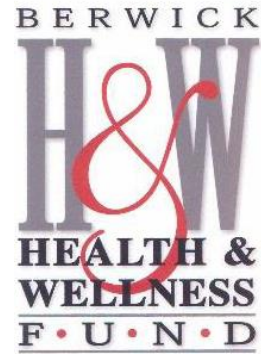


## Berwick Health and Wellness Fund 2016 Grant Investments

December 21, 2016

Berwick – The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 grant investments made from the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund. The Berwick Health and Wellness Fund (BHWF) made multi-year grant payments this year to the Central Columbia School District for the athletic facility project in the amount of \$50,000, the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center for the program coordinator in the amount of \$18,388, and the Berwick Area Swimming Pool Inc. in the amount of \$81,500.



*Pictured above: BHWF 2016 grantee representatives gathered with BHWF advisory committee members and Central Susquehanna Community Foundation staff on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the CSCF office in Berwick. (photo credit StudioD)*

Grants to support the 18 fire companies in the Fund's service area totaled \$54,000. Each fire company is awarded \$3,000 to purchase items from the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations list of authorized equipment. In the last thirteen years, fire companies have received more than \$700,000 in grants. BHWF also awarded over \$8,000 in health profession scholarships and committed to \$100,000 in agency endowment matches. The Fund continues to support the Youth in Philanthropy program with approximately \$25,000 annually for students from Berwick, Benton, Central Columbia, Northwest and Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech to award grants that benefit youth issues.

All together this year, BHWF invested over \$1.2 million in programs and projects that promote overall health and wellness within the geographic boundaries of the Fund. All grants serve residents of the BHWF service area. The following new grants were awarded through a competitive grant round,

strategic review, urgent discretionary review, sponsorships and organization endowment matches in 2016:

AGAPE, Life's Challenges, \$10,000  
AGAPE, Backpack Meals for Food Insecure Elementary Students, \$15,000  
AGAPE: Love From Above to Our Community Agency Fund, Agency Endow Match Program, \$500  
Benton Area School District, Camp Ophelia 2016, \$800  
Benton Area School District, Stability Balls for Elementary Classroom, \$1,002  
Benton Area School District, Kindergarten Kickoff, \$3,000  
Benton AYSO, Benton Connections Project, \$5,000  
Benton Council of Churches, Supplemental Fuel Assistance Program, \$8,000  
Benton Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Berwick Area Ambulance Association, Advanced Life Support Equipment, \$8,000  
Berwick Area Ministerium, Berwick Ministerium Heating Assistance, \$4,000  
Berwick Area School District, Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Albertson, \$200  
Berwick Area School District, Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Davis, \$500  
Berwick Area School District, Strengthening Families Program, \$1,000  
Berwick Area School District, High School AED, \$1,425  
Berwick Area School District, B.A.R.K. (Building Achievement through Reading for Kindergarten), \$16,637  
Berwick Area School District, BASD Summer & After School Program 2016-2017, \$18,880  
Berwick Area School District, Students Overcome and Achieve Through Running (S.O.A.R.), \$21,395  
Berwick Area Swimming Pool Association Agency Fund, Organization Endowment Match Program, \$35,000  
Berwick Area Swimming Pool Inc., Berwick Area Community Dog Park, \$500  
Berwick Area Swimming Pool Inc., AED, \$1478  
Berwick Area United Way, Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Albertson, \$200  
Berwick Area United Way, Susquehanna Virtual Academy, \$8,000  
Berwick Area YMCA, Board/Staff Matching Program - F. Soberick Krothe, \$500  
Berwick Area YMCA, Senior Water Exercise Program, \$10,000  
Berwick Borough Police Department, Drug Rehabilitation Program, \$3,500  
Berwick Borough Police Department, Intox DMT, \$9,250  
Berwick Boulevard Association, 2016 Boulevard Sponsorship, \$1,000  
Berwick Historical Society, Berwick Historical Society Heating Restoration, \$5,000  
Berwick Marathon Association, Inc., Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Davis, \$500  
Stuart Tank Campaign Pass Through Fund, Berwick Stuart Tank Memorial, \$10,000  
Berwick Test Track Disc Golf Fund, Sponsorship, \$4,000  
Beyond Violence, Inc., Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Harter, \$300  
Beyond Violence, Inc., 5K Fun Run/Walk Sponsorship, \$500  
Beyond Violence, Inc., Roof Replacement Project, \$4,000  
Beyond Violence, Inc., Non-Offending Parent Counselor 2016-2017, \$11,600  
Beyond Violence, Inc., Breaking the Cycle, \$27,000  
Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Board/Staff Matching Program - F. Soberick Krothe, \$500  
Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Theatre in the Classroom, \$4,252  
Bloomsburg University Community Racial Equity, High School Conference on Diversity, \$1,750  
Borough of Berwick, Summer Concert Series 2016, \$3,000  
Borough of Berwick, Riverfest Sponsorship, \$4,000  
Bower United Methodist Church, Helping Hands Holiday Food Distribution, \$500  
Briar Creek Township Police, Body Cameras, \$3,200

