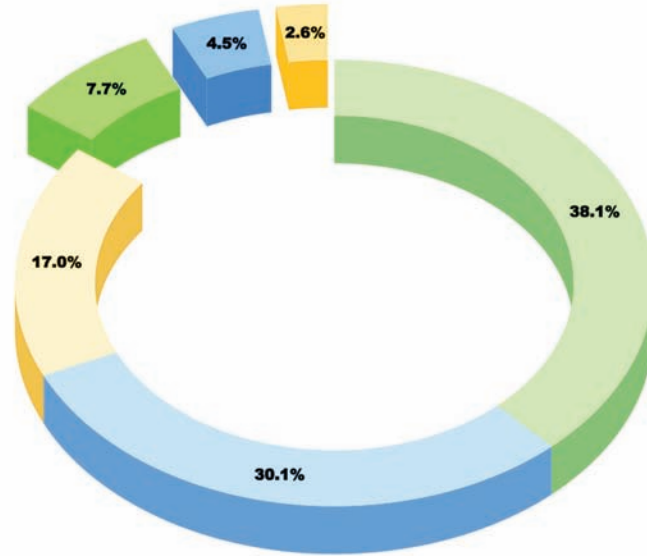
Each donor is unique, and we're here to help you fulfill your charitable interests. Community foundations are partners to donors, nonprofits, financial advisors, accountants and attorneys.

We're here to help you invest in our future.

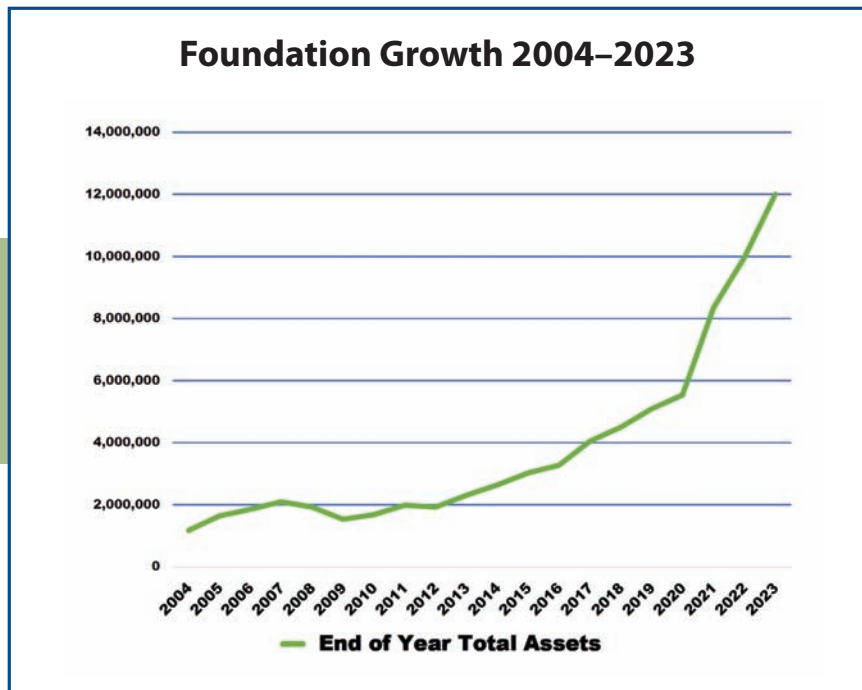
FINANCIAL REPORTS

Assets under management as of June 30, 2023

\$12,001,705



■ Scholarship Funds
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 ■ Field of Interest Funds



The financial statements of the Wayne County Community Foundation have been audited for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2023 by a Certified Public Accountant. The audited financial statements including the auditor's report and footnotes to the financial statements as well as the Form 990 are on file at the Foundation's office.

Our investments are managed by five financial institutions: The Dime Bank, The Honesdale National Bank, Wayne Bank, Morgan Stanley and an ESG (Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance) focused portfolio managed by CornerStone Asset Management. CornerStone Asset Management also helps act as Chief Investment Officers for the Foundation. Their staff works closely with local representatives at the other four institutions to communicate a comprehensive view of our investment portfolios. Our investment committee, made up of Foundation board members, meets five times a year; once with each investment partner.

The Wayne County Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. EIN 23-2656896

DESCRIPTION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

Partnering with the Wayne County Community Foundation makes it effortless to leave a lasting impact on the community you hold dear. Our commitment is to ensure that your generosity reaches its full potential, and we maintain a modest annual fee of just 1% to cover the management of your assets, donations, and fund expenses for the year. Creating a charitable fund with us is as simple as 1-2-3:

1. Whether you wish to honor a cherished loved one, support a cause you're passionate about, or establish a legacy for your family, the fund's name can reflect your intentions.
2. What matters most to you in our community? Let us collaborate with you to shape a fund that aligns perfectly with your charitable aspirations.
3. Contribute through tax-deductible donations today, plan for future contributions through your estate, and invite your network of friends, family, and colleagues to join in supporting your fund's mission.

