

Legacy | Giving From the Heart



When I first began my position at the Foundation, I received this touching story from a then current Board member—a kind and generous man. I shared the White Envelope Story with Kendra as I was preparing for our Holiday gathering the previous year. We knew the right time would come when I would be able to relay this powerful message. This story has been shared over the Internet and on social media and has reached millions of people over the years. Maybe some of you have heard it before and perhaps already adopted The White Envelope Project or a

variation of it into your family traditions.

We celebrated a wonderful year of philanthropy:

- We are especially proud of the gifts we have received through estate planning from donors including a recently established inherited IRA.
- We hosted a wildly successful Child Protection Summit this past August which featured many nationally known speakers and included more than 300 people in attendance.
- Our Youth in Philanthropy program is more than 100 high school students strong and our kick-off meeting was held this past November with seven school districts represented.
- Our gifts total more than 1.9 million dollars this year with 17 new funds established.
- A grand total of 2.5 million dollars in grants was distributed to 166 unique organizations and 130 students.
- We embraced the theme “Giving From the Heart” as we highlighted the White Envelope Project for our holiday gathering.

All this success was made possible by a prestigious group of philanthropic-minded friends who support the Foundation. Such friends include members of our Central Susquehanna Community Foundation Board and our affiliate Boards including Berwick Health & Wellness Fund, Danville, Selinsgrove, and Sunbury Area Community Foundations, as well as, all fundholders, donors, grantees, and other friends of the Foundation. In addition, CSCF is very lucky to have a team of talented and wonderful people that excel in contributing to the Foundation’s goals daily by generating synergy throughout the office.

The White Envelope story changed the course of one family’s Christmas—a time that could have been grief-filled and sad became a celebration of hope, a time for reaching out to others and a gift of love. One of our fundholder’s stated this year, “When you do something like this, you are creating a legacy. It doesn’t have anything to do with you personally, it has to do with a certain amount of kindness.” He continues, “What’s important is for others to follow—that would be the reward.”

Giving from the heart can bring about immense pleasure—take a moment and reflect on what is truly important to you and let it carry you through the year! Kendra and I are looking forward to a new year of working with our current fundholders, building new relationships, and continuing to increase grants to our communities in need. We are looking forward to all the wonderful opportunities 2017 will bestow upon us!



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