



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

Why, exactly, do community foundations exist?

That's a great question! We're in the business of philanthropy which is defined as the "love of humanity". We're here to connect donors with the charitable causes that they care about. But, we're more than that. **We ARE the community.** Our staff and board of directors live, work, and play in this community. They're educators, coaches, elected officials, and neighbors.

When donors, like you, choose a community foundation as a vehicle for their charitable giving, the whole community benefits. We help serve the needs of our community through our grantmaking, help nonprofits with training and technical assistance, and help donors understand our community needs.

Each donor is unique, and we're here to help you support what you care about.







Our Mission

Strategic Plan – 2024–2027

The mission of the Wayne County Community Foundation is to connect people with financial and non-financial resources to improve the quality of life for all people in Wayne County.

Objective 1: To facilitate an increase of financial resources distributed in Wayne County

Goal A: Increase unrestricted giving

Goal B: Increase planned giving to the foundation

Goal C: Diversify funding sources

Goal D: Increase community engagement and outreach

Objective 2: Strengthen operations and align the organization to the needs of the community

Goal A: Retain and grow staff

Goal B: Strengthen administrative policies and procedures

Goal C: Maintain and improve board governance

Objective 3: Increase and mobilize philanthropic resources in order to address the needs of the community

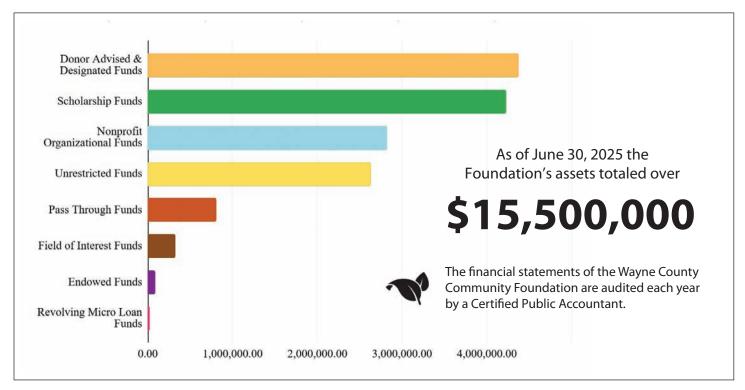
Goal A: Increase community reach and resource connectivity

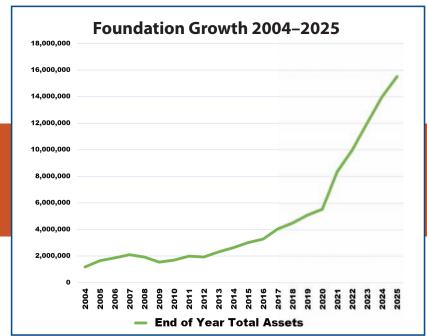
Goal B: Increase nonprofit learning opportunities and nonfinancial resources

Goal C: Continue strategic support of regional initiatives including, Wayne Tomorrow!

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FINANCIAL REPORTS





The investments for the Foundation are managed by five financial institutions: The Dime Bank, 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 the 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

HOW TO ESTABLISH A CHARITABLE — und

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 to help 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. Choose your fund name
- 2. Choose your area of interest
- 3. Contribute through tax-deductible donations now or in the future

Contact us to establish your own fund: info@waynefoundation.org



HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

Support the future with an unrestricted gift: Giving to the Community Foundation's unrestricted (general) fund supports the changing needs of the community. The Foundation uses these dollars to provide grants to nonprofits, convene stakeholders around important issues, provide technical assistance and nonprofit learning opportunities to our community, and much more!

Give to a cause area you care about: Support causes such as youth programming, literacy, emergency services, animal welfare, arts and culture, or a specific geographic region of Wayne County. Our grants committee will then choose the grant recipients from the grant applications we receive. You can also contribute to one of the already established funds at the Foundation that supports grants to causes you care about most.

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

Support a Nonprofit Organizational Fund: An Organizational Fund is a type of fund that is created by a nonprofit organization with the goal of it lasting into the future, while having the flexibility to serve the organization's more pressing needs when they arise. It's the best of both worlds. You can support some of your favorite nonprofits by donating to their organizational fund.

Establish a Donor-Advised Fund: You can stay actively involved in the distribution of dollars from this fund by establishing a Donor-Advised Fund. You recommend grants to the Foundation Board of Directors and the size of the grant to charitable organizations of your choosing.

Make a yearly gift with a Designated Fund: You can establish a fund to benefit one or more charitable organizations you determine and we send out the donation each year. Generally, these funds are endowed, meaning 3-4% is spent from the funds' balance each year, so it is a great way to continue annual giving in perpetuity.

