



ARMSTRONG COUNTY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY. YOUR SUPPORT IS ALWAYS AT THE HEART OF
SERVING OUR
25th
Anniversary

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



OUR MISSION

The Armstrong County Community Foundation, a public nonprofit corporation,

- **Gives** grants, scholarships, and organizational support to address the needs of our community.
- **Builds** a permanent endowment to help our donors create a legacy through this endowment.
- **Promotes** informed philanthropy to increase and sustain charitable resources for the region.
- **Provides** leadership and builds partnerships to identify and solve community issues.



2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Left to Right

Front Row: Tyler Heller, Sandy Bradigan, Karen Waugaman, Christine Moss and Autumn Vorpe Seyler

Back Row: Frank Baker, Lance Whiteman, Richard G. Snyder and Dina Blake



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STAFF

Left to Right

Jodi E. Beers and Samantha Cribbs

Message from the Executive Director & Chair of the Board

The Armstrong County Community Foundation had a very productive 2023! We not only celebrated our 25th anniversary, but we were able to help various nonprofits and be out in our community seeing first-hand what our grant funding is doing!

In April, we had the pleasure of hosting a Founders' Roundtable discussion at the Meredith Inn in Kittanning with nine of the founding members of the Board of Directors. Their foresight to establish the foundation was heartwarming, and the excitement they portrayed was genuine. We are very fortunate to have such forward-thinking individuals who cared so much about our community that they worked diligently to bring the Foundation into fruition to better our community!

Next came our Week of Giving which raised a phenomenal \$381,357.02 for 34 nonprofit organizations. In May we immediately moved on to awarding \$214,015 in high school and adult scholarships for education. This was followed by our "Fun in the Sun" Golf Outing which raised over \$35,000 for our Founders' Fund. Grants from the Founders' Fund in the amount of \$159,000 were awarded to our area nonprofit organizations in October at the Annual Dinner.

As you will see in this Annual Report, 2023 was quite a year! We are amazed and grateful for our donors and businesses who support the outstanding projects being done by our nonprofit organizations! We are truly blessed!

Gratefully,

Jodi E. Beers
Executive Director

Christine Moss
Chair of the Board

THE Business REPORT
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Armstrong County Community Foundation

The Armstrong County Community Foundation exists to meet a wide range of community challenges and philanthropic goals. Through the Foundation, residents can build on the traditions that make Armstrong County a great place to live and work, preserving a rich heritage for future generations.

The purpose of the Armstrong County Community Foundation began in 1997. To commemorate its 100th anniversary, Merchants National Bank of Armstrong County initiated the establishment of a community foundation with a goal of \$100,000. The bank offered to match any amount up to \$100,000. The bank offered to match any amount up to \$100,000. The bank offered to match any amount up to \$100,000.



BETTY GREEN
 ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION Forum
 WINTER 2003

Grantee FOCUS


Library collections, such as the one Mark Antony gave to Caesar, have provided human endeavor since the dawn of time. The library represented a fortress of closely guarded knowledge. A private citadel of information that the bold viewed as both precious and dangerous. Among the foremost target of a conquering army was a great city's library. To be either carried away as spoils or left to the torch. In an effort to tear the heart brought from Greece, Asia Minor, and Syria as a result of conquests the library survived.

In the United States a public library opened in Boston in 1822 and in 1824 in Philadelphia. The Library Company of Philadelphia, was chartered on the initiative of Benjamin Franklin. In 1833 the first tax-supported library was founded in Poughkeepsie, New Hampshire and in 1870 the International Library Association was formed to promote literacy and library methods and in the training of librarians.

The Apollo Memorial Library is the oldest library in Armstrong County. In 1878, a group of citizens organized the Apollo Library and opened a reading room which was eventually succeeded by the Citizens Reading Room. When these groups disbanded, the remaining books from their collections provided the nucleus of the collection of the Apollo Free Library, chartered in 1908. The Women's Club of Kalamintat Valley opened a library and presented it as a gift to the township of Apollo. It consisted of 600 books when the doors first opened in December 1908. In 1963, a \$60,000 memorial gift made in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Wallace was received to build a new library. Its current home, located at 219 North Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Worthington West Franklin Community Library was opened by a group of community volunteers in 1965 at the old elementary school building in Worthington. All books and a staff of volunteers merged the library. The building several years later. The library is open 30 hours per week and presents a story hour for children every Friday morning.

