

Report to the Community 2016



Reflections on 2016



On behalf of the directors of the Community Foundation Serving the Heart of Western Pennsylvania I thank you for another outstanding year of giving!

We are pleased to welcome two new directors in 2016. Many of you will be familiar with Dina Blake and Karen Waugaman. They bring new energy to our board and we look forward to working with them for years to come.

Once again in 2016 the Community Foundation Serving the Heart of Western Pennsylvania has provided scholarships and grants to schools and nonprofits throughout Armstrong County and western Pennsylvania. Your support has enabled the Community Foundation to award a total of \$502,644; \$329,774 in grants to deserving local nonprofit organizations and \$65,250 in post-secondary scholarships to local students, plus 107,620 in Educational Improvement Tax Credit scholarships to private school students! We can't do this without you. This year we have helped to support some new projects in the County. For example, we have helped Blessings in a Backpack fight hunger by sending food home with local eligible children to make sure they have enough to eat.

We are proud to continue our mission in 2017, to fund new initiatives, and inspire new ideas, all of which helps make Armstrong County a better place for all of us to live, go to school, and work.

Chase G. McClister

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Congratulations!

The Community Foundation Serving the Heart of Western Pennsylvania is proud to announce that we were able to award over \$65,000 in scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year to the following students.

Noelle Lemons, daughter of William & Laurie Lemons of Kittanning, received the Dr. John Garrott Memorial Scholarship. Noelle will be attending Allegheny College to pursue a degree in Biochemistry.

Nathan Pastorek, son of Jay & Tammi Pastorek of Sarver, received the Richard G. Snyder Family Scholarship. Nathan will be attending Allegheny College to pursue a degree in Environmental Geology.

Justin Beham, son of Frank & Kim Beham of East Brady, received the Armstrong County Technical School Scholarship. Justin will be attending Butler County Community College to pursue a degree in Engineering Technology with CADD.

Taylor Relich, daughter of Michael & Melissa Relich of Ford City, received the Bruno-Higginson Medical Trust Scholarship, the Dr. John Garrott Memorial Scholarship, and the Shawna Petrosky Memorial Scholarship. Taylor will be attending Duquesne University to pursue a degree in Pharmacy.

Elizabeth Petrell, daughter of Francis & Michelle Petrell of Johnstown, received the Quality Life Services Healthcare Career Scholarship. Elizabeth will be attending Duquesne University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Ashton Callipare, daughter of James & Erica Callipare of Ford City, received the Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship. Ashton will be attending Duquesne University to pursue a degree in Biology.

Holly Dill of Ford City received the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Holly will be attending Gannon University.

Eric Hulings of Kittanning received the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Eric will be attending Geneva College.

Madison Walker, daughter of Darlene Walker of Worthington, received the Evelyn Benton Nursing Scholarship, the Dr. John Garrott Memorial Scholarship, and the Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship. Madison will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Nursing.

Hannah Blatt, daughter of Stephen & Kim Blatt of Shelocta, received the Dannette "Liffy" Cockroft Scholarship. Hannah will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Psychology.

Rachel Stirling, daughter of Scott & Tonilynne Stirling of Kittanning, received the Kay Detrick Owen Scholarship and the Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship. Rachel will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Psychology.

Anne Sorisio, daughter of Matthew & Jill Sorisio of Leechburg, received the Susan Falsetti-Burdett Memorial Fund for Music Scholarship, Ruth E. Owen Scholarship, and the Michael Petroncheck Musical Scholarship. Anne will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Music Education.

Sahara Cochenour, daughter of Maria & Stephen Sidora of Kittanning, received the Joan Tatsak Memorial Scholarship. Sahara will be attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania to pursue a degree in Human Resource Management.

Miranda Lasher, daughter of Brad & Dawn Lasher of Ford City, received the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Miranda will be attending La Roche College to pursue a degree in Mathematics.

Amy Wright, daughter of Mark & Becky Wright of Ford City, received the Dr. Samuel R. & Twila Black Medical Arts Scholarship. Amy will be attending LECOM at Seton Hill to pursue a D.O. Degree.

Ryley Cowan, son of Tim & Cristie Cowan of Sarver, received the Richard G. Snyder Family Scholarship. Ryley will be attending Marietta College to pursue a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Shannon Fasola, daughter of Ken & Tenley Fasola of Oxford, OH, received the Geophysical Society of Pittsburgh Scholarship. Shannon will be attending Miami University to pursue a degree in Geophysics.

Austin Porter, son of Scott & Tina Porter of Templeton, received the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Austin will be attending Penn State University to pursue a degree in Petroleum Engineering.

Mya Gladysiewski, daughter of Todd & Pamela Gladysiewski of Manorville, received the James K. Greenbaum Scholarship, the Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering Scholarship, and the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Mya will be attending Penn State University to pursue a degree in Engineering.

