

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



ARMSTRONG COUNTY  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# Message from the

## Executive Director & Chair of the Board



### 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*Left to Right*

Dr. Matt Curci, Lance Whiteman, Karen Waugaman, Sandy Bradigan, John Strate, Frank Baker, Christine Moss, Dina Blake, Autumn Vorpe-Seyler, and Richard G. Snyder

Missing from photo:  
Tyler Heller



### COMMUNITY FOUNDATION STAFF

*Left to Right*

Jodi E. Beers, Executive Director, and  
Samantha Cribbs, Executive Program Assistant

After nearly eight years as executive director and nearly twenty years as a board member at the Armstrong County Community Foundation, we have seen our community continue to amaze us with its generosity.

From the nearly 2,000 contributions to our nonprofit organizations during the Week of Giving to the numerous families who opened a fund to honor or memorialize someone special, we thank you. We have so many genuinely nice people in this community. There truly is nowhere like Armstrong County!

### Our strides forward during 2024 were many. The ACCF opened the following funds:

- **Jack A. Bennett Scholarship Fund**  
To be awarded to one golfer from Armstrong High School and one golfer from West Shamokin High School
- **High Top Sports Athlete-Scholar Scholarship**  
To be awarded to a senior scholar-athlete who has participated at the varsity level in the All-Kiski Valley or Heritage Conference and has played at the varsity level
- **Judy L. (Beveridge) Creel Memorial Scholarship**  
To provide funds for high school and adult students (Two scholarships will be awarded with a minimum of \$250 each.) This includes cyber school students and homeschooled students.
- **Harry C. and Katheryn L. Brenneman Memorial Designated Fund**  
To support the Freeport Library, the Freeport Police Department, the Freeport EMS/Ambulance Fund, and the Freeport and South Buffalo Volunteer Fire Departments
- **Harold R. & Rilla D. Johnson Designated Fund**  
To provide support to the Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, Inc.

### During 2024 the ACCF:

- Awarded scholarships totaling \$211,130
  - Awarded Educational Improvement Tax Credits Scholarships (EITC) of \$190,131
  - Awarded grants totaling \$759,922
- Total awarded during 2024....\$1,161,183

Wow! Thank you for allowing us to provide funding according to your wishes to continue the great work that all the area nonprofit organizations perform!

We hope that you enjoy this annual report highlighting all the great work we do together!

Gratefully,

Christine Moss  
Chair of the Board

Jodi E. Beers  
Executive Director

## OUR VISION

The vision of the Armstrong County Community Foundation is to provide a foundation that would complement the work and efforts of county non-profits by offering an ongoing resource for unmet, as well as program and project needs through an alternative philanthropic channel that allows financial resources to be complimented by individual input.

## 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; and
- Provides leadership and builds partnerships to identify and solve community issues.

## OUR 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. The Community Foundation makes grants in the following areas:

### Arts & Culture

Includes the enjoyment and understanding of visual, literary, performing and other art forms. These program areas might enhance:

- Access to and awareness of the arts
- Capacity and stabilization of arts and culture organizations
- Creative and educational experiences of children and adults
- Increased appreciation of the arts

### Community/Civic Affairs

Community engagement, community capacity building and economic development, job training, volunteering, public safety, community quality of life, and historic preservation. These program areas might enhance:

- Workforce development
- Neighborhood quality of life
- Strong communities
- Citizen awareness, participation and volunteerism
- Economic well-being

## Education

Formally constituted educational institutions and organizations or activities that administer or support those institutions; libraries; organizations whose primary purpose is to provide opportunities for supplementing and continuing education and related services to students and schools outside the framework of formal education institutions. Includes the continuum of learning: early childhood, preschool, primary and secondary grades, higher education, vocational education, and continuing and adult education as well as parent training, library services, and adult literacy. These program areas might enhance:

- Educational attainment of children and adults, in both traditional and nontraditional settings
- Access to learning opportunities
- Work force development
- Strategic initiatives of area schools, colleges and universities

## Health

Includes the improvement of the physical and mental health status for persons of all ages; access to and quality of treatment services; promotion of health and wellness; promotion of the efficient use of healthcare resources; disease prevention and improved health outcomes. These program areas might enhance:

- Health care for the poor and the uninsured
- Access to health services
- Community members in addressing local health needs
- Healthy rural communities
- Health safety net for uninsured and underserved persons

## Human Services

Includes the support of family and individual development; emergency services; parenting skills; human services for children and adolescents; independent living and non-medical services for the elderly and individuals with disabilities; and addresses the basic needs required by all and the special needs required by a few. The program areas might enhance:

- Agencies that deliver critical human services
- Socio-economically disadvantaged
- Basic needs such as food and shelter
- Services that develop skills and independence of people with special needs, including those with addictions, physical disabilities, and mental illness
- Preventive care
- Development of the family unit



# Armstrong County Community Foundation Awards Scholarships

The Armstrong County Community Foundation awards scholarships to eligible high school and college students based on criteria created by the scholarship donors. In 2024 the Foundation awarded \$204,599.96 in scholarships! Over the past 23 years, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.5M to help students with their education.

Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic school year.

