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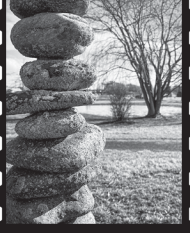
25 Years

COMMUNITY GIVING FOUNDATION

CELEBRATING 25 Years OF IMPACT

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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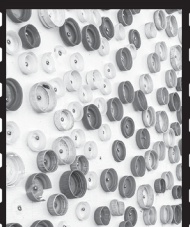

Greetings Friends–

2024 marked a milestone year for the Community Giving Foundation as we celebrated our 25th anniversary. Reflecting on 25 years of philanthropy and impact brings to mind so many influential connections that have transformed our work. Our founders, who established our first charitable fund through the sale of the Berwick Hospital in 1999. Our visionary board members, who adopted the community foundation model to expand our philanthropy across the region in 2003. Our partnerships with five affiliate foundations and the dedicated local boards who remain passionate about creating a vibrant future for their communities. And the countless community members who have joined us in our mission to enhance our region through their own community giving legacies.

Thanks to the philanthropic spirit and vision of thousands of individuals, families, and organizations, our Foundation has grown from one charitable fund to over 365+ giving legacies. Even as we look back and celebrate milestones throughout our history, 2024 brought many moments of meaningful growth and impact.

- Through a collective commitment to local philanthropy, the Foundation experienced a record year in donations to current and new funds—over $6.4 million to support a wide range of community needs.
- Our Youth in Philanthropy program continues to experience record growth as we welcomed 18 school districts and 250+ high school students to this year's kick-off in October. We were also honored to receive the 2024 Young Philanthropist Award from Wellspan Evangelical Community Hospital in recognition of the program's impact on building strong student leaders and future community philanthropists.
- Because of the continued generosity of our donors and commitment to creating meaningful impact across the region, we awarded over $2.7 million in grants and $455,420 in scholarships in 2024.
- Through several new regional events, including our first annual scholarship luncheon, the Foundation focused on facilitating connections and conversations across our region. We were thrilled to host Elevate2, a collaboration with our neighboring community foundation, in October. This special conference brought together over 200 nonprofit staff, volunteers, and board members to enhance their skills, share experiences, and forge meaningful connections.
- The Foundation welcomed Becky Stugart to our team in September. As our first Impact Coordinator, Becky's role will grow our focus on understanding community needs to better steward and connect funding in the most impactful way for our region.

When you move from dreaming to doing, philanthropy becomes more than a good feeling. It transforms the lives of the people around you, and its ripple effects are felt in the community for decades. That's why our visionary founders created the Community Giving Foundation, and it is the purpose behind all we do. We have learned so much in 25 years. Here's to the next 25, and a lasting legacy of community giving across our region—FOR GOOD. **FOR EVER.** ♥

KARA G. SEESHOLTZ
President and CEO
Community Giving Foundation

Community Giving FOUNDATION™

REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS **2024**

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Becky Stugart
Impact Coordinator

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› DECEMBER 31, **2023** AND **2022** ♥

ASSETS	2023	2022
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,754,010	$ 797,492
Pledges receivable	144,508	246,833
Accrued interest receivable	73,532	61,338
Prepaid expense	—	34,724
Total current assets	**1,972,050**	**1,140,387**
Noncurrent Assets:		
Land, Buildings and Equipment:		
Land	95,324	95,324
Land improvements	224,501	224,501
Building and building improvements	1,417,493	1,417,493
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	76,624	76,624
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(729,378)	(685,280)
Land, buildings and equipment, net	1,084,564	1,128,662
Investments	69,703,823	60,832,864
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts	—	9,961
Beneficial interest in remainder trusts held by others	238,397	417,165
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts held by others	851,114	784,231
Total noncurrent assets	**71,877,898**	**63,172,883**
Total Assets	**$ 73,849,948**	**$ 64,313,270**

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ACCREDITED FOUNDATION

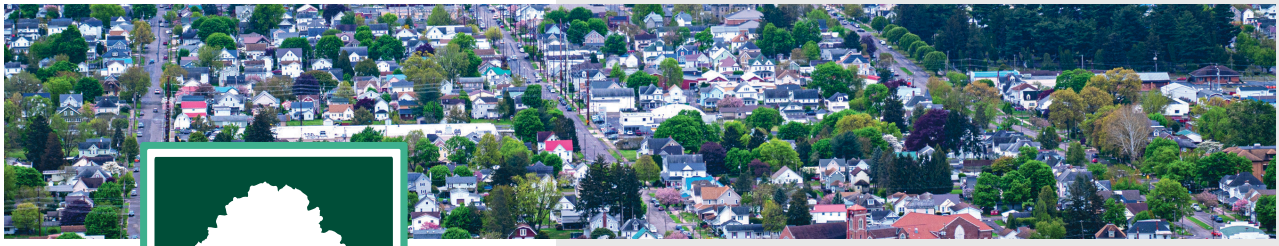
Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2023	2022
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 9,043	$ 19,523
Grants payable	105,395	73,795
Refundable Advance	23,150	—
Total current liabilities	137,588	93,318
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Grants payable, net of current portion	243,393	206,722
Funds held as agency endowments	5,745,961	5,247,744
Total noncurrent liabilities	5,989,354	5,454,466
Total Liabilities	**6,126,942**	**5,547,784**
Net Assets:		
Without donor restrictions	66,633,495	57,554,129
With donor restrictions	1,089,511	1,211,357
Total Net Assets	**67,723,006**	**58,765,486**
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$ 73,849,948**	**$ 64,313,270**

› 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 QR code. ♥

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.