Create a Scholarship Fund: 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, master's degree programs, or even adult educational programs.

Farms to Families

Created in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, the Emergency Food Relief Fund was started as a joint venture between the Wayne County Commissioners and the Wayne County Community Foundation. It was designed to provide emergency food to people in need, but thanks to a strong community response, it quickly grew to outpace its original mission.

Multiple years later, the fund has evolved into the Farm to Families Fund, a more sustainable, broader reaching collaboration between Wayne County's Food Pantry program, community-minded nonprofits, local farmers, dedicated volunteers, and the Wayne County Community Foundation.

Local farmers, as well as their national counterparts, sell their products wholesale or occasionally donate them to Wayne County nonprofits and the County Food Pantries, utilizing the Foundation as the purchasing agent. The Pantry and nonprofits, in turn, provide the infrastructure necessary for quick distribution. This allows fresh, healthy, and local food to find its way into the hands of Wayne County residents quickly.

The Farm to Families Fund solidifies the link between local agriculture and emergency food assistance, connecting farmers and their products with the people who need them the most.

With the rising cost of food, please consider supporting both our neighbors and our local farmers by donating to the Farm to Families Fund today. Produce, dairy products, eggs and sometimes meat are purchased locally through this fund.



Donate here!





Sycamore Point Hoat Jaunch



The nearly decade-long effort to develop the riverfront in Honesdale at the confluence of Dyberry Creek and the Lackawaxen River was realized on October 18, 2024. The county-owned park and river access welcomed dozens of dignitaries, trail advocates and local residents to officially dedicate Sycamore Point Park. It is the northernmost launch in a series of river accesses between Honesdale and Hawley.

Sycamore Point Park is the second accessible public access for individuals with disabilities on the Lackawaxen River. Joining in the celebration were Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Executive Director Tim Schaeffer and Commissioner William Gibney, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Deputy Secretary Claire Jantz, Wayne County Commissioners Smith and Shook, State Representative Jonathan Fritz, State Senator Rosemary Brown, members of the Lackawaxen River Trails group, Woodland Design Associates, and numerous community partners. "This is literally the spot that sparked the unprecedented partnership along the Lackawaxen and started momentum for improved public boating access that has spread throughout the Delaware River Watershed," said Tim Schaeffer, PFBC Executive Director. "From Honesdale to Hawley to all the way downstream in Philadelphia, renewed connections to our creeks and rivers are bringing undeniable benefits to communities and making the health of Pennsylvania's waterways more relevant than ever. Thank you to our partners here in Wayne County for being the spark that ignited a burning flame."

The Wayne County Community Foundation has been the fiscal sponsor for this fund since 2017. Funding for the Sycamore Point Park project was provided to Wayne County through the PFBC's Boating Facility Grant Program (\$257,682) in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, DCNR's Community Conservation Partnerships Program (\$314,000), and local fundraising.





In 2024, the Wayne County Community Foundation was thrilled to partner with the Scranton Area Community Foundation to establish a **Women in Philanthropy Fund**.

Investing in women and girls is one of the best, proven methods of fighting poverty and stopping the cycle of poverty from spreading from one generation to the next. By targeting major issues that impact women and girls, and providing funding for

innovative projects that will eliminate the root causes of poverty and inequality, **Women** in Philanthropy ("WIP") will empower and transform the lives of women and girls in Lackawanna and Wayne Counties.

Women in Philanthropy operates under the belief that it is better to give women and girls the tools they need to improve their lives and ultimately lift themselves and their families out of poverty, rather than providing an item or two that will help them get from one day to the next. We believe that investing in proven, successful programs that target long-term, meaningful change is the most effective way to empower women and girls, and transform lives.

Champions of Women in Philanthropy support and fund the future of women and girls in Wayne County. WIP is composed of a diverse group of community members who are

committed to transforming the lives of women and girls in Wayne County with their time, treasure, talent and ties. Currently, over 25 donors have supported the Women in Philanthropy Fund - many with recurring contributions.

Grants from this fund must fall in one of the following categories while also directly supporting women and girls in Wayne County: childcare, civic engagement and advocacy, financial education, housing, mental health, STEAM career launchpad. On May 21, 2025, we hosted a grant presentation where grant recipients presented information about their program and their organization. Community members came out to show support, learn about these organizations and WIP.

This year, the Women in Philanthropy Funders Awarded \$14,500 to support the following programs that directly impact women and girls in Wayne County.





To Learn More Scan Here!



\$3,000 to The Cooperage Project to support their Out-of-School-Time. Enrichment Programs: Pop-Up Club and Coop Camps.

\$3,000 to Children's Service Center of Wyoming Valley (Honesdale Office) to support Women and Girls Personal Care Project.