**Alpha Lillstrom Cheng Democratic Process Engagement Scholarship**  
Emily Truitt

**Armstrong Concert Band Scholarship**  
Robert John

**Armstrong County Bar Association Scholarship**  
No applicants

**Armstrong County Building & Loan Association Scholarship**  
Jensen Stoltiza  
Jessa Kinter  
Rachel Stockdill  
Robert John

**Armstrong County Technical School Scholarship**  
Trey Codispot

**Brett Charmello Memorial Scholarship**  
Logan Hinderliter

**Bruno-Higginson Educational Trust Scholarship**  
Hannah Sperl

**Bruno-Higginson Medical Trust Scholarship**  
Emily Pore

**Burrell Township Scholarship**  
Miles Stockdill  
Rachel Stockdill

**Dannette "Liffy" Cockroft Charitable Scholarship**  
Nathan Ferraro

**Dr. A.I. Slagle Medical Educational Scholarship**  
Adriana Duncan  
Aubry Chickerella  
Hannah Guzolik  
Levi Weitzel

**Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical Scholarship**  
Adriana Duncan  
Ethan Weigel  
Jensen Stoltiza  
Taylor Dailey

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

**Dr. John Garrott Memorial Scholarship**  
Emily Cornman (Frack)  
Lilliane Barnett  
Robert John  
Sophia Fusaro

**Dr. Samuel R. Black, Twila L. Black, and Samuel J. Black Medical Arts Scholarship**  
Emily Cornman (Frack)  
Robert John

**Evelyn Benton Nursing Scholarship**  
Lily Jordan

**Gary & Janet (Bell) Pettengill Scholarship**  
Emma Paul

**Geophysical Society of Pittsburgh Scholarship**  
No applicants

**Gerstbrein/McCanna Scholarship for the Arts**  
No applicants

**Gretchen Moss Memorial Scholarship**  
Anne Lindsay  
Hannah Sperl

**James K. Greenbaum Scholarship**  
Nathan Ferraro

**Joan Tatsak Memorial Scholarship**  
Olivia Emmonds

**Joseph and Judith Nickleach Scholarship**  
Emily Pore

**Kay Detrick Owen Scholarship**  
Nina Shaffer

**Klingensmith Scholarship**  
Emily Cornman (Frack)  
Robert John

**Leo S Kijowski Armstrong School District Memorial Scholarship**  
Nathan Ferraro

**Leo S. Kijowski Memorial Scholarship**  
Anne Lindsay

**Mable R. Slagle Nurses Training Scholarship**  
Ava Richards  
Dominick Curci  
Eliza Ashbaugh  
Emily Reese  
Kailey Rupp  
Kylie Fabry  
Madison Baker  
McKenna Pierce

**Marjorie Dodson Memorial Scholarship**  
No applicants

**Marsha J. Alico Memorial Scholarship**  
Hannah Sperl

**Michael Petroncheck Musical Scholarship**  
Tyler Querry

**Nathan Keibler Think B4 U Act Scholarship**  
Ethan Weigel  
Natalie Kamer

**Quality Life Services Healthcare Career Scholarship**  
Delaney Watkins  
Taylor Dailey

**Richard and Mary Krauland Scholarship**  
Ethan Barnhart

**Richard G. Snyder Family Scholarship**  
Maddie Stein

**Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering Scholarship**  
Elijah Mumau  
Ethan Barnhart

**Ruth E. Owen Scholarship**  
Tyler Querry

**Samantha L. Smith Scholarship**  
Callie Ancosky

**Shawna Petrosky Memorial Scholarship**  
Emily Pore

**Shirey Scholarship**  
Claire Henry

**Stephen L. Heffner Memorial Scholarship**  
Lauren Bowser

**Susan Falsetti-Burdett Memorial Scholarship for Music**  
Tyler Querry

**Zane McMillen Memorial Scholarship**  
Olivia Emmonds

The scholarship cycle opens each year on December 1 with a deadline of February 15.





# Being out in the Community



## Friday Night: Lights on the Ice

The weekend kicked off with “Lights on the Ice,” sponsored by NexTier Bank. The festivities ran from 5 PM to 8 PM, transforming Diamond Park into a magical winter wonderland.

## KPL Board of Trustees holds 4th annual fundraiser

The Kittanning Public Library (KPL) Board of Trustees recently played host to its 4th annual Kittanning Public Library Fundraiser Dinner at the Allegheny Mariner in Kittanning. Chef Chris Knightly from Allegheny Mariner, Andrea Fahlor and the Lenape Tech Culinary Arts Students and Patricia from Barsotti Wines all helped to make this dinner a huge success. The KPL thanks all who participated in this fundraiser.

## 3RD ANNUAL “Grip It & Rip It” Golf Scramble

PWAC’s third annual golf outing was on Saturday, June 22, 2024! This annual event supports our Client/Employee Activity Fund, which allows us to address a variety of needs across all our programs (such as uniform purchases, equipment maintenance, entry fees, and special programming).

## Joe Cippel Day 2024

July 19 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
MUSIC – FOOD – RAFFLES – GAMES & PRIZES

This event is packed with fun activities, food, music, and more.