WHAT KIND OF CHARITABLE FUNDS DO WE HAVE?

Wayne Tomorrow! Fund: The Wayne Tomorrow Fund supports strategic, county-wide initiatives that will effectively address and respond to certain needs the county has been observing, including poverty, housing, transportation issues, and agricultural development.

Organizational Funds: An Organizational Fund or Agency Fund that is created by a nonprofit organization with the goal of lasting into the future, while having the flexibility to serve the organization's more pressing needs as they arise.

Field of Interest Funds: Support nonprofit organizations within a general area of interest such as youth programming, literacy, animal welfare, arts & culture, or a specific geographic region of Wayne County.

Donor/Advised Funds: Stay actively involved in the distribution of dollars by establishing a Donor/Advised Fund. You recommend grants to charitable causes to the Foundation Board of Directors and the size of the grant to charitable organizations of your choosing.

Restricted Endowment Funds: Establish an endowment fund to benefit one or more organizations you determine, but only spend from the principal of the fund (usually 3-4% yearly). This is a great way to continue annual giving in perpetuity.

Scholarship Funds: The Community Foundation manages a variety of scholarship funds ranging from those that support college studies for outgoing seniors in high school to furthering education in trades and certificate programs or master's degree programs.

Unrestricted Funds: Donors can choose to leave funds that are unrestricted or to the General Fund of the Community Foundation. These funds are essential for the Foundation to be able to grow and continue to address emerging needs of the community and are used at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

FULL LIST OF FUNDS – 140 and counting!

Donor-Advised Funds

Altemier, Roger C. and Ruth Community Fund
American Legion 254
Bryant, Michael J. Memorial Fund
Chapman Family Fund
COAL Fund
Community Memorial Fund
Fall Music Festival Fund
Fiore, Ruth T. SAR Dog Fund
Forest City Educational Foundation Mini Grant Fund
Gruber Family Fund
HHS Alumni Fund
Honesdale Rotary Fund
Houghtaling Book Club Fund
Kempton, Mark and Mary Fund
Kilgore Family Fund
Pleasant Valley Grange AG Fund
Propst, Peter Memorial Fund
Reynolds Family Fund
Roark Family Fund
Schloesser Family Fund
Spall, John and Cathleen Fund
Upper Delaware River Valley Fund
Waymart Boy Scout Fund
Wayne Area Sports Hall of Fame Fund
Wayne County Drug Court Fund
Woodloch Employee Crisis Fund

Scholarships

Akers Family Fund
Barton, Edwin M. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bigart, Jeri Memorial Fund
Burkhardt, Jake Memorial Fund
Caruth, Drs. Bette and Lawrence Fund
Cavaliere, David Scholarship Fund
Diehl, Robert Memorial Fund
Dulay, David Memorial Scholarship Fund
Forest City Educational Foundation Alumni Scholarship Fund
Freedom Lodge IOOF
Friends of Honesdale High School Boys Basketball Fund
Gayle Akers Koropchak Scholarship Fund
Green-Dreher Scholarship Fund
Herzog, Tony & Sharon Scholarship Fund
Hocker, Aaron Memorial Fund
Honesdale Lions Club Fund
Honesdale Soccer Fund
Hopkins Family Fund
James R. Clift Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lady Hornets Basketball Fund
Lalley, Kelley Memorial Fund
Lipperini, Albert Memorial Fund
Marshall, John E. & Marjorie L. Fund
McAndrew Scholarship Fund
Rickard, Luke Memorial Fund
Rickert, John G. and Eleanor P. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Riefler, Earl Memorial Fund
Rowe, James & Alice Box Memorial Fund
Sandercock, Reed Memorial Fund
Schmidt, Karllina Memorial Scholarship Fund
Schwarz, William Memorial Fund
Scudder, Leon Fund
Seelyville Union Sunday School Fund
Smith, Scott Memorial Fund
Sterchak, Joseph and Kathleen Scholarship Fund
Stovall, Robert and Inger Fund
Swendsen, Jerry and Marilyn Fund
Thomas, Edwin Memorial Fund
Wallenpaupack Area Medical Foundation Fund
Waymart Lions Club Fund
Wayne County Bar Association Fund
Wayne Pike Medical Society Fund
Welker, Alice Music Legacy Fund
Wilcox, Megan E. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Winans, Aaron Memorial Fund
Zabady, Robert Fund

Endowment Funds

Ben Franklin Fund
Bethany UMC Fund
BK Hope Cures Endowment
Boy Scout Troop 111 Fund
Educational Endowment Fund
Engstrand, Theodore Memorial Fund
Ferro Fund (Youth Advisory Council)
Rutsch, Herman H. Memorial Fund
Treat, Florence Longmire Fund
Tully, Jerome & Edith Marks Fund
Waymart Historical Society Fund