\$3,000 to Wayne County YMCA to support Counselor in Training and Staff Development.

\$2,500 to Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation to support Creature Crawl: A walk for Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

\$2,000 to RAISE Your Hearts to support Girls in STEAM Annual Symposium: Discover and Explore Your Passion.

\$1,000 to Farm Arts Collective, Inc to support their International Women's Day Celebration.

Building Home Libraries







Thank You So Much

A good book can open our eyes and show us so much more of the world than what we can see in our day-to-day lives. Reading is one of the most important skills we can have, and a love of reading is a special gift.

We're determined to give every K-8 public school student in the Wayne Highlands, Western Wayne, Forest City, and Wallenpaupack school districts a book to take home and keep through our Building Home Libraries Project. Thanks to the Barbara Houghtaling Fund and many generous donors, this year we distributed over 5,000 books to students all over Wayne County in schools with an additional 4,000 going out in the community!







Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program

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. A total of \$136,000 was donated for the 2024/2025 school year by The Dime Bank, PPL Electric Utilities, The Honesdale National Bank, NBT Bank, Waste Management, Weis Markets, People's Security Bank (through Commonwealth Charitable Management), Wayne Bank, and the First National Bank of Pennsylvania to support the program.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wayne County Community Foundation distributes over 100 scholarships to support area students in funding their education. We are proud of the hard work our team does to ensure students

This year, the Foundation issued more than \$190,000+ in scholarships to Wayne County's graduating seniors and worthy recipients.

Akers Scholarship

Kara Fries

Edwin Barton Scholarship

Jaleny Fernandez

Tim Bell Memorial Fall Music Festival Scholarship

receive these scholarships and are grateful to

the donors who made them possible.

Lia Hartman

Berry Burcher Audubon Scholarship

Niko & Patrick Korkames

Jeri Bigart Memorial Scholarship

Nicholas Porosky

Jake Burkhardt Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Ems Kendall Ephault

Caruth Scholarship

Leaira Southerton

David M. Cavalieri Memorial Scholarship

Mya Clarke Johnathan Conlogue Max Urbas

Mike Chesna Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Emily Frisbie

James R. Clift Memorial Scholarship

Olivia Pinto

Robert F. Diehl, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Jared Ahern

David Dulay Memorial Scholarship

Carson Hedgelon

Forest City Alumni Association/ David St Ledger Scholarship

Laura Nebzydoski

Freedom Lodge IOOF Scholarship

Grace Ronacher

James J. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship

Dana Cenusa

Greene Dreher Alumni Scholarships

Jade Andryshak Nicholas Bajadek Mackenzie Billbe Breanna Conklin Isabella Coyle Mei Darnell Violet DeCarlo Alyssa DeEsch Brooke Duggan Dakota Harkey

Taryn Hensel Tyra Jones

Addison Kilpatrick-Olivio

Caitlyn Mulcahy
Katie O'Brien
Alexander Olsommer
Michael Palzer
Kimberlee Peet
Mackenzie Razny
Leo Reichman
Jordan Santiago
Michael Soskil
Kyla Story
Peyton Toth
Cameron Troch
Rachel VanLouvender

Herzog Scholarship

Kallie Whermann

HHS Friends of Boys Basketball Scholarship

Erin Meagher
Jess Montgomery
HHS Friends of Soccer
Mason D'Albora
Delimar Hugg
Leo Martinez-Valerio
Jess Montgomery
Lucas Murray

Aaron Hocker Memorial Scholarship

Olyvea Burke

HHS Friends of Soccer

Avery Ohliger

Honesdale Lions Club Vision Scholarship

Madison VanBlarcom

Jake Hopkins Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Linn Vincent Nervegna

Joyce Swendsen Schwinn

Summer Music Camp Scholarship

Madison Decker

Lady Hornets Basketball Fund Scholarship

Madison VanBlarcom

Kelley Lalley Honesdale Biddy Basketball Scholarship

Lucas Murray Anthony Passaro Wyatt Rutherford

Drs. Philip and Rosita Liu Scholarship

Grace Lidy

John E. and Marjorie L. Marshall Scholarship

Carter Kennedy Joel Landry Corey Matoushek

McAndrew Memorial Scholarship

Laura Nebzydoski Abygale Plevyak

Osborne Scholarship

Brock Ludwig

Pat Spoor/Mitzi Clintock Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Samuel Sherman

