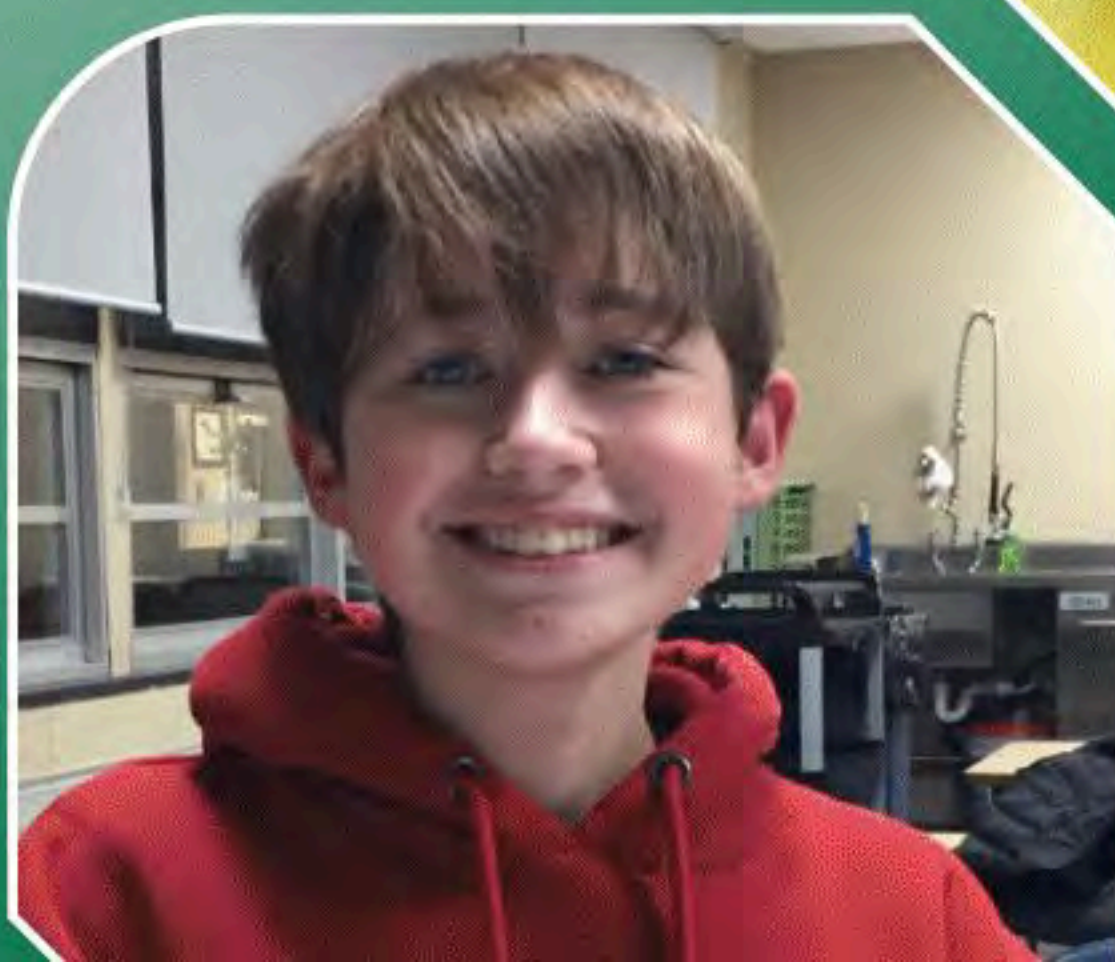
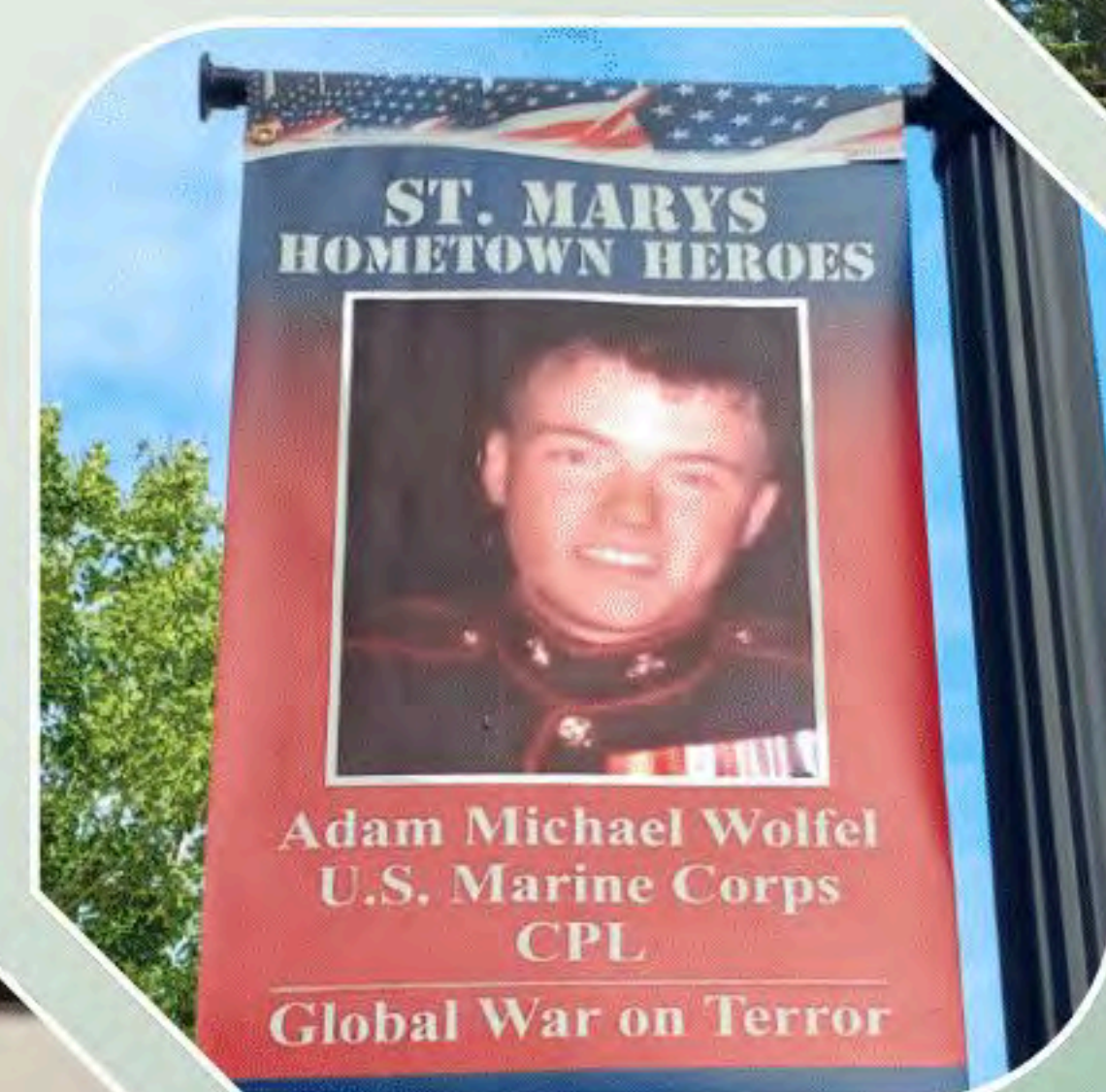




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### 2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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# LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

Dear Friends of our Foundation,

The Elk County Community Foundation is pleased to present its 2021 Annual Report. It has been an exciting and productive year, made possible by our community supporting us in so many ways!

Though the pandemic again followed us through the year, we found new and creative ways to continue our work with our boards, committees and donors. Whether it was meeting in larger spaces or via Zoom, the work of the Community Foundation continued, and in spite of it all, our growth and generous donors were amazing.

Over \$790,000 was distributed for local agencies' programs and students' higher education! We are excited how these dollars have made an impact in our community. In addition, 12 new permanent funds were created that will continue this positive influence in our area for years to come.

Thank you to our valued donors for providing the Community Foundation with the opportunity to partner with them to achieve their philanthropic dreams and to support their favorite charities, programs and local students. Their dedication and commitment to making our region a better place to live, work and play is a precious gift we cherish and value. The leadership and generous sharing of resources by each and every donor creates good in our communities.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about how we might be able to partner with you, please contact Paula Fritz Eddy at [eccf@elkcountyfoundation.org](mailto:eccf@elkcountyfoundation.org) or at 814-834-2125.

Visit our website at [elkcountyfoundation.org](http://elkcountyfoundation.org) for general information about the overall organization, grants, scholarships, news and events.

We invite you to experience the good will and generosity of Elk County philanthropy. It truly has been a year of good made possible by all of you!

