



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

*Serving the Heart
of Western Pennsylvania*



Report of the **Community**

Our Mission

The Community Foundation Serving the Heart of Western Pennsylvania [formerly the Armstrong County Community Foundation], a public nonprofit corporation, enhances the quality of life of the people of mid-Western Pennsylvania by:

- **Giving grants, scholarships and organizational support to address the changing needs of our community**
- **Building a permanent endowment for our community and helping our donors create a legacy for the future through this endowment**
- **Promoting informed philanthropy and volunteerism to increase charitable resources for the region**
- **Providing leadership and building partnerships to identify and solve community issues**

What's changed?

- **Our name:** It now better reflects the work we do and the people we serve
- **Our website:** Check out our new easy to navigate website, servingtheheart.org
- **Our email addresses:** mindy@servingtheheart.org
jessica@servingtheheart.org
tracy@servingtheheart.org
- **Our Facebook page:** facebook.com/servingtheheart--check it out!

What's the same?

We are still staying true to our mission by enhancing the quality of life of the people we serve.





THECOMMUNITYWISHBOOK.ORG

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS NEED YOUR HELP

Visit

TheCommunityWishbook.org

to search by organization,
items or volunteer needs.

The Wishbook will connect you directly
to the organizations that need your help.



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EITC Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program



Does your business pay state taxes?

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program allows you to divert those tax dollars to support LOCAL families to send their children to schools of their choice.



“If each of the 60,000 students receiving EITC scholarships in 2012-13 failed to receive scholarships in the next school year and were instead placed into a public school, schools would require an additional \$880 million in revenue to handle the additional enrollment.”

-The Commonwealth Foundation

The **Community Foundation** is an approved organization to administer this program for Pre-K and K-12. In 2014, we awarded over 700 scholarships totaling over \$388,000!



For assistance with applying for EITC, or more information, contact **Jessica Coil** at **724.548.1261** or **Jessica@servingtheheart.org**

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Thank You to our contributing companies!



Community Foundations Centennial in 2014



*"The Centennial gives us the opportunity to think about the **importance of place** and **how far** place-based giving has come."*

VIKKI SPRUILL
President and CEO
Council on Foundations

COUNCIL on FOUNDATIONS

The community foundation field is one of the fastest growing philanthropic sectors in the United States today. Community foundations build and strengthen communities in a multitude of ways, including providing the means for a wide range of donors to create permanent funds to meet critical needs. Though the first community foundation was launched just 100 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, today there are more than 750 community foundations in the United States.

Your local Community Foundations accepts gifts of various sizes and types from private citizens, local

companies, other foundations and Educational Improvement Tax Credit dollars from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Nearly every type of gift—cash, closely held stock, and insurance—can be contributed to a community foundation.

Community foundations range greatly in asset size, but all funds are invested in diverse portfolios and management is a major aspect of community foundations' work. All share the common goal of serving donors, nonprofit organizations, and their communities.



Community Foundation Wins Award

Board Secretary/Treasurer Autumn Vorpe-Seyler and Executive Director Mindy Knappenberger accept the "Nonprofit of the Year" award from the Alle Kiski Strong Chamber of Commerce at their annual Gala in November.

Financial Information

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Asset Size	\$240,897	\$204,074	\$495,321	\$810,352	\$1,146,950	\$1,464,921	\$3,622,737	\$4,098,308
# Scholarships	0	0	1	1	1	3	12	12
# Grants	4	5	7	10	18	23	37	76
\$ Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$6,500	\$22,600	\$21,250
\$ Grants	\$19,050	\$14,500	\$15,000	\$25,440	\$53,534	\$55,375	\$48,628	\$147,998
Total \$ Awarded	\$19,050	\$14,500	\$16,000	\$27,440	\$56,534	\$61,875	\$71,228	\$169,248
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Asset Size	\$3,457,288	\$4,368,526	\$5,007,045	\$4,928,702	\$5,719,833	\$7,857,838	\$7,973,925	
# Scholarships	22	30	29	31	27	27	34	
# Grants	83	71	72	50	61	56	77	
\$ Scholarships	\$39,650	\$37,200	\$29,650	\$34,000	\$38,650	\$46,500	\$57,150	
\$ Grants	\$167,435	\$143,056	\$151,630	\$148,050	\$190,712	\$195,470	\$241,380	
Total \$ Awarded	\$207,085	\$180,256	\$181,280	\$182,050	\$229,362	\$241,970	\$298,530	

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

FUNDS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

- Founders Fund
- Ben Franklin Trust
- Harvey Heilman Endowment
- John Rohrer Fund

ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

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

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
- Seyler
- Richard G. Snyder Family
- Joan Tatsak Memorial
- Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

- Armstrong Trust for Historic Preservation
- Baker Family Charitable
- Brian & Cheryl Morris Fund
- Paul & Sharon Bradigan
- James A. Frederick
- Infinity Giving Circle
- Ralph & Susan Kneppshield Fund for Children & Youth
- Lee & Myrtle McKelvey Willing Workers Trust for Spiritual & Church Enhancement
- Mervis Family
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- Mission Fund in Memory of Chuck & Pearl Snyder
- Richard G. Snyder Endowment for the Arts
- Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable
- Ed & Kay Steiner Memorial
- Frank, Kristen, and Evan Samosky
- William H. and Dorothy S. Toy General Charitable
- Young Professionals Giving Circle

DESIGNATED FUNDS

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



Many thanks to our generous Annual Dinner Sponsors!

