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Annual Report
» **2025**





»» A Note from Kara

In 2025, the Foundation strengthened its role as a trusted partner by deepening our focus on data-driven impact and developing a new strategic framework that reflects how we serve our region. In the midst of this growth, our mission remains unchanged—to connect generosity with the most pressing local needs, today and for generations to come. I am grateful for the trust, partnerships, and generosity that made 2025 possible, and hope you enjoy highlights from our year on the following pages.

KARA G. SEESHOLTZ

President and CEO

Community Giving Foundation



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MAXIMIZING COMMUNITY IMPACT

Serving as a trusted leader, connector, and changemaker is core to who the Community Giving Foundation is as a community foundation. The Foundation maintains a deep understanding of the region through strong relationships with nonprofit and community partners, while also monitoring local needs assessments for ever-changing conditions and community goals. By using a data-driven lens, the Foundation ensures that energy and funding not only respond to needs in our communities, but also proactively identify gaps, increase collaboration, and create a greater impact together. This local expertise informs priorities and educates donors to effectively maximize grant impact for present and future community vitality.

>> Identifying Community Needs

The Foundation continues to monitor, collect, and analyze data shared by partners doing on-the-ground work across the region. Led by Becky Stugart, Impact Coordinator, the Foundation has compiled these resources and identified regional and county-specific top needs that inform funding priorities and potential. In 2025, the Foundation completed 56 nonprofit site visits, 53 individual support hours, and multiple regional events focused on listening and learning from these invaluable partners. Scan the QR code or visit csgiving.org/data for more impact resources.



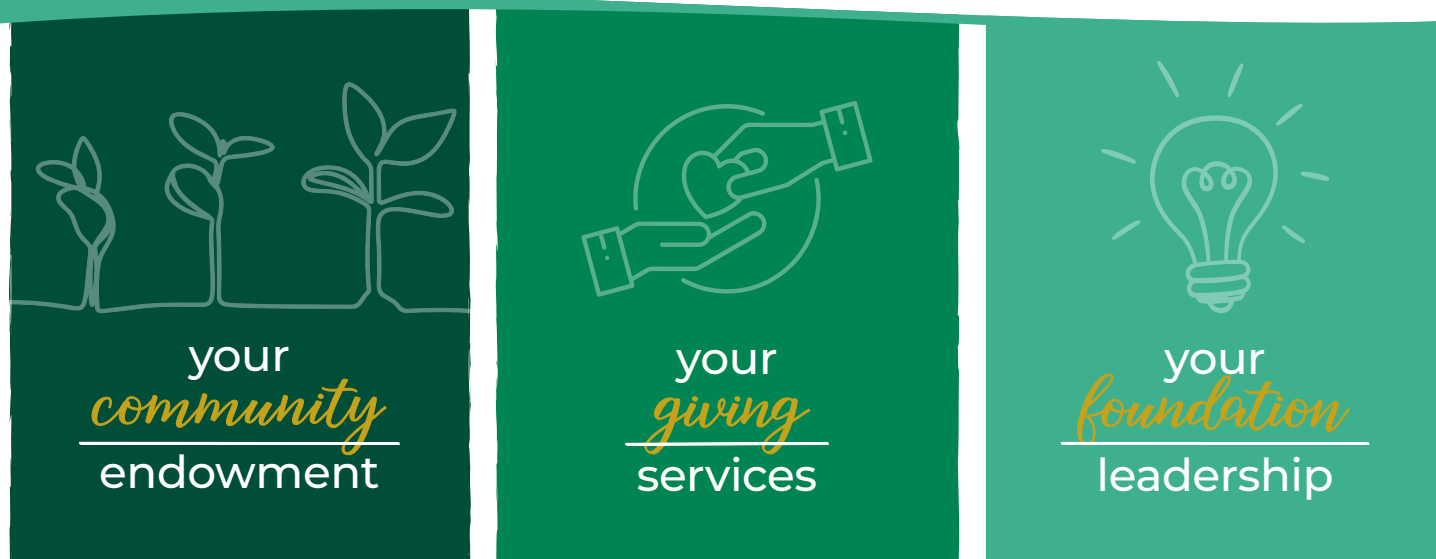
>> Grant Investments by Foundation Impact Area