Sincerely,



Tom Jesberger  
Board President



Paula Fritz Eddy  
Executive Director



Tom Jesberger



Paula Fritz Eddy



# 2021 COMMITTEES, STAFF AND SERVICES

## Representatives to Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies (CFNA)

**Elk**  
Gennaro Aiello  
Bill Conrad  
Bob Ordiway  
Tom Wagner

**McKean**  
Bob Esch  
Rich Esch  
James Evans

## ECCF Staff

Paula Fritz Eddy – Executive Director  
Jeanne Dippold – Finance Director  
Kris Kronenwetter – Scholarship Manager  
Ann Bauer – Marketing Manager  
Molly Cerroni – Executive Assistant  
April Fantechi – Executive Assistant  
Maria Allegretto – Summer Intern

## CFNA Investment & Finance Committee

CFNA Board  
Tom Jesberger  
Judy Manno Stager

## CFNA Foundation Scholarship Committee

Judy Allegretto (Elk)  
Linda Buchheit (Elk/community)  
Mike Renaud (Elk)  
Ron Swanson (McKean)  
Barb Duffy (Elk- alternate)  
Tom Jesberger (Elk- alternate)

## Public Relations Committee

Nancy Hoffman  
Ann Bauer  
Paula Fritz Eddy  
Tom Jesberger  
Bea Terbovich  
Eric Wolfe

## Grants Committee

Gennaro Aiello  
Dennis Bonanno  
Nancy Hoffman  
Christine Imbrogno  
Tom Jesberger  
Fritz Lecker

## Ridgway Borough Charitable Committee

Joe Bullers  
Derrick Goode  
Mary Jane Oknefski  
Norb Pontzer  
Linda White

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Kris Kronenwetter, Chairperson  
Pam Allegretto-Diulio  
Ann Bauer

Jane Bryndel  
Linda Buchheit  
Beth Constable  
Jennifer Dippold  
Barb Duffy  
Paula Fritz Eddy  
June Sorg

## Investment Managers

CNB Bank Trust & Asset  
Gunter: Financial Group of  
Raymond James  
Janney Montgomery Scott LLC  
PNC Institutional Investments  
Northwest Bank  
Stifel: O'Leary Piccolo Wealth  
Management Group  
Vanguard Group

## Photography Credits

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The Daily Press

## Design and Printing

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Expanding.  
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Penn Highlands Elk has a long history of providing quality care to the region. The hospital campus is located in St. Marys, with outpatient services and physician offices in multiple locations throughout the region. It proudly serves the residents of Elk, Cameron and McKean counties.

Today, Penn Highlands Elk is part of a growing healthcare system that provides exceptional care for every age and stage in life – from pregnancy and birth to senior care and hospice.

[www.phhealthcare.org/elk](http://www.phhealthcare.org/elk)



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Elk**  
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## HONORING OUR BOARD MEMBERS

*One of the great rewards of having a Board of Directors to help carry out the mission of your organization is the caliber of people you have the honor of working with. Thank you to all who serve on the board. We look forward to working together to advance the Elk County Community Foundation's mission.*

## 2021 ECCF Board of Directors

Tom Jesberger, President	Christine Imbrogno
Dennis Bonnano, Vice President	Robert Ordiway
Nancy Hoffman, Secretary	Norbert Pontzer
Fritz Lecker, Treasurer	Jeff Marzella
Judy Allegretto	Bill Shuey
Steve Brazinski	Judith Manno Stager
Kim Cashmer	Tom Wagner
	Eric Wolfe

## We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our outgoing board members!



**Fritz Lecker** served from 2013 to 2021, acting as Board Treasurer for 6 years, and participating in a number of committees including the Grants and Investment committees.

**Judith Manno Stager** has served over 20 years in many roles including Vice President and President, on the Investment, Nominating, and Scholarship committees, and on many task groups.



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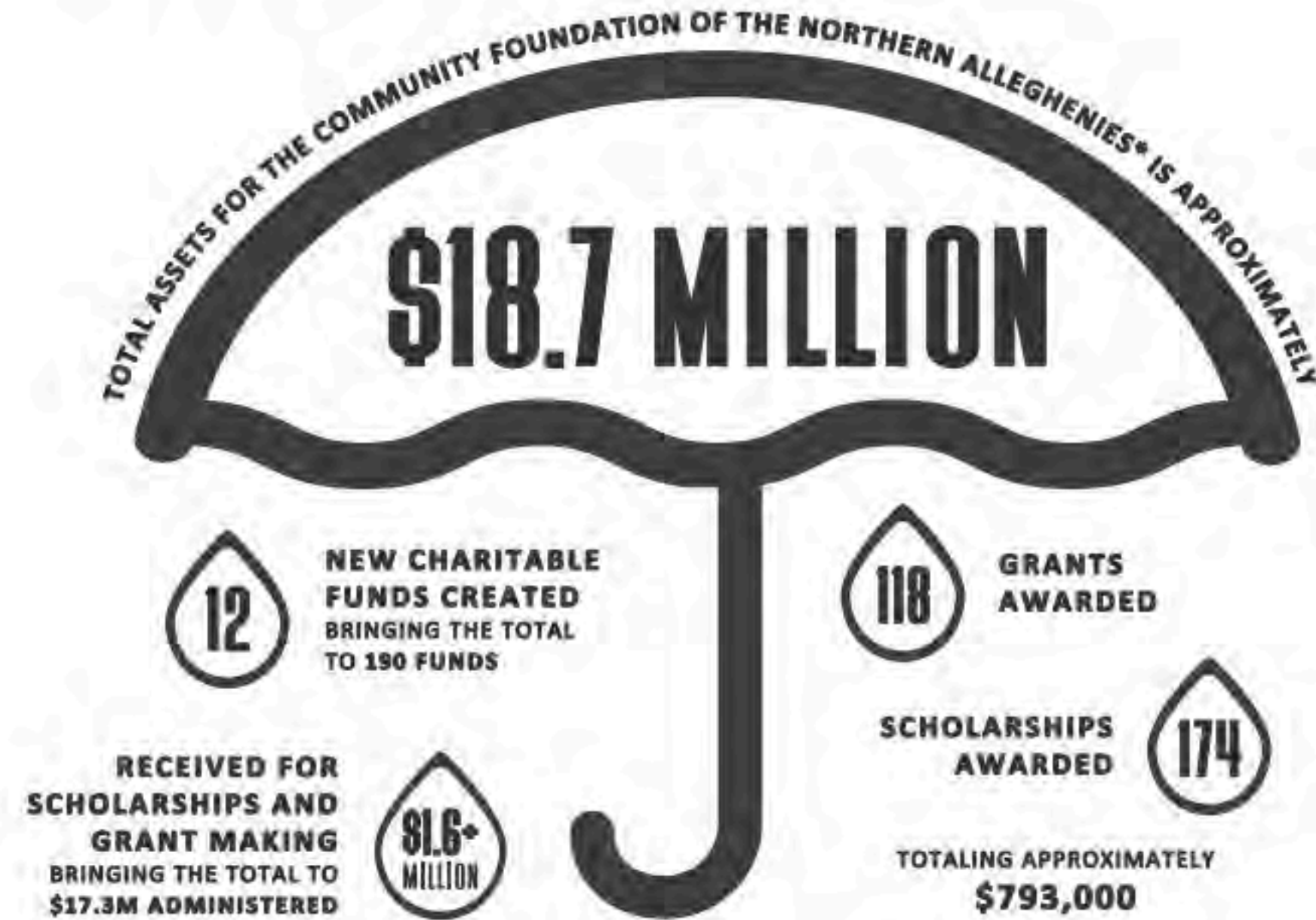
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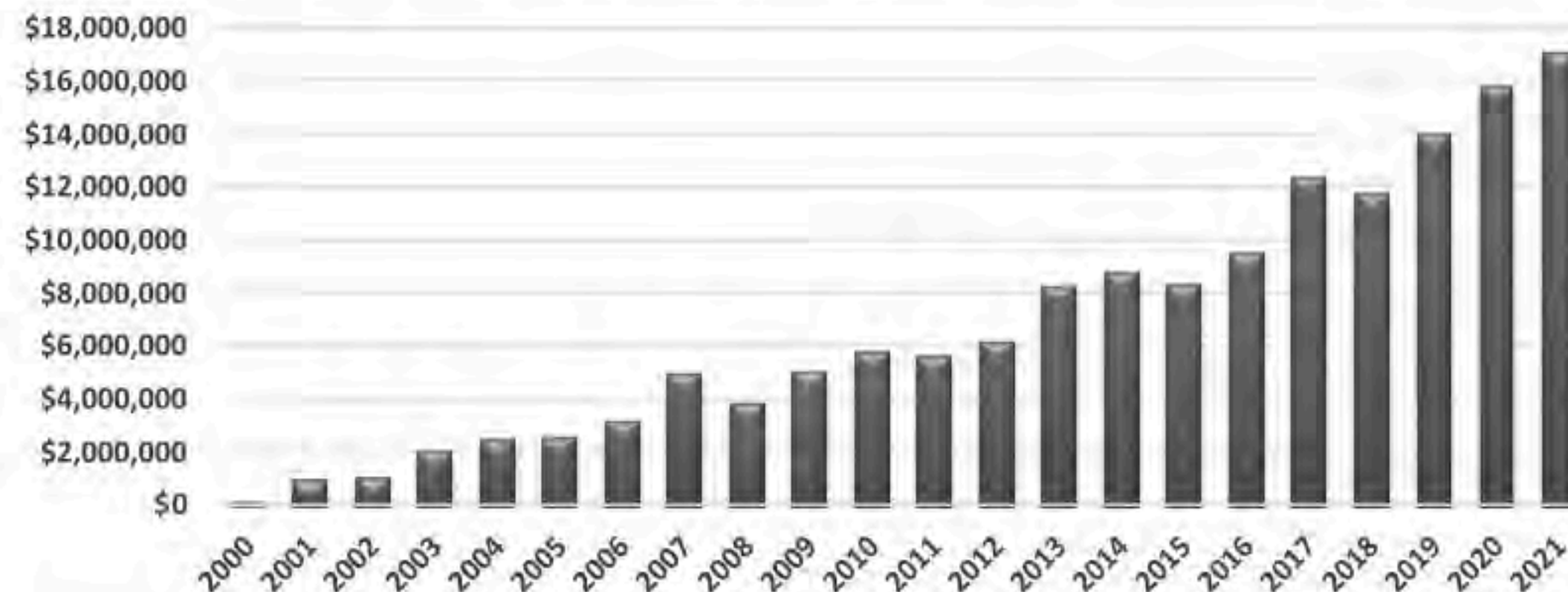
# YEAR IN REVIEW: 2021