Caring Communities for AIDS, SCORE Conference, \$1,522  
Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge Golf Tournament, \$300  
Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton Inc., Bowl for Kids' Sake Sponsorship, \$500  
Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, Youth in Philanthropy Program Support 2016/2017, \$26,000  
Central Susquehanna Community Foundation - Regional Impact Fund, Board/Staff Match Program - J. Ferentz, \$1,000  
Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc., Keep Kids Warm Project, \$1,000  
Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc., 2016 Preventing Blindness for Children in Our Community, \$4,650  
Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc., 2016 Supporting Our Community Members Who Are Blind, \$7,500  
Columbia Child Development Program, Integrated Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports for Children and Families, \$36,000  
Columbia County Commissioners for Columbia County, Prevention Programs for Youth and Families, \$35,000  
Columbia County Housing Corporation, Berwick Downtown Revitalization, \$7,500  
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Organization Support - In honor of Joy McGinnis, \$50  
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. McGinnis, \$1,000  
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsorship, \$1,000  
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Operating Support 2016, \$120,000  
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. DeFinnis, \$200  
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Board/Staff Matching Program - H. Woodeshick, \$300  
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Board/Staff Matching Program - E. Robinson, \$1,000  
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Replacement of Campsite Cots at Camp Lavigne, \$4,370  
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Completion of Latrine Shelter Reconstruction Project, \$5,000  
Dental Health Clinic, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. Scopelliti, \$500  
Eagle Hose Company No. 2, Inc., 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
EOS Therapeutic Riding Center Agency Fund, Agency Endowment Match Program, \$1,000  
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Organization Support - In honor of Joseph J. Scopelliti, \$50  
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Organization Support - In honor of Kevin Woodeshick, \$100  
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Extension of Haymow and New Roof, \$9,500  
Family Health Council of Central PA, Inc., Summer Food Service Program, \$10,000  
For The Cause, Organization Support - In honor of JoAnn Ferentz, \$50  
For The Cause, Run For The Cause Sponsorship, \$1,500  
Geisinger - Columbia Montour Home Health Services, Camp Courage, \$5,000  
Geisinger Health System, Nurse-Family Partnership 2016-2017 Funding, \$50,000  
Geisinger Health System - Psychiatry and Special Clinics, School Based Counselor at Berwick and Benton Schools, \$10,000  
Historical & Preservation Society of the Greater Shickshinny Area, Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Hart, \$500  
Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company #1, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000