Field of Interest Funds

First Responders Fund
Founders Fund
Substance Abuse, Education and Awareness Fund
Wayne County Farms to Families Fund
Wayne County Historical Preservation Fund
Wayne County Worker Crisis Fund
Wayne Tomorrow! Fund

Pass Through Funds

BK Hope Cures Fund
Dyberry Creek Music Festival Fund
Educational Improvement Tax Credit Fund
Farmers Market Coupon Fund
Friends of Honesdale Parks
GHP Honesdale Revitalization Fund
Honesdale Lions Pool Project Fund
Honoring Heroes Fund
Keep Hawley-Honesdale Beautiful Fund
NEPA Friends of Resources
Prompton Disc Golf Fund
Robotics Fund
Settlers Hospitality Fund
United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties Fund
Upper Delaware Watershed Fund
Warm Hearts Fund
Wayne County Creative Arts Council
Wayne County Grown Fund
Wayne County Sheriff K9 Fund
Wayne County System of CarWayne County Youth Lacrosse Fund
Wayne County YMCA Building Project Fund
Wayne Pike Trails and Waterways Alliance

Organizational Funds

Bethany Library Fund
Children and Youth Advisory Board Fund
Children's Christmas Bureau Fund
Texas 4 Fund
The Cooperage Project Endowment Fund
East Dyberry Cemetery Fund
Foundation for Harmony Presents Fund
Glen Dyberry Cemetery
Greene-Dreher Historical Society
Himalayan Institute Community Fund
Honesdale Area Jaycees Fund
Honesdale Fire Department Fund
Hose Company #1 Fund
Lake Wallenpaupack Watershed Management Fund
Newfoundland Library Community Fund
Radio Catskill Endowment Fund
Ritz Founders Fund
Settlers Hospitality Fund
Victims' Intervention Program Fund
Wayne County Family Center Endowment Fund
Wayne County Workers YMCA Endowment Fund
Wayne Libraries Future Fund
Wayne Library Authority Technology Fund

Unrestricted Funds

Bellamy, Rita Memorial Fund
Robb, Viola Fund
Wayne County Community Foundation General Fund

WAYNE COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE HIGHLIGHT —

The **Wayne County Arts Alliance** celebrated the opening of their new Main Street Honesdale home in late June, 2023. This moment came after months of renovation work and a highly successful fundraising campaign. Hundreds of donations, big and small, created a public match to a grant from the Wayne County Community Foundation's Florence Longmire Treat Fund, which was used to acquire the building.



Building renovations included new lighting, energy efficient climate control, and a handicap accessible bathroom. This welcoming space has become a hub in Honesdale's downtown where events, gallery shows, and artist display opportunities are now colorfully available for community connections.

*For more information visit
WayneCountyArtsAlliance.org
or stop into their new gallery at
959 Main Street, Honesdale.*





INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY



BUILDING HOME LIBRARIES

Thanks to the support from over 130 generous community donors and a bequest from Barbara Houghtaling, over 5,000 students, Pre-K through 8th grade, at the Wayne County public schools were able to bring home a new book in the 2022/23 school year! With our book purchase from Scholastic we've collected hundreds of additional books to keep the Little Free Libraries in Wayne County stocked all year. If you'd like to make a donation to the Building Home Libraries Fund, please visit waynefoundation.org.

Just \$20 is enough to purchase a book for 5 students to take home and keep!



Support Building Home Libraries!
waynefoundation.org

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was created through a generous bequest of Eleanor Ferro and the Foundation in order to familiarize Wayne County High School students with philanthropy and grantmaking. Students in grades 9-12 participate in the committee, accept mini-grant applications, and work together to decide how the funds are distributed.

In the past year, the YAC made mini grants totaling \$6,000 to projects at Wallenpaupack Area School District, Wayne Highlands, and Western Wayne School Districts and made donations to the Wayne County Arts Alliance to help with their programming. Funded programs included set-up costs for a student-run television studio, rights for a publicly screened movie, and materials to create a STEAM library.

EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (EITC)

The Wayne County Community Foundation acts as a conduit to support highly academic, innovative, and challenging STEM programs and dual enrollment programs at Johnson College at Wayne Highlands, Wallenpaupack, Western Wayne, and Forest City Regional School Districts. This year, a total of \$110,500 was donated by The Dime Bank, PPL Foundation, The Honesdale National Bank, NBT Bank, FNCB Bank, Waste Management, Weis Markets, Maple City Anesthesia, and the First National Bank of Pennsylvania to support the program.

CULTIVATING A VIBRANT FUTURE FOR WAYNE COUNTY



The Wayne County Community Foundation participates actively in the Wayne Tomorrow! Initiative. Wayne Tomorrow! is a broad, county-sponsored, community-based collaboration focused on the projects, resources, and infrastructure needed to move Wayne County, its people, its culture, and its economy into a vibrant future. It's not an entity, it's a partnership, a way of operating, and an active planning complement to Wayne County's Comprehensive Plan. This type of collaboration takes a commitment to the common goals and a willingness to focus on "we" not "me"!