Kendra Hale, daughter of Paul & Jennifer Hale of Kittanning, received the Gretchen Moss Memorial Scholarship and the Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering Scholarship. Kendra will be attending Penn State University to pursue a degree in Architectural Engineering.

Keith Jones, son of Keith & Cynthia Jones of Freeport, received the Richard & Mary Krauland Scholarship. Keith will be attending Penn State University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Brandon Petras, son of Richard & Andrea Petras of Worthington, received the Zane McMillen Memorial Scholarship. Brandon will be attending Penn State University to pursue a degree in Political Science.

Emily Knell, daughter of Sheila & Jeff Knell of Vandergrift, received the Kay Detrick Owen Scholarship. Emily will be attending Penn State University to pursue a degree in biobehavioral health.

Christopher Schreckengost, son of John & Laurie Schreckengost of Cadogan, received the Armstrong County Technical School Scholarship. Christopher will be attending Pennsylvania College of Technology to pursue a degree in Culinary Arts & Systems.

Alyssa Burdett, daughter of Richard & Kelli Burdett of Kittanning, received the Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship. Alyssa will be attending Saint Francis University to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Ryan Myers of Rural Valley received the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Ryan will be attending Seton Hill University.

Mark Yankasky, son of Tom & Barbie Yankasky of Ford City, received the Bruno-Higginson Educational Trust Scholarship. Mark will be attending Slippery Rock University to pursue a degree in Secondary Education.

Jacob Bowman, son of Cherilyn Heeter & Gerald Bowman of Ford Cliff, received the Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship. Jacob will be attending University of Pittsburgh to pursue a degree in Biochemistry/pre-med.

2016 Annual Dinner Grant Awards

Many thanks to our generous Annual Dinner Sponsors!

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The \$500 "Heart of the Community" grant was awarded by our annual dinner attendees to the Progressive Workshop.

Grant Presentations at Dinner:

Blind Association of Butler & Armstrong	\$5,000
Freeport Meals on Wheels	\$5,000
Freeport Renaissance	\$4,000
HAVIN	\$5,000
Progressive Workshop	\$3,000

Children's Grant:

	\$ 800
Ford City Public Library for "Book the Bunny"	





Give 365



Live Here, Give Here!

What is Give365?

The idea is simple. You give \$365—a dollar a day—to make our community better. You pool those dollars with others. Then you decide together which organization(s) you want to support with the Give365 grant each year.

Who can join?

Join as an individual, a couple, a family, a group/club, or as a business!

Give365 Vision

Supporting a wide range of nonprofit and community-based projects in the heart of Western Pennsylvania by: leveraging financial, social, and human capital for collective philanthropic impact, and building and growing a pool of informed and engaged donors.

HOW TO JOIN - Joining is easy!

- Annual memberships (to be paid by October 31) are \$365. Lifetime Memberships are \$3,650.
- To pay by check, make check payable to “Community Foundation” and return with the response card. You may also pay online at www.servingtheheart.org/Give365.
- If you would like to make arrangements for monthly contributions, please call our office at 724.548.1261 and we’ll get that set up for you.



Congratulations to Life Choices for being the recipients of the 2016 Give365 grant award! This award will benefit Life Choices’ prison ministry, through which they counsel pregnant inmates and also to educate all inmates on sexual integrity, sexually transmitted diseases, and healthy relationships. Keep up the good work!

Community Initiatives

From time to time, the Community Foundation provides fiscal sponsorship (fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services) to help build the capacity of charitable projects that provide valuable services to our communities. Two such initiatives that we are proud to sponsor are:



THE MARKET STREET REVITALIZATION PROJECT

As the “Main Street” in Kittanning’s commercial/business center, Market Street is the core of our community. It tells the “Kittanning Story” as nothing else can. It reminds us of colorful parades, window shopping during the holidays, and special evenings with friends and family. But like other “Main Streets” around the country, Market Street has experienced a decline.

The Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Committee, in cooperation with input from the community, decided that a master plan with real impact should be considered and designed in phases which will encompass Market Street in its entirety from Water Street to the Armstrong County Courthouse.