Hollenback Township, Hollenback Township Community Park Exercise Stations, \$4,600  
Hunlock Creek Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Huntington Valley Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Lime Ridge Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Luzerne County Community College, LCCC Berwick Center Utilities Support, \$2,500  
McBride Memorial Library, Youth Services Coordinator, \$33,180  
Mifflin Township Forest Rangers and Fire Comp, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Mocanaqua Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Inc., 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Nescopeck Borough, Nescopeck Community Park Reutilization, \$1,000  
Nescopeck Borough Fire Company No.1, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Nescopeck Township Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
North Berwick Athletic Association, Inc., Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Tanribilir, \$400  
North Centre Township, Township Building AED, \$1,083  
North Penn Legal Services, Bloomsburg Office - Support Staff Salary, \$20,000  
Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center, Youth Summer Camp Before/After Camp Activity Program, \$6,840  
Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center, Heating and Ventilation System Repair, \$10,000  
Northwest Area School District, Summer School, \$9,931  
Northwest Area School District, JumpStart, \$18,000  
Orange Township Supervisors, Heart Healthy Eating, \$2,000  
Pond Hill-Lily Lake Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Ranger Hose Company #2, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Reliance Fire Company, Keeping Kids Warm Program, \$600  
Reliance Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Reliance Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Salem Township Park & Recreation Board, AED, \$1,500  
Salem Township Volunteer Fire Company Number, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Setebaid Services, Inc., The HDYC and Camp Setebaid 2016 Camperships, \$8,060  
Shickshinny Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Single Mothers Individually Living Empowered, Inc., Cloth Diaper Training Program, \$620  
Single Mothers Individually Living Empowered, Inc., What I Need (W.I.N.), \$1,000  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Mission Mall, \$2,000  
Summerhill Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
Susquehanna Warrior Trail Council, Susquehanna Warrior Trail 5K Race/Fun Walk Sponsor, \$500  
Susquehanna Warrior Trail Council, Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Hart, \$500  
The Children's Museum, Partners in Education: Classroom Expansion, \$9,488  
The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, Golf Outing Sponsorship, \$300  
The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, Celebrate Berwick Sponsorship, \$1,000  
The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Central Penn Scholarships, \$1,590  
The Hope Center of Nescopeck, PA Inc., Air Conditioning Unit Replacement, \$4,000  
The Hope Center of Nescopeck, PA Inc., Facility Repairs, \$20,000  
The Nicholas Wolff Foundation, Inc., Camp Victory Camperships, \$17,678  
The Salvation Army, Berwick, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. DeFinnis, \$200  
The Salvation Army, Berwick, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. Scopelliti, \$500  
The Salvation Army, Berwick, New Kitchen for Community Feeding Program, \$10,000  
Township of Mifflin, Mifflin Park Improvement and Walking Path, \$7,150

Volunteers in Medicine, Access to Medical Care, \$2,500  
Volunteers in Philanthropy Golf Tournament Fund, Hole Sponsorship, \$600  
Wesley United Methodist Church, Community Cupboard, \$14,500  
West Berwick Hose Company No. 1, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000  
WVIA, Clubhouse in the Classroom, \$4,000  
Your Loving Choices, Earn While You Learn: Life Skills, \$880

The BHWF advisory committee and Foundation staff held a luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, for 2016 grantees in appreciation of the work they do in our community.

The Foundation invests in programs and projects that promote overall health and wellness for residents living in the geographic boundaries of the BHWF. During the grant review process, priority is given to proposals that respond to one of more of the areas of need identified by a community assessment process:

- Ensuring that children are healthy and ready to learn when they enter school
- Promoting oral health for residents who lack access to regular dental care
- Reducing the risks of cardiovascular disease through nutrition, physical activity and tobacco-free lifestyles
- Improving mental and behavioral health through community awareness, support and treatment.
- General community health and wellness

The Berwick Health and Wellness Fund service area includes the following 23 townships and boroughs: Columbia County Boroughs: Berwick Borough\*, Benton Borough, Briar Creek Borough, Stillwater borough. Columbia County Townships: Benton Township, Briar Creek Township, Fishing Creek Township, Mifflin Township, North Centre Township, and South Centre Township. Luzerne County Boroughs: Berwick Borough\*, Conyngham Borough, Nescopeck Borough, New Columbus Borough, and Shickshinny Borough. Luzerne County Townships: Butler Township, Nescopeck Township, Salem Township, Sugarloaf Township, and Union Township \*Berwick Borough is located in both Columbia and Luzerne Counties.

The BHWF is the original and largest fund at the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (CSCF). The CSCF administers grants and scholarships for over 225 funds throughout the 5 ½ county service area. For more information, please visit [www.csgiving.org](http://www.csgiving.org) or contact Christine Pangelinan, CSCF Program Officer, [cpangelinan@csgiving.org](mailto:cpangelinan@csgiving.org).