In 2019, we established a Wayne Tomorrow! Fund at the foundation to be able to accept charitable donations to support Wayne Tomorrow! activities and to be a fiscal agent for future grant applications. Additionally, Foundation involvement includes task force participation and networking to connect as many dots as possible to help advance goals related to agriculture, housing, transportation, and other vital components of our Wayne County ecosystem.

For more information about Wayne Tomorrow! visit waynetomorrow.com



Recent projects of interest include Wayne County's Agricultural Innovation and Recovery to Work Centers. The former involves economic development in a locally and globally important, industry sector, while the latter involves health care and transitional support for an underserved, local population. Both involve an investment in critical community services that are planned to increase workforce and quality of life opportunities.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE OF WAYNE AND PIKE COUNTIES



DEREK WILLIAMS, COMMUNITY GRANT WRITER

The Wayne County Community Foundation created a new grant-writing position to assist area nonprofits

In late February, 2023, a community grant writer position was established to assist nonprofits in Wayne and Pike Counties. This position is part of a three-year pilot program, generously and fully supported by the **Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation**. With a home office at the Wayne County Community Foundation and in partnership with the Greater Pike Community Foundation, the community grant writer has been making network connections in service of adding organizational capacity to area nonprofits.

This position's focus is on supporting poverty reduction programming in Wayne and Pike Counties through grant

writing. The capacity needed by area nonprofits and local government partners working on this programming is varied. In consultation and partnership with these organizations, the grant writer's work has involved grant writing, needs assessments, strategic planning, and sharing connections with other organizations for collaborative networking.

From February 27 through July, **over 200 project discussions** were had with several dozen organizations in Wayne and Pike Counties. In that same timeframe, 15 grants were applied for with assistance from this position and 10 additional, larger scale projects in the planning stages were engaged with. Meeting community organizations where they are and discussing their projects openly and holistically has led to both grant writing support and the wrap-around support necessary to prepare our nonprofit partners



In line with our dedication to investing in our community's future, The Wayne County Community Foundation has partnered with **FreeWill**, an online, no-cost estate planning tool, to make the process of creating a simple will accessible and simple for our entire community. FreeWill's online platform can help you create your will and other important estate planning documents entirely free of charge. FreeWill's online platform can also be used to create a list of documented wishes if you'd prefer to finalize your will with your lawyer.



If you would like learn more about what FreeWill offers, scan for more information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, the Foundation issued more than \$120,000 in scholarships to Wayne County's graduating seniors and worthy recipients.

Gayle Akers Koropchak Scholarship

Kevin Bond

Akers Scholarship

Hannah Rybak

Edwin Barton Scholarship

Juan Basurto

Tim Bell Memorial Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Maggie Nagle

Jeri Bigart Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Canfield

Aaron Rogers

Jake Burkhardt Memorial Scholarship

Emily Brophy

Caruth Scholarship

Bryce Armstrong

David M. Cavalieri Memorial Scholarship

Kimberly Graham

Lily Zukosky

James R. Clift Memorial Scholarship

Sabrina ShyAnn Endriss

Robert Diehl Memorial Scholarship

Isaac Carmody

David Dulay Memorial Scholarship

Johnny Kauffman

Forest City Alumni Association/ David St Ledger Scholarship

Olivia Casper

Greene Dreher Scholarships

Shadrak Agyei

Joshua Bajadek

Alexis Borer

Dakota Brandt

Mackenzie Carr

Faith DeCarlo

Sierra Demuysere

Megan Desmet

Molly Dickerman

Rayvin Gierwatowski

Alyssa Glatz

Danielle Holzapfel

Anastasia Ioppolo

Alexis Jantzi

Kaylee Kunitsky

Natalie Meredith

Skyler Milovcevic

Hailey Navratil

Alexis Peet

Kai Puma-Stehlik

Jeysson Reales

Brady Reynolds

Samantha Sassi

Sarah Sassi

Scarlett Schratt

Ayumi Schuster

Alexander Terrones

Francesca Toppi

Jacqueline Weber

Emma Wilson

Herzog Scholarship

Maggie Yerkes

HHS Friends of Boys Basketball

Nathaniel Hugaboom

Anne Meagher

HHS Friends of Soccer

Nathaniel Hugaboom

Aaron Hocker Memorial Scholarship

Chloe Rogers

Honesdale Lion's Club

Chloe Rogers

Jake Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

Tyler Winters

Colin Phelps

IOOF Scholarship

Anna Coar

Kelley Lalley Memorial Scholarship

Kole Fries

Trent Gombita

Drs. Philip and Rosita Liu Scholarship

Abigail Lopez

Marshall Scholarships

Kristin Hauenstein

Tyler Winters

McAndrew Memorial Scholarship

Riley Bossick

Gabrielle Pleska

Osborne Scholarship

Trent Gombita

Pat Spoor/Mitzi Clintock Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Maya Pagano