\*The Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies (CFNA) is made up of two affiliates: The Elk County Community Foundation, which was established in 2000, and the McKean County Community Foundation, which was established in 2017. Both Community Foundations, through donations from the general public, make grants to community organizations in their respective counties for education, arts, health services, human services, civic services and economic development.

## ECCF ASSET GROWTH OVER TIME

As a long-term investor in the Elk County region, our investment strategy is to grow the community's endowments to ensure assets are available to address community needs and opportunities now and in the future. The Elk County Community Foundation has grown substantially since its inception in 2000, reflecting the vision and integrity of its leaders and the extraordinary generosity of the people of our area.



# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE NORTHERN ALLEGHENIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021	2020
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contribution	\$ 1,948,296	\$ 1,249,990
Interest Income	305,001	257,096
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	1,434,741	1,555,490
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,688,038</b>	<b>3,062,576</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grants and Scholarships	773,942	659,000
Other Program Expenses	73,414	61,883
Administrative	201,632	168,001
Fundraising	10,999	9,580
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,059,987</b>	<b>898,464</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,628,051</b>	<b>2,164,112</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>15,717,151</b>	<b>13,553,039</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 18,345,202</b>	<b>\$ 15,717,151</b>



To strengthen our region through development, stewardship, and grant making as donors achieve their philanthropic goals



Connecting people who care with causes that matter



Our mission guides our efforts as we work with:

**DONORS** to help them support the particular issues and organizations they care about.

**NONPROFITS** to offer grant opportunities to assist in their work and projects.

**STUDENTS** as we administer scholarships that help them get the education they need.

## ELK AND MCKEAN COUNTY AFFILIATES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Elk	McKean
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contribution	\$ 1,640,546	\$ 307,750
Interest Income	288,865	16,136
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	1,342,066	92,675
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,271,477</b>	<b>416,561</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grants and Scholarships	671,148	102,794
Other Program Expenses	59,758	13,656
Administrative	180,398	21,234
Fundraising	9,197	1,802
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>920,501</b>	<b>139,486</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2,350,976</b>	<b>277,075</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1</b>	<b>14,769,524</b>	<b>947,627</b>
<b>NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>\$ 17,120,500</b>	<b>\$ 1,224,702</b>



# ECCF FUNDS

- Funds listed in **bold print** indicate a new fund created in 2021 -

## Agency Endowment Funds

Autism Program for Children with Dickinson, Inc.  
CAPSEA, Inc.  
Catholic Daughters of the America's St. Marys Court 95  
Christian Food Bank  
Crystal Fire Department  
Dickinson Center Inc. Children's Prevention Services  
Dickinson Center Inc. Endowment  
Elk County Catholic School System  
Elkland Search & Rescue  
Friends of Twin Lakes Endowment  
Johnsonburg Public Library Endowment  
Oak Manor Inc. Endowment  
Pheasants Forever Chapter 630 Youth Outdoor  
Potter County Education Council  
Ridgway Free Library Endowment  
Ridgway YMCA Endowment  
Rita M. Sorg and Marcella A. Largey Fund for ELCAM Community Center  
St. Marys Area United Way, Inc.  
St. Marys Public Library  
St. Marys Youth Council Endowment  
Women Who Care Endowment

## Designated Funds

Alpha & Omega  
Animal Emergency Care  
Benn F. Goodrich Fund for Administration  
Borough of Ridgway Charitable Fund  
The Bow Glow Cancer  
The Boys and Girls Club of St. Marys  
David Lawrence & Sara Ann DeLullo, Jr. Charitable  
Elk County Council on the Arts  
Elk County Society for Special Services  
Gloria M. Finno Elk County Humane Society  
**Greater DuBois Community Development**  
Johnsonburg Area Endowment

Kiwanis Children's Program at St. Marys Library  
Larry Leightley Senior Student Award  
Harold C. & Marguerite M. Lenze Tuition Assistance at ECCSS  
Caroline E. Longwell  
Anthony J. Marrone Memorial Award  
The Marie Brisbois Nuschke Award  
Ridgway Volunteer Fire Department  
Sr. Denise Mosier O.S.B. Tuition Assistance  
Frank & Josephine Sicheri Family Fund  
**Judith Manno Stager Right to Life**  
James & Gloria Straub Memorial Benedictine Sister  
James & Gloria Straub Memorial Pinecrest Manor Activities  
Victor & Dolores Straub  
Queen of the World  
Chester & Grace Viola St. Leo's Tuition Assistance  
Thomas & Mary Rita Valentine  
Charitable Fund for ECCSS

## Donor Advised Funds

Dennis J. & Deborah L. Bonanno Donor Advised  
Doug and Charlotte Dobson Memorial  
Hal & Pauline Fritz Family  
Rose E. & Dennis Heindl Memorial  
Jesberger Family  
Hamlin & Sally Johnson Family  
Kronenwetter/Lecker Donor Advised  
Kinsley Kronenwetter Sunshine  
**Bruce J. Longwill Memorial**  
Jeff & Sonya Marzella Donor Advised  
Jake & Mary Meyer Donor Advised  
Rob & Pam O'Leary Family  
Gerry & Sue Riddle Donor Advised  
Bob & Betsy Roberts Family  
Charles & Doris Schloder Memorial  
McGrady Family  
**Lynne & John Mulcahy Family**  
**Frank & Ellen Scutella Family**

The Serianni Family  
**\*\*\* Smile for Tyler Pass-Through**  
Doris E. Stackpole Donor Advised  
Harrison & Muriel Dauer  
Stackpole Family  
STEM Education  
Peter J. & Amy E. Straub Family  
James & Gloria Straub Memorial  
Victor & Dolores Straub  
Donor Advised  
Tom & Georgia Wagner  
Donor Advised  
L.E. Whiteman Family Memorial  
Women Who Care Membership

## Unrestricted Funds

Elk County Development  
Fund for the Future



**A listing of Scholarship Funds can be found starting on page 18.**



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**the publication of this report!**

# NEW FUNDS



## **Judith Manno Stager Right to Life Fund**

A founding member of the Elk County Community Foundation, Judith created a Right to Life Fund. The fund states: 'Regardless of the circumstances surrounding conception, every human being is endowed with a dignity that must be unconditionally respected and safeguarded. With deep compassion for the vulnerable unborn who cannot fend for themselves, the Fund will award grants to nonprofits who advocate in defense of Life from Conception.' Graduating from Villa Maria College, Judith worked in probation and parole before marrying and returning to Ridgway. After adopting two of their six children, she facilitated adoptions for more than 30 babies and arranged foster care, transportation and U.S. surgeries for dozens of international children. She established and managed her coal and trucking corporation for 40 years, chaired many state and area non-profit boards, headed a church addition, organized the building of a playground and launched a successful court case to save another play area. Judy has 20 grandchildren.