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FOUNDATION Forum
 WINTER 2002

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Welcome to The Foundation Forum a quarterly newsletter of the Armstrong County Community Foundation. We have developed our newsletter to keep in touch with you about news and events of our success stories. We hope you will enjoy the Foundation Forum and are open to all questions and comments regarding our newsletter.

2002 Grant Awards

Lenape Heights Golf Club provided a beautiful backdrop for the Armstrong County Community Foundation's 2002 Grant Awards Dinner. Guests from every corner of Armstrong County enjoyed a wonderful evening of conversation and friendship that was enhanced by the lovely musical notes of Harpist, Heidi Walker, John Pastorek, President and CEO of the Allegheny-Kiski Health Foundation was the keynote speaker.

The 2002 grant awards were the third round of awards made by the Armstrong County Community Foundation. To date, 17 awards have been made by the Foundation that total over \$48,000. The 2002 award recipients were:

- Leachburg Community Association to support the abstinence program
- Dayton Ambulance Service to support the purchase of a 12-lead heart monitor
- Armstrong County Theater to assist with the purchase of a 12-lead monitor
- Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County for a new radial arm saw
- Historic Marshall House Museum through the replacement of the windows
- Freightor Library to assist in their expansion renovation project.

Pregnancy Support Services to underwrite education brochures used as they work for Armstrong County teens.

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FOUNDATION Forum
 FALL 2003

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Over the years, the staff of the Progressive Workshop has worked hard to provide an enhanced quality of life for our friends and neighbors living in Armstrong County. Their philosophy is rooted in the belief that every person with a disability, whether physical or mental, deserves to experience the dignity and self-respect that comes with being a productive individual. You can learn more about the Progressive Workshop by visiting their website at www.progressiveworkshop.com.

In 2002, the Community Foundation awarded a grant to the Progressive Workshop for a new radial arm saw to be used in the employee-training program.

Ralph Kneppfeld
 1931-2003
 "I feel a little person that still will be missed."

FOUNDATION Forum
 FALL 2004

Grantee FOCUS

The history of the theater in America began in the Eighteenth Century, about the time the first public theaters were built in London. There are reports that theater first came to York in 1702. The first public theater in York was built by William Dumas and was called the "Theatre Royal". The first performance in this theater was on the night of the 1st of January 1703. The first performance in this theater was on the night of the 1st of January 1703.

Community Theater

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 SPRING 2005

Grants in Action

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Page Turners

A page-turner is a collection of short stories, poems, and other literary works. The Armstrong County Community Foundation has published several page-turners in the past, and we are proud to announce that we have just published our latest page-turner, "The Merchant of Venice".

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Strategic Priorities

In keeping with its mission, the Armstrong County Community Foundation invests in organizations and programs that benefit our residents and that build vibrant and healthy communities throughout Armstrong County.

Reflecting the special responsibility of a community foundation, the Foundation is open to a wide range of requests that strengthen our communities and provide opportunities for our residents.

The Community Foundation challenges creative partners in our community to suggest the best way to address problems that result in long-term solutions.



2023 Scholarship Winners

\$214,015 Awarded

Armstrong Concert Band Scholarship

Madelyn Smoyer

Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship

Laurie Enders
Jensen Stoltza
Jessa Kinter
Rachel Stockdill

Armstrong County Technical School Scholarship

Brady Fowkes
Grace Burke

Brett Charmello Memorial Scholarship

Emma Lindahl

Bruno-Higginson Medical Trust Scholarship

Zowie Wills
Abigail Yankasky

Burrell Township Scholarship

Rachel Stockdill
Katelyn Rimmel

Dannette "Liffy" Cockroft Charitable Scholarship

Olivia Hetrick

Dr. A.I. Slagle Medical Educational Scholarship

Jacob Miller
Aubry Chickerella
Hannah Guzolik
Levi Weitzel

Mable R. Slagle Nurses Training Scholarship

Kylie Fabry
Eliza Ashbaugh
Emilee Wallace
McKenna Pierce
Kailey Rupp
Emily Reese

Dr. Henry E. & Victoria B. (Halas) Reich Memorial Scholarship

Ava Formaini

Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship

Chloe Hankey
Jensen Stoltza
Brooklyn Edmonds
Kailey Tirpak

Dr. John Garrott Memorial Scholarship

Emily Cornman (Frack)
Melody Trudgen
Rachel Stockdill
Karli Mazak

Dr. Samuel R. & Twila L. Black Medical Scholarship

Sydney Spang
Emily Cornman (Frack)

