



Community Giving
FOUNDATION™

10 REASONS TO PARTNER WITH A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

1. *Money stays local, going to organizations with deep roots in the community.*
2. *Offer a staff with broad expertise regarding community issues and needs.*
3. *Provide highly personalized service tailored to each person's values and philanthropy goals.*
4. *Help you invest in the causes you care about most.*
5. *Accept a wide variety of assets and can facilitate complex forms of giving.*
6. *Partner with professional advisors to create effective and holistic approaches to giving.*
7. *Offer maximum tax advantage under state and federal law.*
8. *Multiply the impact of gifts by pooling them with other gifts, funds, and grants.*
9. *Build permanent funds that benefit your community forever and help create personal legacies.*
10. *Serve as a community leader, coordinating resources to create positive change.*

With a mix of roles—community leader, fund developer, donor service provider, grantmaker—community foundations might be the perfect partner for your philanthropy. Learn more at csgiving.org.



FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING

Supporting
Community Needs

Community foundations offer great value through leadership and grantmaking, ensuring charitable gifts are used effectively to meet the community's most critical needs.

The Community Giving Foundation maintains a deep understanding of local needs through strong relationships with nonprofit partners across the Central Susquehanna region and by monitoring needs assessments for ever-changing conditions and community goals. Through this model, the Foundation is in a unique position to connect the needs of nonprofits with the passions of donors who display an ongoing commitment to community development and growth.

Every donor has those causes and interests for which they are most passionate. While there are many ways to partner with the Community Giving Foundation to meet your charitable goals, some individuals, families, and businesses have created named funds that support area nonprofit programs and initiatives. These grant investments are changing lives by multiplying the impact of nonprofits serving diverse community needs. The following pages include just a few examples of the 235 grantmaking funds currently administered by the Foundation, awarding over \$3 million annually through grants across the region.



Scan the QR code or visit csgivingreport.org for the Foundation's Annual Report, which includes a full list of 2023 grants.

GRANTMAKING SNAPSHOT

- › **235** Number of Grantmaking Funds
- › **\$3,064,851** 2023 Total Grants Awarded
- › **\$2,116,337** Grants Awarded So Far This Year



COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION

Grantmaking

Volunteerism and community service were a vital part of the Woodring household, and values Jesse and Maxine instilled in their children through actions. Their desire to impart a little bit of kindness into their community led them to the Foundation. They established the Jesse and Maxine Woodring Donor Advised Fund to support organizations and initiatives close to their hearts. To this day, their daughter, April, has continued to carry on her parents' spirit of philanthropic giving through fund grantmaking.

"The fund my parents created is the affirmation that their qualities of servant leadership would continue long after they are gone. It is truly my great honor that they entrusted me with the task to make sure their plans to support Sunbury and the surrounding communities would continue in the most meaningful of ways. There's nothing more humbling than knowing that small gestures and individual commitments can make the greatest impact."

APRIL W. TREGO
Fund Advisor

Jeff Erdly is a businessman with roots across the Central Susquehanna region. When he discovered the Foundation's footprint overlapped many of the communities that have impacted him over his life, he created the Jeff Erdly Fund to meet his charitable goals and personal commitment to the people in his community. Jeff awarded several grants from his donor advised fund in 2024, including one to the Bloomsburg Area YMCA for a new initiative supporting whole-body health and wellness for local veterans.

The Veterans Wellness Program will provide a free 12-week program for military veterans and their spouses, including a free 1-year membership to the YMCA, access to mental health professional services, and a place to build community and connections with others.



The Spaide family were active participants in local community life in the Nescopeck and Orangeville areas for many years. Drue was a long-time member of the Nescopeck Fire Company and Orangeville

United Church, where his wife served on the consistory board and as church treasurer. Betty was a passionate and committed volunteer for the American Red Cross blood drive, Berwick YMCA, and Orangeville Public Library. To carry on their heart for community giving and the legacy they left with each of these organizations, Drue and Betty Spaide created a designated fund through an estate gift to benefit local nonprofits after their death. Because of their planned gift, the Spaides will continue to positively impact these communities forever.

"Betty was a dedicated champion of the Orangeville Library's mission as a board member and frequent volunteer. The Spaides have been truly generous to us over the years, and we are honored to be included as an annual recipient from their fund to carry out our work with the community long into the future."