- > BASIC NEEDS \$989,948
- > COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$372,900
- > CULTURE & COMMUNITY INTERESTS \$596,364
- > HEALTH & WELLNESS \$973,149
- > YOUTH & EDUCATION \$1,002,245

>> Connecting Resources with Top Needs

The Foundation is a trusted steward of local resources and strives to maximize the impact of these existing gifts. The generosity and vision of those who came before us has laid the groundwork for current grantmaking capacity. However, it is alarmingly clear that current flexible resources are not enough to meet rising community needs. As this gap continues to grow, the Foundation has embraced the responsibility to respond through a renewed focus in 2026 to build flexible resources for the future.





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» A New Strategic Framework

With renewed focus on a data-driven approach to connecting resources with top community needs, the Foundation entered the beginning phases of a strategic plan in 2025. Its objective was to align all Foundation initiatives and efforts in dynamic ways, supporting continued growth and meaningful impact. The Foundation partnered with Mike Goorhouse, an expert in community foundation leadership and advancement, to understand and embrace a new framework that articulates the Foundation’s existing impact and guides long-term goals to benefit the region.

Through thoughtful, hands-on strategy sessions with Foundation staff and 60+ regional and affiliate board members, the three-category framework below was adopted. This framework breathes new energy into the Foundation’s existing work as a trusted partner in local community giving and capitalizes on opportunities to maximize impact across the region.

» YOUR COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

Together, we build and manage a permanent endowment in your community to ensure that resources are always available to meet local needs—today, tomorrow, and forever. Through collective community giving, we can achieve greater impact today while providing unlimited opportunities for the next generation.



» YOUR GIVING SERVICES

We offer personalized giving services to donors, connecting your passions with community needs to achieve your charitable goals. Through our stewardship and local knowledge, your giving can directly benefit your community in the most effective way.

» YOUR FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP

We ignite innovation through philanthropy, serving as a connector, collaborator, and changemaker to transform our region.

While this framework is new, the mission behind it is not. The Foundation remains committed to serving as a resource for donors, nonprofits, and all those who want to make a difference in their communities. In 2026, the Foundation will be launching exciting new efforts focused on Your Community Endowment—collectively building flexible resources sustained by the power of endowment to meet local and regional needs for years to come.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

>> December 31, 2024 and 2023



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FOUNDATION**

*Confirmed in
Compliance with
National Standards
for U.S. Community
Foundations*

> ASSETS	2024	2023
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,602,860	\$ 1,754,010
Unconditional promises to give	66,508	144,508
Accrued interest receivable	104,697	73,532
Total current assets	1,774,065	1,972,050
Noncurrent Assets:		
Investments	80,406,732	69,703,823
Beneficial interest in remainder trusts held by others	23,495	238,397
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts held by others	919,095	851,114
Property and equipment, net	1,041,020	1,084,564
Total noncurrent assets	82,390,342	71,877,898
Total Assets	\$ 84,164,407	\$ 73,849,948

> LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2024	2023
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 146,504	\$ 9,043
Grants payable, current	388,738	105,395
Unearned revenue	—	23,150
Total current liabilities	535,242	137,588
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Grants payable, long-term	31,100	243,393
Funds held as agency endowments	6,040,409	5,745,961
Total noncurrent liabilities	6,071,509	5,989,354
Total Liabilities	6,606,751	6,126,942
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	76,615,066	66,633,495
With donor restrictions	942,590	1,089,511
Total Net Assets	77,557,656	67,723,006
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 84,164,407	\$ 73,849,948



>> Dashboard

Community Giving Foundation investments are overseen by Wilmington Trust, part of the M&T Bank corporate family.