Pleasant Valley Grange Scholarship

Hannah Rybak

Caleb Regenski Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Lucas Ryan

Earl R. Reifler Scholarship

Chloe Wolfe

Luke Rickard Memorial Scholarship

Karter Kromko

John G. and Eleanor P. Rickert

Kaitlyn Brown

Rowe/Box Scholarship

Aidan LaTourette

Reed Sandercocock Memorial Scholarship

Madison Meagher

Karllina Schmitt Memorial Scholarship

Brady Reynolds

William E. Schwarz Scholarship

Christian Krasniak

Leon Scudder Scholarships

Niya Acosta

Ellie Burleigh

Trent Decker

Jessica DePalma

Kelli Grimm

Danielle Holzapfel

Alaina Neu

Laynee Nugent

Davalyn Ursich

Mackenzie Weist

Seelyville Church Scholarship

Jaden Gregory

Sterchak Scholarship

Brayden Piatak

Stovall Scholarship

Brody Dexheimer

Swendsen Scholarship (Engineering)

Aiden LaTourette

Swendsen Scholarship (Health Occupations)

Nathaniel Hugaboom

Thomas, Edwin J. Memorial Scholarships

Andrew Bromberger

Kylie Merring

Amaya Yarrish

Wallenpaupack Area Medical Foundation (Health Care) Scholarship

Grace Peppiatt

Wallenpaupack Area Medical Foundation (High Science) Scholarship

Brianna Gori

Wayne County Bar Association

Kira Fox

Wayne County Community Foundation Paul Edwards Scholarship

Julie Bryan

Anna Coar

Rachael Collins

Jenna Kwiatkowski

Maya Pagano

Wayne-Pike Medical Society

Grace Peppiatt

Alice Welker Music Legacy Scholarship

Molly Dickerman

Megan E. Wilcox Scholarship

Amaya Yarrish

Jim Willow Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Brodie Cole

Robert Zabady

Kylie Reed

FOUNDATION GRANTS PROGRAM



COMMUNITY DAY AT WILLOW WISP ORGANIC FARM

The Foundation uses its own resources as well as the funds that donors have established to support a wide variety of community nonprofit organizations, empowering them where possible to thrive, grow, and become self-sustaining.

In consideration of grant applications the Grant Committee and Board make decisions based on the following:

- **The program meets the greatest community need and assists the largest number of individuals**
- **The applicant has submitted a quality proposal describing a specific need**
- **The Foundation has the funding required to support the project**



FAMILY CENTER'S NEW COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR CHILDREN



GROWING OLDER TOGETHER COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER

The following grants were made from our quarterly grant cycle. These grant dollars are made possible through our General Fund and the Florence Longmire Treat fund. Multiple donor advised funds also issue grants to nonprofits throughout the year.

GRANTS

\$1,500	Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley
\$2,500	Growing Older Together
\$5,000	The Institute
\$500	Project Linus
\$3,000	Forest City Area Historical Society
\$2,000	Honesdale High School Interact Club
\$1,088	Forest City Regional School District
\$1,000	Friends of Honesdale Performing Arts, Inc.
\$2,500	Delaware Highlands Conservancy
\$2,000	Greene Dreher Scholarship Fund
\$2,500	United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties
\$2,300	Wayne County Historical Society
\$3,500	University of Scranton Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Program
\$8,450	Johnson College
\$1,000	Diakon Child, Family & Community Ministries
\$1,000	Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation
\$2,000	Dyberry Creek Music Festival
\$1,545	Forest City Regional School District
\$1,616	Wayne County Family Center
\$5,000	It Takes a Village
\$2,000	Devereux
\$1,000	Farm Arts Collective, Inc.
\$2,435	KidsPeace Honesdale Foster Care Program
\$10,000	Network for Good Nonprofit Fundraising Support
\$3,250	Route 6 Art Trail – A Wayne Tomorrow! Community Collaborative Project



YOUR LEGACY MATTERS

Planned gifts and legacy giving are important considerations for individuals and families to make. The Community Foundation can be a resource for those considering family estate planning.

In honor of the enduring legacy of Daniel J. O'Neill, the O'Neill Society was established with the purpose of acknowledging and honoring individuals who choose to remember the Wayne County Community Foundation through various planned giving avenues, such as wills, trusts, life insurance, and other thoughtful arrangements. Far too often, these generous acts of giving go unnoticed because they often materialize towards the later stages of a donor's life. By becoming part of the O'Neill Society, members