## Kay’s Cottage annual SHINE Walk

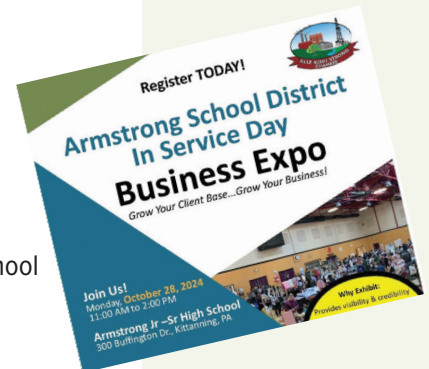
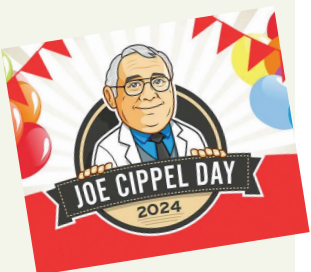
was held on Monday, September 23rd in downtown Kittanning to “SHINE” light in the darkness of child sexual abuse and to let child victims know that they have a support system in Armstrong County when they report abuse. ACCF joined for a 1-mile walk to bring sexual abuse out of the shadows, support survivors, and raise awareness of the work of Children’s Advocacy Centers serving child victims of abuse and families in Pennsylvania!

## Navigating Change Creating Opportunity

PA Statewide Conference 2024 Across the Commonwealth, Pennsylvania community foundations are leading their communities towards a brighter future. Join us on September 24th and 25th in State College, Pennsylvania for a unique opportunity to connect, learn and to explore ways we might act collectively.

## Attended Scholarship Awards Ceremonies

Apollo Ridge High School  
Armstrong High School  
Freeport High School  
Karns City High School  
Lenape Vocational Technical School  
Leechburg High School  
Redbank Valley High School  
West Shamokin High School



## 2024 BONUS PARTNERS:

Jack & Sue Bauer  
James Johnson  
Karen Waugaman  
Kenneth Opalka  
Kimberly & Larry Vorpe  
Lance & Christine Whiteman  
Larry & Jodi Beers  
Mechling & Heller  
NexTier Bank  
Redmill Drilling  
Richard G. Snyder  
Rosebud Mining Co.  
Shafer's HVAC, Inc.  
Shane & Samantha Cribbs  
Sprankles Neighborhood Market  
Stephen & Kay Owen  
Thomas & Sandra Bradigan  
Tyler & Kimberly Luke  
WATT Insurance Agency, Inc.



## Armstrong Week of Giving brought in \$422,402.41

At the end of all of the calculations, the nonprofit organizations raised a total of \$422,402.41! This was an increase of \$41,045.39 from 2023.

Thanks to our great community for making the 2024 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 NexTier Bank and all of our Bonus Partners who never cease to amaze us with their gifts to our nonprofit community!

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



Dear Armstrong County Community Foundation Founders Fund,

Thank you so much for your very generous \$3,000 contribution to the Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Project! As a cause driven community supporter, in partnership with several Armstrong County community organizations, our mission is to advocate for and implement special projects that improve community design, enhance the environment, and foster economic development in Kittanning Borough and in the Kittanning area.

Your donation is an excellent boost for our Committee, and we are very grateful for your support. These monies will allow the Committee to pursue projects, in addition to the Hanging Baskets Project on Market Street, this year. Thank you for making this possible!!

Again, thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Andy Bradigan  
Chair - Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Committee

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Thank you to Armstrong County

Dear Editor:

The 2024 Week of Giving is a wrap! And there are so many to thank and congratulate! First to the Community Foundation and NexTier Bank who conduct this campaign and receive no financial gain. Second to the agencies, busi-

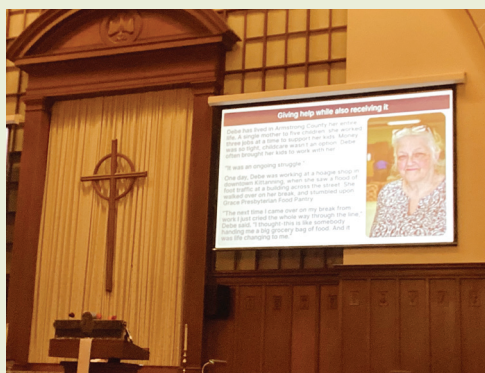
nesses, and individuals who contributed money to the Bonus Fund! This year the bonus fund added 15.75% to each donation. This Bonus fund is what makes the Week of Giving campaign special by encouraging charitable giving. Third, a huge thank you to every contributor! Because of your generosity,

over \$422,000 was raised for 39 non-profits in the community. Our Food Bank at Grace Presbyterian Church was one of those non-profits and I know we are very grateful for the support of this life-sustaining mission. Our food bank is totally funded by donations and com-

pletely manned by volunteers so 100% of your donations to our food bank goes to helping people! Once again, we are reminded of the goodness and generosity in our community! Kay Owen Grace Presbyterian Food Bank