## **Bruce J. Longwill Memorial Fund**

This memorial fund was established by Bob and Julie DeLullo to honor Bruce Longwill after his passing. Driving tractor trailer was Bruce's life enjoyment. During his life he enjoyed classic cars, and if they needed a wash and wax, he would spend hours until the job was completed. Awards will be given to groups and organizations that will give back to community needs, particularly emergency services, such as ambulances, fire companies, etc. The fund awards will be determined annually by Lorraine Longwill, Bruce's wife.



## **Smile for Tyler Pass-Through Fund**

The Smile for Tyler fund was set up following Tyler Mancuso's sudden passing at the age of 25 in 2020. Tyler loved to make people smile. He would joke with people, talk to the elderly for hours, and help others when they were in need. It would hurt him to see people sad, so his family wanted to try and do something good in his name and get to know Tyler for the person he really was. Rather than making one person smile with a scholarship, they decided to try and make as many people smile as possible by doing something good for the community. To date, they have donated to the city to purchase the TruNarc device, raised money to purchase new equipment for Memorial Park, did a Smile for the Holidays, and donated gifts to the local hospitals for pediatric patients. Their goal is to continue to make as many people smile as they can.



## **Greater DuBois Community Development Fund**

The Greater DuBois Community Development Fund was established through a bequest from the Ron Suplizio estate to benefit the community of DuBois and its residents. A committee is being formed to review grant applications and determine the direction the distribution of funds will take. Through this bequest in his will, Mr. Suplizio hoped to enhance the future of the DuBois area, the city where he was born, lived, and worked.



# 2021 GRANTS AWARDED

## DESIGNATED FUNDS AWARDED A TOTAL OF **\$214,248** TO THESE RECIPIENTS:

Austin School District  
Benedictine Sisters of Erie Inc.  
Benedictine Sisters of Virginia  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Big Maple Farm's Natural Therapies  
Bow Glow Cancer Patient Fund  
Brockway Area Ambulance Service, Inc.  
Brockway Area School District  
Brockway Presbyterian Church  
Brockway Volunteer Hose Company  
Cen Clear Child Services  
Congregation of the Holy Spirit  
Dickinson Center, Inc.  
Elk and Cameron Special Olympics  
Elk County Catholic School System  
Elk County Humane Society  
James Zwald Chapter 314 Trout Unlimited  
Johnsonburg Area School District  
Larry Leighty Most Improved Senior Award  
Mengle Memorial Library  
Pinecrest Manor  
Project Gifts for Elk County  
Ridgway Animal Haven  
Ridgway Public Library  
St. Boniface Church  
St. Boniface School  
St. Marys Catholic Church  
St. Marys Public Library  
Sugar Hill Presbyterian Church  
WPSU-TV

### **James & Gloria Straub Benedictine Sisters Fund continues to support Sr. Jacinta's ministry**

*As a part of her estate, Gloria Straub established the James and Gloria Straub Benedictine Sisters Fund to provide for the needs of the Benedictine Sisters who served our community for so many years. When the St. Joseph Monastery in St. Marys closed, Sr. Jacinta Conklin, OSB, pictured on the right with Paula Eddy, transferred her vows to the Erie Benedictines. Her ministries there have continued to keep her close to nature and close to people. She has been a community driver and library aide and shows her love of the earth through seasonal lawn care.*

*When she saw the need for a rough terrain vehicle (RTV) for use at their retreat center, the fund was able to grant the purchase of a vehicle to assist in better utilization of the three hermitages located in their woods. The RTV makes it much easier for all guests, especially the elderly and handicapped, to be transported with their luggage to the private, secluded retreat through wooded areas and paths affected by seasonal weather. It makes maintenance of the roads to the hermitages easier, along with care of the grounds, fences and trees.*

*This designated fund is helping to provide the Benedictine Sisters who have relocated from the local convent with the tools needed to carry on their mission wherever their ministry has taken them.*

### **St. Boniface receives over \$103,000 from Sicheri Grants**

*Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF) leadership had the opportunity to visit the St. Boniface preschool. The Community Foundation provided a \$68,819 grant this year for the school and for tuition assistance for the students attending the Montessori based pre-school program. In addition, ECCF granted another \$34,369 to St. Boniface Church for their Faith Formation programs. These grants were made from the Frank and Josephine Sicheri Family Fund, a designated fund administered by the Foundation.*

*In 2017 ECCF received an estate gift from Zita Sicheri. Zita donated a good portion of her assets to the Community Foundation to establish the fund in honor of her parents. The fund was designated for the sole purpose of support to the St. Boniface Catholic Church and School in her community. This fund will provide an annual gift to the church and the school, along with a donation for tuition assistance for students attending the school.*

*Pictured left to right: Tom Jesberger ECCF President, Janet Dellaquila, SBS Teacher; Paula Fritz Eddy ECCF Executive Director and Fr. Ross Miceli, Pastor. Students in front are Annaliese Doran and Chase Slaughenhaupt.*



**James & Gloria Straub  
Benedictine Sisters Fund**



**Frank and Josephine Sicheri Family Fund**



**James and Gloria Straub Memorial Fund**

## DONOR ADVISED FUNDS AWARDED A TOTAL OF **\$192,656** TO THESE RECIPIENTS:

4H-PSU  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Boys and Girls Club of St. Marys, Inc.  
CAPSEA  
Catholic Charities Counseling and  
Adoption Services, Inc.  
Cen Clear Child Services  
Christian Food Bank, Inc.  
Community Education Center  
Crystal Fire Department  
DuBois Area United Way  
Elk County Catholic School System  
Elk County Toastmasters Club  
Food for the Poor, Inc.  
Girl Scouts of Western PA  
Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church  
Jacqueline M. Renaud Scholarship Fund  
Johnsonburg Area School District  
Johnsonburg Community Center  
Johnsonburg Little League  
Johnsonburg Public Library

Magellan International School  
Office of Human Services  
Partners In Alliance Inc.  
Penn Highlands Elk Auxiliary  
Pinecrest Manor  
Queen of the World Church  
Ridgway Heritage Council  
Ridgway Public Library  
Saint Vincent Seminary  
Second Harvest Food Bank NWPA  
Sister Denise OSB Tuiton Assistance  
St. Marys Area School District  
St. Joseph Catholic Academy  
St. Jude's Children' Research Hospital  
St. Marys Area United Way  
St. Marys Catholic Church  
St. Marys Heritage Preservation Group  
St. Marys Servicemens Burial Detail  
The Lutheran Home  
The Ogden Valley Land Trust  
Villanova University School of Law

## EITC FUNDS AWARDED A TOTAL OF **\$18,000** TO THE **JOHNSONBURG AND RIDGWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

### **Grant helps Heritage Preservation Group keep St. Marys in bloom**

*The James and Gloria Straub Memorial Fund of the Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF) awarded a grant for \$500 to the St. Marys Heritage Preservation Group towards the flowers that beautify our downtown area each summer. The group is a 501-c-3 organization made up of a committee of local citizens committed to the beautification of the St. Marys Historic District. The flowers are watered and cared for throughout the summer by many dedicated volunteers.*

*Photo: Dan Straub, advisor for the Straub Memorial Fund, had the opportunity to talk with the St. Marys Heritage Preservation Group's Board President, Lois Nedzinski, after they hung the first batch of flowers for the season.*

## DONOR ADVISED PASS-THROUGH FUNDS AWARDED A TOTAL OF **\$2,000** TO THE **JOHNSONBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.**



## AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS AWARDED A TOTAL OF **\$118,070** TO THESE RECIPIENTS:

Boys and Girls Club of St. Marys, Inc.  
Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Court of St. Marys #95  
Elk County Catholic School System  
Elkland Search and Rescue  
Pheasants Forever Youth Outdoor Fund  
Spunky Norwegian Foundation  
St. Marys Public Library



### **Designated Grants provide tuition assistance at ECCSS**

*Designated funds are established by individuals who have a specific cause, vision or organization they wish to support. The Harold and Midge Lenze Tuition Assistance Fund; the Tom and Mary Rita Valentine Fund; and the Edna Geitner Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund are all a testament to that vision. These ECCF permanent funds that designated monies to support Catholic education in the Elk County area were established by the donors in their estate plans. In addition, the Elk County Catholic School System (ECCSS) created an agency endowment fund with the foundation years ago which provides them with an annual unrestricted disbursement. This year's combined award for all of these individual funds was \$77,896.*

*Pictured L to R from ECCF is Tom Jesberger, Board President and Paula Fritz Eddy Executive Director, and from ECCSS, Sam MacDonald President, and Director of Advancement, Sue Jansen.*

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AWARDED A TOTAL OF **\$31,207** TO THESE RECIPIENTS:

Bennetts Valley Senior Center  
Chapter 314 Trout Unlimited  
City of St. Marys  
Elk County Riders, Inc.  
Elk County Waste Authority  
Fox Township Sportsmans Club  
PA Titans Wrestling Club

# \$576,181

## GRANTS AWARDED IN 2021 FROM OUR ECCF FUNDS

## 2021 OPEN GRANTS AWARDED

Our Foundation's Open Grants Program allows eligible nonprofit organizations to apply for funding throughout the year. Grants are awarded through established funds, each having their own purpose, timeline, and requirements. Potential recipients submit an application and the grant is awarded to the winner following a competitive selection process by a single reviewer or a team of reviewers. The grants are made possible through the generosity of individuals, families, and organizations who have created funds to make a difference in their communities.