We invest to protect your charitable giving. With an experienced investment team and asset manager and a wide variety of investment types, we operate on a 16-quarter rolling average to protect your giving in the good and bad times.

If numbers are your thing, be sure to check out the Foundation's Dashboard resource. Produced bi-monthly, each report includes data summaries, graphs, year-to-date totals, and more from the Foundation office. An ongoing archive of Dashboards is available at csgiving.org/dashboard (or scan the above QR code).



The Foundation was proud to celebrate our President and CEO, Kara Seesholtz, as the recipient of the 2025 Guy Temple Award presented by Leadership Susquehanna Valley. This award recognizes individuals who lead with service, inspire through leadership, and create lasting impact—all qualities that Kara embodies fully through her work with the Foundation and her deep commitment to the region. Foundation staff are grateful for Kara's leadership and dedication and were honored to cheer her on as she accepted the award in June.

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2003

Serving Columbia,
Lower-Luzerne, Montour,
Northumberland, Snyder
and Union Counties.



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Foundation fund lists and
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and grants/scholarships.

>> When we understand
the essential role nonprofits
play and the importance of
local giving to strengthen
local solutions, we're more
likely to engage, give, and
lead. Check out "Where
Giving Meets Community",
the Foundation's monthly
philanthropy column, for
more insights and stories
from the Foundation's
impact work. Visit
csgiving.org/media.

*2025 Totals shown are unaudited
and internally prepared, and reflect
an overall amount for Community
Giving Foundation and its five
affiliates. These totals were calculated
12/31/2025, and may be adjusted for
trust assets, late vendor invoices, etc.

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>> 2025 TOTALS BY CATEGORY



Assets

Community Endowment
> **\$52,704,519**

Giving Services

> **\$44,017,476**



Funds

Community Endowment
> **58**

Giving Services

> **327**



Gifts

Community Endowment
> **\$2,850,839**

Giving Services

> **\$1,415,290**



Grants

Community Endowment
> **\$2,101,764**

Giving Services

> **\$1,832,843**



Scholarships

*All Scholarships fall within
Your Giving Services

Giving Services

> **\$524,795**



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Berwick

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Serving 8 boroughs and
15 townships throughout
the greater Berwick area.



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>> 2025 TOTALS BY CATEGORY



Assets

Community Endowment
> **\$36,384,947**

Giving Services
> **\$4,031,353**



Funds

Community Endowment
> **9**

Giving Services
> **58**



Gifts

Community Endowment
> **\$12,581**

Giving Services
> **\$140,740**



Grants

Community Endowment
> **\$1,387,140**

Giving Services
> **\$88,100**



Scholarships

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Giving Services
> **\$70,950**



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*deceased 07/06/25

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>> 2025 TOTALS BY CATEGORY



Assets

Community Endowment
> **\$500,138**

Giving Services
> **\$477,311**



Funds

Community Endowment
> **4**

Giving Services
> **13**



Gifts

Community Endowment
> **\$162,192**

Giving Services
> **\$165,348**



Grants

Community Endowment
> **\$13,600**

Giving Services
> **\$55,484**



Scholarships

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Giving Services
> **\$4,500**



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>> 2025 TOTALS BY CATEGORY



Assets

Community Endowment
> **\$2,331,142**

Giving Services

> **\$15,875,742**



Funds

Community Endowment
> **8**

Giving Services

> **97**



Gifts

Community Endowment
> **\$12,190**

Giving Services

> **\$457,555**



Grants

Community Endowment
> **\$87,699**

Giving Services

> **\$421,967**



Scholarships

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Giving Services

> **\$148,375**



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>> 2025 TOTALS BY CATEGORY



Assets

Community Endowment

> **\$977,040**

Giving Services

> **\$2,027,696**



Funds

Community Endowment

> **5**

Giving Services

> **23**



Gifts

Community Endowment

> **\$16,000**

Giving Services

> **\$166,635**



Grants

Community Endowment

> **36,600**

Giving Services

> **\$75,973**



Scholarships

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Giving Services

> **\$51,900**



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>> 2025 TOTALS BY CATEGORY



Assets

Community Endowment
> **\$7,296,793**

Giving Services
> **\$2,431,723**



Funds

Community Endowment
> **10**

Giving Services
> **22**



Gifts

Community Endowment
> **\$46,544**

Giving Services
> **\$114,714**



Grants

Community Endowment
> **\$212,330**

Giving Services
> **\$69,076**



Scholarships

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Giving Services
> **\$56,170**

