Dear Friends,

Warm greetings to each of our donors and partners of our vibrant community! As we reflect on the remarkable journey we’ve taken together over the past year, it brings us great pleasure to present our annual report for 2022. This report not only celebrates our accomplishments but also recognizes the incredible partnerships and collaborations that have strengthened our shared vision of a thriving community.

At the Elk County Community Foundation, we firmly believe in the power of collaboration and the potential it holds to effect meaningful change. Throughout 2022, we have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary results that arise when diverse entities join forces to tackle our community’s most pressing challenges.

We are grateful for the unwavering support of our community organizations, donors, and especially our Elk County Commissioners, who partnered with us to distribute the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to our local nonprofits. By pooling our collective expertise and resources, we were able to ensure the efficient allocation of these vital dollars. We successfully disbursed $250,000 of ARPA funds to a diverse range of nonprofits that serve various sectors of our community. By supporting organizations that address critical needs such as healthcare, education, housing, food security, and social services, we have empowered our grantees to continue their invaluable work and positively impact the lives of countless individuals. Together, we recognized the immense impact of these funds on our community.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all our generous donors, whose unwavering support and philanthropic spirit have been the lifeblood of our foundation and our community. Their trust in us is a testament to the profound impact we can collectively make when we unite behind a common cause.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to fostering even stronger partnerships, amplifying our impact, and inspiring positive change. Together, we will continue to build a community where every individual has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their background or circumstances. We are truly honored to serve as the bridge between those who have the desire to make a difference and those who need it most.

With sincere gratitude,

Tom Jesberger
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Nancy Hoffman
Chris Kocijancic Imbrogno
Dennis Bonnano

As a graphic designer, Nancy shared her time and talents while she helped with many of our projects including many years as the Foundation's annual report designer.

Chris joined the ECCF Board in 2014. As a registered nurse, she brought not only her community involvement, but also her perspective on community health needs to the table. Chris served on the Grants Committee for ECCF. She was fortunate to gain knowledge of and commitment to the Foundation from her father John Kocijancic, who was a founding member of the ECCF.

Dennis served as a member of the Board since 2017. Prior to that time, he served on the Investment Committee since the early days of the Foundation. Dennis also reviewed the Foundation's Quarterly Board reports and helped ECCF's first director set up the Quickbooks system prior to 2005. He served on the Grants Committee, Scholarship Committee, and as Vice President from 2019 to 2022.

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Domtar
ECCF extends its gratitude to Domtar’s Johnsonburg Mill for their generous contribution to our annual report!
2022: YEAR IN REVIEW

$17.3M
IN TOTAL ASSETS
FOR CFNA*

193
GRANTS
AWARDED

203
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

$1.1
MILLION
RECEIVED

12
NEW FUNDS
CREATED

... bringing the total number of funds to 301.

... bringing approximately $1.1 million. This is a milestone for ECCF to have surpassed a million dollars in a single year!

... for scholarships and grant making, bringing the total to $14.7 million administered.

*The Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies (CFNA) is made up of two affiliates: The Elk County Community Foundation, which was established in 1990, 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.

GRANTS AWARDED
A record high total of 193 grants and 203 scholarships were given out.

MILLION $ GOAL
This was the first single year our distributions exceeded $1 million.

HIGHEST TOTAL EVER
$1,043,295 was awarded from ECCF in just one year alone.

EXPANDING OUR REACH
The $250,000 in grant funding from the Elk County Commissioners Partnership allowed us to reach more nonprofits than ever before.

2022
FOUNDANT TECHNOLOGY ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP PORTAL DEBUTS IN 2022

The new Foundant Technologies scholarship portal went live in January 2022. Nearly 2,000 applications from graduating seniors and non-traditional students in Elk and McKean counties and beyond were completed and submitted online! This new online program utilized an eligibility quiz that automatically connected students to all the scholarships for which they were eligible to apply, offering them more opportunities than ever before. At the end of the 2022 scholarship year, $331,134 was awarded to 263 students in Elk and McKean counties.