### BOROUGH OF RIDGWAY CHARITABLE FUND: **\$13,500**

**\$5,000** to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for Neighbors Feeding Neighbors  
**\$1,000** to Project Gifts for Ridgway Holiday Gifts  
**\$2,000** to Ridgway Animal Haven for a computer system  
**\$3,500** to Ridgway Library for Audio Room shelving and chairs  
**\$2,000** to Trout Unlimited for ADA Fishing Docks



### **Vertical Baler grant helps save our environment from plastic bag waste**

A \$5,000 grant from the Elk County Development Fund answered the need to add plastic grocery bags and film plastics to the list of acceptable items at the Elk County Recycling Center by assisting with the purchase of a vertical baler. The center began accepting this type of plastic in mid-June. The first bale, weighing 1,599 pounds was finished about 6 ½ weeks later. In addition to promoting plastic bag recycling from the public, the center reached out to the business community and now has bags and other film plastics delivered to them from grocery stores and factories. Adding this material to the list of items accepted by our local recycling center has enabled customers to recycle a commodity that was most often landed up in our landfills. It's a win-win for Elk County and its residents!



### **Bennett's Valley Senior Center improves parking and accessibility**

The Elk County Development Fund awarded a grant to the Bennett's Valley Senior Center (BVSC) this past spring to help with the paving of their parking area. The \$7,000 grant was a portion of the full \$47,000 the Senior Center raised to complete the project. By eliminating the uneven surface and ponding during rain or snow events, seniors reduce their risk of falling from hazardous conditions, and enjoy the appearance of the center as they attend the social functions.

*Pictured from L to R: ECCF board members Fritz Lecker, Treasurer and Denny Bonanno, Vice President; and BVSC officers Deb Quickel, Treasurer, Dolly Crocco, President, and Diane Callari, Secretary.*

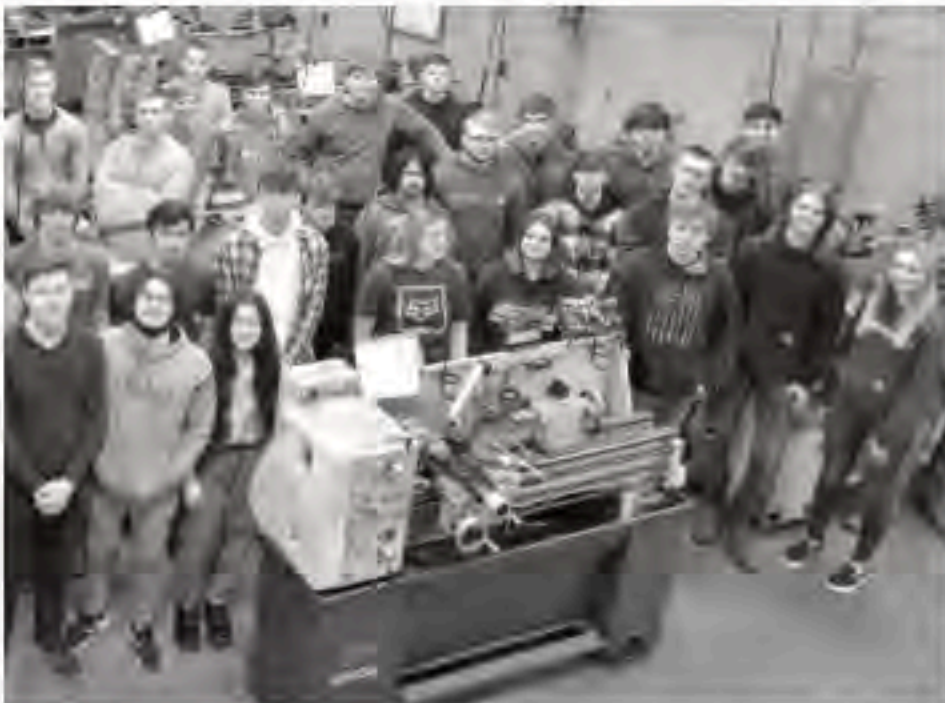
## ELK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND FUND FOR THE FUTURE: **\$31,207**

**\$1,207** to Elk County Riders for two refrigerator/freezers  
**\$7,000** to Bennett's Valley Senior Center for paving of parking lot  
**\$5,000** to Elk County Solid Waste Authority for a vertical baler  
**\$9,500** to City of St. Marys for brackets for the Hometown Hero Project  
**\$5,000** to Fox Twp. Sportsman Club for culvert replacement  
**\$2,000** to PA Titan Wrestling Club for mats, scoreboard, and tuition assistance  
**\$1,500** to Trout Unlimited Ch. 314 for "Trout in the Classroom Unit" for St. Leo



HARRISON & MURIEL DAUER  
STACKPOLE FAMILY FUND: **\$68,955**

- \$4,379 to CenClear for emergency backpacks
- \$5,000 to Christian Food Bank for Rhino flooring
- \$9,500 to Christian Food Bank for holiday food boxes
- \$5,000 to Community Education Center for technology upgrade
- \$2,500 to Girls Scouts of Western PA for Daisy launch, financial aid, and training
- \$7,500 to Johnsonburg Little League for field upgrades
- \$10,000 to Johnsonburg Little League for a building that is ADA compliant
- \$2,276 to Lutheran Home at Kane for Music & Memory Certified Facility
- \$10,000 to Office of Human Services for internet switches
- \$1,000 to Partners in Alliance for Foster Opportunities for Social Interaction
- \$9,300 to St. Marys Area School District for Mastercam Software Program
- \$2,500 to St. Marys Area School District for books for all middle school students



**Mastercam Software grant gives  
SMASD students a workforce advantage**

The Harrison & Muriel Dauer Stackpole Fund awarded a grant for \$9,300 to the St. Marys Area School District (SMASD) for the purchase of Mastercam software program, one of the most prevalent Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) programs used in classrooms. With a nation-wide shortage of skilled workers, one of the goals of SMASD is to develop career-ready young adults to help fill high reward and high growth positions in local industry. Mastercam will provide students with real-world knowledge that is applicable to every single aspect of industrial manufacturing and will expose them to a well-known system that is relied upon by multiple companies in different fields of manufacturing.

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FUND TYPE	ESTABLISHING A FUND SUGGESTED BALANCE*
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Scholarship	\$12,500 - \$25,000
Designated/Field of Interest	\$5,000
Agency Endowment	\$10,000
Unrestricted/Community	Variable

*\*Funds can be built gradually until they reach a suggested balance.*



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**Designated Funds** With a designated fund, donors can support the good work of one or more specific nonprofit organizations. Almost any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, municipality, or faith-based organization may be designated to receive support for its mission. You identify the recipient(s) and our staff manages the annual distribution of funds from the endowment.

**Field of Interest Funds** Donors pick their favorite, general charitable cause or field of interest. Donors can request the Foundation to award grants within defined spheres of interest such as the arts, health, education, the environment, or a geographic focus.

**Unrestricted/Community Funds** Unrestricted funds allow the greatest flexibility to the Community Foundation as it responds to emerging opportunities and unforeseen needs in the community. Income from these funds is used to award grants through our ongoing community grants process.

**Scholarship Funds** Although most of our scholarship funds target graduating high school seniors, you can establish a scholarship fund to help students at any grade level, from kindergarten to PhD. You choose the name of the scholarship, the eligibility criteria, and the award amount. The Foundation administers and manages all fiscal aspects of the fund - and most often the application, selection, and award processes as well.

**Agency Endowment Funds** These endowment funds are established by nonprofit organizations to provide perpetual income to them in support of their future operations. The Foundation handles all administrative and investment responsibilities.

**How We Determine Our Spending Policy** The spending policy allows the Community Foundation to pay out the most it can through its grant-making while enduring long-term growth of all permanently endowed funds. Generally, grants are not made from funds during the first year to best assure no deterioration of the original gift. Then annually, after reviewing market trends and current climate, the Board approves a spending policy for grant-making in the coming fiscal year. The spending policy of each endowment will be a percentage typically about 4% of the average market value over 3 years.

## TAX TIP: DO YOU KNOW...

# The "Bunching" Strategy?

In today's tax environment, your charitable gifts may or may not be deductible on your tax return, depending on your ability to itemize in a given year. Charitable donations are deductible only if you itemize, which may be a less likely scenario for many taxpayers given today's higher standard deduction. (In 2022, \$12,950 for individuals and \$25,900 for married couples).