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**“Giving from the Heart” ~
 the Community Foundation’s 2014 Annual Dinner**

Each table at our dinner this year had the privilege of evaluating grant proposals and awarding a \$300 “mini-grant” to a deserving charitable organization. Thanks to the generosity of Richard G. and Barbara A. Snyder, 14 mini-grants were awarded that evening.

The highlight of the dinner was the children sharing the result of their very own grant activity! Zane Coil and Caleb and Grace Osborne creatively made the children’s three grant proposals “come to life” by creating models illustrating the needs. With Claire Osborne’s leadership, the children chose to make a \$300 mini-grant to The Blind Association of Butler and Armstrong Counties. The children wore blindfolds to see what it might be like to shop for groceries as a person without sight, using Molly Coil’s toy shopping cart and play food.

Claire said, as she spoke about the children’s experience, “It is imperative that we show our children how to be generous when they are young. If we wait until they are adults or even teens it will not be second nature to think of others with a giving spirit. It is a joy to work with these children, watching them problem-solve, make hard decisions, and give generously. They will be sitting in YOUR chairs in 30 years!”

We need to raise charitable children who are generous and loving and kind. Thank you for being examples in our community.



"Your efforts have provided an outstanding benefit to the entire community."

Kittanning Public Library

"We applaud your vision. The Day of Giving provided marketing opportunities for nonprofits, helped us mobilize our donors, and produced valuable donations to support our causes."

HEALTHY Armstrong

"What a great collaborative effort! We are pleased that 75 donations were made...this included six new donors. The Community Foundation's 'Day of Giving' was a spectacular success!"

Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County

"A special 'Thank You' to the Armstrong County Community Foundation for sponsoring the Day of Giving! Thank you for your kindness and caring for so many kids and families in our area."

Armstrong County YMCA

"Not only was the match program great, it introduced us to a whole new resource of great people and advice."

New Bethlehem Public Library

Community Driven Grantmaking

Annual Comparison

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014
Match \$	\$25,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Raised \$	\$131,910	\$165,314	\$213,758	\$301,177
TOTAL \$	\$156,910	\$205,314	\$263,758	\$351,177
Match %	\$0.18.5	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.17
Orgs Participating	36	37	39	49
# Gifts	964	1,189	1,318	1,933
MATCH PARTNERS:	ACCF Founders' Fund Rosebud Mining Co. Infinity F&M Bank BLX, Inc. Highmark BC/BS Sugar Creek Rest Steiner & Steiner Northwest Savings Bank Edward Jones Frank & Mary Baker Central Electric Co-op	Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder ACCF Founders' Fund Rosebud Mining Co. F&M Bank GenOn BLX, Inc. Moonlight Credit Union Jack J. Steiner, Esq. Northwest Savings Bank Frank & Mary Baker Central Electric Co-op	Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder ACCF Founders' Fund Rosebud Mining Co. F&M Bank BLX, Inc. Moonlight Credit Union Jack J. Steiner, Esq. ACCF Board Members & Staff Frank & Mary Baker Joe McGuigan/Edward Jones Central Electric Co-op Northwest Savings Bank The Rehab Centre	Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder ACCF Founders' Fund Rosebud Mining Co. F&M Bank Frank & Mary Baker Moonlight Credit Union Candy Decock Northwest Savings Bank Kris & Jack Steiner Central Electric Cooperative Joe McGuigan/Edward Jones Autumn Vorpe-Seyler & Don Seyler Lance & Christine Whiteman Rich & Mindy Knappenberger Tom & Sandy Bradigan Chase & Mindy McClister Arnie & Chris Moss

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Community Foundation **Staff**

Mindy Knappenberger, Executive Director

Jessica Coil, Development Officer

Tracy Peters, Communications & Administrative Coordinator



A Message from the **President**

We at the Community Foundation understand that our role is to provide a framework for our community's philanthropy. The Foundation's Board of Directors, Executive Director and staff are all part of this community. We make it possible for your grants, gifts and scholarships to go back to the people of this community, and to bring your charitable goals to fruition. Therefore, rather than the "Report to the Community," you have in your hands our "State of the Community Report."

Thank you for being our generous partners in giving. Together, we will make 2015 a banner year for the Heart of Western Pennsylvania as we enrich this community we call home.

Chase G. McClister



Young Professionals Giving Circle

of the Armstrong County Community Foundation



Get Involved. Give Back.

Where “young” and “professional” are self-defined, we are setting out to make positive changes through **philanthropy** and **networking**.



Young Professionals Giving Circle

www.servingtheheart.org/giving/young-professionals

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A WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

www.servingtheheart.org/infinity

Would you like to encourage women's participation in philanthropy?
Do you believe we can effect change through collaborative giving?

Call Mindy at 724-548-5897. The possibilities are infinite!

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