PAM SIMPSON

Librarian, Orangeville Public Library



>> "One of the most important aspects of our mission at the YMCA is to be there for our communities. We know being with other veterans through this program will help provide strength and comfort to veterans and their families. The additional funds from this grant will help us serve more veterans as we launch this initiative. We are grateful for our veterans and thankful for continued support from Foundation donors."

WAYNE STUMP

CEO, Bloomsburg Area YMCA

Grantmaking through the Women's Giving Circle is a unique and engaging process that relies on the role of members throughout the region. Annually, members nominate eligible nonprofits to apply through a competitive grant application. A special grant review committee, made up of a new group of members each year, reviews the applications to select four finalists. These organizations present passionate requests to the membership at the Women's Giving Circle annual meeting, where members cast their vote to award two \$10,000 grants. Each grant is awarded to align with the groups mission of empowering, connecting, and inspiring women and girls across the region. 2024 grant winners included Dwell Orphan Care and Beyond Violence.

"This grant from the Women's Giving Circle empowers us to make a profound difference in the lives of vulnerable children in foster care, ensuring they feel loved and cared for during a difficult and complex transition. We are so grateful for the care, compassion, and partnership of the Women's Giving Circle as we seek to empower and equip children from hard places and the families that love them!"

JENNIFER LAKE

Executive Director, Dwell



Through the Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program, high school students from

15 school districts become youth grantmakers as they learn about community giving and the local nonprofit sector. Each year, student groups research school-based and community needs, create grant application processes, and work together to make decisions for community impact. In the 2023-2024 school year, students awarded 82 grants totaling \$75,000 to support youth programs across the region.

"The students in our program have excelled. Their efforts have not only made a significant impact in their individual communities, but also initiated a ripple effect in our region, extending far beyond these walls. They are truly an inspiring group to work with."

ALYSSA MEYERS-SANONU

Foundation Director of Philanthropy



- ♥ Arts & Culture **3%**
- ♥ Education **4%**
- ♥ Health & Human Services **56%**
- ♥ Youth & Recreation **37%**

"I had the opportunity to serve on the grant committee this year and was impressed by the depth of knowledge Foundation staff brought to the table. With their assistance, our committee was able to make effective decisions to maximize the impact of our giving while targeting areas of true need in the community."

AIDAN MCDONALD

Danville Board Member

GRANTMAKING THROUGH AFFILIATE PARTNERSHIPS

The Community Giving Foundation's service area includes a 5 ½ county footprint across the Susquehanna Valley. The Foundation partners with five affiliate foundations—Berwick, Bloomsburg, Danville, Selinsgrove, and Sunbury—who benefit from the administrative support, guidance, and expertise provided by the regional Foundation. A board of directors comprised of local leaders oversee each affiliate and are responsible for educating the community about personalized giving while making grant allocations based on community needs and affiliate priorities.

Each year, the Foundation works with these boards and other advisory committees to implement competitive grant rounds. Qualifying nonprofit organizations are invited to apply through an online application process in January/February. In the spring, grant committees evaluate applications based on current needs, funding priorities, and potential community impact opportunities. This competitive grant process supports organizations invested in a number of program areas, including arts/culture, education, health/human services, and youth/recreation. In 2024, nearly \$800,000 was awarded through competitive grant rounds. The chart above shows the percentage of grants awarded in each program area this year.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF IMPACT

2024 marks 25 years of community giving through the Community Giving Foundation. Our journey of growth speaks to the connections and impact envisioned by our founders and carried out by our donors, nonprofit partners, board members, and community today. From our beginnings as a \$25 million health conversion in 1999, to the thoughtful decision by our visionary founders to expand our mission as a regional community foundation in 2003, to partnerships with five local affiliates across the region, to over 350 unique and personalized funds that have distributed over \$50 million back into our community for a lasting impact.

Through 25 years of evolution and growth, we have seen one constant—you. Our work is only possible in a community where philanthropy is part of our culture—the collective legacies of everyday people with a heart for the places they live, work, and play. When we all come together, we can achieve bigger and better things to help our communities thrive. Join us on this philanthropic journey as we look forward to our next 25 years and beyond!

Learn more about our 25th anniversary campaign at
csgiving.org/25-years.



FOR GOOD. **FOR EVER.** ♥



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COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION
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