**How can taxpayers benefit from the new tax law and get back some of the tax advantages of their charitable contributions? One word: bunching.** Essentially, this means combining perhaps several years' worth of donations into a single tax year so that – along with your other deductions – you exceed the standard deduction. (You'd take the standard deduction in the interim years.)

Of course, bunching multiple contributions into a single year can feel daunting if you're not sure how much you want to give and to whom. So to build some flexibility into your giving plan, you may wish to set up a donor-advised fund account at the Community Foundation, which allows you to donate a lump sum in the current tax year, invest the funds for future growth and parcel out the money to qualified charities over time. The money can continue to appreciate once invested in a donor-advised fund account, which means the potential for even greater giving down the road.

### A Donor Advised Fund may be the right choice for you.

*We are inspired by working with our donors to help them create charitable strategies and legacy gifts that benefit both donors and their community.*



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# NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

## **Emma Linette & Richard Martin McClain Memorial Scholarship**

The Emma Linette & Richard Martin McClain Memorial Scholarship was established by the Mary & Patrick McClain Foundation to support students who will be working with children with disabilities, chronic illnesses or socialization issues. Pat McClain and his siblings who were born and raised in Ridgway want to honor their parents, Emma (Net) and Richard (Dick) McClain, with this scholarship. Net and Dick were Ridgway residents. Pat knows that his parents and Ridgway nourished and protected his family while they were growing up. As a thank you to his parents and the town of Ridgway, Pat set up this scholarship. It will be awarded to a Ridgway High School graduating senior pursuing a degree in special education, social work, or medical therapies geared towards children.

## **David C. Larkin Memorial Scholarship**

David Larkin was a lifelong resident of St. Marys, graduating from SMAHS in 1998 and PSU in 2003. He was a real estate agent at Elk County Real Estate. David took great pride in the history and heritage of the community and the people that make it. He was involved in countless organizations. Through his personality and perseverance, David managed to network and connect with people, families and businesses that stretched far beyond Elk County. He believed in supporting our local small businesses and his heart was as big as his friends list and family tree. The David C. Larkin Memorial Scholarship was established by his work family at Elk County Real Estate and his home family and friends in the hope that through this scholarship, the recipient would strive to give back to their community now and in the future following David's example. Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually, one to a graduating senior from each Elk County High School.

## **William R. Buhite Jr. Memorial Scholarship**

William Buhite Jr. felt that education is not just a grade or your rank in class, it is about what you learned and how you applied your learning to everyday life. Bill was a loving husband, father and son and an excellent teacher. As a teacher in the Ridgway Area School District from 1997-2013, he enjoyed his work and loved making an impact on his students' lives. Teaching was not a job to him-it was his calling. Teaching defined him - there were always students in his room, whether they were part of his class or just wanted to learn something. Bill's love for education never ceased. In 2013 he became an in-house trainer for Allegheny Contracting where he taught employees the skills needed to succeed in their fields. It is hoped that the student who receives this scholarship will continue Bill's legacy through education and learning. \$500 will be awarded annually to a Ridgway Area High School senior who will be attending a trade/vocational school.

## **Randy Yetzer Memorial Scholarship**

Randy K. Yetzer, a lifelong resident of the area, received an associate degree from Triangle Tech in construction. After working for numerous construction companies over the years he had a dream of owning his own business and eventually reached that goal by establishing Yetzer Builders and then Yetzer Contracting. He was a well-respected businessman and will always be remembered for offering a helping hand to anyone that needed assistance. Having a trade was very important to him. By developing a skill and being able to work with your hands he felt anyone could have a successful career. Randy always believed in trade schools, and some of his best employees were students. His family established this scholarship in his name to provide financial assistance to a student who is going into the trades and has a good work ethic. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded annually, one to a graduating senior from SMAHS and one to ECCHS.



David C. Larkin



David F. Auman



William R. Buhite Jr.



Randy Yetzer



T.O. Fitch

## **David F. Auman Memorial Scholarship**

This memorial scholarship was established by Dave's parents, Fran & Sharyn. Dave was a lifelong resident of the area and a 1993 graduate of Elk County Catholic High School. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and Clarion University with a degree in special education. He was a supervisor at Abraxus Youth Services in Marienville PA. While in high school he played football, and lifting weights was one of his hobbies. Approximately \$500 will be awarded annually to a graduating senior from Elk County Catholic High School who is interested in the field of Criminal Justice, Special Education, or Social Services.

## **T.O. Fitch Memorial Scholarship**

T.O. Fitch's life was cut short by COVID complications in 2021, but not before he made a lasting impact on Ridgway where he lived and worked. His key traits were sheer grit, a charitable heart that pushed community development efforts, and an entrepreneurial spirit. Although he no longer is able to inspire others to demonstrate these traits, it is the hope of his family that this scholarship will reward a student that exhibits similar traits and that they can create a comparable legacy of their own. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded annually to an Elk County graduating senior or non-traditional adult learner.



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Photo: Waterfall in new addition at the Dam Inn

# 2021 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

## Jordan Adams Memorial Award

Brooke Henry (SMAHS - \$500)

## David F. Auman Memorial Scholarship

Angela Pesce (ECCHS - \$500)

## Edna Geitner Bennett Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Bauer (ECCHS - \$1,500)

## Angie Bertolasio Memorial Scholarship

Sara Kleppinger (SMAHS - \$1,000)

## Helene Bowley Memorial Scholarship

Gina Carnovale (ECCHS - \$1,090)  
Mark Kraus (ECCHS - \$1,090)  
Mary Cerroni (ECCHS - \$1,090)  
Kara Van Eerden (ECCHS - \$1,090)  
Elizabeth Anderson (ECCHS - \$1,090)  
Dylan Aiello (SMAHS - \$1,362)  
Rachel Allegretto (SMAHS - \$1,362)  
Camryn Bauer (SMAHS - \$1,362)  
Aaron Frey (SMAHS - \$1,362)  
Haylee Zimmerman (JAHS - \$1,816)  
Mackenzie Freeman (JAHS - \$1,816)  
Megan Bienkowski (JAHS - \$1,816)  
Lexi Cherry (RAHS - \$908)  
Kira Eckert (RAHS - \$908)  
Olivia Viglione (RAHS - \$908)  
Chloe Trumbull (RAHS - \$908)  
Shaylee Patterson (RAHS - \$908)  
Chloe Keslar (RAHS - \$908)

## Eugene M. & Naomi S. Brady Memorial Family Scholarship

Andi Parana (College - \$2,812)  
Cassidy King (College - \$2,812)  
Emma King (JAHS - \$2,812)  
Ella Stauffer (JAHS - \$2,812)

## Gilbert "Gibby" Buerk Memorial Scholarship

Alyssa Schneider (College - \$1,500)  
Jacob Kline (SMAHS - \$1,500)

## Inez Bull Piano Scholarship

Abigail Mosier (College - \$2,000)

## Paul Robert & Friedia Roberta

Calkins-Rolfe Scholarship  
Megan Bienkowski (JAHS - \$4,000 over 4 years)

## Michele A. Campbell Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Taylor Freeburg (College - \$2,200)

## Caribardi Family Scholarship

John Douglas (JAHS - \$1,200)

## Frank Clark Memorial Scholarship

Chloe Frank (RAHS - \$950)

## Arlan J. & Dale Horwitz Clayton

Engineering Scholarship  
Alexander Bon (RAHS - \$2,000)

## William & Veronica Conrad Scholarship

Madelyn Neil (SMAHS - \$1,000)

## Dominick Consolo Liberal Arts Scholarship

Blane Eshbach (RAHS - \$600)

## Contact Technologies Scholarship

Paul Gresco (College - \$500)  
Lindsey Quagliani (SMAHS - \$500)  
Alexander Bon (RAHS - \$500)

## Christian Cordero Memorial Scholarship

William Wortman (College - \$500)

## Lori DeAngelo Memorial Scholarship

Chloe Bierley (SMAHS - \$1,000)

## David L. Delullo Sr. Memorial Scholarship

Cole Salberg (College - \$1,000)

## Thomas Detwiler Scholarship

Sponsored by Domtar, Johnsonburg Mill  
Haylee Zimmerman (JAHS - \$1,000)

## Abigail V. Dobson Memorial Scholarship

Meghan McGonnell (SMAHS - \$500)

## Elk County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Joey Forster (SMAHS - \$700)

## Elk Diabetes Nursing Scholarship

Lindsey Quagliani (SMAHS - \$600)

## Dick Fava Memorial Scholarship

Vivian Mader (ECCHS - \$500)

## Mary I. Filano Memorial Scholarship

Alexa Brothers (SMAHS - \$850)

## Lillian Finno Scholarship

Megan Bienkowski (JAHS - \$1,000)

## T.O. Fitch Memorial Scholarship

Edward Messineo (ECCHS - \$500)

## Christopher Forster Memorial Scholarship

Meghan McGonnell (SMAHS - \$1,000)

## Donald E. Frank Memorial Scholarship

Cole Casilio (JAHS - \$550)

## Joseph & Delores Frey Scholarship

Mark Kraus (ECCHS - \$600)

## Golumbic Art Scholarship

Kiley Williams (SMAHS - \$2,200)

## Grandinetti Educational Scholarship

Autumn Edgar (RAHS - \$500)

## Greiner/Reef Memorial Law Scholarship

Michelle Bauer (College - \$925)

## Hasselman/Hopton Memorial Scholarship

Samantha Hayes (SMAHS - \$1,400)

## Seth T. Hockman Memorial Scholarship

Keyona Gardner (RAHS - \$1,000)

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## Did you know . . . . .