Community Giving FOUNDATION™

› ESTABLISHED **2003** ♥

Serving Columbia, Lower-Luzerne, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union Counties in Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

TOTALS **2024**

TOTAL ASSETS **$84,164,406**	TOTAL FUNDS **376**	
TOTAL GIFTS **$6,417,464**	TOTAL GRANTS **$2,756,685**	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS **$455,420**

› Visit *csgivingreport.org* or scan the QR code for Foundation fund lists and information on 2024 gifts and grants/scholarships. ♥

*2024 Totals shown are unaudited and internally prepared, and reflect an overall amount for Community Giving Foundation and its five affiliates. These totals were calculated 12/31/2024, and may be adjusted for trust assets, late vendor invoices, etc.

GRANT INVESTMENTS **BY PROGRAM AREA**

- › ARTS & CULTURE **$154,361**
- › CIVIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **$13,500**
- › EDUCATION **$121,988**
- › HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES **$1,372,762**
- › SCHOLARSHIPS **$455,420**
- › YOUTH & RECREATION **$1,048,554**

Community Giving FOUNDATION™ Berwick

FOUNDED **1998** ♥

Enriching the lives of residents in 8 boroughs and 15 townships throughout the greater Berwick area.

BOARD **2024**

Cynthia Lombard | *Chair*
Damien Scoblink | *Vice-Chair*
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TOTALS **2024**

TOTAL ASSETS **$36,578,597**	TOTAL FUNDS **65**	TOTAL GIFTS **$359,359**
	TOTAL GRANTS **$1,227,111**	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS **$82,150**

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Community Giving FOUNDATION™ Bloomsburg

FOUNDED **1996** ♥

Making an impact on Bloomsburg area communities through superior stewardship of enduring charitable gifts.

BOARD **2024**

Pam Young | *Chair*
Jessica Lehman | *Vice-Chair*
Patricia Leighow | *Financial Liaison*

Donna Coombs
Lynn Cromley
Elizabeth Dowd
Dr. Heather Feldhaus
Jeff Lylo
Brigid Pugh
Stephanie Severn
Leo Sokoloski
Angela Young

TOTALS **2024**

TOTAL ASSETS **$587,036**	TOTAL FUNDS **11**	TOTAL GIFTS **$107,887**
	TOTAL GRANTS **$25,800**	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS **$4,600**

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Community Giving FOUNDATION™ Danville

FOUNDED **1999** ♥

Serving the greater Danville area communities through superior stewardship of enduring charitable gifts.

BOARD **2024**

Bonnie Trump | *Chair*
Linda Brown | *Vice-Chair*
Donna Cush | *Secretary*
David Betz | *Financial Liaison*

Marsha Albertson
Marc Baranouski
Kimberly Burke
C. Brian Crane
Greg Cole
Timothy Karr
Dr. Irene Mbih
Aidan McDonald
Shelley Nemeth
Dr. Mary Petrick
Cindy Powers
Robert Stoudt
Gary Visneski

TOTALS **2024**

TOTAL ASSETS **$15,955,085**	TOTAL FUNDS **108**	TOTAL GIFTS **$4,337,596**
	TOTAL GRANTS **$258,835**	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS **$115,100**

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Community Giving FOUNDATION™ Selinsgrove

FOUNDED **1994**

Enriching the quality of life in the Selinsgrove area and surrounding communities through stewardship of enduring charitable gifts.

BOARD **2024**

Jodi Cope | *Chair*
Stacey Napoli | *Vice-Chair*
William Bucher | *Financial Liaison*

Robert Bertram
Malcolm Derk
Dr. Nicole Henry
Dr. Katie Hess
Dr. Frank Jankowski
Sara Lauver
Richard Lybarger
Jason Robinson
Raven Rudnitsky

TOTALS **2024**

TOTAL ASSETS **$2,607,131**	TOTAL FUNDS **28**	TOTAL GIFTS **$113,919**
	TOTAL GRANTS **$85,839**	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS **$56,800**

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Community Giving FOUNDATION™ Sunbury

FOUNDED **2005**

Serving a multitude of charitable needs in the Sunbury area through superior stewardship of enduring charitable gifts.

BOARD **2024**

Craig DeFazio | *Chair*
Cory Fasold | *Vice-Chair*
Stephen Engle | *Financial Liaison*

Stephen Dagle
Dr. Robert Hynick
Marla Lahr
Michael Martz
Justin Michaels
William Roll
Lindsie Wolfe
Frances Zartman

TOTALS **2024**

TOTAL ASSETS **$8,596,989**	TOTAL FUNDS **29**	TOTAL GIFTS **$372,587**
	TOTAL GRANTS **$234,530**	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS **$54,920**

Visit *csgivingreport.org* or scan the QR code for Foundation fund lists and information on 2024 gifts and grants/scholarships.

