INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE
A Message from the Foundation President

Dear Friends,

This year has been marked by a wonderful documentary celebrating the life and work of Mr. Rodgers called “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

We are experiencing a troubled time in our state, in the nation, and indeed in the world. Rather than emphasis on similarities lending to conflict resolutions, we have emphasis on differences resulting in greater conflict and no resolutions.

Mr. Rodgers taught us to do better than that. He taught us to communicate with each other, to try and reach understanding, to be kind, to give hope. Preserving and advancing those values is a lot of what this organization is about. With each passing year, our ability to help sustain these values locally grows as the size of the endowment grows, giving us the capacity for greater and deeper reach.

Please read this report and give thought to how regardless of your political preference, religion, race or ethnicity, you can contribute to help sustain this organization and its work improving quality of life in Wayne County now and in the future.

To all those who have contributed we thank you and encourage your continued support.

Sincerely,

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William McAllister Receives Founder’s Award

On November 2, 2017, William McAllister, received the Wayne County Community Foundation’s “Founder’s Award.” The Foundation presented the award at its Ben Franklin Service Award Dinner. Foundation Board President, Warren Schloesser, praised Mr. McAllister’s dedication to the organization explaining to the audience that he was one of the first five members of the Board starting in 1991. He continued to serve on the Board for 25 consecutive years. Currently, he is a member of the Foundation’s Investment and Finance Committee and most recently was the Chairman of the very successful, “Bring Ben to Town” project.

Assets

As of June 30, 2018, the Foundation’s assets totaled $4.5 million.

Our investments are managed by four local institutions: The Dime Bank, The Honesdale National Bank, Wayne Bank, and Morgan Stanley. Investment results are reviewed by our Treasurer and the Investment Committee, who meet annually in August with representatives of these institutions.

We thank our Volunteers

The Wayne County Community Foundation sincerely thanks the Foundation’s Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to our success: Ann O’Hara and Rosanne Alexander (Accounting and Finance); Beth Johnson (Dictionary Project); and Mary Markowski (Facebook).

“My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.”

—Charles Kettering
The 2017 Winners of the Ben Franklin Community Service Award were Arthur and Gail Frey

The selection recognizes Art and Gail’s years of service to their community. Both are very dedicated to the Newfoundland Community Food Pantry. Gail also serves on the Board of the Wayne County Food Pantry. Through their efforts thousands of food items have been distributed to those needing their help. Gail is a member of the Tobyhanna/Newfoundland Lion’s Club and has chaired many worthwhile projects. She was a Girl Scout volunteer. Art is also a member of the Tobyhanna/Newfoundland Lion’s Club and serves on the Advisory Council for Wayne County Area Agency for Aging. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Greene-Dreher Fair and a Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church. Art is the recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Art and Gail were the recipients of the Newfoundland Rotary “Citizen of the Year” Award as well.

Art was a funeral director for 54 years at Arthur J. Frey Funeral Home in LaAnna. He was the 5th generation in his family’s business. Arthur and Gail have been married for over 56 years and have three children; Susan Strada, Daniel Frey and Patricia Frey.

THE BEN FRANKLIN FUND

Ben Franklin, printer, scientist, philosopher, community servant and statesman, created a legacy that today reaches right into our own community! The Ben Franklin Fund represents one of the finest examples of what philanthropy is all about! The Fund shows how money set aside from a donor can impact the future. In Ben Franklin’s case it took two hundred years to bear the financial fruit envisioned. In his will, Franklin bequeathed 1,000 pounds, roughly equal to $4,000, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Franklin knew his bequest would grow over time and it did, to over $2 million dollars!!

In 1990, then Pa. Governor Robert P. Casey signed a bill dividing the money between the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia and the State’s various community foundations. Indeed, the Wayne County Community Foundation was in the ‘right place at the right time’ and received its share of the fund. With this money, the Foundation has established the Ben Franklin Community Service Award with its accompanying $1,000 given to the recipient who then gives it to the local service organization of his or her choice.
The individual funds created by our donors are the heart and soul of the Community Foundation.