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FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR, \$72,364 WAS AWARDED TO 51 ELK AND MCKEAN COUNTY STUDENTS THROUGH THE PATH PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PHEAA. SINCE 2003, APPROXIMATELY \$933,000 HAS BEEN AWARDED TO 875 STUDENTS!





### *A special treat for scholarship winners*

*A group of 2021 scholarship winners from Elk County schools gathered for a group photo on a beautiful summer day in celebration of their awards. Each student who attended the photo shoot received a Dairy Queen certificate. Thank you to the St. Marys Dairy Queen for donating the sweet treats for our scholarship students!*

**Gilbert & Dorthy Hoehn Memorial Scholarship**  
Megan Gordon (ECCHS - \$2,000)

**Bev Hogan Memorial Nursing Scholarship**  
Madelyn Neil (SMAHS - \$700)

**Johnsonburg Alumni and Friends Scholarship**  
Emma King (JAHS - \$500)  
John Douglas (JAHS - \$500)  
Megan Bienkowski (JAHS - \$500)  
Haylee Zimmerman (JAHS - \$500)  
Sean Fitch (JAHS - \$500)

**Johnsonburg American Legion Post #501 Scholarship**  
Jacob Newman (JAHS - \$1,000)

**Johnsonburg Class of 1964 Scholarship**  
Nolan Shaffer (JAHS - \$700)

**Johnsonburg Rotary Alva K. Gregory Memorial Scholarship**  
Haylee Zimmerman (JAHS - \$1,000)  
Megan Gordon (ECCHS - \$1,000)

**Jones Family Fund Scholarship**  
Madison Cherry (RAHS - \$4,000 over 4 years)  
Rachel Buhite (RAHS - \$4,000 over 4 years)

**Howard M. Keebler Memorial Scholarship**  
Alex Gorton (SMAHS - \$525)  
Mollie Taylor (ECCHS - \$525)

**Jack Kestler Memorial Scholarship**  
Eric Christoff (JAHS - \$900)

**Katherine Kilhoffer-Walsh Nursing Scholarship**  
Keyona Gardner (RAHS - \$750)

**Gloria Jean McAllister Kneidel & Patrick Charles Jessup Scholarship**  
Raivis Bobby (ECCHS - \$500)  
Alexander Muccio (ECCHS - \$500)  
Samantha Hayes (SMAHS - \$500)  
Lilia Lion (SMAHS - \$500)  
Carlee Ginther (SMAHS - \$200)

**Dr. Sandra Calkins Kowalski Nursing Scholarship**  
Megan Bienkowski (JAHS - \$1,000)

**Leroy C. Krise Memorial Scholarship**  
Ryan Gradl (College - \$1,000)

**Josh Launer Memorial Scholarship**  
Sophia Johnston (RAHS - \$725)

**Virginia Leahy Memorial Scholarship**  
Jesse Fitch (RAHS - \$500)

**Herbert B. Lenze Boys Basketball Scholarship**  
Alexander Bon (RAHS - \$4,000 over 4 years)

**Herbert B. Lenze Marching Band Scholarship**  
Blane Eshbach (RAHS - \$4,000 over 4 years)

**Kathy Lepovetsky Memorial Scholarship**  
Janelle Krug (SMAHS - \$500)  
Lydia Ehrensberger (SMAHS - \$500)  
Madelyn Neil (SMAHS - \$500)

**Lisa Lepovetsky Memorial Scholarship**  
Angelina Steffan (SMAHS - \$1,000)

**Lions Club of St. Marys Scholarship**  
Alex Muccio (ECCHS - \$750)  
Jeremy Etaliano-Garthwaite (SMAHS - \$750)

**Ella McElhany & Maude B. Schimmelfeng Memorial Scholarship**  
Lindsay Steis (College - \$1,000)  
Olivia Matha (ECCHS - \$1,000)  
Vivian Mader (ECCHS - \$1,000)  
Shaylee Patterson (RAHS - \$1,000)  
Rachel Buhite (RAHS - \$1,000)  
Chloe Frank (RAHS - \$1,000)  
Lexi Cherry (RAHS - \$1,000)  
Kira Eckert (RAHS - \$1,000)

**McGrady Family Fund**  
Gavin Leckey (ECCHS - \$1,110)  
Angelina Steffan (SMAHS - \$1,110)  
Ella Stauffer (JAHS - \$1,110)  
Kira Eckert (RAHS - \$1,110)  
Ashleigh Sepesky (BPHS - \$1,110)  
Sherrie Falck (NPRC - \$1,110)  
Sloane McCensky (SLHS - \$1,110)  
Alyssa Jozefewicz (BCHS - \$1,110)  
Spenser Braunstein (CEM - \$1,110)

**Catherine Moran Memorial Scholarship**  
Andi Parana (College - \$3,500)  
Cassidy King (College - \$3,500)  
Nolan Shaffer (JAHS - \$1,930)  
John Douglas (JAHS - \$1,930)  
Haylee Zimmerman (JAHS - \$1,930)  
Mackenzie Freeman (JAHS - \$1,930)  
Megan Bienkowski (JAHS - \$1,930)

**Lynn Nicklas Music Scholarship**  
Sara Kleppinger (SMAHS - \$2,075)

**William G. Peters Memorial Scholarship**  
Aidan Bobik (SMAHS - \$2,000)  
Dominic Aiello (SMAHS - \$500)  
Lucas Huff (SMAHS - \$500)

**Rams Gridiron Football Scholarship**  
Cole Casilio (JAHS - \$500)

**Ruth E. Reed Nursing Scholarship**  
Madelyn Neil (SMAHS - \$500)

**Jacqueline M. Renaud National Honor Society Memorial Scholarship**  
Joseph Bevacqua (RAHS - \$1,125)

**Ridgway Area High School Alumni Scholarship**  
Rachel Buhite (RAHS - \$625)

**Ridgway Rotary Scholarship**  
Chloe Frank (RAHS - \$500)

**Rolfe Sportsmen Club Scholarship**  
Issac Zimmerman (JAHS - \$1,900)

**Judge Vernon “Buddy” Roof Memorial Scholarship**  
Alexander Bon (RAHS - \$500)

**Dr. John E. Schloder Fine Arts Scholarship**  
Autumn Edgar (RAHS - \$500)

**Dean Schrecengost Memorial Scholarship**  
Sara Kleppinger (SMAHS - \$1,000)

**Taylor Schutz Lady Dutch Basketball Scholarship**  
Jade Lindemuth (SMAHS - \$500)

**Martha C. Selle Memorial Scholarship**  
Natalie Lenze (SMAHS - \$8,000 over 4 years)

**SGL, LLC Scholarship**  
Luke Sorg (ECCHS - \$500)  
Mitchell Troha (ECCHS - \$500)  
Vinicius Penner-Nunes (SMAHS - \$500)  
Nathaniel Eckert (SMAHS - \$500)

**Dr. Les A. & Donna V. Shull Education Scholarship**  
Olivia Viglione (RAHS - \$500)

**Richard Skellen Memorial Scholarship**  
Autumn Edgar (RAHS - \$500)

**Michele M. Spence Memorial Nursing Scholarship**  
Keyona Gardner (RAHS - \$1,000)

**St. Benedict Scholarship**  
Olivia Matha (ECCHS - \$500)

**St. Marys American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship**  
Kara VanEerden (ECCHS - \$500)

**St. Marys American Legion Post #103 Scholarship**  
Mitchell Reiter (SMAHS - \$250)

**St. Marys Jaycees Community Involvement Scholarship**  
Allison Adamski (SMAHS - \$850)

**St. Marys Rotary Scholarship**  
Joseph Wolfe (ECCHS - \$2,000)  
Janelle Krug (SMAHS - \$2,000)

**St. Marys Sons of the American Legion Post #103 Scholarship**  
Mitchell Reiter (SMAHS - \$500)

**Straub Brewery, Inc. Scholarship**  
Joseph Wolfe (ECCHS - \$1,000)  
Edward Messineo (ECCHS - \$1,000)  
Dominic Aiello (SMAHS - \$1,000)  
Aidan Bobik (SMAHS - \$1,000)