Evelyn Benton Nursing Scholarship

Kylie Fabry

Gary & Janet (Bell) Pettengill Scholarship

Clayton Houser

Geophysical Society of Pittsburgh Scholarship

Tobi Ore

Gerstbrein/McCanna Scholarship for the Arts

Lily Lukehart

Gretchen Moss Memorial Scholarship

Ava Formaini
Nolan Heilman

James K. Greenbaum Scholarship

Karli Mazak

Joan Tatsak Memorial Scholarship

Eric Perkins

Joseph and Judith Nickleach Scholarship

Rachel Stockdill

Kay Detrick Owen Scholarship

Vanessa Norris

Klingensmith Scholarship

Rachel Stockdill
Chloe Hankey

Kijowski Armstrong School District Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Stockdill
Karli Mazak

Marsha J. Alico Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Filippini

Michael Petroncheck Musical Scholarship

Ava Formaini
Nolan Heilman

Nathan Keibler Think B4 U Act Scholarship

Rachel Stockdill
Abigail Yankasky

Quality Life Services Healthcare Career Scholarship

Amelia Valentino
Lindsay Cochran

Richard and Mary Krauland Scholarship

Madelyn Smoyer

Richard G. Snyder Family Scholarship

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Dozick Zablocki

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Rachel Stockdill

Shirey Scholarship

Kailey Tirpak

Stephen L. Heffner Memorial Scholarship

Isabel Valasek

Susan Falsetti-Burdett Memorial Scholarship for Music

Ava Formaini

Zane McMillen Memorial Scholarship

Sydney Spang



Roundtable Discussion

On Tuesday, April 11 the Community Foundation hosted a roundtable discussion including eight of the Foundation's founding members. The Meredith Inn in Kittanning was the ideal venue for this event.

With 2023 being the Foundation's 25th year in existence, Jodi moderated a discussion about how the Foundation began. We felt it was very important to keep the history alive and to celebrate all of the founding members who had the foresight to create such an asset in our community 25 years ago!



Left to Right

Robert Cinpinski, Christine Moss-Chair of the Board, Jodi Beers-Executive Director, Patricia Kirkpatrick, Frank Baker, Jerry Arbaugh, Bob Hallman and Jeff Mantini



Frank Baker, and Bob Hallman catching up before the meeting



Jodi Beers and Jerry Arbaugh enjoying their conversation



Jodi Beers, Robert Cinpinski, Jerry Arbaugh, Christine Moss, Patricia Kirkpatrick and Samantha Cribbs

Kristy Green, Founding Chair of the Board, and Phillip Dunmire, former President of Merchants National Bank which presented the Foundation with the first contribution in 1998, participated via Zoom.



Two of the founders were unable to meet in person so a zoom meeting was set up for them to participate.



Armstrong Week of Giving

Armstrong Week of Giving brought in \$381,357.02

The nonprofit organizations raised a total of \$381,357.02. This was an increase of \$14,489.01 from 2022. Our nonprofit organizations and this community have contributed \$4,012,907.61 since the first Armstrong Day of Giving in 2011.

Thanks to our great community for making the 2023 Week of Giving a huge success!

Our wonderful community cares a great deal about numerous different causes. Thank you to each and every person, company and organization involved who made so many wonderful individual gifts!

A special thank you to our Week of Giving Partner NextTier Bank and all of our Bonus Partners who never cease to amaze us with their gifts to our nonprofit community!

NextTier's support is a huge part of the success of our Week of Giving. We are so very fortunate to have them as our partner. Nextier is so generous to our communities!

Participating Nonprofit Organization	Raised
Apollo Memorial Library	\$1,216.84
ARC Manor	\$3,357.52
Armstrong Center for Community Learning/ Outdoor Discovery Center	\$3,930.39
Armstrong County Community Action of Pennsylvania	\$760.42
Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, Inc.	\$16,423.97
Armstrong Habitat for Humanity	\$15,856.41
Armstrong Trails	\$8,143.46
Arts on the Allegheny	\$3,357.52
Atwood Cemetery Association	\$5,720.66
Blessings in a Backpack	\$7,764.74
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$14,352.59
Divine Redeemer	\$10,142.77
Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Committee	\$6,849.20
Evangelical Lutheran Church School	\$4,989.49
Food Bank at Grace Presbyterian Church	\$15,115.94
Ford City Public Library	\$14,705.43
Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership	\$935.90
Fort Armstrong Folk Festival	\$4,085.77
Grace Christian School	\$42,357.32
HAVIN	\$15,990.94
Kennedy's Kids	\$872.67
Kittanning Cemetery	\$7,604.15
Kittanning Free Methodist Church	\$3,369.22
Kittanning Library	\$27,305.99
Kittanning Rotary Club	\$848.16
Life Choices	\$15,547.97
Lifesteps	\$3,117.70
Marci Rogalski Pawk Scholarship Fund Inc	\$2,368.99
Orphans of the Storm	\$46,834.46
Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County--PWAC	\$27,315.39
RGS YMCA	\$21,325.25
Royal Family--For the Children Armstrong	\$2,778.44
Salvation Army--Kittanning	\$17,832.17
Worthington West Franklin Community Library	\$8,062.18
	\$381,357.02

