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IMPACT SNAPSHOT

The Foundation continues to monitor community needs assessments and data shared by our partners doing on-the-ground work across the region. Our recent Impact Snapshot provides a breakdown of 2026 competitive grants by key impact areas and top regional needs.

For the full Impact Snapshot and more resources on community needs and insights, visit csgiving.org/data.

- BASIC NEEDS **23%**
- COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT **6%**
- CULTURE & COMMUNITY INTERESTS **8%**
- HEALTH & WELLNESS **44%**
- YOUTH & EDUCATION **19%**

GRANTMAKING FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

Every community has its own strengths, challenges, and opportunities. As a community foundation, we are uniquely positioned to help ensure charitable gifts are invested where they can make the greatest impact—both today and for the future. Across our 5 ½ county service area, Community Giving Foundation works alongside donors, nonprofits, and community leaders to understand local priorities, respond to emerging needs, and support lasting solutions. Our grantmaking is guided by strong relationships, local knowledge, and data-informed decision making, allowing us to connect the generosity of donors with meaningful opportunities for impact. Every grant reflects a shared commitment to helping our communities thrive.

The stories on the following pages highlight just a few ways Foundation grants are creating opportunity, expanding access, and meeting needs across the region. Together, these investments demonstrate how philanthropy can multiply impact and create lasting change for generations to come.



GRANTMAKING SNAPSHOT

- **274** Number of Grantmaking Funds
- **\$3,934,607** 2025 Total Grants Awarded
- **\$2,813,311** Grants Awarded So Far This Year



Scan the QR code or visit csgivingreport.org for the Foundation's Annual Report, which includes a full list of 2025 grants and much more!



» YOUR COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT

The Foundation manages a permanent endowment in the region to ensure that resources are always available to meet local needs. Grown through collective community giving, these flexible resources are directed by Foundation boards and staff to achieve the greatest impact—today, tomorrow, and forever.

» Responding to Community Needs

Across the Foundation's 5 ½ county region, food insecurity remains one of the most urgent challenges facing residents of every age. Through flexible grant funding, Community Giving Foundation partners with local nonprofits to strengthen food access, provide emergency support, and build long-term solutions.

For example, in Union and Snyder counties, the SUN Hunger Coalition is strengthening collaboration among more than 40 food access programs, improving coordination and expanding resources for local food distribution sites. Across Columbia, Montour, and Northumberland counties, Central Susquehanna Opportunities' Mobile Food Pantry is bringing healthy food directly to residents, reaching thousands of individuals while connecting families with additional services that support long-term stability. From backpack programs and community meals to food pantries and collaborative initiatives, Foundation grants help ensure our nonprofit partners have the resources they need to respond today while creating stronger systems for tomorrow.



» Investing in Tomorrow's Changemakers

For 22 years, Community Giving Foundation's Youth in Philanthropy program has empowered high school students to explore local needs, evaluate nonprofit grant requests, and experience the responsibility and impact of community giving firsthand. This spring, a record 20 school groups awarded 125 grants totaling more than \$100,000 to support local youth programs across the region. Students are learning that philanthropy is more than just making a gift—it's listening, collaborating, and investing in solutions that strengthen their communities. By empowering students today, we're cultivating lifelong commitments to generosity and community engagement.

“At this age, it can be difficult to feel like we are making a significant impact in our community. But Youth in Philanthropy has allowed us to do just that. After going through the difficult process of determining top needs, making grant decisions, and seeing the impact those organizations are having, it's empowering to know we created something good in the world.” *Youth in Philanthropy Student*

» Turning Insights into Impact

Every grant begins with listening. Community Giving Foundation combines local relationships, community conversations, nonprofit partnerships, and data-informed insights to understand the challenges and opportunities shaping our region. Together, Foundation staff and local boards carefully evaluate each grant request to ensure flexible resources are invested where they can create meaningful, lasting impact. In 2026, this collaborative process guided more than \$1.8 million in Community Endowment grants across the region.