**Dr. Maurus Sorg Memorial Scholarship**  
Edward Messineo (ECCHS - \$700)

**Laurence & Mary Thorwart Sr. Memorial Scholarship**  
Sean Fitch (JAHS - \$1,000)

**VanVarken Scholarship**  
Keyona Gardner (RAHS - \$20,000 over 4 years)  
Jacob Kline (SMAHS - \$20,000 over 4 years)

**Ole Bull Violin Scholarship**  
Jacob Mosier (College - \$2,000)

**Patty Walters Memorial Scholarship**  
Nolan Shaffer (JAHS - \$500)

**Wapiti Root Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship**  
Haylee Zimmerman (JAHS - \$500)

**Wilcox American Legion Scholarship**  
Emma King (JAHS - \$725)

**Joseph Williams Memorial Medical Scholarship**  
Mitchell Cashmer (College - \$4,750)

**Gus & Helen Wolf Memorial Scholarship**  
Olivia Matha (ECCHS - \$1,875)

**Corporal Adam M. Wolfel Memorial Scholarship**  
Johnathan Gnan (SMAHS - \$1,000)

## Beyond Elk County

**Austin Education Foundation Scholarship**  
Kylie Welsh (AAHS - \$3,500)

**Blair Hornung Scholarship**  
Kaelee Bresslin (CCSD - \$5000)

**Robert P. Martini Scholarship**  
Lakin Smith (DAHS - \$1,425)  
Kyla Alker (DAHS - \$1,425)  
John Kunes (DAHS - \$1,425)  
Morgan Lindemuth (BAHS - \$1,425)  
Karissa Holt (BAHS - \$1,425)

**Masonic Scholarship Euliala #342 F and AM Scholarship**  
Ryan Clouser (CAHS - \$500)

**Charles McCloskey Memorial Scholarship**  
Jackson Glover (AAHS - \$1,000)  
Kylie Welsh (AAHS - \$1,000)  
Kendra Valenti (AAHS - \$1,000)  
Abigail Everitt (AAHS - \$1,000)  
Timothy Butler (AAHS - \$1,000)

**Gladys Schultz Memorial Scholarship**  
Kaelee Bresslin (CCSD - \$500)

**Gene “Toots” Staiger Scholarship**  
Ryan Clouser (CAHS - \$500)

## Scholarships Not Given This Year

Gloria V. Anderson Scholarship  
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## SIMON GLATT: FULFILLING HIS LOVE OF MUSIC

Simon, a graduate of Elk County Catholic High School was the recipient of the Nicholas J. Sinibaldi Music Scholarship in 2017. He also was awarded the Inez Bull Piano Scholarship each year in 2018, 2019, and 2020 as he pursued his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from Slippery Rock University.

Our community was fortunate to have Simon return to his hometown of St. Marys to share his talents. After graduation, he was hired by the Elk County Catholic School System as the band director of the high school concert and marching band. He also directs the musicals, and teaches elementary band lessons and general music for 6th and 7th grades.

Simon's favorite part of his job is teaching instrumental lessons and conducting the band. He says, "The students are great to work with, and being able to teach others what I enjoy doing is an incredible and

rewarding experience." The scholarships he received helped to lower the costs of obtaining the degree that allowed him to prepare for his teaching career. He credits the support of his family, friends, and teachers along the way for his success in reaching his career goals and hopes to continue teaching music and performing in ensembles well into the future.



## ANDREA ALLEGRETTO: A CAREER OF CARING FOR OTHERS

Andrea was a 2015 graduate of Johnsonburg Area High School who was awarded five different scholarships from ECCF totaling \$7,635 to help fund her education. She attended the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford receiving both an Associate Degree and Bachelor Degree in Nursing from 2015-2020.

Upon graduating with her ASN degree, she worked at Penn Highlands Dubois in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) while finishing her BSN degree. At Penn Highlands DuBois NICU, she cared for some of the smallest patients and also received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, a national recognition. Since August 2021 she has been working at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in their NICU. Her favorite part of the job is caring for some of the smallest humans imagined and seeing them grow. Andrea stated, "It is very rewarding the day of discharge and seeing how far they have come." At Children's Hospital, she is participating in a

year-long Nursing Fellowship program to learn more about the disease process in Neonates. She has also been accepted at The University of South Alabama to become a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner starting June 2022.

Andrea said, "Receiving scholarship money was a great blessing in helping finance my education. I was very fortunate in receiving these awards and it was greatly appreciated as I started my college experience. It would not have been possible to get to where I am today without the supporters and these scholarships. I would like to encourage students to look for available opportunities to help fulfill their educational needs."

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- \$5,000** To Boys & Girls Club for art supplies and instructors
- \$3,500** To Catholic Charities for pregnancy & parenting program
- \$3,360** To Lutheran Home for mattresses for residents
- \$5,000** To Office of Human Services for funding for client needs
- \$5,000** To Johnsonburg Little League for accessibility at park facility
- \$5,000** To St. Marys Area School District for literacy program
- \$4,140** To Johnsonburg Area School District for classroom crisis bags

**For our Holiday Membership Drive, two members won the opportunity to award a Donor for A Day donation to their favorite charity:**

- \$250** To City of St. Marys for the community pool from Amy Meier
- \$250** To the Boys & Girls Club for student membership fees from Chrissy Kuhar

### **Grant opens up the world of art to Boys & Girls Club members**



*The Boys & Girls Club of St. Marys is expanding the horizons of its members with an introduction to art provided by talented area art instructors. A \$5,000 WWC grant provided art supplies and instructors for the many children who took part in the program. With the help of this grant, art has become a popular activity for the children who are benefiting from the Boys & Girls Club many programs.*



**4-H STEM grant brings  
enrichment program to Elk County schools**



WWC funded a \$4,000 STEM grant to 4-H Penn State Extension. This grant is a recreational project with strong educational components in science, technology, engineering and math that will be used to enhance K-5 education using school enrichment and after school programs. These programs will be provided with supplies to complete activities and projects, and will be guided by the Program Director and volunteers. This grant will support 4-H STEM school programs in Elk County from October 2021 through June 2022. The goal is to be able to offer 4-H School Enrichment and Afterschool programs in every community in Elk County.

**THE DORIS STACKPOLE DONOR  
ADVISED FUND INCREASES OUR  
GRANTING TOTAL WITH A DONATION  
TO WOMEN WHO CARE ANNUALLY.  
DORIS WAS A FOUNDING  
MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION.**

**2019: \$4,290**

**2020: \$4,915**

**2021: \$5,326**

**MANY THANKS TO THE  
DORIS STACKPOLE FUND!**

**Denim & Diamonds – a summer 2021 membership event**

Our Denim & Diamonds event that was canceled in spring of 2020 was finally able to be held outdoors at The Flying Dove in June, 2021. The Flying Dove was a great outdoor space on a beautiful summer evening to celebrate the Women Who Care organization and the generosity of the women who make up its membership. The evening began with a short presentation explaining the mission and purpose of the Women Who Care organization. A buffet dinner catered by The Royal Inn was followed by the highlight of the night, a tribute to the music of Neil Diamond by "Simply Diamond", who delighted the group with his special performance. It was a joyful celebration as we were finally able to get back together with our fellow WWC members & friends!

Pictured: In loving memory of one of our WWC founding members, and our oldest member, Orma McKeon. Orma was a joyful presence at our Neil Diamond tribute event, enjoying the music, dancing and visiting with friends.



**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE WOMEN WHO CARE FAMILY!**

Becoming a member of Women Who Care is a great way for you and your friends to make a difference in our region - together. WWC is based on a membership model – the amount of grants awarded is determined by the total amount of member donations collected throughout the granting year. Several donation levels of membership are offered, allowing you to choose the level of giving that best suits your financial needs. It's the perfect way for you and your friends to pool your money to make a greater positive impact. Women Who Care unites women to collectively raise awareness of and distribute funds to nonprofits whose missions make a better life for our families and friends in our community. For information on WWC and how to join, log onto our website at [elkcountyfoundation.org](http://elkcountyfoundation.org) and explore our Women Who Care section.

**2020-2021 WOMEN WHO CARE MEMBERSHIP**

INCLUDES PAID MEMBERSHIPS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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The late Sara-Jane Stackpole was a true philanthropist who left a lasting impact on her community by creating several charitable funds. Because of her strong belief in ECCF and its mission, the Board of Directors created a Legacy Society in her name.



**What is the Legacy Society?** This society is a membership for those who have named the ECCF a beneficiary or recipient of any type of planned or deferred gift. Simply plan your estate to support any existing fund or establish a new fund and then advise the foundation of your gift.

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