2023 BONUS PARTNERS:

2 Krew Security & Surveillance
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 Apollo Memorial Library
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 Armstrong County Community Action of PA
 Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, Inc.
 Armstrong Habitat for Humanity
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Types of Funds

Endowed (or Permanent) Funds

Organization Fund: A Charitable Organization Fund typically is established by a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization or public charity (the "Agency") to provide support for Agency's exempt purposes, as recommended by the Agency. The Agency's recommendations must be advisory only, and the Community Foundation must be free to reject any recommendations.

Community Foundation Fund: Also called an unrestricted fund, the Community Foundation Fund is established to provide support for general, unspecified charitable purposes at the discretion of the Community Foundation with no advice or recommendation from the Donor (or any persons designated by the Donor). Grants are made by the Community Foundation to address priorities in the community. The combined donations in this Community Foundation Fund allow ACCF the flexibility to respond to current and future needs and opportunities.

Designated Fund: A Designated Fund typically is established to provide support for a specified public charity (e.g., the local women's shelter, hospital, or arts organization) with no future advice or recommendations from the Donor (or any person designated by the Donor). Grants are made annually, directly to the organization. It can be used by a donor to provide support forever to a cherished organization, church or other nonprofit.

Donor Advised Fund: A Donor Advised Fund typically is established to provide support for various charitable and similar exempt purposes recommended by the Donor or persons designated by the Donor to advise the Community Foundation. The recommendations must be advisory only, and the Community Foundation must be free to reject any or all recommendations. It allows the donor to be involved in grant recommendations and to support a variety of organizations. Due to tax law, no grants from donor advised funds may go to individuals or to benefit an individual.

Scholarship Fund: A Scholarship Fund typically is established to provide education scholarships to individuals. The Donor (or persons designated by the Donor) has the option to be involved in the selection process for recipients.



2023 ACCF Charity Golf Outing

Area nonprofit organizations to benefit from 2023 ACCF Charity Golf Outing which raised over \$35,000

The Armstrong County Community Foundation held a charity golf outing at the Inn at Lenape Heights on Friday, July 14, 2023. It was a very successful day with 120 golfers and numerous sponsors raising over \$35,000 to support our area nonprofit organizations!

Proceeds from this event went into the ACCF Founders' Fund. The Founders' Fund is explicitly used to give financial assistance to interested and qualified non-profits in and around Armstrong County. Over the past six years, ACCF has contributed over \$300,000 to eligible non-profit organizations.

A special thank you to our co-chairs, Tom Bradigan and Tom Toy, who worked diligently making this event one of the best! Also, thank you to committee members Christine Moss, JoEllen Bowman, Mindy McClister, Samantha Cribbs and Jodi Beers. We could not have held a more outstanding event without our volunteers and our fantastic sponsors! We are so appreciative of our sponsors and community for their continued support!





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 Mrs. Twila L. Black, Dr. Samuel
 J. Black II

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 Wooden Whale Woodshop, LLC
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 County Commissioner
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 SBS Constructors
 Walker Motor Company, LLC
 Mel's Pizzeria
 Merrill Lynch
 Young's Interior & Flooring

*In addition, we want to thank
 the many area businesses and
 individuals who donated items
 and baskets for our raffle and
 silent auctions.*

*A special thank you to Franklin
 Village Shop-N-Save, DOTS
 Pretzels, Hankey's Ford City
 Riverside, Dairy Queen-Kittanning,
 Sheetz, Herr Foods, Inc. and
 Uncle Charley's Sausage for
 their wonderful and delicious
 contributions.*

**SAVE THE DATE:
 THE FOUNDATION'S
 2024 GOLF OUTING
 FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024
 IT'S GOING TO BE
 A FIESTA!**

2023

Annual Dinner

Community Foundation Hosts Annual Dinner Celebrating 25 Years by Granting More Than \$159,000 to Area Nonprofit Organizations

The Armstrong County Community Foundation held its Annual Dinner celebrating its 25 year history and the wonderful work it has accomplished. The event was held at The Inn at Lenape Heights. Guests were welcomed by Foundation Board members and staff and directed to the raffles and seating.