Participating Nonprofit Organizations	Raised
Apollo Area Historical Society	\$ 4,383.90
Apollo Memorial Library	\$ 5,542.21
ARC Manor	\$ 3,041.39
Armstrong Center for Community Learning/Outdoor Discovery Center	\$ 5,269.28
Armstrong County Community Action of PA	\$ 2,207.36
Armstrong County Historical Museum and Genealogical Society, Inc.	\$ 20,982.10
Armstrong Habitat for Humanity	\$ 22,256.36
Armstrong Trails	\$ 5,118.40
Arts on the Allegheny	\$ 5,422.19
Blessings in a Backpack	\$ 9,210.80
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$ 16,811.69
Divine Redeemer	\$ 9,483.06
Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Committee	\$ 7,012.32
Evangelical Lutheran Church School Worthington	\$ 7,216.59
Ford City Public Library	\$ 13,549.71
Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership	\$ 1,859.33
Fort Armstrong Folk Festival	\$ 4,516.57
Grace Christian School	\$ 39,701.92
Grace Presbyterian Church-Food Bank	\$ 20,346.31
Haiti H20	\$ 3,749.39
HAVIN	\$ 24,128.79
Humane Animal Allies	\$ 6,698.92
Kennedy's Kids	\$ 726.85
Kittanning Cemetery	\$ 8,194.87
Kittanning Firemen's Band	\$ 2,855.33
Kittanning Hometown Holiday Events	\$ 346.10
Kittanning Library	\$ 25,712.96
Kittanning Rotary Club	\$ 894.08
Life Choices	\$ 15,642.27
Lifesteps	\$ 3,397.52
Marci Rogalski Pawk Scholarship Fund Inc	\$ 611.44
Orphans of the Storm	\$ 54,401.77
PWAC	\$ 24,242.59
RGS YMCA	\$13,803.51
Royal Family - For the Children Armstrong	\$ 1,442.07
Salvation Army - Kittanning	\$ 20,236.71
Spring Church Evangelical Lutheran Church	\$ 1,586.28
The Open Door of Indiana, PA	\$ 1,314.32
Worthington West Franklin Community Library	\$ 8,485.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$422,402.41</b>







# 2024 Golf Outing

## FIESTA" Golf Outing raises more than \$40,000!

The Armstrong County Community Foundation's Annual Golf Outing was held on Friday, July 12, 2024. The Links at Spring Church Golf Course was shining brightly as the golfers hit the fairways!





This event could not have been possible without our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and friends. Many of the area nonprofit organizations were on hand volunteering their time and as a benefit of volunteering, they were interviewed on 103.7 the River by the infamous, Dave Douglas! This was a wonderful opportunity for them to get their message out into the community.

#### **Eagle Sponsors:**

NexTier Bank  
PennEnergy Resources  
Rosebud Mining Company

#### **Birdie Sponsors:**

AES Specialty Services  
McCall Services LLC  
103.7 The River  
BLX  
Klingensmith's Drugstore  
David C. Kohl Family Fund  
RBC Wealth Management The Georgi/  
Barkley Group  
MDS Energy Development

#### **Par Sponsors:**

Bergad Specialty Foams  
Mark TK Welding

#### **Par/Hole in One Sponsor:**

Good Tire Service

Pictures, left to right on opposite page:

1. Co-chair Tom Toy has fun making sure our mascot was ready to greet all of our guests!
2. Paul Bradigan is all smiles getting ready for a great day!
3. Mr. Cactus was happy to greet all of the golfers at the turn.
4. It was a great day for a Fiesta!
5. 4-some receiving instructions for one of the games on the course. Pictured: 4-some of Larry Beers, JoEllen Bowman, Ken Bowman and John Massaro.





2024

# Annual Dinner

## Armstrong County Community Foundation Announces Annual Dinner Awards

The Armstrong County Community Foundation's Annual Awards Dinner was a fantastic gathering, not just for the nonprofit organizations receiving funding, but for everyone involved. The total amount awarded—\$323,670.01—was impressive, and it truly speaks to the foundation's commitment to making a tangible difference for our nonprofit communities.

This was a fun and exciting event applauding the good work that the nonprofit community does, once again proving we are all better by working together!

An independent committee reviewed and evaluated all grant applications and made final decisions on the grant awards.

As in years past, we offered a Kids Zone where attendees were invited to bring their children at no charge reinforcing the idea that philanthropy isn't just for adults. Getting children involved in recognizing the importance of charitable work and having them present the grant in the Children's category—is a wonderful way to inspire the next generation of community leaders!



Left to right: Danielle Panchik, ASD, Sam Kirk, ASD, Moss and Jodi Beers, ACCF, Jon McCullough, ASD, Kreinbuecher, ASD

Members of the foundation:  
Thank you for the amazing grant of \$5000 for the PATH program at the Leechburg Area School District. The funds will be used to directly serve our students.  
Happy Holidays  
...Michelle Fenett



Connections of Armstrong County  
We wanted to once again thank Armstrong County Community Foundation for the grant we received. I just filled 4 carts at the Dollar Tree! I also want to thank the employees at The Dollar Tree for always being so patient and helpful with my big orders!!



### ACCAP plays host to event promoting its Dolly Parton Imagination Library program

Event designed to educate the young about music icon's initiative was held at the Richard G. Snyder YMCA in Kittanning

**FOR THE LEADER TIMES**  
KITTANNING — The Armstrong County Community Action Partnership (ACCAP) recently hosted a free children's literacy and wellness event to promote its Dolly Parton Imagination Library (DPIIL) program, now in its second year, according to a recently issued press release. Sponsored by the Armstrong County Community Foundation and the Elton, Pa.-based Justus Foundation, the event was held at the Richard G. Snyder YMCA in Kittanning. It was designed to serve as an opportunity for the community to learn more about the Imagination Library program, the only one of its kind in Armstrong County. "We began our partnership with the Dollywood Foundation, and by the end of October, we launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program in Armstrong County." See EVENT on Page A2

Dear Foundation Members,  
We are blown away by your generosity in support of Aiden's Scholarship Fund! Your donation doubles our goal and will provide swimming lessons to many students.  
In gratitude,  
Timothy Hopp