13 < GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

>>> Flexible Funding Meets Urgent Needs

The Foundation embraces a responsibility to strengthen nonprofit partners and their services through flexible funding—meeting current needs today and unknown needs in the future. In November, the Foundation allocated \$50,000 in critical grants to respond to rising regional demand for essential food, utility, and emergency assistance. Berwick and Sunbury affiliates also distributed funding. The moment reflected the importance and power of flexible resources to respond quickly and effectively when the region needs it most.



>>> Estate Gift Meets Top Needs

Jack and Helen Wanich left a generous estate gift to the Foundation to help the Danville community thrive long into the future through flexible funding. In its first year of grantmaking, the Wanich Fund distributed \$52,999 in grants to nonprofits driving community change around affordable housing, childcare, and mental health—addressing the interconnectedness of community needs to build stable footing for many in the community.



>>> Women's Giving Circle

The Women's Giving Circle continues to empower, connect, and inspire women and girls through grantmaking that supports programs and resources that better their lives. During their 2025 Annual Meeting, attendees heard moving presentations from four grant finalists representing nonprofits making a big impact.

Donors had a difficult decision to make as they voted to award \$10,000 grants to The Gate House and Winterspring Sanctuary. AGAPE and the Bloomsburg Children's Museum each received \$500 grants for organizational support. These grants will help advance safety, access, healing, and opportunity for local women and girls—an impactful legacy made possible through this dedicated community of passionate givers. Learn more at csgiving.org/womens-giving-circle.



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>>> Local Collaboration Secures Shelter Site

The Foundation joined Community Strategies Group, Columbia County Housing Authority, and several other nonprofit partners to secure land that will serve as the future home of a long-awaited homeless shelter in the Berwick area. A \$118,890 grant from the Berwick Community Response Fund gave the project the boost it needed to move forward. This was more than a financial contribution—it was a united effort to address urgent needs through meaningful, community-driven collaboration.



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>> Community Leader Roundtable

In October, the Foundation and the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia co-hosted a Community Leader Roundtable to facilitate dialogue and resources around emerging challenges for nonprofit partners. Participants from across sectors explored economic and demographic trends shared by the Center for Rural Pennsylvania, discussed current regional challenges and opportunities, and brainstormed ways to strengthen our collective capacity to respond to local needs for long-term resiliency.

>> Nonprofit Leadership Series

The Nonprofit Leadership Series offers free professional development and networking opportunities on a variety of topics for nonprofit staff across the region. In 2025, the Foundation focused on equipping attendees with information and techniques to embrace the benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This three-part series—led by Bernadette Boerckel of Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit—incorporated tips on improving daily workflows and using AI ethically. Later sessions took a deep dive into advancing your AI toolkit and using it as a thought partner to develop and enhance compelling nonprofit communication.



>> Youth in Philanthropy

The Youth in Philanthropy program empowers high school students across the region as they work together to create visible impact in their schools and communities. Through a hands-on educational approach to giving and grantmaking, students learn about the meaning of “philanthropy”, the local nonprofit sector, and the importance of volunteerism. After surveying their peers to build local needs assessments, each group organizes their own grant round to support local youth programs.

In April 2025, students celebrated a year of impact by awarding \$90,000 in student-led grantmaking. The October 2025 kick-off marked a regional milestone for the program—the participation of all public schools in the Foundation’s service area. The program continues to instill a giving spirit in local youth as over 250 students come together to grow as leaders and future community philanthropists. Learn more at csgiving.org/youth-in-philanthropy.

