OUR MISSION
Through superior stewardship of enduring charitable gifts, Community Giving Foundation: Bloomsburg exists to enhance lives, making the community a stronger and safer place for all. Founded in 1996, Bloomsburg affiliated with the Community Giving Foundation in 2018, working together to build charitable funds in the Bloomsburg area to benefit local residents.

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

- Total Assets: $544,068
- Total Gifts: $74,752
- Total Funds: 8
- Total Grants: $13,300
- Total Scholarships: $1,500

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COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION:
BLOOMSBURG 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 Bloomsburg area in their lifetime and beyond. Some have given back to local nonprofits through designated, donor-advised, and field of interest funds. Bloomsburg 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 Bloomsburg community.

Alex Wagner’s Football Fund
Designated Fund

BHS Class of ’86 Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund

Bloomsburg Area School District (BASD)
Panther Non-Endowed Fund
Agency Fund

Bloomsburg Area School District (BASD)
Post-Secondary Educational Endowment Fund
Agency Fund

Bloomsburg Greek Alumni Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund

Bloomsburg Unrestricted Fund
Unrestricted Fund

Hartman / Robbins / Stroup Fund
Field of Interest Fund

Lynch Brothers Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Fund

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS EXPRESS THANKS

“I am currently attending Bloomsburg University studying International Business with a specialization in Marketing and a minor in Supply Chain Management. Although I am involved in many campus activities and participate in club leadership, I have found that my participation in Greek Life has been the single most impactful factor in helping me create a connection with other students and the residents of Bloomsburg. I would like to thank your board for understanding the value of the Greek Life community, and for granting me an award from the Bloomsburg Greek Alumni Scholarship Fund. Receiving this scholarship made me feel proud of my accomplishments, my sorority, and the Greek community—and reinforced my determination to continue to do my best.”

Maranda Scholarship Recipient

“Thank you for selecting me to receive the Lynch Brothers Scholarship. I graduated from Central Columbia High School in 2022. I am excited to start my new journey at Penn State University and plan to major in marketing. I chose to take two AP history courses in high school to push myself to work harder. I never expected anything from those courses, but it was an honor to receive this scholarship and see my hard work did not go unnoticed. Thank you again for your generosity.”

Nora Scholarship Recipient

FOR GOOD. FOR EVER.
NEW PPE WILL AID FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY
Grant Story
A nonprofit comprised of all volunteers, the Bloomsburg Fire Department provides an array of essential emergency services to the town of Bloomsburg and surrounding communities, including fire and rescue requests. Through a grant, the department will be able to purchase extrication/wildland PPE jumpsuits to assist firefighter safety during motor vehicle accidents and wildland firefighting. With the Williams Pipeline now passing directly through multiple townships surrounding Bloomsburg, the fire department is also preparing for the chance they are dispatched to help with potential pipeline incidents.

Most times, these fire and rescue incidents require a level of dexterity not available with structural firefighting gear. The new, specialized jumpsuits are light weight, yet protective, and will allow firefighters to accomplish their tasks without bulk gear and the resulting higher body core temperatures.

“It has become increasingly harder to afford much needed equipment over the past several years. This grant award will make it possible for us to acquire specialized PPE quickly and provide less stress and greater safety for our firefighters. Thank you for awarding this grant funding. Your help in securing this equipment will not go unnoticed.”
Scott McBride, Bloomsburg Fire Chief

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS HELP KIDS BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS
Grant Story
The Bloomsburg Area YMCA summer day camps provide a safe and enriching environment for campers to participate in healthy, developmentally appropriate activities and learning experiences. Campers engage in activities that support their physical and emotional development and emerge as thoughtful contributors to their groups. Through participation in various sports, arts and crafts, STEM, special events, and theme-based field trips, campers build self-esteem and social skills while having fun.

While the YMCA has a policy to never turn anyone away due to inability to pay, the amount of support available is only possible through funds from organizations like Community Giving Foundation: Bloomsburg. As a result, the day camp can provide a safe and affordable option for many working families who need childcare during out-of-school time.

“In these uncertain times, the YMCA continues to support youth and families. We have remained flexible to the unpredicted needs of the community and have applied our resources to increase financial assistance to families who require support. The Foundation’s generosity will provide a summer experience that won’t soon be forgotten for many boys and girls in Bloomsburg.”
Wayne Stump, Chief Executive Officer

2022 COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

- AGAPE Love from Above to Our Community—Financial Assistance Program
- Bloomsburg Area YMCA—Summer Day Camp Scholarship
- Bloomsburg Fire Department—Extrication/Wildland PPE
- Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble—Theatre School Scholarships
- Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. “A Community Action Agency”—Bloomsburg Area Job Seekers Needs
- Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc.—2022/2023 Prevention of Blindness Programming for Children of Bloomsburg
- Columbia Child Development Program—Playground Bike Path and Neighborhood Art Mural
- Dwell—New Duffle Bags for Children in Foster Care in Columbia County
- Eos Therapeutic Riding Center—Healthy Horses Providing Therapy
- PA Pets, Inc.—Bloomsburg Area TNR Program
- Single Mothers Individually Living Empowered, Inc.—Children & Mental Health
- The Arc Susquehanna Valley—Bloomsburg AMPES
- The Coalition for Social Equity—Outfest 2022; Organization Support in Honor of Former Board Member Isabelle Tarr
- The Exchange—Expanding the Art Cart’s Reach
INTRODUCING KIDS TO THE WONDERS OF THEATRE

Donor Story

The Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble (BTE) is entering its 45th year of presenting live theatre in the Bloomsburg community. A resident ensemble of artists, it produces mainstage shows and offers year-round educational programs for local kids of all ages. BTE has been involved with the Community Giving Foundation since its inception as the Berwick Health and Wellness Foundation in 1999. Through a fruitful partnership, the two organizations have aligned their missions to enhance the quality of life for residents through the arts.

In 2004, BTE decided to establish an agency endowment fund through the Foundation to ensure their program would thrive in the Bloomsburg community long into the future. Each year, a return on that investment helps offset operating expenses. The importance of this annual distribution was realized even more as BTE navigated the effects of the pandemic on their programs and the arts community over the last two years.

Through grant funding from Community Giving Foundation: Bloomsburg and other affiliates, BTE has been able to bring Theatre in the Classroom to more schools in the Bloomsburg and Berwick areas. The touring show is created each year to introduce students to the wonders of live performance and encourage creative, art-centered activities for all. Along with a summer musical theatre camp, these arts educational opportunities are sometimes the first exposure kids get to the world of theatre.

“The Foundation’s presence in our community is living proof that in 1978, our founders made the right decision to put down roots here on the bank of the Susquehanna. The way the Foundation has grown, and the growing impact it has on us and the communities it serves, tells the story of the generous people who inhabit this area. Together, we make this community stronger.”

Jon White-Spunner, Managing Director

Pictured right top, a class from St. Columba School watches BTE actors Tanner Lenhart, Violet Race, and Jon Schultz perform during BTE’s 2021 Theatre in the Classroom production of Patchworks: Life and Legends of the Coal Towns. Pictured right bottom, campers (5-9 years old) lay next to their own personalized point in the sun during BTE’s Summer Musical Theatre Camp.

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! Visit csgiving.org/contact for a staff directory.

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