In Memory of Aiden

To the entire team at the Armstrong County Community Foundation,  
The Armstrong County Arts Council is so very thankful and appreciative of your support for the arts in our communities! Thank you.  
Donna Weckerly

on behalf of the Run with Heart Foundation,  
Thank you!! Not only for the AED, but now the upgrade to our manikins along with the ability to purchase more manikins allowing us to hold larger classes.  
Shante you for believing in our mission!  
Lauren Braden



### ACCL AWARDED GRANT FROM ARMSTRONG COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



The Armstrong Center for Community Learning (ACCL) attended the Armstrong County Community Foundation's Annual Dinner on October 8, 2024 to accept a grant award from the Baker Family Charitable Fund and Boccia and King Families Fund. The grant, totaling \$3,088.54 will be used to implement an educational Earth Day event at the Outdoor Discovery Center at Crooked Creek in April 2025.  
The ACCL and ODC extend its deepest thanks and appreciation to the Armstrong County Community Foundation, Baker Family Charitable Fund and Boccia and King Families Fund for their continued support.



# A Night to Remember at the Pittsburgh Brewing Company!

Guests began arriving early, eager to experience the newly opened Pittsburgh Brewing Company in Creighton, PA for the very first time. As they entered, they were warmly welcomed by our incredible volunteers, the Coil Family—Jessica, Brian, and their children. The Coils have become familiar, smiling faces at nearly all our events, and we are truly grateful for their unwavering dedication and generosity each year.

Upon arrival, guests browsed an impressive array of gift baskets and silent auction items while making their way to the main dining area. A delicious spread of appetizers and an exquisite dinner followed, provided by Chef and I Catering. The menu featured Sliced Sirloin in a Demi-Glace, Chicken Romano, Smashed Red Potatoes, and Whole Green Beans with Baby Carrots. For dessert, guests delighted in miniature pies from Oakmont Bakery, which were an undeniable crowd favorite.

Following dinner, anticipation filled the room as it came time to present the evening's awards. Serving as our charismatic master of ceremonies was Dave Douglas, joined by his lovely wife Danielle, both from Lightner Communications, 103.7 The River.

As the awards were announced, the amounts increased with each presentation, adding to the suspense. Although the invited nonprofit organizations knew they would be receiving grants, they were unaware of the specific amounts—heightening the excitement and emotion in the room.

Several organizations were momentarily concerned that they had been overlooked, only to be overwhelmed with joy upon discovering the significant size of their awards. The room filled with cheers, applause, and even a few happy tears as the true scale of the evening's generosity was revealed. These impactful awards were made possible by the Founders' Fund, along with contributions from many of our donor advisors, whose generosity helped elevate the total amount awarded to an unprecedented level.

**We can't wait to see how these grants will spark meaningful change in our community—now and for years to come!**

*Photos by Donna Weckerly Photography*



# 2024 ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS

## **LifeSteps of Armstrong County**

Granting Fund:  
Bocinec & King Family Donor  
Advised Fund: \$363.33

## **West Hills Emergency Services**

Granting Fund:  
Anonymous Donor: \$800.00

## **Armstrong County Arts Council**

**Project: Armstrong County Public Art Plan: Armstrong Trail**

Granting Fund:  
Founders' Fund: \$1,000

## **Connections of Armstrong County**

**Project: To provide free food and hygiene supplies**

Granting Fund:  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial Fund: \$1,000

## **Salvation Army**

Granting Fund:  
William H. and Dorothy S. Toy  
General Charitable Donor  
Advised Fund: \$1,000

## **The Arc of Armstrong County**

**Project: Event Improvements**  
Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$1,000

## **Leechburg Public Library**

**Project: Library Reorganization**

Granting Fund:  
Founders' Fund: \$1,859

## **Fort Armstrong Folk Festival**

**Project: Keep the beef tent slicing for the Folk Festival**

Granting Fund:  
Founders' Fund: \$2,198

## **Orphans of the Storm**

**Project: To provide a microchip and vaccination clinic**  
Granting Fund:  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$2,200

## **FamilyLife Network, Inc. – Origins Family & Pregnancy Services (formerly Tri-City Life Center)**

**Project: To engage fathers in parenting**

Granting Fund:  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial Fund: \$2,323

## **Don't Stop Dreamin' Project: To be used for the 2024-2025 dream program**

Granting Fund:  
Founders' Fund: \$2,500

## **Ford City Renaissance Community Partnership, Inc.**

**Project: To rebuild essential fundraising efforts**

Granting Fund:  
Founders' Fund: \$3,000

## **Armstrong Center for Community Learning**

**Project: To provide an Earth Day event**  
**Granting Funds:**  
Baker Family Charitable Fund: \$2,905  
Bocinec & King Family Funds: \$363.34  
Grants Totaling: \$3,268.34

## **Kittanning Public Library**

**Project: To provide community health and wellness**

Granting Fund:  
Mission Fund in memory of Charles and Pearl Snyder: \$4,100

## **Armstrong Jr. Sr. High School Culture Club**

**Project: AHS Culture Club activities**

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

## **Armstrong Trails, Inc. Project: Armstrong Trails is Growing**

Granting Funds:  
Baker Family Charitable Fund: \$2,905  
Founders' Fund: \$2,095  
Grants Totaling: \$5,000