The Community Giving Foundation has experienced incredible moments of evolution and growth over our 25-year history. Take a look at some of our milestone moments below and learn more online at csgiving.org/history. ♥

1999 2004 2009 2014 2019 2024

1998

The Berwick Health and Wellness Foundation was created in November through the sale of the Berwick Hospital from nonprofit to for-profit ownership. The following year, the Foundation awarded its first grants totaling $1.2 million to nonprofits serving the Berwick community.

2004

Youth in Philanthropy started in 2004 in the Berwick School District with the purpose of engaging high school students in community giving. The program has grown to include over 200 young philanthropists.

2013

The Foundation surpassed 100 individual charitable funds, established through the unique passions and stories of local donors. The Danville Area Community Foundation was welcomed as an affiliate foundation.

2018

The Bloomsburg Area Community Foundation was welcomed as an affiliate foundation.

2024

The Foundation saw exceptional growth in 2024. Highlights included onboarding the first impact coordinator, celebrating the first scholarship luncheon, and cohosting a new regional nonprofit conference.

2003

The original Foundation transitioned to a regional community foundation in June. The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation's mission included a broader footprint along the Susquehanna Valley to serve a variety of charitable needs.

2006

The Selinsgrove Area Youth Foundation and the Sunbury Area Health Foundation were both welcomed as affiliate foundations. The regional Foundation also achieved national accreditation for the first time, demonstrating a commitment to exemplary operations and stewardship.

2017

The Women's Giving Circle was created to provide grants that empower, connect, and inspire local women and girls through collective giving.

2020

The Foundation led sustainability and recovery efforts in the wake of COVID-19, distributing over $650,000 through the Disaster Relief Fund and other funding. In December, the Foundation revealed a new brand and name—Community Giving Foundation—celebrating the philanthropic spirit of the community and its impactful legacy.

Through 25 years of milestones and memories, Community Giving Foundation celebrates the collective legacy of everyday people who continue to give back to the communities where they live, work, and play. Over 2024, the Foundation profiled 25 stories that exemplified the diverse partnerships and passions that drive our community giving. Read these moving stories at csgiving.org/25-stories. ♥

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Through a hands-on approach to giving and grantmaking, Youth in Philanthropy empowers high school students across the region as they work together to create visible impact in their schools and communities. Students learn about the meaning of "philanthropy", the nonprofit structure, and importance of volunteerism. They survey their peers to build local needs assessments, and then organize their own grant round to support local youth programs.

This fall marked the 21st year of the program, which has experienced tremendous growth over its remarkable history. In 2024, a record 18 school districts and 250+ high schoolers joined the program, including new groups from the CSIU, Milton, and Shamokin. Students will award a collective $90,000 in local grants this coming spring. Learn more at *csgiving.org/youth-in-philanthropy*. ♥

YOUTH IN PHILANTHROPY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 2024-2025

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

The Women's Giving Circle is a membership-driven group that empowers, connects, and inspires women and girls by supporting initiatives and resources that better their lives. With several levels of giving available, members pool donations together to create a larger impact across the region. Learn more at *csgiving.org/womens-giving-circle*. ♥

Four grant finalists presented their proposals during the Women's Giving Circle 2024 annual meeting in July. Taking an active role in the grantmaking process, members cast their vote to decide final grant awards. Beyond Violence and Dwell Orphan Care received $10,000 each to support their initiatives in our region. Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc. and Bloomsburg Children's Museum each received $500 for general organization support.

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE STEERING COMMITTEE 2024

- Linda Brown | *Chair*
- Brianna Apfelbaum Kula, Esq. | *Vice-Chair*
- Patricia Leighow | *Secretary*
- Athena Aardweg
- Tiffany Bienkowski
- Colleen Bowman
- Stacey Napoli
- Linda Neyhart
- Jessica Owens Pastuszek
- Pam Stetler
- Amanda Stutzman
- Ellen Withrow

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Through the many celebrations and moments of connection with each of you across the region during this milestone year, the Foundation has felt the incredible generosity of our community. Thanks to the philanthropic spirit and vision of hundreds of individuals, families, and organizations, we continue to invest in the future, addressing critical and emerging needs. This significant impact is only possible because of people like you!

As we look to the next 25 years of the Community Giving Foundation and beyond, you are the inspiration for our work. Together, we turn your ideas into action, and your investments into a giving legacy that will strengthen our region for generations. Thank you for your partnership—past, present and future. Our Foundation continues to help this region thrive because of our collective commitment to local community giving— FOR GOOD. **FOR EVER.** ♥

LOOKING FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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

- A list of Foundation funds
- Donations made in 2024
- Grants and Scholarships awarded in 2024
- Stories from Foundation stakeholders
- Upcoming events and initiatives for 2025

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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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