The evening was kept flowing by the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Dave Douglas, from 103.7 The River and his lovely wife Danielle.

This year's event drew a record crowd with over 170 adults and children in attendance. The event was held to recognize all of the accomplishments of the Foundation during its first 25 years. ACCF highlighted the current Board of Directors; Christine Moss--Board Chair, Lance Whiteman--Vice Chair, Autumn Vorpe Seyler--Secretary, Karen Waugaman--Treasurer, Richard Snyder--Director Emeritus, Frank Baker, Dina Blake, Sandy Bradigan and Tyler Heller.

Former Board members recognized who were in attendance: The Honorable Judge Chase McClister and Jeff Mantini as well as Founding Board members in attendance, Frank Baker and Jeff Mantini and former CEO of Merchants National Bank, Phil Dumire, who initiated the seed money to create the Foundation in 1998.

A Kids Zone has been offered for many years. Our goal is to teach the children how to be future philanthropists!

The guests enjoyed a delicious chicken marsala & cod duo plate served with rice pilaf, vegetable medley and specialty cupcakes from Oakmont Bakery for dinner.

As the grant winners were announced, they were given the opportunity to speak about their organization and the great work they are doing in our communities. It was not only educational but heartwarming hearing about their wonderful work! The amount of each grant was kept confidential so as to surprise the nonprofits. Needless to say, there were many very happy and shocked nonprofits at the end of the evening.

As in years past, the Community Foundation accepted grant requests with an independent committee reviewing and scoring the proposals. This year, the committee awarded 29 nonprofit organizations a total of \$159,329.



Our major sponsors for the evening who deserve a huge thank you were:

Kids Zone Sponsors: Elderton State Bank, NexTier Bank and Tom and Sandy Bradigan

Kids Zone Volunteers: Claire and Jamie Osborne, Grace Osborne, Molly Coil and Kathryn Cribbs

Selfless Sponsors: David C. Kohl Family Fund, Mechling & Heller, Attorneys at Law and John and Cathy Strate

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All of our sponsors have consistently been invaluable to the Community Foundation!

In addition to our major sponsors, we received sponsorships and donations from:

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The Honorable Gary J. DeComo, Magisterial District Judge
Progressive Workshop
Richard G. Snyder
Tom & Sandy Bradigan

Other Donor Recognitions:
Ann Arnold
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Dr. Samuel and Andrea Cross
D. Wesley and Ella Minter
Edward and Sherry Echnoz
Henry Wojciechowski and Kathy Rusin
Inn at Lenape Heights
Jackie and Jake Demetris
Lynn Ramage
Lynn Sibley
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Humane Animal Allies
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Ken Bowman
Karen Waugaman
Kathy & Steve Schnaubelt
Lance & Christine Whiteman
Market on Reynolds
Meredith Inn
Mindy McClister
Orphans of the Storm
Sassy Soul Boutique
Sirena Pizza and Burgh Bar
Sprankles Neighborhood Market
Valley Dairy
Vocelli Pizza

Hors D'oeuvres Donated By:
The Inn at Lenape Heights

Dinner centerpieces were donated by:
Between the Vines
Kimberly's Floral

The Community Foundation is very grateful to be able to award these grants. We thank our donors and the community who make it possible!

2023 ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS

Grant Recipients

Orphans of the Storm

for new Animal Shelter Construction

Founders' Fund: \$800

Frank, Kristen & Evan Samosky Fund: \$425

Grants totaling: \$1,225

Fort Armstrong Folk Festival

for Funnel Cake Tent

Founders' Fund: \$1,300

Tri-City Life Center, Inc.

(DBA Trylife Center)

for Co-Parenting Program

Founders' Fund: \$1,500

Apollo Memorial Library

for Genealogy Department Expansion

Founders' Fund: \$1,500

Downtown Kittanning

Revitalization Committee

for Kittanning in Bloom

Founders' Fund: \$3,000

Ford City Public Library

to Redesign Public Spaces for Use by All

Founders' Fund: \$3,000

Humane Animal Allies

for Cash Per Case

Founders' Fund: \$3,000

HAVIN, Inc. (Helping All Victims In Need)

to expand Education, Awareness & Prevention efforts in Armstrong County

Anonymous Fund Holder: \$700

Gordon Ariadne Fund: \$2,500

Grants Totaling: \$3,200

Sugarcreek Township Armstrong County *for Park Restoration*

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$3,500

Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership, Inc.

