



CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

♥ *A Storybook of Community Giving*

Thank You ♥ Our Story is Your Story

A Note from Gerard Stropnick, Story Facilitator

“That story moved me.” We’ve all heard that phrase, and most of us have used it. But think about this: we don’t tend to say statistics “moved me.” Numbers and statistics might convince us, but to be moved, we need to listen to a human story. A story of a nurse guiding a single mom through her first pregnancy. Or how kids from a family with little money finally got the dental care they needed. Or how the volunteer fire company used its new equipment to save that house on the other side of town. Or how new opportunities opened up through a scholarship received by a student, the first in his family ever to attend college.

The stories included in this booklet, and thousands more, are made possible by the generosity of our neighbors, right here in the communities we call home. When we hear stories, we are moved to find the means to give more of ourselves. We want to make more inspiring stories happen, right here. For Good. For Ever. Over this past year, the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation has focused on listening to the stories that we make happen together. With your help, there will be many more stories to come.



The Youth in Philanthropy program engages high school students in philanthropic “giving” through educational and hands-on activities throughout the school year.

“YIP has opened my eyes to a bigger world. People need help in many ways, and YIP has given me the opportunity to offer my time and talents to help them. The program has taught me about the grant process, and how a small amount of money can have a big impact. It feels great to give back to the community—I am glad I can call myself a philanthropist.”

Youth in Philanthropy Student

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Central Susquehanna Community Foundation

Denny credits his parents and grandparents with teaching him the many important lessons he learned throughout his childhood. As a way to honor the impact they had on his life, Denny established the Souder/Peters Fund to create a lasting legacy in the community where he was raised.

“I hope that the establishment of this fund will give other young people—especially those without positive mentors—an opportunity in life to reach their goals.”

Denny Peters, Fundholder



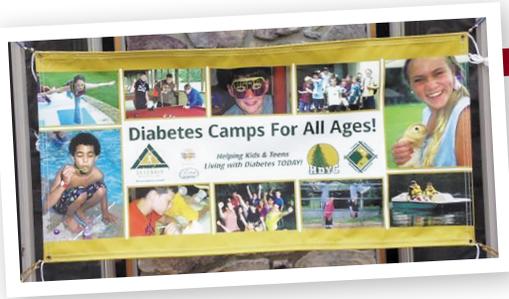


"I was honored to be asked to serve on the board of the Bloomsburg Area Community Foundation. Our region has so many needs, large and small, and to be part of an organization that positively impacts the greater Bloomsburg area makes me proud to serve. You can make a difference, too, by supporting the Foundation so we can continue to help our friends and neighbors!"
Pam Young, BACF Board Member

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Sunbury Area Community Foundation



“The campership grant from the Sunbury Area Community Foundation has enabled Setebaid Services to accept more youth living with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) into our T1D camps. These camps have empowered the campers [through educational and fun activities] to manage their own diabetes, improving their quality of life both now and in the future. This grant has supported a transformative program for these kids. Together we will change the lives of children living with T1D.”
Mark Moyer, Setebaid Services Executive Director





The Women's Giving Circle of CSCF empowers, connects, and inspires women and girls by supporting initiatives and resources that better their lives.

"When we have the opportunity to help others, we should seize the moment. The Women's Giving Circle does exactly that—it opens the door for so many to be part of making a difference in the lives of women in our communities. Being a member of the Women's Giving Circle is very gratifying—it continues to impact women in such positive ways. Having the ability to help someone by coming together as a group can make the biggest difference. You never know what will make someone's day!"

Patsy Bowers, WGC Member

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Danville Area Community Foundation

Although Rich and Jean Knouse have always supported their Danville community through time, talent, and treasure, the couple wanted to teach their children and grandchildren about the importance of philanthropy. They recently established the Knouse Family Fund through the Danville Area Community Foundation.

“You don’t have to be a billionaire to establish a fund that will last forever. If you—an individual, couple, or family—are passionate about a cause or organization, establishing a fund or contributing to an existing fund will provide you with a way to support your community for years to come.”

Jean Knouse, Fundholder and DACF Board Member





The Berwick Health and Wellness Fund recognizes that our local fire companies perform an invaluable service within the community—one which directly affects the health and wellness of our citizens. The Mocanaqua Volunteer Fire Company recently purchased two-way radios through a grant to improve communication at a fire scene.

“I would like to thank you, and reinforce how much this grant means to us, especially as a small, rural company supported by an ever-shrinking population. The good your organization does throughout the community is tremendous.”

Douglas Yacuboski, Mocanaqua Volunteer Fire Company

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♥ Berwick Health and Wellness Fund

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Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation



“As a member of the Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation board, it is rewarding to know that our work has made a difference for many organizations. It is a privilege to be part of this group whose good works send such a positive ripple effect out into the community.”

Kathy Irwin Lentz, SACF Board Member





Regional, unrestricted giving is at the core of CSCF's mission—to enhance the quality of life in the Central Susquehanna Valley. As a community leader, it is our responsibility to evaluate all aspects of community well-being. With this goal in mind, the Foundation has undertaken a 5 ½ county-wide initiative to meet ever-changing community needs in a number of program and service areas.

The Regional Impact Fund is an unrestricted fund, providing the flexibility to address and respond to the most pressing local needs of today and tomorrow. Over the last year, this fund awarded \$100,000 to local organizations making a big impact in our community.

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♥ *Regional Impact Fund*



Our Story is Your Story. YOUR IMPACT IS OUR IMPACT.

Philanthropy requires a generosity of spirit and the desire to improve the quality of life for others. We know that we can only make a difference because people like you care about improving your community, both now and into the future. We are so grateful to everyone who has partnered with us and contributed to our story this year, and we look forward to growing our impact in 2020.

Your story of community giving matters.

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