Suicide Prevention Task Force of Armstrong County

The mission of the Suicide Prevention Task Force of Armstrong County (SPTF) is to reduce the risk, stigma, and occurrence of suicide in Armstrong County by way of education and increased awareness through collaborative efforts of community agencies, service providers, community advocates, family members, and other interested individuals. The SPTF will also provide support and assistance to those who have suffered as a result of suicide.

sptfac.org | 1-877-333-2470



Financial Information

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Asset Size	\$204,074	\$495,321	\$810,352	\$1,146,950	\$1,464,921	\$3,622,737	\$4,098,308	\$3,457,288
# Scholarships	0	1	1	1	3	12	12	22
# Grants	5	7	10	18	23	37	76	83
\$ Scholarships	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,500	\$22,600	\$21,250	\$39,650
\$ Grants	\$14,500	\$15,000	\$25,440	\$53,534	\$55,375	\$48,628	\$147,998	\$167,435
Total \$ Awarded	\$14,500	\$16,000	\$27,440	\$56,534	\$61,875	\$71,228	\$169,248	\$207,085
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Asset Size	\$4,368,526	\$5,007,045	\$4,928,702	\$5,719,833	\$7,857,838	\$7,973,925	\$7,768,410	\$7,903,150
# Scholarships	30	29	31	27	27	34	40	33
# Grants	71	72	50	61	56	77	80	84
\$ Scholarships	\$37,200	\$29,650	\$34,000	\$38,650	\$46,500	\$57,150	\$61,700	\$65,250
\$ Grants	\$143,056	\$151,630	\$148,050	\$190,712	\$195,470	\$241,380	\$256,730	\$240,496
Total \$ Awarded	\$180,256	\$181,280	\$182,050	\$229,362	\$241,970	\$298,530	\$318,430	\$305,746

Financial information available on our website here: <http://www.servingtheheart.org/about/financial-information/>

FUNDS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

- Founders Fund
- Nancy Brody Fund for Children
- Ben Franklin Trust
- Harvey Heilman Endowment Fund
- Ralph & Susan Knepshield Fund for Children & Youth Fund
- John Rohrer Fund

ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

- Armstrong Community Theater Fund
- Armstrong County Historical Museum & Genealogical Society Endowment Fund
- Ford City Public Library Endowment Fund
- Friends of the Kittanning Public Library Endowment Fund
- Grace Brethren Church Endowment Fund
- Parker Personal Care Endowment Fund
- Pittsburgh Geological Society Endowment Fund
- Redbank Valley Community Center Endowment Fund
- Richard G. Snyder YMCA Campus Emergency Fund
- Richard G. Snyder YMCA Campus Fund

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

- Armstrong Concert Band
- Armstrong County Bar Association
- Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Charitable
- Armstrong County Technical School
- Evelyn Benton Nursing
- Dr. Samuel R. & Twila Black Medical Arts
- Bruno-Higginson Trust
- Brett Charmello Memorial
- Dannette "Liffy" Cockroft Charitable
- Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering
- Susan Falsetti-Burdett Memorial Scholarship Fund for Music
- Dr. John Garrott Memorial
- Geophysical Society of Pittsburgh
- James K. Greenbaum
- Nathan Keibler Think B4 U Act
- Richard and Mary Krauland
- Zane McMillen Memorial
- Gretchen Moss Memorial
- Kay Detrick Owen
- Ruth E. Owen
- Michael Petroncheck Musical
- Shawna Petrosky Memorial
- Quality Life Services Healthcare Career
- Richard G. Snyder Family
- Joan Tatsak Memorial
- Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Armstrong Trust for Historic Preservation Fund
- Baker Family Charitable Fund
- Paul & Sharon Bradigan Fund
- James A. Frederick Fund
- Give365 Fund
- Kittanning Rotary Club Fund
- Lee & Myrtle McKelvey Willing Workers Trust for Spiritual & Church Enhancement Fund
- Mervis Family Fund
- Asa Miller Foundation Fund
- Brian & Cheryl Morris Fund
- Jamie & Mindy Owen Fund
- Frank, Kristen, and Evan Samosky Fund
- Seifert Family Fund
- Seyler General Charitable Fund
- Mission Fund in Memory of Chuck & Pearl Snyder
- Richard G. Snyder Endowment for the Arts
- Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund
- Ed & Kay Steiner Memorial Fund
- Buck Stitt Memorial Bible Fund
- Kenneth R. Tack, Jr. & B. Maxine Tack Mission Fund
- William H. and Dorothy S. Toy General Charitable Fund

DESIGNATED FUNDS

- Gordon Ariadne Fund
- William E. Blose Family Memorial Fund
- Charles A. & Margaret I. Bonner Memorial Recreation & Parks Fund
- Patricia J. Campbell Memorial Fund
- Catherine Helen Cogley & Catherine Hutchison Memorial Fund
- Willanna Millen DiCiero & William A. DiCiero Designated Fund
- Elderton/Plumcreek History Fund
- Furniture World East Education Fund
- The Leo & Mildred Gispanski Family Fund
- George M. & Mary P. Hutchison Memorial Fund
- Alvin E. Kuntz Jr. Charitable & Barry P. Kuntz Memorial Fund
- Cheri Roberts Memorial Fund
- John Shoop Fund
- Dorothy A. Winslow Fund