O'NEILL SOCIETY MEMBERS

- Anonymous
- Joseph and Kathy Adams
- Deborah Bailey
- Walter* and Marilyn Barbe
- Vicky Botjer
- Kent L. Brown, Jr.
- Peter and Amy Bochnovich
- Steve and Jamie Brown
- Jeanne A. Brown
- John and Karen Burlein
- John and Tonia Carmody
- Drs. Betty Mae and Lawrence* Caruth
- James* and Shirley Chapman
- Vincent and Roberta Conroy
- Judge Robert J. Conway
- Bill and Jessie Davis
- Carol Dunn
- Marcia Dunsmore
- Judge Janine Edwards
- Paul and Colleen Edwards
- Francis* and Martha E.* Franco
- Gregory Frigoletto
- Nancy Fritz
- William Gershey
- George* and Anne* Gilchrist
- Reed Goodman and Dr. Joel Goldstein
- Louis* and Frances Gruber
- Keith and Mariann Gunuskey
- Judge Raymond and Donna Hamill
- Tony and Sharon Herzog
- Cal* and Kuni* Holbert
- Barbara Houghtaling*
- Mark and Brooke James
- Ryanne and James Jennings
- Tom* and Laura Kennedy
- John and Courtney Krijkovich

- Robert Kramer*
- Kelli S. Lateer
- Thomas and Nancy LaTournous
- Charlotte A. Lent
- Joe and Stella Macey
- Bruno and Kelly Maton
- Mary Markowski
- William B. McAllister
- Gloria A. McCullough*
- Paul Sr. and Sandy Meagher
- Paul M. Jr. and Jenny K. Meagher
- Bob* and Jet Mermell
- Elwood and Kathy Merring
- Patricia Mohn
- Timothy and Jennifer Morgan
- Joe and Patricia* Murray
- Ann O'Hara*
- Dan* and Alice O'Neill
- Gerard O'Neill
- Michael and Erin O'Neill
- David and Karen Raven
- Marty and Sandy O'Neill Rickard
- Ronald and Rebecca Rowe
- Herman H. Rutsch*
- William Samford
- Warren H. Schloesser
- William Schweighofer
- Leon M. Scudder*
- Tom and Vicky Sheridan
- Michael and Erin Shine
- Connor Simon
- Jay Starnes
- Judge Nicholas and Carol Stroumtsos
- Jerry and Marilyn Swendsen
- Jane Varcoe
- Derek Williams
- Robert Zabady

not only receive recognition but also gain the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share a profound commitment to the future of Wayne County.

If you wish to be recognized as a member of the O'Neill Society, please contact our office and we will be pleased to help you: 570.251.9993 or info@waynefoundation.org.



Celebrate a

Life

Create a

Legacy

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF...

Al Lipperini

Joseph & Diane White

Alyce & Frank Vitale

Leslie Maro

Anita

Shook Partnership

Ann O'Hara

Ron Brill

Bill Gager

Melissa Carmody Bio

Melissa & Bruce Rutledge

Bill Reese

Arthur & Gail Frey

Genevieve Reese

Meg Welker

Art & Vicky Botjer

Austin & Margaret Lehrian

Barry Terri Morgan

Molly & Peter Rodgers

Debbi Tereschak

Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau

John & Patti Kiesendahl

Kimmy, Caroline, LeAnne, Robyn

Jones, Rae, Ahern, Belmont

Timothy Andrews

Tobin Moskowitz

Frederica Hamor

The Spa @ The French Manor

Regenski Gelderman Families

Moriah Adamo

Robert Parmentier

Suzanne Drake

Russ & Sue Di Re

Ivy Santiago

Jeff Southworth

Kathryn Miller

Catherine Collins

Christy Driscoll

Constance Bryant Moser

Debra & William Bryant

Dominica Lombardi

Joseph Lombardi

Dorothy Keen

Keen Lake Camping & Cottage

Resort, INC

Eric Enslin

Gary & Kathy Enslin

Former Mayor, Ab Rutherford

Derek Williams

Frank Sargent

Melvin & Clara Plucknett

Gloria McCullough

Ann O'Hara

Hokey Lilholt

Patricia & Scott Hobbs

Howard & Ruth Akers and Vincent & Helen Herzog

Sharon & Tony Herzog

James Chapman

Lake Region Long Beards Chapter

N.W.T.F.

Shirley Chapman

Beverly Jenkins

James R. Clift

Kim Shotwell

Sandra Rickard

Deborah James

Doug & Dottie Rickard

JoAnn Mecca

Cliff continued

Yadlosky Trust

John & Rebecca Kretschmer

Robert & Mary S. Murray

James Murray

Barbara & Leonard Wisniewski

Linus & Charlotte Myers

The Grimm Foundation

Patrick Colgan

Peter Kizis

George & Amy Keenan

Robert & Julie Ann Lombardi

Stourbridge Teachers Fund

Paul & Monique Lautenschlager

Paul & Sandy Meagher

Paul and Colleen Edwards

Alfred J. and Catherine Howell

Leroy & Patricia Spoor

Joseph Podrasky

Mike & Jenny O'Day

David & Jennifer Hoff

Betty Taraschuk

WHSD Admin Team

Salvatore & Diane Scarfalloto

Daniel Corcoran

Bruce & Kathleen Grandjean

William & Katherine Clift

Louis Zefran

Michael Kolojejchick

Leonard J Tasselmyer

Beverly Jenkins

Jane Rickard

Leroy & Patricia Spoor

Paul & Monique Lautenschlager

Paul & Sandy Meagher

Jean Dexter Stralow

Bonnie & Arthur Koberlein

Jemery Appert

Sean & Maria Appert

Jerry "Jake" Hopkins

Carol Hopkins

Jim Willow

Mollie Wilson

Linda Tillack

Faye Rossi

Debra & James Cantin

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G. Roebeling Jr. & Karen Gravel

Jerry & Marilyn Swendsen

Leroy & Patricia Spoor

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Mitzi Kielar

Michelle & Steven Firmstone

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Cynthia Henry

Evelyn Dillmuth

Joanne M. Perry

Lillian Piercy

John C. Diehl

Diehl Trucking Inc.