Pleasant Valley Grange Scholarship

Julia Wehrmann

Earl R. Reifler Scholarship

Olyvea Burke Abygale Plevyak



Luke Rickard Memorial Scholarship Jess Montgomery

John G. and Eleanor P. Rickert Memorial **Scholarship**

Justin Davis

Rowe/Box Scholarship

Blaine Bolella

Reed Sandercock Memorial Scholarship

Madison VanBlarcom

Karllina Schmitt Memorial Scholarship

Charles Lang

William E. Schwarz Memorial Scholarship

Peyton Toth

Leon Scudder Scholarships

Zoe Albitz

Frank Church

Johnathan Conlogue

Aliya Fiorella

Grace Ronacher

Seelyville Church Scholarship

Cosette Gombita

Ann Marie Simons Sportsman Scholarship

Justin Blanding Xaiden Shock

Ella Smith

Scott Smith Memorial Scholarship

Lia Gulumoglu

Mimi Steffen Scholarship

Zoamy Feliciano-Figueroa

Sterchak Scholarship

Evan Burns

Stovall Scholarship

Hailey Howard

Swendsen Scholarship (Engineering)

Jared Ahern

Swendsen Scholarship (Health Occupations)

Megan Kretschmer

Edwin J. Thomas Memorial Scholarships

Alexandria Hall

Lia Hartman

Elyssa Lin

Jess Montgomery

Wallenpaupack Area Medical Foundation (Health Care) Scholarship

Hannah Stratton

Wallenpaupack Area Medical Foundation

(High Science) Scholarship

Michael Soskil

Wayne County Bar Association

Grace Langendorfer

Wayne County Community Foundation

Paul Edwards Scholarship

Mya Clarke

Nicole Klim

Lucas Murray

Lucas Rios

Shanzay Salman

Kathryn Skirpan

Makayla Walton

Wayne-Pike Medical Society Scholarship

Alexa Kapschull

Logan LeMin

Alice Welker Music Legacy Scholarship

Samuel Sherman

Megan E. Wilcox Memorial Scholarship

Cassidy Castrovillari

Jim Willow Fall Music Festival Scholarship

Nicholas Albano

Aaron Winans Memorial Scholarship

Kelly Lesjack

Robert Zabady Scholarship

Jayson Reager

Are you interested in creating a scholarship?

Reach out to us today to start a discussion and see if it is the right avenue for your philanthropic goals.

Connor Simon, Grant and Scholarship Manager csimon@waynefoundation.org

Investing in the Future of our Community

This fiscal year, the Wayne County Community Foundation issued **\$80,982.40** in **grants**. These grant dollars are made possible through our General Fund, the First Responder's Fund, the Alice Welker Musical Legacy Fund, the Roark Family Fund, and the Florence Longmire Treat Fund. In addition to these grants, multiple donor-advised funds also issue grants to nonprofits throughout the year!

FOUNDATION





The Jumpstart Program

Support local nonprofits with donor management tools.

\$10,000

Worker Crisis Fund

Funding support for barriers to employment with referrals from the Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance. **\$2,000**

Honesdale Fire Department

New rescue equipment.

\$5,000 from First Responder's Fund

Friends of Honesdale Performing Arts, Inc.

Funding for a two-week performance camp.

\$2,500 from Alice Welker Musical Legacy Fund

CHOP Out Hunger

Continued and expanded funding for food Security programming.

\$2,500

Texas #4 Fire Company

E-Equipment Conversion Program. **\$4,600 from First Responder's Fund**

Spotlight PA

Support to hire a full-time caregiving reporter.

\$3,500

Dress for Success Lackawanna

Virtual suiting program expansion into Wayne County.

\$3,700

The Cooperage Project

Funding for Pop-Up Club, an after school program for middle school students. **\$5,000**

KidsPeace Foster Care

Certification training for care workers. **\$3,000**

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health - Pocono Center

Support for educational training programs.

\$2,500

Growing Older Together

Funding for marketing and growth programs.

\$5,000

University of Scranton Nonprofit Leadership Certificate Program

Scholarships a nonprofit leader in Wayne County to participate in the program.

\$3,500

Damascus Manor United Methodist Church

New tables and chairs for their social hall.

\$1562.40 from Roark Family Fund





second floor community space. **\$5,000**

Wayne County Public Library

"Read to Me" Program funding for the children's library. **\$800**

Johnson College

Summer camp funding for Wayne County middle school students. **\$1,920**

Friends of Prompton State Park

Repairs and enhancements to trail signage.

\$2,500

Our Kids Food Pantry

Holiday food distribution serving 160 families.

\$2,500

Lackawaxen River Trails

Funding to print Wayne County informational history booklet for 250th anniversary of the USA. **\$3,000**

SEEDS

Support for the Free Book Share. **\$4,000**



Support the "Beautiful Blocks" program. **\$10,000**

Wayne County Arts Alliance

Expansion for the "Paint the Town" art project. \$1,000

Greene-Dreher Historical Society

Sidewalk and parking repairs and paving. **\$3,000**

Farm Arts Collective

Funding support for Family Farm Day and a high school Internship program **\$1,500**.