We invest the initial contribution and use the earnings to support the donor’s goals. By carefully selecting the principal creates funds with a long “life.” The funds benefit a variety of causes and are a place where individuals can design funds that target their interests. Often “Legacy Funds” are established where families and friends can create a lasting tribute to a deceased loved one to support a specific church; issue; scholarship; or even to support a named non-profit organization. In many situations, individuals will name the Foundation in their estate planning so they may guarantee that certain things they feel strongly about have support. Non-profit organizations and individuals establish funds in order so their contributions are tax-deductible and professionally managed. A review of our list of funds is the best example of the wide variety of types of funds that can be established.

Jeri Bigart Memorial Fund: Established by Mr. Eugene Bigart in memory of his wife. The fund assists deserving students attending a vocational school.

Boy Scout Troop 111 Fund: This consists of funds bequeathed to the troop for its ongoing use.

Ben Franklin Fund: This fund was directly bequeathed in Ben Franklin’s will. Our Foundation qualified for funding via the State and uses it to award $1,000 annually to our service award in Ben Franklin’s name.

Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund: Established by his parents, William and Debra Bryant, to assist people with special needs and developmental disabilities. Additionally, funds can help community groups such as the 4-H or volunteer fire companies. Michael’s siblings, Zach Bryant, Carrie Bomgardner and Emily Montgomery, sponsor an annual 5K Run, “Heed the Curd”, to help increase the number of grants awarded.

William E. Schwarz Memorial Scholarship: Established in 2013 by the Board of Directors of the Dime Bank. The annual scholarship goes to a Wayne County graduate pursuing a degree in the automobile industry.

Aaron Hocker Fund: 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.

Tony and Sharon Herzog Fund: Creates a scholarship for Wayne County resident majoring in Math, Music, Career Tech or Education.

Creating Outstanding Athletes (COAL) Fund: Supports an annual scholarship and funds expenses associated with seminars and programs.

Waymart Area Historical Society Endowment Fund: The fund assists with a variety of projects funded by the Society.

Waymart Lion’s Club Endowment Fund: This supports the Lion’s Club’s assistance for the eye care of disadvantaged children living in the Waymart Area.

Waymart Boy Scout Troop #111 Camping Endowment Fund: Provides financial aid to Troop #111’s camping activities will be paid with the investment returns on this endowed fund.

Bethany United Methodist Church Building Maintenance Endowment Fund: This endowment assists with the care and upkeep of the Church located in Bethany.

Robert Diehl Memorial Scholarship Fund: The fund supports a scholarship for a Honesdale High School Graduate. It was established in the loving memory of Robert Diehl by his family and friends.

Schloesser Family Fund: The fund established by Attorney Warren Schloesser supports humanitarian causes in Wayne County.

HHS Alumni Association Fund: Alumni of the Honesdale High School began this fund as a way of supporting the students and programs of the Honesdale High School.
Foundation Grants Program

The Foundation uses its own resources as well as the funds that donors have established to support a wide variety of community non-profit 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 agency has not received a grant award
- The applicant has submitted a quality proposal describing a specific need
- The Foundation has the funding required to support the project

This past year, 19 grants were awarded for a total of $40,550

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The Grants Committee reviews applications quarterly and then makes recommendations to the Board.

Family Members of the Michael Bryant Memorial Fund present check from their ‘Herd the Curd’ 5/10K Run. Their Grants assist special needs individuals in Wayne County.
The Foundation is committed to providing scholarships for deserving seniors residing in Wayne County. Starting in 1995 with the first Edwin Thomas Scholarship, the awards continue to grow. This past year the Foundation and its Donor Partners awarded $66,000 in scholarships to deserving Wayne County resident graduates.

