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.
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
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
Flore, Ruth T. SAR Dog Fund
Forest City Educational Foundation Mini Grant Fund
Gruber Family Fund
HHS Alumini 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 County Drug Court Fund
Woodloch Employee Crisis 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 M. 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 Honesdale-Honesdale Beautiful Fund
NEPA Friends of Resources
Promotion 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 Care/Wayne County Youth Lacrosse Fund
Wayne County YMCA Building Project Fund
Wayne Pike Trails and Waterways Alliance

Scholarships
Akers Family Fund
Barton, Edwin M. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bigart, Jeri Memorial Fund
Burkartst, Jake Memorial Fund
Caruth, Drs. Bette and Lawrence Fund
Cavalleri, David Scholarship Fund
Diehl, Robert Memorial Fund
Dulan, David Memorial Scholarship Fund
Forest City Educational Foundation Alumni Scholarship Fund
Freedom Lodge IOC
Friends of Honesdale High School Boys Basketball Fund
Gayle Akers Koropchak Scholarship Fund
Green-Dreher Scholarship Fund
Herzog, Tony & Sharon Scholarship Fund
Hockey, Aaron Memorial Fund
Honesdale Lions Club Fund
Honesdale Soccer Fund
Hoppins Family Fund
James R. Clift Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lady Homies Basketball Fund
Lalley, Kelley Memorial Fund
Lappin, Albert Memorial Fund
Marshall, John F. & Marjorie L. Fund
McAndrew Scholarship Fund
Rickard, Luke Memorial Fund
Rickett, John G. Jr. & Eleanor P. Memorial Scholarship Fund
Riefer, Earl Memorial Fund
Rowe, James & Alice Box Memorial Fund
Sanderton, Reed Memorial Fund
Schmidt, Karlins Memorial Scholarship Fund
Schwarz, William Memorial Fund
Scudder, Leoin Fund
Seelyville Union Sunday School Fund
Smith, Scott Memorial Fund
Sterckh, 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

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
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

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 publically 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.

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
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.

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

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**

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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 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

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Art & Vicky Botjer
Austin & Margaret Lehman
Bryan/Terr Morgan
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Debby Terschak
Pocono Mountain Visitors Bureau
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Kimmy, Caroline, LeAnne, Robyn
Jones, Rae, Ahern, Belmont
Timothy Andrews
Tobin Moskwitz
Frederica Hamor
The Spa @ The French Manor
Regenski Gelderman Families
Monah Adamo
Robert Parmentier
Suzanne Drake
Russ & Sue Di Re
Joy Santiago
Jeff Southworth
Kathryn Miller
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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 & Carla Puckett
Gloria McCullough
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Hokey Lihoit
Patricia & Scott Hobbs
Howard & Ruth Akers and Vince & Helen Herzog
Sharon & Tony Herzog
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Lake Region Long Beards Chapter N.W.T.
Shirley Chapman
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James R. Clift
Kim Shotwell
Sandra Rickard
Deborah James
Doug & Dottie Rickard
JoAnn Mecca

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Robert & Mary S. Murray
James Murray
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Linus & Charlotte Myers
The Grimm Foundation
Patrick Colgan
Peter Kizis
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Robert & Julie Ann Lombardi
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Sean & Maria Appert
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Carol Hopkins
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Mollie Wilson
Linda Tallack
Faye Rossi
Debra & James Cantin
Karen & Donald Jonas
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Ann Koziol
David & Joellei Sallack
Milt Kierlar
Michelle & Steven Firmstone
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Lillian Piercy
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Diehl Trucking Inc.
John Davis & Deborah Bates
Jeffrey Ryan, Jr.
Allison Ryan
John Murray
Platform Industries
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Sarah Duda
John Schmitt
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Pauline Glyko kokalomos
Angello & Debra Sigismondo
David Wright
The Waymart Church
Amy & Ty Strapek
Gary Slish
John Petschaever
Elizabeth Wilson
Paul & Colleen Edwards
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Mueller Family McDonalds
Jennifer Robock
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Connor Simon
Lydia “Cookie” Colon
Ray Narvaez
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Maureen Finnery
Mary Ryan
James & Donna LaBar
Michael Burns
Jerry & Gay Keen
Angela Welby
Lisa Fuller
Mickey Behling
Jill Padaua
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Barry Burcher, Andy Cavage, Bar-
bara Cavage, Donna Lee Grego,
& Barbershopper Scottie Ogden
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Gary Brown
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Kara Bratton
Richard Murphy
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Janice Aber
Robert Malloy
Carolyn Mackle
Roger Ericson
Shirley Ericson
Rose Camardella
Jerry Terranova
Russell Rick
Kyle Richter
Bonnie Rutledge
Ryan Daniels
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Lewis & Lisa Critelli
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John & Karen Burlein
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Leroy & Patricia Spoor
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John & Diane Rickard
Chris & Dick Roberts
Margaret & Robert Rogers
Gerald & Patricia Rowe
Sandra & Randall Rowe
Joseph & Kathryn Rowe
Zachary Tamblyn
Edward Martin Jr. & Barbara
Weaver-Martin
Patricia & Timothy Wilson
Richard & Disa Wulf
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Connor Simon
Warren Schlosser
Patricia & James Serio
Wendy Reafer
Marianne Kull
William Lawrence Reese
Joseph Ruvarne

Making a gift in memory or honor of a loved one is easy. Visit our website, WayneFoundation.org to make your donation today!
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.
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.

Sincerely,
Ron Rowe
Board Chair
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