Bethany Children's House Montessori Preschool

Support lunch program, extension of childcare hours.

\$4,800





Over \$80,000 went back into our community!



Fund Spotlight

MICHAEL J. BRYANT und



The Michael J. Bryant Memorial Fund was established in 2008 in memory of the Calkins Creamery co-owner. Since reaching endowed status, the Fund awards grants to Wayne County residents with physical and developmental needs and nonprofit organizations. The Wayne County Community Foundation manages the Fund.

During his life, Mike overcame many problems caused by developmental disabilities, giving him a special sensitivity to people who had such needs. He also was devoted to his community, volunteering his time to the local fire company.

For more information on this fund contact the Wayne County Community Foundation.

**The Fund will reimburse organizations, rather than individuals to assure financial accountability. Previous applicants may re-apply. Grant applications are available upon request or may be downloaded from the Wayne County Community Foundation website (www.waynefoundation.org – go to the section on "Grantmaking" then "Grant Guidelines-General").

The Michael J. Bryant Fund issued the following grants, totaling

\$16,**740**

Wallenpaupack Area School District

Continuing previously funded after school program.

\$3,700

Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation

Purchase all-terrain scooter for "Trails Without Limits" initiative.

\$3,000

Preston School

Establish a calm-down room for students with disabilities.

\$500

Arc of Wayne County Dyberry Day Camp

Support for camp filed trip to Carousel Water & Fun Park.

\$750

Damascus School Special Education Department

Purchase standing desks for three special education classrooms.

\$2,000

Wayne County Behavioral Health & Developmental Program

New mattress for adjustable bed for Deborah Gasker.

\$580

Wayne County 4-H

Sign Language interpreters for two members. **\$1,500**

GAIT Equine Assisted Services

Equine-Assisted Services for people in VIP. **\$3,360**

Fair Hill Therapeutic Riding Center

Funding for Horse Fair Hill's Powered Reading (HPR) program.

\$1,350

Youth Advisory omnittee



The mission of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) of the Wayne County Community Foundation is to familiarize Wayne County youth with the potential of philanthropic activities by providing the opportunity - through cooperative leadership - to give financial support to projects designed to improve the youth community. The intent of the Youth Mini-Grants Program is to introduce the concept of a Community Foundation and its work while supplying educational and funding opportunities to students. Grants of up to \$1,000 are available for projects or programs that will benefit elementary and secondary age students in Wayne County schools and/or community groups. This year's grants included:

Community	CUMC Preschool Light Table	\$800
Forest City	Autistic Support Classroom Field Trips	\$350
Community	Varden Educational Elementary Trip	\$100
Forest City	Food Gift Card Project	\$1,000
HHS	Childcare supls to support low-inc families	\$389.58
Preston	Hydroponic Garden Project	\$700
STOUR PRIMY	Felt-Right noise reduction tiles	\$475
RDW	Hugimals for Happiness	\$384
RDW	Sensory classroom supplies	\$225
WAHS	Cricuit cutting machine and supplies	\$180.93
WAHS	Support for a health fair	\$395.49
WAHS	Funding to offset school merch cost for students	\$500
WAHS	Community signage board for nonverbal students	\$500



Total \$6,000

Grants from the Youth Advisory Committee are supported from contributions to the Florence **Longmire Treat Fund and** Ferro Fund.

Members 2024

WALLENPAUPACK AREA HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors: Sophia Burbridge, Xaiden Schock Juniors: Ty Lounsbury, Hunter Sasala Sophomores: Max Edwards, Katherine Pettinato Freshmen: Maya Walek, Carlos Urgiles

HONESDALE HIGH SCHOOL (Wayne Highlands)

Seniors: Lucas Murray, Ava Patrisso (Co-chairpersons of student committee) Juniors: Caden Hinkley, Lily Head (Co-chairpersons of student committee) Sophomores: Liam Platt, Margarer Becker Freshmen: Logan Meyers, Alina Shanfelder



WESTERN WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors: Jamie Chapman, Elizabeth Washine Juniors: Logan Vinton, Audrey Agnello (Secretary of student committee) Sophomores: Donovan Gregorski, Maddy McClure Freshmen: Kyle Matthews, Grace Owens

ADVISORS:

William Gershey, Sarah Draidfort, Sandra Rickard, Connor Simon



LISTOF

Donor-Advised Funds

- Altemier, Roger C. and Ruth Community Fund
- American Legion Post 254
- Bethany Community Church North, Building Maintenance Endowment Fund
- Boy Scout Troop #111 Fund
- · Bryant, Michael J. Memorial Fund
- Cambridge, Thomas Philanthropic Fund
- Carmody Family Fund
- Chapman Family Youth Recreation Grant Fund
- Creating Outstanding Athletic Leaders Fund
- · Community Memorial Fund
- · Engstrand, Theodore Memorial Fund
- Fall Music Festival Fund
- Forest City Educational Foundation Innovation
 Education Fund
- Gruber Family Fund
- · Honesdale High School Alumni Association Fund
- · Honesdale Area Ministerium Fund
- Honesdale Rotary Endowment Fund
- · Houghtaling Book Club Fund
- · Kempton, Mark and Mary Fund
- Kilgore Family Fund
- Pleasant Valley Grange Agriculture Fund
- · Propst, Peter Memorial Fund
- · Reynolds, Dr. David and Katherine Family Fund
- Roark Family Fund
- · Rutsch, Herman H. Memorial Fund
- Schloesser Family Fund
- Settlers Hospitality Employee Benefit Fund
- · Spall, John F. and Cathleen Fund
- · Starnes Family Fund for Peace and Reconciliation
- Treat, Florence Longmire Fund
- Tully, Jerome & Edith Marks Fund
- Upper Delaware River Valley Fund
- Waymart Boy Scout Troop #111 Camping Fund
- Waymart Historical Society Fund
- · Waymart Lions Club Fund
- · Wayne Area Sports Hall of Fame Fund
- Wayne County Drug and Treatment Court Fund
- Woodloch Employee Crisis Fund

Scholarships

- Akers Family Fund
- Akers Koropchak, Gayle Fund
- Barton, Edwin M. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bigart, Jeri Memorial Fund
- · Burkhardt, Jake Memorial Fund
- · Caruth, Drs. Bette and Lawrence Fund
- Cavalieri, David Scholarship Fund
- · Clift, James R. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Davis St. Ledger Leadership Scholarship Fund
- · Diehl, Robert F. Jr. Memorial Fund
- Dulay, David Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Freedom Lodge #88 Scholarship Fund
- · Gallagher, James J. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Goyette, Pete Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Greene-Dreher Alumni Scholarship Trust Fund
- · Herzog, Tony & Sharon Scholarship Fund
- · Hocker, Aaron Memorial Fund
- Honesdale High School Boys Basketball
 Scholarship Fund
- Honesdale High School Friends of Soccer Scholarship Fund
- · Hopkins Family Fund
- · Lady Hornets Basketball Fund
- Lalley, Kelley Scholarship / Honesdale Biddy Basketball Fund
- · Lent, Charlotte A. Fund
- · Lipperini, Albert S. Memorial Fund
- · Marshall, John E. & Marjorie L. Fund
- McAndrew, Drs. Lorraine, Rick, and Patrick Memorial Scholarship Fund
- NEPA Audubon Society Berry Burcher Scholarship Fund
- · Rickard, Luke C. Memorial Fund
- Rickert, John G. and Eleanor P. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Riefler, Earl R. Pre-Medical Scholarship Fund
- Rowe, James & Alice Box Memorial Fund
- · Sandercock, Reed Memorial Fund
- · Schmidt, Karllina Memorial Scholarship Fund
- · Schwarz, William E. Memorial Fund
- · Scudder, Leon M. Fund
- · Simons Sportsman Scholarship Fund
- · Smith, Scott Memorial Fund
- · Steffen, Mimi Scholarship Fund

- Sterchak, Joseph and Kathleen Scholarship Fund
- Stovall, Robert H. and Inger Bagger Fund
- · Swendsen, Jerry and Marilyn GGH Fund
- Thomas, Edwin Memorial Fund
- Wallenpaupack Area Medical Foundation Fund
- Walters, Merele and Earl "Ike" and Honesdale Lions Club Vision Scholarship Fund
- Wayne County Bar Association Fund
- Wayne / Pike Medical Society Scholarship Fund
- · Welker, Alice Music Legacy Fund
- · Wilcox, Megan E. Memorial Scholarship Fund
- · Winans, Aaron Memorial Fund
- · Zabady, Robert Fund

Field of Interest Funds

- BK Hope Cures Endowment Fund
- Educational Endowment Fund
- Farms to Families Fund
- First Responders Fund
- Substance Abuse, Education and Awareness Fund
- Wayne County Emergency Housing
 Discretionary Fund
- Wayne County Historical Preservation Fund
- · Wayne County Worker Crisis Fund
- · Wayne Tomorrow! Fund
- Women in Philanthropy Fund