“Being a part of the Foundation's grant review process is simultaneously one of the most challenging and rewarding tasks. Information from Foundation staff that highlights the needs of our communities is incredibly helpful in getting started, and the unique perspectives of all the board members around the table allow us to consider each application from a multitude of angles. But it is ultimately the hard work done by so many of our nonprofit partners that gives me the confidence to trust our final decisions.” *Damien Scoblink, Berwick Vice Chair*



» Giving Guided by Your Values

A donor advised fund offers the flexibility to support the organizations and causes that matter to you, while partnering with the Foundation to simplify charitable giving, benefit from local expertise, and strengthen grant impact. The Gutknecht Family Charitable Fund honors a legacy and lifelong commitment to faith, music, service, and education. Through annual grant recommendations, the family is supporting organizations that reflect these values and inspire future generations.

“Our Scholarship Singer program—initially supported by the Gutknecht family—has expanded to include eight college students majoring in music performance, providing them with fantastic opportunities and a welcoming community. The Foundation’s work in connecting philanthropic donors with nonprofits like ours ensures that we can continue giving back to our community through music.” *Kelly Beard, Susquehanna Valley Chorale*

» A Lifetime of Giving. A Future of Impact.

Paul Simington believed in giving back to the community he called home. His estate plans continued the generosity he displayed during his life, creating several charitable funds to forever support causes close to his heart—from preserving local history to protecting forests and natural resources, while also opening doors for future generations through scholarships. Today, the Simington legacy lives on through these annual grants—a demonstration of how one thoughtful estate gift can create lasting impact for generations to come.

“The Montour County Historical Society depends heavily on donations to cover monthly expenses for our three museums. Receiving the annual grant from the Simington fund is vital to our mission, supporting essential building repairs, supplies, and museum collection maintenance.” *Lynn Reichen, Montour County Historical Society*

» Building for Today. Inspiring Tomorrow.

After recently establishing both endowed and non-endowed funds at the Foundation, the Bloomsburg Children’s Museum is ensuring it can continue inspiring curiosity while growing to meet the needs of future generations. For more than 40 years, the Museum has provided hands-on learning experiences that spark creativity, introduce STEM careers, and connect families across the region. Today, its new funds will provide both permanent sustainability for that mission while fueling an exciting expansion that will increase exhibits and educational programming.

“These funds represent both gratitude and momentum. This is about building a stronger future for children and families across our region.” *Dr. Ginny Weibel, Bloomsburg Children’s Museum*

YOUR GIVING SERVICES ◀

The Foundation offers personalized giving services to individuals, families, and businesses, connecting your passions with community needs to achieve your charitable goals. This customizable giving is directed by each donor, combining tax-smart options with Foundation stewardship to benefit your community in the most effective way.



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CONNECTING PEOPLE, RESOURCES, AND IDEAS

Community Giving Foundation is dedicated to connecting people, resources, and ideas across Pennsylvania's Central Susquehanna region. As a regional community foundation, we partner with individuals, families, and businesses to turn their charitable passions into meaningful, lasting impact. The Foundation manages more than 400 charitable funds, offering both flexible, permanent endowments that respond to evolving community needs and personalized giving options tailored to donor goals. Each year, the Foundation distributes over \$4 million in grants and scholarships to support local students, nonprofits, and community initiatives. Through these efforts, we serve as a trusted partner in helping generosity make a difference where it matters most.

Grounded in local knowledge and a data-driven approach, the Foundation works to identify both immediate needs and long-term opportunities that strengthen collaboration, address gaps, and amplify impact. Our team offers personalized guidance and deep community insight, ensuring that every charitable gift is stewarded with strategic thoughtfulness and care. The Foundation is uniquely positioned to connect community giving with community needs to maximize impact—today, tomorrow, and forever. Together, we are transforming generosity to build a stronger, more vibrant community. Contact the Foundation to learn more about partnership opportunities.

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