John Davis

Gary & Deborah Bates

John Jeffrey Ryan, Jr.

Allison Ryan

John Murray

Platform Industries

John P. Duda

Sarah Duda

John Schmitt

WAHS Class of '89

Joseph & Clara Walker

Susan & Patrick Walker

Louis Gruber

Gail & Timothy Frisbie

Patricia Mohr

Geraldine & James Barbieri

Richard & Celia Traves, VMD

Pauline Glykokokalos

Angello & Debra Sigismondo

David Wright

The Waymart Church

Amy & Ty Strapec

Gary Slissh

John Petschauer

Elizabeth Wilson

Paul & Colleen Edwards

Heidi Petschauer

Rachele Adler

Paul & Sandy Meagher

Vito Barziloski

Warren Schloesser

Chuck Sorrentino

John Gruber

Elizabeth Gustafson

Peter Kizis

Susan Lofranco

Lenore Rogan

Mueller Family McDonalds

Jennifer Robock

Ronald & Rebecca Rowe

Mary Culnane

The Grimm Foundation

Anthony Laky

Ryanne & James Jennings

Giovanna Sottile-Corry

Sandra Rickard

Giovanna Sottile-Corry

Erwin Petschauer

Luke Parry

Connor Simon

Lydia "Cookie" Colon

Ray Narvaz

Mae Figura

Wayne County Community Foun-

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Mark Graziadio

Connor Simon

Maureen Bonkosky

David Calabrese

Michael Barns

Maureen Finnerty

Mary Ryan

James & Donna LaBar

Michael Burns

Jerry & Gail Keen

Angela Welby

Lisa Fuller

Mickey Behling

Jill Padua

Old Time Fiddlers Bucky Bourke,

Barry Burcher, Andy Cavage, Bar-

bara Cavage, Donna Lee Gregor,

& Barbershopper Scottie Ogen

Robert & Orianna Richards

Patricia Brown

Gary Brown

Paul C. Eike

Bodhi Tree Art School and Studio

Reed Sandercock

Kara Byerly

Richard Murphy

Ritz Company Players, Inc.

Robert Dahl

Janice Aber

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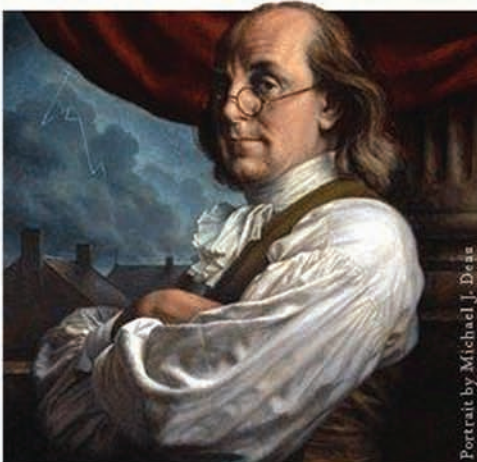
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2022 Ben Franklin Community Service Award — Allyson and Michael Cavage

WHAT IS THE BEN FRANKLIN FUND?

In his will, Benjamin Franklin wrote, "I wish to be useful even after my death." When he died in 1790, he left £2,000 (the equivalent of about \$478,457.59 in 2023) in a trust fund to be specifically used and saved for 200 years. In keeping with Franklin's philosophy, the Pennsylvania General Assembly directed the perpetual "Ben Franklin Trust" be established and that the interest be used to benefit the citizens of the Commonwealth. On December 17th, 1990, Governor Robert P. Casey signed Act 1990-173 into law, approving the then sum of \$834,000 to be distributed to Community Foundations in Pennsylvania, including the Wayne County Community Foundation which received nearly \$20,000 in 1995.

Each year, a member (or members) from our community is selected for their positive impact on the betterment of Wayne County. This year's Ben Franklin Service Award Dinner was held on September 28th, 2022 at Ladore Lodge in Waymart, honoring Allyson and Michael Cavage.

Michael W. Cavage was raised in Waymart and attended Western Wayne High School. Michael worked on his family farm, J.F. Cavage Construction, and Linde Enterprises. With the support of his wife Allyson, he founded Pioneer Construction Company Inc. in 1995.