Pass Through Funds

- America 250 PA Fund
- BK Hope Cures Fund
- Correctional Employee Assistance Fund
- Dyberry Creek Music Festival Fund
- Educational Improvement Tax Credit Fund
- Farmers Market Coupon Fund
- Friends for Rescues NEPA
- Friends of Honesdale Borough Parks
- GHP Honesdale Revitalization Fund
- Honesdale Missy Basketball Fund
- Honoring Heroes Fund
- Keep Hawley-Honesdale Beautiful Fund
- Known Grove SLS Fund
- · Lackawaxen River Trails Fund
- · Our Kids Food Pantry Fund
- Project SEARCH Fund
- Prompton Disc Golf Fund
- · Robotics Fund

- Unity Grange #1710 Fund
- Upper Delaware Bio Blitz Fund
- Warm Hearts Fund
- Wayne County Creative Arts Council Fund
- · Wayne County Grown Fund
- Wayne County Sheriff K9 Fund
- Wayne County System of Care Fund
- Wayne County Youth Lacrosse Fund
- Wayne County YMCA New Construction Fund

Agency/Organizational Funds

- Bethany Library Fund
- · Children's Christmas Bureau Fund
- The Cooperage Project Endowment Fund
- East Dyberry Cemetery Fund
- Foundation for Harmony Presents Fund
- Glen Dyberry Cemetery Association Fund
- Greene-Dreher Historical Society Legacy Fund
- · 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 Fund
- Ritz Company Players Founders Fund
- Texas # 4 Fire Company Support Fund
- Tusten Volunteer Ambulance Fund
- Victims Intervention Program Fund
- Wayne County Children and Youth Services
 Advisory Board Fund
- Wayne County Family Center Endowment Fund
- Wayne County YMCA Endowment Fund
- Wayne Libraries Future Fund
- Wayne Library Alliance Technology Fund

Unrestricted Funds

- · Bellamy, Rita Memorial Fund
- Ben Franklin Trust Fund
- Ferro Eleanor Youth Advisory Fund
- Founders Fund
- General Fund
- · Robb, Viola Fund

Micro Revolving Loan Fund

• NEPA Circle of Aunts and Uncles



Ministerium

The Honesdale Area Ministerium is an interfaith coalition of religious and faith leaders, here to support the spiritual wellbeing of everyone in Wayne County.



Re-founded in 2023, the Honesdale Area Ministerium has had an active year with the rollout of its new grants program, awarding over \$7,750 to its recipients. The Ministerium's grant program's focus changes yearly, and this year, grants were issued to purchase our upgraded existing AEDs in community and faith centers throughout the county. This year's recipients included Cornerstone Bible Church, Damascus Manor United Methodist Church, The Himalayan Institute, The Waymart Church, Grace Episcopal Church, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Tabernacle Bible Church. An additional grant was issued to Faith Baptist Fellowship Church to support a disaster relief mission trip.

For more information about the Honesdale Area Ministerium, visit waynefoundation.org.

Wayne Tomorrow! Initiative

The Wayne Tomorrow! Initiative is an active planning and collective impact network that meets monthly to discuss shared goals, needs, and objectives. This county-sponsored initiative has been gathering as a group and as focus area task forces for over a decade. The Wayne County Community Foundation participates actively in Wayne Tomorrow! This helps the Community Foundation build and maintain collaborative partnerships.

In 2019, the Wayne Tomorrow! Fund was established at the Community Foundation. This fund allows for charitable donations to support Wayne Tomorrow! activities. Additionally, through this fund, the Community Foundation is able to be a fiscal agent for future grant applications.

By combining the philanthropic resources of The Wayne County Community Foundation with the Foundation's participation in Wayne Tomorrow! project planning, Wayne County priorities related to enhancing accessible transportation, strengthening agricultural economic development, and supporting attainable housing opportunities have all been advanced in recent years.



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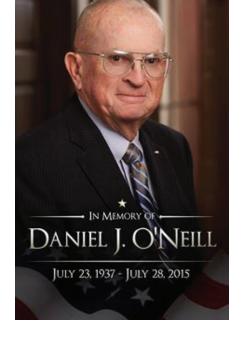


Our mission is to connect people with the financial and non-financial resources to improve the quality of life for all people in Wayne County. To do that, we need to have a robust network of effective nonprofit organizations who are able to serve the needs of our community. One way of ensuring that effectiveness is to offer nonprofit capacity building opportunities to learn together, build leadership and nonprofit management skills, and improve their organizational effectiveness.

Some examples of this work include: grant writing, fundraising, a meet the funders convening, film screenings on relevant topics, book club on leadership, and programs on marketing and social media.

This work has been made possible, in part, by a grant from the Moses Taylor Foundation.

For more information, be sure to sign up for our newsletter at waynefoundation.org





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.