**Edwin Thomas Memorial Scholarships**
- MacBrennan Peet, Wallenpaupack
- Tessa Vendetti, Honesdale
- Mallory Jablon, Western Wayne

**Leon Scudder Memorial Scholarships**
- Richard Nadolksi, Wallenpaupack
- Sean Sweeney, Wallenpaupack
- John Kaar, Western Wayne
- Skye Smith, Western Wayne
- Rebecca Tomczyk, Western Wayne
- Alexandria Branas, Honesdale
- Shea Stanton, Honesdale
- Nicholas Shear, Honesdale
- Sarah McHale, Forest City
- Caroline Sheard, Canaan Christian

**Wayne Co. Community Foundation Scholarships**
- Mason Clark, Wallenpaupack
- Victoria Rojas, Wallenpaupack
- Ben Burkhardt, Western Wayne
- Elizabeth Nauman, North Pocono
- William Bekenich, Honesdale

**Luke Rickard Memorial Scholarship**
- Anthony DeGori, Honesdale

**Jeri Bigart Memorial Scholarship**
- Jason Hunter, Western Wayne
- Cody Novobelski, Honesdale

**Wayne/Pike Med. Association Scholarships**
- Hannah Vennie, Wallenpaupack
- Alexandra Mosomillo, Wallenpaupack
- Alicia Brindle, Western Wayne
- Rachael Windhorn, Wallenpaupack

**Robert and Inger Stovall Scholarship**
- Nicholas Haynes, Honesdale

**Drs. Philip G. & Rosita Liu Scholarship**
- Lilli Millon, Western Wayne

**Drs. Betty & Lawrence Caruth Scholarship**
- Luke Silfies, Western Wayne

**HHS Friends of Boys’ Basketball Scholarships**
- Anthony DeGori, Honesdale
- Audrey Zielinski, Honesdale

**H. Richard Osborne Integrity Award**
- Grady Birmelin, Honesdale

**James Rowe and Alice Box Memorial Scholarship**
- Carter Teryson, Honesdale

**William E. Schwarz Memorial Scholarship**
- Timothy Brown, Johnson College

**Howard and Ruth Akers Memorial Scholarship**
- Paige Hazen, Canaan Christian

**Wayne County Bar Association Scholarship**
- Jason Telese, Western Wayne

**Earl R. Rieffler Pre-Medical Scholarship**
- Brian Dexheimer, Honesdale

**Human Resources Foundation Scholarship**
- Emily Rice, Wallenpaupack
- Lacy Foster, Honesdale
- Alexa Yatwa, Honesdale

**John G. and Eleanor P. Rickert Memorial Scholarship**
- Nicholas Theobald, Honesdale

**HHS Friends of Soccer**
- Grady Birmelin, Honesdale

**Seelyville Union Sunday School Scholarship**
- Mariah Morgan, Honesdale

**Robert Zabady Scholarship**
- Lauren Meszaros, Susquehanna

**Kelley Lalley Memorial Scholarship**
- Noah Pender, Honesdale

**Joseph Verola Memorial Scholarship**
- Jami Lesak, Honesdale
AID TO EDUCATION

The Wayne County Community Foundation recognizes that the funding for education is very challenging. We sponsor a number of programs that aim to assist students and to supplement emerging new programs for technology.

Youth Advisory Committee

The Youth Advisory Committee was created through a generous bequest of Eleanor Ferro and the Foundation in order to familiarize students with the potential of philanthropic activities. This is done by providing a selected committee comprised of students in grades 9-12 with a fund that they may use to award grants back to applicant organizations within their own school districts.

This year’s grants were as follows:

2017-2018 School Year
Secret Santa
3-D Printer
STEM Project
Library Makeover
Water Feature
Elementary Track Meet
Bird Houses
8th Grade Problem Solving
School Supply “Cart”

Dictionary Project
For the past fourteen years the Foundation and its donors have purchased the Scholastic Children’s Dictionary for third graders in the following schools: R.D. Wilson School, the Evergreen School, Damascus Area, Preston Area, Lakeside Elementary, the Canaan Christian Academy and the Forest City Regional Elementary School. To date, more than 4,700 dictionaries have been presented.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program
This program provides significant funding for Wayne Highlands, Wallenpaupack Area and Western Wayne School Districts. This year, $66,625 was given to these three districts to support “highly academic” and challenging programs. The funding came from the following Wayne County Businesses: The Dime Bank, The Honesdale National Bank, Wayne Bank, First National Community Bank, NBT Bank and Waste Management.