What had started out as a 12 person company, has now grown to serve its community with over 200 hardworking and dedicated employees. Michael sits on the Board of Directors for the Honesdale National Bank, was named Business Person of the Year in 2013, is on the finance committee for St. Mary's Church in Waymart, is owner of Osborne Lawn and Garden, and is a partner in Wayne County Home Meats.

Allyson A. Cavage was raised in Honesdale and graduated from Honesdale High School. Allyson has worked at Wayne Bank and is currently Secretary and Treasurer at Pioneer Construction Company Inc.

Ben Franklin Community Service Award PAST HONOREES



EDWIN J. THOMAS	1996
ROBERT AND INGER STOVALL	1997
WALTER AND MARILYN BARBE	1998
CHUCK AND WANDA JURGENSEN	1999
KENT BROWN	2000
SALLY TALAGA	2001
WILLIAM AND PAULA ROOS	2002
ROBERT KNASH	2003
PETER AND MOLLY RODGERS	2004
JAMES AND SHIRLEY CHAPMAN	2005
JOE MURRAY	2006
RUSSELL AND EVELYN RIDD	2007
WARREN SCHLOESSER	2008
BILL BURSIS	2009
HAROLD SHOOK	2010
PATRICIA AND LEROY SPOOR	2011
CHARLES AND DOROTHY GRIMM	2012
KUNI HOLBERT	2013
ELIZABETH BAERENKLAU, KATHRYN HIGHHOUSE, VIRGINIA MOTSKO	2014
GARY C. BEILMAN	2015
ANN O'HARA, JANE VARCOE	2016
ARTHUR AND GAIL FREY	2017
DONNA DECKER	2018
PAUL AND SANDY MEAGHER	2019
FRED AND MARY MURRAY	2020
HENRY SKIER	2021
ALLYSON AND MICHAEL CAVAGE	2022





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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear friends,

As I finish out my last term on the board, looking back, it has been a privilege and an honor to work with fellow board members and staff to help support the mission of the Wayne County Community Foundation. The last few years have seen tremendous change, but also tremendous growth, and none of this would be possible without a hard working staff, a dedicated board, and the consistent outpouring of support from the community.

I enjoyed over 10 years as a board member of the Wayne County Community Foundation, and it has been an ongoing learning experience every step of the way. I went from knowing nothing about what a community foundation was or did to being Board Chair. I've seen this organization grow from a second floor cubicle to a fully furnished office, I've watched it grow from a part-time Director to a full-time staff of four, and I've witnessed this Foundation do great things in our community.

Our staff is so cooperative, hard working, helpful, and focused on what's best for the community and the Foundation. I believe we would be hard pressed to find better people and better employees.

I will miss being involved with the board, the Foundation, and the staff as regularly as I have over the past two years, but I know it is in good hands. If I could leave you with one parting wish for the Foundation's future, it would be to continue in the direction the Foundation's headed. Don't be afraid to change when needed. As community members, you need to voice your opinions, and when the majority agrees on the direction, we must all row together. A healthy foundation and community is only possible when we see ourselves as all being on the same team.

Although I've been reflecting back a lot lately, I can't help but look forward to a bright future ahead.

Sincerely,

Ron Rowe
Board Chair



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Someone recently asked me "What are you trying to accomplish?". I took a moment to think about it before answering, "We're aiming for utopia".

I'm not ignorant to think we'll actually get there or accomplish creating a utopia in Wayne County, but if we're not aiming for it and trying to bring elements of what we would want to see in a utopia, then what are we doing?

The word "community" embodies a diverse array of organizations, interests, and needs, but the bold individuals that make up a community are at the heart of the work we do. Successful community foundations see themselves as part of the community, entrusted to have a leadership role and influence change for the betterment of the community that we all care so deeply for.

Inherent to our mission is the outreach to and strengthening of organizations that serve individuals that live in, work in, or visit Wayne County. We work to support each of these organizations with their pressing needs, but also work tirelessly to encourage collaboration and work collectively toward common goals.

We value trust, transparency, and leadership at every level. When you step into our office, you'll see that we work to bring best practices that we've learned from others in the philanthropic sector back to Wayne County and have a culture of a learning organization.

Community foundations are in the middle of a relationship between philanthropic donors who care about using their dollars to create a positive impact and the nonprofits that are doing the work each day to provide art and culture experiences, youth programs, health and human services, and ensure animal welfare.

Thank you for trusting the Wayne County Community Foundation for the past 32 years. We hope you'll continue to evolve, grow, and change along with us.

With gratitude,

Ryanne Jennings
President / CEO





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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



This year, led by the Scranton Area Foundation, the Wayne County Community Foundation and multiple other regional community foundations supported NEPA Gives on June 1st and 2nd, 2023 for a 24-hour giving day, raising over **\$1.1 million** to support **227** nonprofit organizations that serve Northeast Pennsylvania.

nepagives.org

Pictured: Ronald Rowe, Sandy Rickard,
Ryanne Jennings, Meg Welker,
Alycia Schwartz, Pete Bochnovich