## **Ford City Public Library Project: To revitalize spaces to meet community needs**

Granting Fund:  
Mission Fund in memory of Charles and Pearl Snyder: \$5,000

## **Grace Christian School Project: Office equipment update**

Granting Fund:  
Founders' Fund: \$5,000

## **HAVIN – Helping All Victims in Need**

**Project: The intersection between traumatic brain injuries and domestic violence or sexual assault**  
Granting Fund:  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$6,500

## **Family ACTS, Inc. Project: Rehabilitation supplies**

Granting Fund:  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial Fund: \$7,500

## **Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Committee**

**Project: Bloom on Market**  
Granting Funds:  
Founders Fund: \$3,000  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$5,000  
Grants totaling: \$8,000

## **Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County Project: To purchase new furnaces for PWAC's workshop**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$8,895

## **Kay's Cottage Project: Soundproofing improvements**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$9,358

## **Fort Armstrong Horsemen's Association Foundation**

**Project: Raise the Roof Capital Campaign**  
Granting Fund:  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable Fund: \$10,000

## **Humane Animal Allies**

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



### **Armstrong Habitat for Humanity**

#### **Project: Rock the Block 2025**

Granting Funds:  
Ben Franklin Trust: \$860.00  
Give 365: \$3,390.00  
James A. Frederick Fund:  
\$360.00  
Founders' Fund: 1,390.00  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$7,500  
Bocinec & King Family Fund:  
363.34  
Grants totaling: \$13,863.34

### **Ramps of Hope**

#### **Project: Ramps of Hope**

Granting Funds:  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial  
Fund: \$10,000  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$5,000  
Grants totaling: \$15,000

### **Sugarcreek Township Volunteer Fire Department**

#### **Project: Communications and other upgrades**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$15,000  
Grants totaling: \$15,000

### **Worthington/West Franklin Volunteer Fire Department**

#### **Project: Communications and other upgrades**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$15,000

### **Hose Company 6 Kittanning**

#### **Project: Communication equipment**

Granting Fund:  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial  
Fund: \$19,895.00

### **Eye and Ear Foundation**

#### **Project: Care Fund for Armstrong County Patients**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$25,000

### **Richard G. Snyder YMCA**

#### **Project #1: Other children and young adult programs**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$15,000

#### **Project #2: Richard G. and Barbara A. Snyder Scholarship Fund**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$10,000  
Grants totaling: \$25,000

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

#### **Project #1: Museum Archival Preservation and Storage Items**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$2,000.

#### **Project #2: Upgrades to the Train Station**

**Granting Funds:**  
William H. and Dorothy S.  
Toy General Charitable Fund:  
\$1,000  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$24,046  
Grants totaling: \$27,046.00

### **Children's Grant Category**

#### **Apollo Memorial Library**

##### **Project: Library Lego Lab**

Granting Fund:  
John Rohrer K-12 Fund: \$1,500

### **Foundation for Free Enterprise**

#### **Project: Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week 2025 & speaker series**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$2,780

### **HAVIN, Inc. (Helping All Victims in Need)**

#### **Project: Bringing a sense of home to children displaced by domestic violence**

Granting Fund:  
John Rohrer K-12 Fund: \$3,500

### **Richard G. Snyder YMCA**

#### **Project: For Youth Speed and Agility Program**

Granting Fund:  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder  
General Charitable Fund: \$4,141

### **Armstrong County Community Action Agency**

#### **Project: Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Granting Fund:  
Mission Fund in Memory of  
Charles and Pearl Snyder:  
\$5,000

### **For the Children Armstrong**

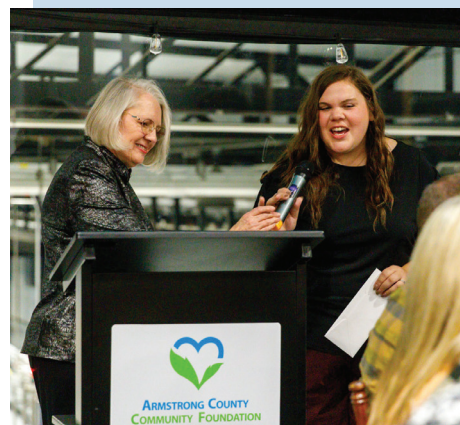
#### **Project: Bus Transportation**

Granting Funds:  
Nancy Brody Fund for Children:  
\$2,630  
Ralph & Susan Kneppshield Fund  
for Children: \$2,980  
Grants Totaling: \$5,610