for Event Party Tent Accommodations

Founders' Fund: \$4,000

Fort Armstrong Horsemen's Association Foundation

for Infrastructure Accommodations

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$5,000

Kay's Cottage

for Roof Repairs to Kay's Cottage

Baker Family Charitable Fund: \$5,000

Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County, Inc.

for Informational Video Development for Promoting PWAC's Employment Services

Founders' Fund: \$5,000

Ramps of Hope Indiana District *for Ramp Construction*

Ben Franklin Trust: \$875

Give 365 Endowment: \$3,450

James A. Frederick Fund: \$350

Founders' Fund: \$325

Grants Totaling: \$5,000

Grace Christian School

for Smart TVs

for Classroom Furnishings

Nancy Brody Fund for Children: \$950

Ralph & Susan Knepshield Fund for

Children and Youth: \$1,050

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$3,945

Grants Totaling: \$5,945

**Kittanning Cemetery Association
to Upgrade the Roads**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$7,500

**Richard G. Snyder YMCA Campus
for Boxing Program
for Archery Program**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund
Boxing Program: \$5,000
Archery Program: \$3,100
Grant Totaling: \$8,100

**Sugarcreek Township VFD
for Equipment Upgrades**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$10,000

**Worthington West Franklin Township VFD
for Equipment Upgrades**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$10,000

**Ford City Hose Company #1
for Equipment Upgrades**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$10,250

**Lower Kiski Ambulance Service Inc -
Water Rescue Team**

**for Underwater Drone Procurement
for Upgrade / Add-on to the Drone**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund
Underwater Drone Procurement: \$10,000
Upgrade / add-on to the drone: \$5,000
Grants Totaling: \$15,000

**Armstrong County Historical Museum
and Genealogical Society, Inc.**

**for Cloud-Based Museum Management
for Software
for new projects**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund
Cloud-Based Museum Management
Software: \$2,115
For new projects: \$25,000
Grants Totaling: \$27,115

Children's Grant Category

**Beverly's Birthdays
to Spread Birthday Cheer in
Armstrong County**

Nancy Brody Fund for Children: \$750

**For the Children Armstrong
for Royal Family Kids Camp**

Nancy Brody Fund for Children: \$1000

**Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater
Pennsylvania and West Virginia
for Wishmakers**

Ralph & Susan Knepshield Fund for
Children and Youth: \$2,000

**Armstrong County Community
Action Partners
for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$4,000

**Armstrong Center for Community
Learning**

for the Nature Education Program

Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General
Charitable Fund: \$4,144

**Vision To Learn (Children presented)
to Increase Vision Care Access to
Students in Armstrong County**

John Rohrer K-12 Education Fund: \$5,000

THANK YOU TO OUR EITC PARTNERS!



The Community Foundation is approved through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to accept donations from businesses that are approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED).

What this means is that the approved businesses may contribute to the Community Foundation; and in turn, the Community Foundation awards scholarships to students wishing to attend private or faith based schools for Pre-K and K-12.



What is the advantage?

A business may receive a tax credit equal to 75 percent of its contribution to the Community Foundation up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year. The tax credit may be increased to 90 percent of the contribution made, up to a maximum of \$750,000 per taxable year, if the business agrees to provide the same amount of contribution for two consecutive years.



What is the process for a business to receive the tax credit?

A business must apply to DCED for the tax credit. Tax credits are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis starting on the first day of the new fiscal year. Businesses can download an application at www.newpa.com/eitc. After approval by DCED, a business must make its contribution to an approved Scholarship Organization(s) within 60 days. Once the business receives confirmation of their donation and sends that into DCED, the tax credit will be awarded.



The Armstrong County Community Foundation would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the following businesses which supported the Community Foundation through the EITC program in 2021!



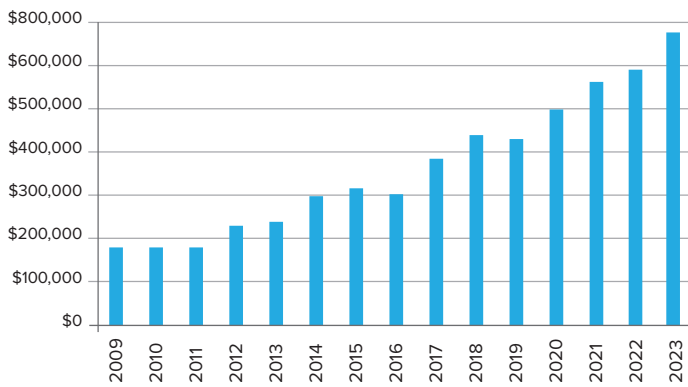
Thank you to Elderton State Bank, NexTier Bank, Northwest Bank, Allegheny Mineral, KeyBank and UPMC Health Plan. Through your generosity, the Community Foundation will be awarding close to \$200,000 in EITC scholarships in 2023!