However, by becoming part of the O'Neill Society, members not only receive recognition while they're living, but also gain the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share a profound commitment to safeguarding and fortifying 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

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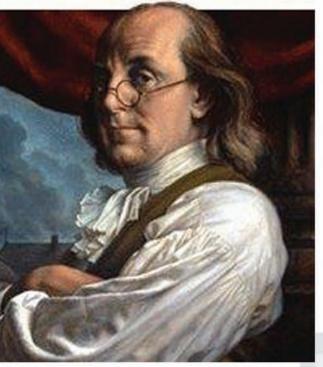
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Ben Franklin Community Service Award

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ROBERT KNASH	2003
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Ben Franklin

Community Service Award

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 \$508,133.61 in 2024) 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.

2024 Community Service Award Honorees

ERIC AND MARY ANNE LINDE

Each year, a member (or members) from our community is selected for their positive impact on the betterment of Wayne County. The 2024 Ben Franklin Service Award Dinner was held on November 7th in honor of Eric and Mary Anne Linde.

Eric Linde is a lifelong resident of Wayne County. His wife, Mary Anne, has been by his side since their marriage in 1968. Together they have made a sustained positive impact on our community.

Eric retired after nearly 60 years in construction. His career and passion for the trade have contributed significantly to refurbishing and enhancing the town of Honesdale, including work on bridges, and implementing one-way traffic on Main Street. The couple's commitment to community-building directly influenced much of his work.

The Lindes' commitment to community transcends construction; at its core, the true value lies in the people each project serves. Their philosophy that giving back to the community ensures the longevity of its resources for future generations, coupled with inspiration by the late Dan O'Neill's vision for retaining local talent, led the Lindes to establish job shadowing programs and job fairs to diversify local employment opportunities. Their current community focus is building a new Wayne County YMCA.

Eric and Mary Anne remain dedicated to projects that will benefit their community for generations to come, knowing that with collective effort, anything is possible.







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The Wayne County Community Foundation is rooted in community and committed to the future.

A MESSAGE FROM THE Hoard /

Our work honors the people and the place we call home—supporting both today's needs and tomorrow's possibilities.

Right now, nonprofits across our region are navigating uncertainty with resilience and heart. Every day, they show up to ensure that neighbors have nourishing food, access to quality healthcare and childcare, protected natural spaces, and opportunities to experience creativity and joy. Their work is vital—and we're proud to stand alongside them in support

At the Wayne County Community Foundation, we partner with donors to help bring their philanthropic visions to life—now and for generations to come. Each fund we steward reflects the unique values and passions of the individuals, families, and organizations who create them. One of the greatest privileges of our work is building relationships with those who care deeply about making a difference. There's no one-size-fits-all approach to giving, and we embrace the complexity and creativity that comes with it.

As a community foundation, we hold a unique role. We're not only a grantmaker we're also a nonprofit ourselves. That means we rely on the generosity of donors and the strength of partnerships to sustain our mission and operations. Simply put: we exist because of you.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we're building a stronger, more vibrant Wayne County—for everyone.

Sincerely,

Jay Starnes Board Chair



Gratitude is the word that comes to mind as I sit down and write this note.

A MESSAGE FROM THE fresident/

Gratitude is a practice. It doesn't happen without intentionality. It can really be transformative, and our community, I have found, has it in abundance. It is the feeling I have as I think back on the last 6 years in my role at the Wayne County Community Foundation. There have been more moments of gratitude than I can count, and it is that feeling that gets me up in the morning to serve in this role every day.

This Foundation is a drastically different organization than when I stepped into the office 6 years ago. The world is a drastically different place, too. We've had to adapt, pivot, and grow, even when it was uncomfortable and the risks were uncertain. The success of this organization has only been possible because of the generosity of our donors, the willingness of our community to collaborate, and the steadfast belief that we can continue to improve the quality of life in Wayne County.

The work at community foundations stretches far beyond financial assistance to important projects and causes. Community foundations are connectors. We connect people who care to help with people who need support. We connect organizations that can facilitate the flow of information or resources. We connect funders to projects ready for funding.

So, let's get connected and see what good things we can make happen in our community!

With gratitude,

Ryanne Jannings Ryanne Jennings President / CEO

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This year, the Wayne County Community Foundation, along with the Scranton Area Community Foundation, Carbon County Community Foundation, Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers, Greater Pike Community Foundation, The Community Foundation of Monroe County, and The Luzerne Foundation supported NEPA Gives on June 5th-6th, 2025 for an all-day giving day, raising \$1,330,814 to support 257 nonprofit organizations that serve Northeast Pennsylvania. We hosted a kick-off event at The Cooperage with over 20 nonprofits setting up tables and meeting the community.







Save the Date for NEPA Gives 2026: June 4th-5th, 2026. Learn more at nepagives.org