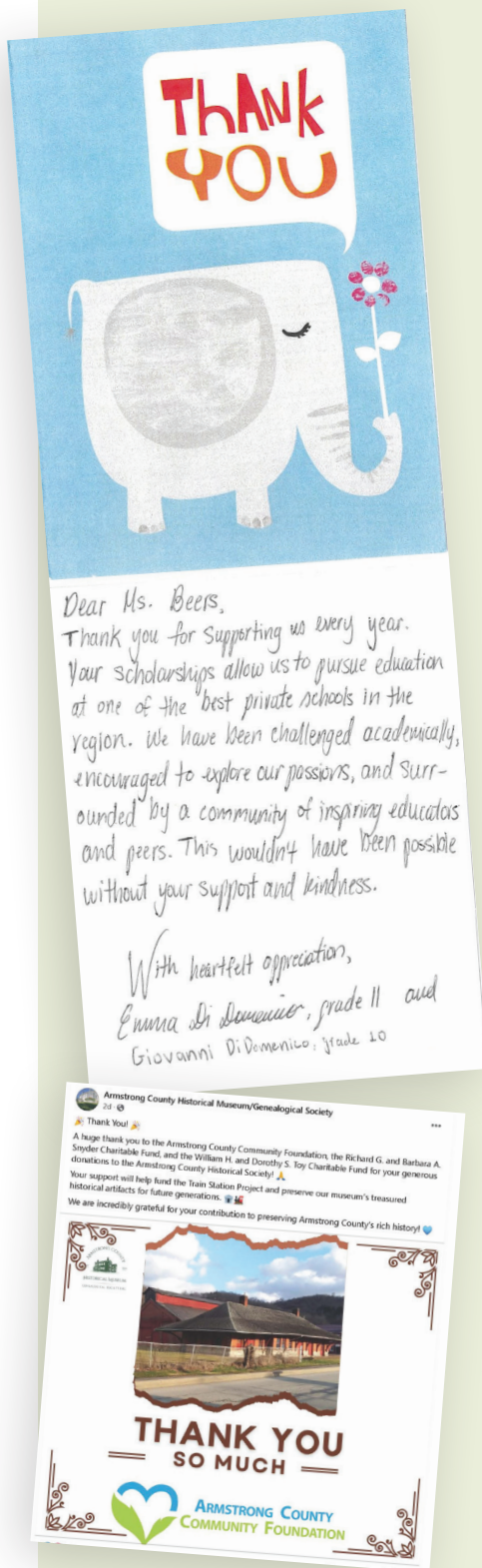
### **Vision To Learn**

#### **Project: To expand vision care access to students in Armstrong County**

Granting Funds:  
Richard G. and Barbara A.  
Snyder General Charitable Fund:  
\$5,000  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial  
Fund: 10,000  
Grants totaling: \$15,000







# 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](http://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 2024!

Thank you to Elderton State Bank, NexTier Bank, Northwest Bank, Allegheny Mineral, and UPMC Health Plan. Through your generosity, the Community Foundation will be awarding close to \$200,000 in EITC scholarships in 2024!

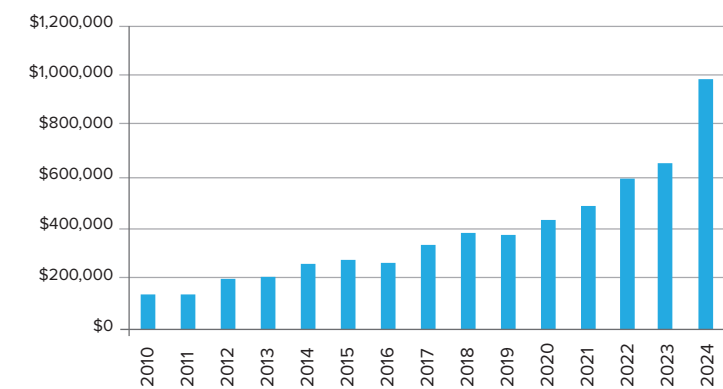


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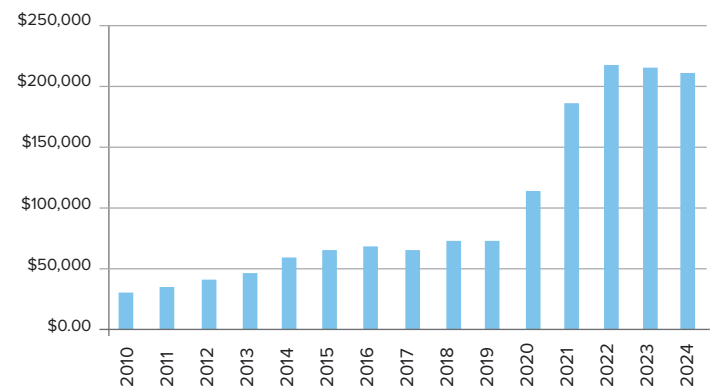
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Asset Size	\$4,368,526	\$5,007,045	\$4,928,702	\$5,719,833	\$7,857,838	\$7,973,925	\$7,768,410	\$7,903,150
# Scholarships	30	29	31	27	27	34	40	33
\$ Scholarships	\$37,200	\$29,650	\$34,000	\$38,650	\$46,500	\$57,150	\$61,700	\$65,250
# Grants	71	72	50	61	56	77	80	84
\$ 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

