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Community Giving
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 Berwick

OUR MISSION

The Community Giving Foundation got its start in the Berwick community in 1998 and has remained committed to charitable causes that benefit residents in the greater Berwick area. Through the Berwick Health & Wellness Fund—the largest charitable fund of the Foundation—and individual funds from families and organizations, the Foundation continues to invest in the well-being of its community.

YOUR PASSIONS • YOUR GIVING • YOUR STORY

Partnerships for Personalized Philanthropy

The Community Giving Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that develops, manages, and distributes funds for charitable purposes in communities across the Central Susquehanna region. We offer the opportunity for donors to tell their giving story and make a local legacy in the community through a personalized approach, focusing on the organizations and values they are passionate about. With over 20 years of work across our 5 ½ county service area, the Foundation continues to change lives right here in our region through the collective work and unified presence of all our community partners.

Telling community giving stories is an integral part of who we are. We strive to provide simple, flexible tools that help you define your individual giving story, from discovering your passions to connecting you with the right type of fund to meet your charitable goals. Whether you're learning about community foundations for the first time or are ready to take the next step in establishing a legacy through the Foundation, we are here to help. Walk through our Giving Workbook and other resources at csgiving.org/dashboard.

TOTALS 2021

\$38,551,852 **49**



Total
Assets



Total
Funds

\$223,419



Total
Gifts

\$1,412,999



Total
Grants

\$39,750



Total
Scholarships

COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION: BERWICK FUNDS

Every donor has those causes and organizations for which he or she is most passionate. Many generous individuals and families have chosen to partner with the Foundation by creating named charitable funds to support the Berwick area in their lifetime and beyond. Some have given back to local nonprofits through designated, donor-advised, and field of interest funds. Berwick nonprofits have established agency endowments to ensure their services can benefit the community in the future. And many donors have established scholarship funds to support the educational interests of local youth. The Foundation is thankful for all of the fundholders listed below who have invested in the Berwick community.

Berwick Area School District Funds

- 12th Man Football Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Bart Rado Senior Memorial Award
Scholarship Fund
- Berwick Area School District Trust
Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Class of 1950 Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- David L. Force Business Ed. Scholarship
Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Ralph J. and RJ Norce Strive
Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- E. Saracino Football Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Frank Souchak Award
Scholarship Fund
- Golf Team Memorial Award
Field of Interest Fund
- Individual Achievement Award
Scholarship Fund
- Jacoby Business Department Award
Field of Interest Fund
- Marie Rudy Music Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Russell H. Zimmerman Scholarship Award
Scholarship Fund
- Ruth Peck Matzko, RN & Michael J.
Matzko, MD Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Susquehanna Arts and Crafts Scholarship
Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Tuzzi Health / Financial Need Scholarship
Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Vorbleski Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund

- Wrestling – Mat Backers Tom Carroll
Memorial Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Alice Remington Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Berwick Arts Fund
Agency Fund
- Berwick Community Response Fund
Unrestricted Fund
- Berwick Health and Wellness Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Catherine E. Gensel Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Catherine Mentrikoski Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Coach Michael C. Scala Scholarship Award
Scholarship Fund
- Conway and Gertrude Dickson Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Dale A. and Ferne S. Krothe – Veterans
Scholarship
Scholarship Fund
- Dale and Ferne Soberick Krothe Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Dr. Mark C. Pyles Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Fred A. Takacs Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Hart Family Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- In Honor of the Berwick High School
Class of 1959 – Sponsored by Terry Riegel
Scholarship Fund
- Karen Ferrigno Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Kevin and Ivette Tanribilir Scholarship
Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Kishbach and Walp Fund
Donor Advised Fund

- Lisa’s Kids Designated Fund
Designated Fund
- Marilyn L. Muehlhof Designated Fund
(testamentary)
Designated Fund
- Marilyn L. Muehlhof Donor Advised Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Myers-Seely Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Nancy C. Eves Memorial Fund
Designated Fund
- Ray McBride and Edna McBride Fund
Unrestricted Fund
- Robert and Carole Foster Fund
Unrestricted Fund
- Roger and Carol Fish Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Souder/Peters Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Steven Mark Nastelli Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund
- Theron T. Klinetob Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Volunteers in Philanthropy Gift Shop
Fund
Donor Advised Fund
- Volunteers in Philanthropy Operating
Fund
Field of Interest Fund
- Walter and Florence Vorbleski
Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund





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2022 COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

- **AGAPE Love From Above To Our Community**—Happy Tails; Life Essentials & TOGO Food Backpacks; Women in Need
- **Benton Area School District**—L.R. Appleman Elementary Playground
- **Berwick Area Ministerium**—Heating Assistance
- **Berwick Area School District**—B.A.R.K. (Building Achievement through Reading for Kindergarten); Counseling Services; School-Based Prevention Education Services
- **Berwick Area United Way**—Grade Level Reading Initiatives
- **Berwick Historical Society**—Advertising & Marketing Campaign
- **Berwick Theater & Center for Community Arts**—Front Street Concert & Film Series
- **Beyond Violence, Inc.**—Shelter Programs
- **Bloomsburg University**—20th Annual High School Diversity Conference
- **Borough of Briar Creek**—Borough Hall Video & Audio Project
- **Catawissa Military Band**—Replacement of Necessary Instruments
- **Central Pennsylvania Food Bank**—Supporting Berwick Area Youth & Families
- **Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc.**—2022/23 Preventing Childhood Blindness in Our Community Initiative; 2022/23 Social Service Support for Blind/Low Vision Consumers Initiative
- **Child Hunger Outreach Partners**—Berwick School District In-School Pantry & Backpack Program
- **Columbia Child Development Program**—Positive Behavioral Intervention & Support for Children & Families
- **Columbia County Family Centers**—Prevention Programs for Families
- **Family Service Association of NEPA**—PA 211 NE
- **For the Cause**—Mental Health Hub; Today's Teen, Tomorrow's Leaders
- **Gaudenzia, Inc.**—Telehealth Behavioral Health Care Services
- **Geisinger Child Advocacy Center**—Utilizing Forensic Interviews to Support Trauma Victims & Combat Child Abuse in the Greater Berwick Area
- **Geisinger Health Foundation**—Camp Courage
- **McBride Memorial Library**—Children & Family Programming; New Fire Equipment & Second Point of Egress in Children's Library
- **Nicholas Wolff Foundation, Inc.**—Camp Victory Programs & Services
- **Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center**—Summer/Winter Camp Support; Youth & Adult Fitness/Sports Programs
- **Northwest Area School District**—JumpStart
- **PA Pets, Inc.**—Program Support
- **Resurgent Life**—Improving Mental Health & Behavioral Health through Community Awareness, Support & Alternative Treatment
- **Salem Township Police**—Salem Police Taser Project
- **Single Mothers Individually Living Empowered, Inc.**—Mind & Body Stress Relief
- **The Children's Museum, Inc.**—"Bridging the Gap" Enrichment Programs for Students in the Berwick Area
- **The Little Children Development Center**—Nutritious Food, Cardiovascular Health & Exercise Project
- **The Salvation Army, Berwick**—Heart-Smart Initiative
- **Transitional Housing & Care Center of Columbia & Montour County**—Housing First; Road to Independence
- **United Way of Columbia & Montour County**—"United in Recovery" Berwick-Focused Prevention, Education & Community Support
- **Wesley United Methodist Church, Nescopeck**—Milk, Egg, Bread & Butter Distribution
- **WVIA Public Media**—"Speaking Grief" Understanding & Advocacy



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS EXPRESS THANKS

"I am honored to be a recipient of the Robert J. Wise Family Scholarship. Thanks to your support, I will be pursuing an International Relations degree with a minor in language to accomplish my goal of helping others globally through politics and culture. As a first-generation immigrant from Columbia, I understand and have lived through hardships such as hunger, poverty, and corruption. I want to take a stand and create change and opportunities for people internationally. Thank you for enabling me to reach my fullest personal and professional potential. I hope one day I will be able to give back and help other students achieve their goals just as this scholarship helped me achieve mine."