Financial Information

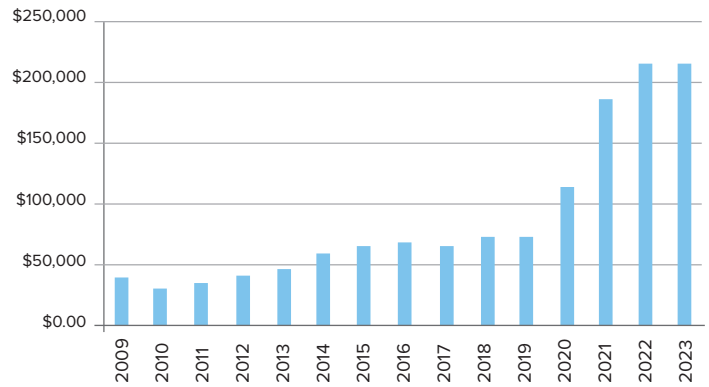
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Asset Size	\$3,457,288	\$4,368,526	\$5,007,045	\$4,928,702	\$5,719,833	\$7,857,838	\$7,973,925	\$7,768,410
# Scholarships	22	30	29	31	27	27	34	40
\$ Scholarships	\$39,650	\$37,200	\$29,650	\$34,000	\$38,650	\$46,500	\$57,150	\$61,700
# Grants	83	71	72	50	61	56	77	80
\$ Grants	\$167,435	\$143,056	\$151,630	\$148,050	\$190,712	\$195,470	\$241,380	\$256,730
Total Awarded	\$207,085	\$180,256	\$181,280	\$182,050	\$229,362	\$241,970	\$298,530	\$318,430

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Asset Size	\$7,903,150	\$9,567,513	\$8,737,454	\$12,622,907	\$13,785,572	\$18,048,641	\$15,611,859	\$24,417,522
# Scholarships	33	40	43	41	55	43	62	66
\$ Scholarships	\$65,250	\$62,850	\$69,250	\$69,450	\$108,250	\$180,010	\$213,822	\$214,015
# Grants	84	74	98	91	118	126	133	133
\$ Grants	\$240,496	\$324,110	\$372,602	\$364,236	\$391,975	\$386,060	\$476,033	\$544,347
Total Awarded	\$305,746	\$386,960	\$441,852	\$433,686	\$500,225	\$566,070	\$689,855	\$758,362

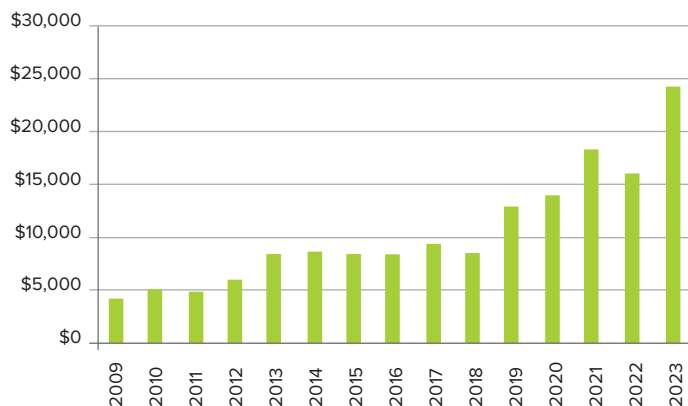
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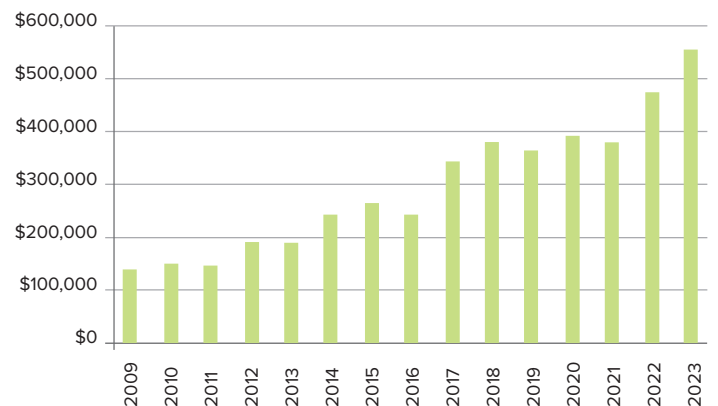
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Financial information available on our website:
<https://servingtheheart.org/who-we-are/financials.html>.