Approved Programs: Promethean “Smart Boards”, Robotics equipment and software, Drone Project, BIOZONE materials, Bitstown experience.
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 is in memory of 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 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

- Joseph and Kathy Adams
- Dolores Antoniewicz
- Deborah Bailey
- Walter and Marilyn Barbe
- Vicky Botjer
- Kent L. Brown, Jr.
- Steve and Jamie Brown
- Peter and Amy Bochnovich
- John and Karen Burlein
- John and Tonia Carmody
- Drs. Betty Mae & Lawrence Caruth
- James and Shirley Chapman
- Robert J. Conway
- Bill and Jessie Davis
- Carol Dunn
- Marcia Dunsmore
- Janine Edwards
- Paul and Colleen Edwards
- Francis* and Martha E. Franco*
- Nancy Fritz
- William Gershey
- George* and Anne* Gilchrist
- Louis and Frances Gruber
- Tony and Sharon Herzog
- Cal* and Kuni Holbert
- Barbara Houghtaling
- Mark & Brooke James
- Tom* and Laura Kennedy
- John and Courtney Krajkovih
- Robert Kramer
- Thomas and Nancy LaTournous
- Charlotte A. Lent
- Joe and Stella Macey
- Bruno and Kelly Maton
- Mary Markowski
- Paul and Sandy Meagher
- William B. McAllister
- Gloria A. McCullough*
- Bob and Jet Mermell
- Patricia Mohn
- Timothy and Jennifer Morgan
- Joe and Tish 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*
- Warren H. Schloesser
- William Schweighofer
- Leon M. Scudder*
- Tom and Vicki Sheridan
- Michael and Erin Shine
- Jay Starnes
- Nicholas and Carol Stroumtsos
- Jerry and Marilyn Swendsen
- Jane Varcoe
* Deceased

“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 Wayne County Day of Giving,” sponsored by the Wayne County Community Foundation, was held on Friday, August 3rd at the Cooperage, Honesdale. Our organization along with 11 other Wayne County non-profit organizations showcased their mission, and accomplishments that go toward making Wayne County a great place to live. All donations received at the Day of Giving Event were matched up to $1000 by the Wayne County Community Foundation!

The organizations participating were: The Wayne County YMCA; Habitat for Humanity; Wayne County Arts Alliance; Wayne County Heroin Prevention Task Force; SEEDS (Sustainable Energy Education and Development Support), Lacawac Sanctuary; The Cooperage Project; Victim’s Intervention Program; The Wayne County Historical Society; Dessin Animal Shelter; and the Wayne County Public Library. Every organization received the $1000 match.
The 2017 Winners of the Ben Franklin Community Service Award recognizes Art and Gail’s years of service to their community. Gail also serves on the Board of the Wayne County Food Pantry. Through their efforts, thousands of food items have been distributed to those needing help. Gail is a member of the Tobyhanna/Newfoundland Lion’s Club and has chaired many worthwhile projects. She was a Girl Scout volunteer. Art is also a member of the Tobyhanna/Newfoundland Lion’s Club and serves on the Advisory Council for Wayne County Area Agency for Aging. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Greene-Dreher Fair and a Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church. Art is the recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. Art and Gail were the recipients of the LaAnna Award. He was the 5th generation in his family’s business. Arthur and Gail have been married for over 56 years and have three children; Susan Strada.