Maria-Gabriela Scholarship Recipient

"Receiving the Justin "Pete" Slusser Scholarship means so much to me. Through your video, as well as through other people who knew Pete, I have learned much more about what an amazing person he was. I have similar interests, including a love for Legos! I have a feeling we would have gotten along so well. I appreciate your kindness and generosity in choosing me for this award, and I plan to work hard to honor Pete's memory. I hope I can make you, and him, proud as I embark on this next stage of my life."

Hagen Scholarship Recipient

PHILANTHROPY EDUCATION ENGAGES STUDENT LEADERS

Program Highlight

The Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program has been encouraging high school students across the region to become community philanthropists for many years. The program began in the Berwick School District in 2004. Since its start, the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund has provided program support so students from Benton, Berwick, Central Columbia, Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech, and Northwest school districts can participate. Through regional meetings and school sessions, students identify the meaning of philanthropy, the role of community foundations, and the impact of nonprofit organizations. They enhance decision making, conflict resolution, collaboration, and communication skills while experiencing a hands-on approach to the grant-making process. In 2021-2022, ten school districts participated in Youth in Philanthropy, awarding a total of \$48,500 to area nonprofits. The impact of the Youth in Philanthropy program is only possible through the generous support of many families, businesses, and Foundation funds. Learn more about the program at csgiving.org/youth-in-philanthropy.

"Youth in Philanthropy allows students to evaluate and analyze their own community and use the resources provided by the Foundation to create change. It is so rewarding to see students take on this leadership role and embrace the idea of philanthropy. This program creates future leaders, thinkers, teachers, and philanthropists that will continue to impact communities around the world."

Emerson Noss, Benton Advisor

Emerson Noss is no stranger to Youth in Philanthropy—he went through the program as a high school student and had the unique opportunity to step into an advisor role at Benton High School this year. When reflecting on the impact of the program in his own life, Emerson remembers the opportunities to interact with fellow student leaders and engage with community leaders and organizations. "No other club or curriculum can provide this engaging, rewarding experience where students are given the resources to leave an impact on their community."

Christine Orlando (Foundation Staff), Emerson Noss (Benton Advisor), and Kara Seesholtz (Foundation Staff)



PROMOTING COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH FOR 20 YEARS

Donor Story

After the establishment of the new Berwick Health and Wellness Foundation in 1999, local dentists in the Berwick area were contacted by Dr. John DeFinnis, an area dentist and Foundation board member, with the idea of creating a clinic to meet the dental service needs in the community. Through partnership and guidance from the Foundation, needs assessments, and meetings with community leaders, the Dental Health Clinic in Berwick opened its doors in January 2002. The Berwick Dental Clinic Agency Endowment Fund was created at the Foundation to provide a way for the community to support the Clinic's services.

Over the next 20 years, the Clinic has served thousands of patients with no other "dental home" to call their own. With a mission to improve the dental health of the community and a commitment to provide oral health care for uninsured and low-income families, the impact and scope of the Clinic's services is staggering. Success is measured in the stories of individuals that walk through the Clinic's doors—from a relieved toothache to a smile with new dentures; from guidance on a young child's oral care and nutrition to a consult that led to early detection of oral cancer. Individually, these small moments make up the daily work of the Clinic. Collectively, they create an overwhelming story of the vital role the Clinic has played in creating a healthy and thriving community.

"Through good and tough times, the Foundation has been an indispensable connection. They not only provided our Clinic with the financial backing needed to get our start, but have since stayed by our side and guided us through decisions and needs related to location, personnel, equipment, and expanding our services. As we recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Clinic in Berwick, we know our impact would not have been possible without the Foundation."

Dr. William Padner, Clinic Board President



WHAT'S YOUR COMMUNITY GIVING STORY?

Take the first step here.



To make an online donation to a Community Giving Foundation fund, visit csgiving.org and click Donate. Donations can also be mailed, payable to Community Giving Foundation (memo: fund name):

Community Giving Foundation
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For more information about the Community Giving Foundation, call **570.752.3930**.

Our knowledgeable staff is here to help! ♥
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