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HISTORY AND GROWTH OF OUR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

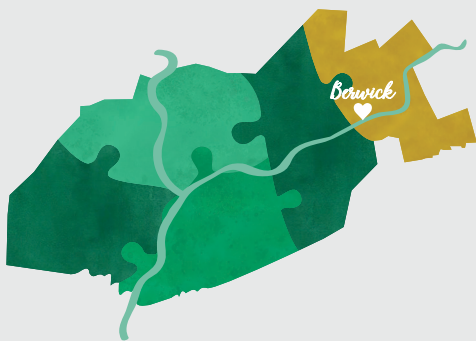
COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION: BERWICK

The Berwick Health and Wellness Foundation was created in November 1998 through the sale of the Berwick Hospital from nonprofit to for-profit ownership. In July 1999, the new Foundation board approved \$1.2 million in grants to 14 different nonprofit organizations in the local Berwick community and provided technical assistance, strategic planning and staff development to several organizations, including the Berwick Dental Health Clinic and Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic.

To fill a gap in Central Pennsylvania, the Foundation expanded the original Foundation to include a broader footprint and community foundation business model in 2003. A Berwick advisory committee of local leaders continued to oversee the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund—the largest charitable fund of the Foundation—and competitive grant opportunities in the Berwick area. After 20 years of growth and success, the Foundation re-branded in December 2020 as the Community Giving Foundation to reinforce a commitment to regional philanthropy and collective local impact. During this process, the Foundation formalized the affiliate foundation structure for Berwick, offering charitable funds an opportunity to come together to further highlight a dedication to the well-being of the Berwick community.

The philanthropic legacy and Foundation history in the Berwick community will always remain an integral part of the Foundation’s story and purpose. Through grant investments, community initiatives and partnerships, the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund and a long list of individual, family, and agency fundholders are making a tremendous impact for Berwick residents. In 2022, Berwick’s 56 charitable funds granted nearly \$1.7 million to local nonprofits and awarded over \$50,000 in scholarships to area students.

For a list of charitable funds under Berwick, local giving stories, and grants/scholarships awarded in 2022, visit csgiving.org/annualreport.



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2023 COMPETITIVE GRANT RECIPIENTS

GRANT AWARDS FUNDED FROM:

Berwick Health and Wellness Fund, Bittenbender-Henry Fund, Catherine E. Gensel Fund, Conway and Gertrude Dickson Fund, Myers-Seely Fund, Ray McBride and Edna McBride Fund, and Theron T. Klinetob Fund

AGAPE Love from Above to Our Community—Financial Assistance & Daily Bread; Happy Tails; WIN

Benton Area School District—Kindergarten Kickoff

Berwick Area Ministerium—Heating Assistance

Berwick Area School District—BARK (Building Achievement through Reading for Kindergarten); Counseling Services; School-Based Prevention Education Services

Berwick Area Swimming Pool—Replacing Large Floatables

Berwick Area United Way—Cradle to Career Literacy Program

Berwick Police Benevolent Association—Community Give Back Program

Beyond Violence—Shelter Programs

Borough of Berwick—Vine Street Park Fitness Court

Central PA Youth Ministries—The Cliff Youth Center of Berwick

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank—Supporting Berwick Area Youth & Families

Central Susquehanna Sight Services—2023/24 Preventing Blindness in Our Community & Social Service Support

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

Columbia Montour SWAT Team—Rescue Vehicle Upgrade & Crisis Training

Family Service Association of NEPA—PA 211 NE

For the Cause—Education Expansion Development Program

Geisinger Health Foundation—Camp Courage

Girls on the Run Mid State PA—Berwick Program Support

Historical & Preservation Society of the Greater Shickshinny Area—Children's Library Heat & Air System

KidsPeace National Centers—Cherished Connections Mentoring Program

McBride Memorial Library—Children's Librarian

Nescopeck Borough—River Area Project

Nicholas Wolff Foundation—Camp Victory Programs & Services

Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center—Summer/Winter Camp Support

Northwest Area School District—Five AEDs; Project JumpStart

PA Pets—Program Support

Resurgent Life—Modern Mental Health Treatment & Assistance

The Children's Museum—Generating Positive Outcomes on Youth Mental Health

The Little Children Development Center—Expansion & Increased Program Quality

The Salvation Army, Berwick—Door & Window Replacement

The Women's Center—Be the Change Prevention Education & On-Site Counseling Services

Transitional Housing & Care Center of Columbia & Montour County—Housing First; Road to Independence

Wesley United Methodist Church, Nescopeck—Milk, Egg, Bread & Butter Distribution

West Branch Arts Consortium—Developing Arts Literacy in Benton SD K-12 Students



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COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION
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