FUNDS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

Ben Franklin Trust
Day of Giving Bonus Fund
Educational Improvement Task Credit (EITC)
Ellen Jane and Russell Kness Fund
Founders
Give365
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial Fund
Harvey Heilman
John Rohrer K-12 Education Fund
Nancy Brody Fund for Children
Ralph & Susan Knepshield Fund for Children & Youth
Rumbarger Emergency Fund

PASS THROUGH FUNDS

Downtown Kittanning Revitalization
Snyder's Associated Companies Foundation
Suicide Prevention Task Force

ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

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

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Armstrong Trust for Historic Preservation
Arnold B. and Christine M. Moss Fund
Asa Miller Foundation
Baker Family Charitable
Brian & Cheryl Morris
Buck Stitt Memorial Bible
David C. Kohl Family Fund
Ed & Kay Steiner Memorial
Frank, Kristen, & Evan Samosky
Gordon Ariadne
Jackie and Jake Demetris Family Fund
James A. Frederick
Jamie & Mindy Owen
John Shoop Fund
Kay & Stephen Owen Endowment
Ken and Ina Burkett and Family Fund
Kenneth R. Tack, Jr. & B. Maxine Tack Mission
Kittanning Rotary Club
Lee & Myrtle McKelvey Willing Workers Trust for Spiritual &
Church Enhancement
Mervis Family
Mission Fund in Memory of Chuck & Pearl Snyder
Paul & Sharon Bradigan
Raymond A. Boarts
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund
Richard G. Snyder Endowment for the Arts
Seyler General Charitable Fund
Snyder Associated Companies Foundation
William E. Blose Family Memorial
William H. & Dorothy S. Toy General Charitable

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Alvin E. Kuntz, Jr. Charitable & Barry P. Kuntz Memorial
Bocinec and King Families Fund
Catherine Helen Cogley & Catherine Hutchison Memorial
Charles A. & Margaret I. Bonner Memorial Recreation
& Parks
Charles, Jr. and Louella Snyder Charitable Trust Fund
Cheri Roberts
Dorothy A. Winslow
Elderton/Plumcreek History
Furniture World East Education
George M. & Mary P. Hutchison Charity
Gladine Wiles and Jim McClister Memorial Fund
Leo & Mildred Gispanski Family
Patricia J. Campbell Memorial
Willanna M. DiCiero Memorial Fund
Willanna Millen DiCiero & William A. DiCiero

SCHOLARSHIPS

Alpha Lillstrom Cheng Democratic Process Engagement
Scholarship
Armstrong Concert Band
Armstrong County Bar Association
Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Charitable
Armstrong County Technical School
Brett Charmello Memorial
Bruno-Higginson Trust
Burrell Township
Dannette "Liffy" Cockroft Charitable
Dr. A.I. Slagle Medical Educational
Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical
Dr. Henry E. & Victoria B. (Halas) Reich Memorial
Dr. John Garrott Memorial
Dr. Samuel R. & Twila L. Black Medical
Erin Toland Boyer Memorial Scholarship
Evelyn Benton Nursing
Gary & Janet (Bell) Pettengill Scholarship
Geophysical Society of Pittsburgh
Gerstbrein/McCanna Scholarship for the Arts
Gretchen Moss Memorial
James K. Greenbaum Scholarship
Joan Tatsak Memorial Scholarship
Joseph A. Nickleach Memorial
Kay Detrick Owen Scholarship
Klingensmith Scholarship
Leo S. Kijowski Memorial (Armstrong School District)
Leo S. Kijowski Memorial (Armstrong, Freeport, Leechburg,
Apollo Ridge or Redbank Valley School Districts)
Mable R. Slagle Nurses Training
Marjorie Dodson Memorial
Marsha J. Alico Memorial Scholarship
Michael Petronchek Musical
Nathan Keibler Think B4 U Act
Quality Life Services Healthcare Career
Redbank High School Sports Booster Scholarship
Richard & Mary Krauland
Richard G. Snyder Family
Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering
Ruth E. Owen Scholarship
Samantha L. Smith Scholarship
Shawna Petrosky Memorial
Shirey Scholarship Fund
Stephen L. Heffner Memorial
Susan Falsetti-Burdett Memorial Scholarship Fund
for Music
Tut Toth Memorial
Zane McMillen Memorial