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Asset Size	\$9,567,513	\$8,737,454	\$12,622,907	\$13,785,572	\$18,048,641	\$15,611,859	\$24,417,522	\$26,198,254
# Scholarships	40	43	41	55	43	62	66	69
\$ Scholarships	\$62,850	\$69,250	\$69,450	\$108,250	\$180,010	\$213,822	\$214,015	\$211,130
# Grants	74	98	91	118	126	133	133	195
\$ Grants	\$324,110	\$372,602	\$364,237	\$391,975	\$386,060	\$476,033	\$544,347	\$759,922
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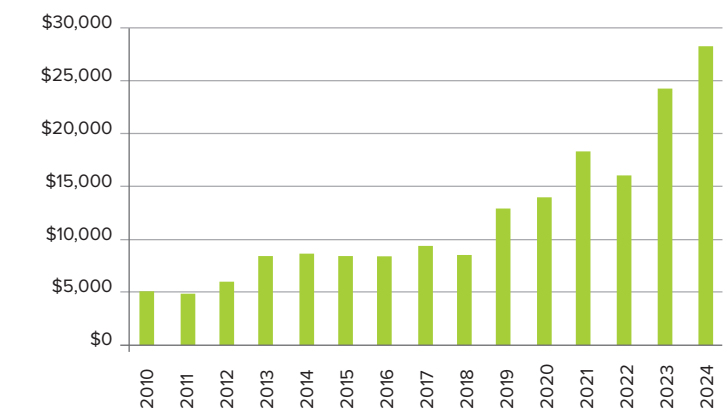
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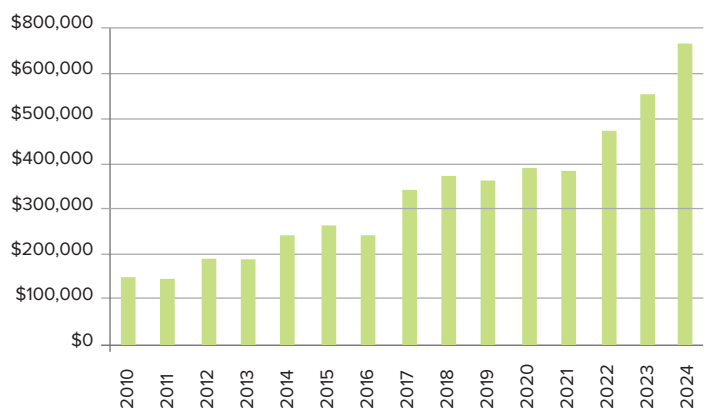
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# FUNDS

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FUNDS

Ben Franklin Trust  
Day of Giving Bonus Fund  
ETC Scholarship  
Ellen Jane and Russell Kness Fund  
Founders' Fund  
Give365 Endowment  
Harry C. Brenneman Memorial Fund  
Harvey Heilman Endowment  
James A. Frederick  
John Rohrer Fund  
Nancy Brody Fund for Children  
Ralph & Susan Kneppshield Fund for Children & Youth  
Rumbarger Emergency Fund

## 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  
Cheri Roberts Memorial  
Dorothy A. Winslow  
Elderton/Plumcreek History  
Furniture World East Education  
George M. & Mary P. Hutchison Charity  
Gladine Wiles and Jim McClister Memorial Fund  
Harold R. & Rilla D. Johnson Fund  
Leo & Mildred Gispanski Family  
Patricia J. Campbell Memorial  
Willanna M. DiCiero Memorial Fund  
Willanna Millen DiCiero & William A. DiCiero Designated

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Armstrong Trust for Historic Preservation  
Arnold B. & Christine M. Moss Fund  
Asa Miller Foundation  
Baker Family Charitable  
Brian & Cheryl Morris Fund  
Buck Stitt Memorial Bible  
David C. Kohl Family Fund  
Ed & Kay Steiner Memorial  
Frank, Kristen, and Evan Samosky  
Gordon Ariadne  
Jackie and Jake Demetris Family Fund  
Jamie & Mindy Owen  
John Shoop  
Kay and Stephen Owen Endowment Fund  
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 Fund  
Richard G. & Barbara A. Snyder General Charitable  
Richard G. Snyder Endowment for the Arts  
Seyler General Charitable Fund  
Snyder Associated Companies Foundation  
William E. Blose Family Memorial  
William H. and Dorothy S. Toy General Charitable

## ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS

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

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Alpha Lillstrom Cheng Democratic Process Engagement  
Scholarship Fund  
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 Scholarship  
Dannette "Liffy" Cockroft Charitable  
Dr. A.I. Slagle Medical  
Dr. Clifford Vogan Medical  
Dr. Henry E. & Victoria B. (Halas) Reich Memorial  
Dr. John Garrott Memorial  
Dr. Samuel R. Black, Twila L. Black, and  
Samuel J. Black Medical Arts  
Erin Toland Boyer Memorial Scholarship  
Evelyn Benton Nursing  
Gary & Janet (Bell) Pettengill Scholarship Fund  
Geophysical Society of Pittsburgh  
Gerstbrein/McCanna Scholarship for the Arts  
Gretchen Moss Memorial  
Jack A. Bennett Golf Scholarship Fund  
James K. Greenbaum  
Joan Tatsak Memorial  
Joseph and Judith Nickleach Fund  
Judy L. (Beveridge) Creel Memorial Fund  
Kay Detrick Owen  
Klingensmith Scholarship  
Leo S. Kijowski Memorial Scholarship  
Marjorie Dodson Memorial Scholarship  
Marsha J. Alico Memorial Scholarship  
Michael Petroncheck Musical  
Nathan Keibler Think B4 U Act  
Quality Life Services Healthcare Career  
Redbank Valley High School Sports Booster Scholarship  
Richard and Mary Krauland  
Richard G. Snyder Family  
Robert A. & Geneva K. Deveney Engineering  
Ruth E. Owen  
Samantha L. Smith Scholarship Fund  
Shawna Petrosky Memorial  
Shirey Scholarship Fund  
Stephen L. Heffner Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Susan Falsetti-Burdett Memorial Scholarship Fund for Music  
Tut Toth Memorial Scholarship  
Zane McMillen Memorial

## PASS THROUGH FUNDS

Downtown Kittanning Revitalization  
Snyder Associated Companies Foundation-Pass Through  
Suicide Prevention Task Force