>> Participating Schools 2025-2026

Benton
Berwick
Bloomsburg
Central Columbia
Central Susquehanna
Intermediate Unit
Columbia-Montour
AVTS
Danville
Lewisburg
Line Mountain
Midd-West
Mifflinburg
Millville
Milton
Mount Carmel
Northwest
Selinsgrove
Shamokin
Shikellamy
Southern Columbia
Warrior Run



CREATING THE LEGACY YOU WANT FOR THE COMMUNITY YOU LOVE ♥

Everyone can leave a legacy—one that strengthens the community they care about *today, tomorrow, and forever*. Legacy donors share a belief in the power of endowment and a commitment to ensuring local generosity continues to grow and serve future generations.

At the Community Giving Foundation, our priority is what's right for you. Legacy giving is deeply personal, and we walk alongside individuals and families to design charitable plans that reflect their values, honor loved ones, and align with their overall financial and estate goals. Whether you wish to support a specific nonprofit, address an area of passion—such as education, mental health, food insecurity, or the arts—or simply ensure your giving remains local and responsive to community needs, we carry out your wishes in perpetuity.

Legacy giving through the Foundation is flexible and accessible. Creating a lasting local legacy does not require a large estate—only the thoughtful intention to include the Foundation in your plans. A planned gift can support an existing fund or establish a named fund that preserves your charitable vision for generations to come. By making this meaningful decision, legacy donors become part of a community committed to lasting local impact.



>> Testamentary Funds

Many donors have already ensured their community benefits from their generosity beyond their lifetimes. Community Giving Foundation's legacy society includes individuals who have included the Foundation in their estate planning. Others have taken additional steps to create testamentary funds at the Foundation—named funds that will benefit specific nonprofits, areas of passion, and meaningful communities after the donor's lifetime. Current testamentary funds are listed at right.

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Contact the Foundation to learn more about customizable giving options that are right for you. Call us at **570.752.3930** or csgiving.org/contact.

Anonymous Field of Interest Fund
Brent Lee Levan Memorial Scholarship Fund
Brubaker Fund
Douglas P. and Susan M. Kuziak
Scholarship Fund
Elma Sharp Memorial Fund
Gardner Family Designated Fund
Gardner Family Scholarship Fund
Henry and Kim Meiss Fund for
Southern Columbia
Henry and Kim Meiss Scholarship for
Southern Columbia
James M. Levan Designated Fund
James M. Levan Memorial Scholarship
Joan and Fred Miller Designated Fund
Linda and Terry Brown Designated Fund
Lynn Shoop Scholarship Fund
Marian C. Levan Memorial Award
Marilyn L. Muehlhof Designated Fund



SHAPING OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE FUTURE

In 2025, the Foundation strengthened our role as a trusted partner to donors, nonprofits, and communities while sharpening our focus on data-driven impact. We began our journey towards a new strategic framework that clarifies how we serve our region—building lasting community endowments, offering personalized giving services, and leading through collaboration and innovation.

Community is more than the place you live. It's the people, connections, and shared sense of belonging that bring meaning to our lives. The impact shared in this report is only possible through the generosity, trust, and vision of partners like you.

As we look forward to 2026, we see a future shaped by possibility. Guided by strong relationships and informed by local data, we continue to listen, learn, and invest where it matters most. Together, we are shaping a more vibrant and resilient future for our region. Thank you for believing in the power of community giving—

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LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Visit csgivingreport.org or scan the QR code to find:

- > A list of Foundation funds
- > Donations made in 2025
- > Grants and Scholarships awarded in 2025
- > Stories from Foundation stakeholders
- > Upcoming events and initiatives for 2026





ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE CENTRAL SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY

»» Achieving Donors' Intentions

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. With a deep understanding of local needs and a commitment to stewardship through personal relationships with donors and area nonprofits, the Foundation helps individuals, families, and businesses turn their own story into a legacy of community giving.

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