He cared about the community.
So he gave.
Edwin J. Thomas

At his death, in 1995, Edwin J. Thomas made a substantial bequest to the Wayne County Community Foundation. Most notably, he was the first benefactor to have faith in the idea of a community foundation in Wayne County. His gift allowed the Foundation to make its first grant and scholarship awards. To date, sixty-two (62) “Edwin J. Thomas Memorial Scholarships” have been presented to deserving Wayne County students.

What do you love?
We can help you with charitable giving.
Call Paul Edwards at 570-499-4299 or send an e-mail to wccf@ptd.net

New Fund
IDEAS!

VETERAN SUPPORT
POST HIGH SCHOOL
ADULT EDUCATION &
TUITION ASSISTANCE
COMMUNITY
BEAUTIFICATION
PROJECTS
DRUG EDUCATION
FOOD PANTRIES

Host Donors Needed!
Honorary & Memorial Gift Program

The Wayne County Community Foundation has twenty-five years of experience helping create a lasting tribute to a deceased loved one. We define “Legacy” as options aligned with you and your loved one’s values. These “values” may include the ongoing support of a Church, a favorite non-profit organization, educational scholarship or any one of a variety of concerns. Our funds support cultural endeavors, environmental and humanitarian concerns. Donors can be assured their gift will endure to benefit future generations.

In Honor of Alice O’Neill
Chelsea Wilson
Tyler Wilson
Reagan Shine
Maddie Shine
Danny Shine

In Memory of Dan O’Neill
Alice O’Neill
Chelsea Wilson
Tyler Wilson
Reagan Shine
Maddie Shine
Danny Shine

In Memory of Michael Bryant
Creedin Cornman
Doris Bryant
Calkins Creamery
Gary and Irma Sheard
Elladene Leibold
Kate & Zach Bryant
Emily & Jay Montgomery
Carrie Bomgardner

In Memory of Thomas Kennedy
Laura Kennedy

In Memory of Anita Shook
Harold Shook

In Memory of Ruth and Howard Akers and Helen and
Vincent Herzig
Tony and Sharon Herzog

In Memory of Edith and Bus
Hartman
Karen Reed

In Memory of Floyd Schnakenberg
Marilyn Kneeland

In Memory of R. Scott Jeffrey
Doris Pliss

In Memory of Louis Kowalczuk
PT Network, LLC

In Memory of Frank Lane
Maureen H. Beilman

In Memory of Linda Vogt
Warren Schloesser

In Memory of Albert Kobe
Maureen H. Beilman

Our Services

The Wayne County Foundation offers professional management for donor advised and scholarship fund longevity. We promote and support strong nonprofit organizations which are vital to the health of the communities within our County. Charitable gifts are channeled into a single fund that builds wealth over time. The endowed fund generates earnings that contribute to income annually – now and for years to come, while preserving a named legacy of the donor.

Our Success

The Foundation has been in existence since 1991. We have created an endowment supporting the grants and scholarships that make our county a better place to live and work. We are the place where a variety of causes can be met and where donors can design specific funds targeting their own interests. We are particularly proud of our “legacy programming” where families can create a lasting tribute to a deceased loved one by way of developing a fund to support a specific cause, church, scholarship or non-profit organization. Alternatively, they can establish a fund leaving to the Board’s discretion regarding grants to worthy causes.

Our Goals

Our founders and our Board, who represent all the communities in Wayne County, remain dedicated to our slogan; “Investing in Our Future.” We must continue to grow our funds and be flexible in support of our donor’s varied interests. We want to continue to listen in order to understand your goals. We will provide the best possible information for giving options and funding opportunities. Above all, we pledge to provide prudent stewardship to ensure that charitable assets are managed soundly for the benefit of both current and future generations.
New Funds in 2017-18

Tony and Sharon Herzog Fund
COAL Fund
Waymart Historical Society Fund
Waymart Lions Club Fund
Waymart Boy Scout Fund
Bethany United Methodist Church Fund
Robert Diehl Memorial Fund
HHS Alumni Association Fund
Hopkins Family Fund
Kelley Lalley Memorial Fund
Schloesser Family Fund