NEW ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE PROGRAM FROM FOUNDANT TECHNOLOGY
CommunitySuite is a fund-based accounting and donor relationship management system by Foundant Technology that provides a holistic view of financials, donors, events, and giving. This fund accounting software program is designed for philanthropic organizations and was integrated into our finance system in 2022. The new program will streamline our system and save time, money and resources. The software was acquired with assistance from a grant from the Stockpole-Hall Foundation.

STRATEGIC PLAN LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

The staff and Board of Directors worked with The Hill Group to develop a new strategic plan in 2022. The Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies Strategic Initiative Areas and Goals 2022-2026 includes goals in the areas of Development and Donor Services, Community Leadership, Community Impact, and Organizational Strength. This strategic plan creates the building blocks that will lead our Foundation into a forward-focused vision with the goal to inspire philanthropy and achieve a thriving quality of life in Elk and McKean counties.

Today's a great day to make our community a greater place.

PNC is proud to support the work of the Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies. Thank you for all you do to make our region stronger.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE NORTHERN ALLEGHENIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

REVENUES
2022 $2,888,797 2021 $1,948,296
Contributions 318,977 305,001
Interest Income (2,830,914) 1,434,741
Total Revenues 376,860 3,688,038

EXPENSES
Grants and Scholarships 1,552,270 773,942
Other Program Expenses 70,781 73,434
Administrative 232,937 201,652
Fundingraising 11,319 10,999
Total Expenses 1,867,307 1,059,987

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
(1,460,447) 2,628,051

NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1 18,345,202 15,717,151

NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31 $18,854,755 $18,345,202

ELK AND MCKEAN COUNTY AFFILIATES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

REVENUES Elk $1,134,879 $1,753,988
McKeen 295,025 25,952
Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) (2,615,591) (215,323)
Total Revenues (1,387,687) 1,564,547

EXPENSES
Grants and Scholarships 1,123,461 428,809
Other Program Expenses 56,067 14,714
Administrative 206,047 26,890
Fundingraising 9,304 2,015
Total Expenses 1,394,879 472,428

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS
(2,582,566) 1,092,119

NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1 17,086,304 1,258,886

NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31 $14,503,738 $2,351,017

ECCF FUNDS

Agency Endowment Funds
- Alpha & Omega Fund
- Animal Emergency Care Fund
- Bern F. Goodchild Fund for Administration
- The Bow Crow Cancer Fund
- The Boys and Girls Club of St. Marys Fund
- David Lawrence & Sara Ann DeLuca Jr.
- Charitable Fund
- Elk County Council on the Arts
- Elk County Society for Special Services
- Gloria M. Finno Elk County Human Society
- Creator Dubois Community Development Fund

Designated Funds
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Donor Advised Funds
- Dennis J. & Deborah L. Bonanno Fund
- Dean & Charlotte Dobson Memorial Fund
- Hal & Pauline Fritz Family
- Rose & Dennis Heidrich Memorial Fund
- Jacobberger Family Fund
- Hamlin & Sally Johnson Family
- Kronenwetter/Leecker Donor Advised Fund
- Kinsley Kronenwetter/Summer Fund
- Bruce L. Longwill Memorial Fund
- Jeff & Sonya Marcella Dowling Advised Fund
- McGrady Family Fund
- Jake & Mary Mayer Dowling Fund
- Lysa & John McCaul Family Fund
- Rob & Pam O'Leary Family Fund
- Candy & Sue Riddle Dowling Fund
- Bob & Debbie Roberts Family Fund
- James B. & Elleen L. Ryan Family Fund
- Charles & Doris Schleider Memorial Fund
- Frank & Ellen Scelza Family Fund
- The Serenzi Family
- Smiley for Tyler Spend Down Fund
- Doris E. Stackpole Donor Advised Fund
- Harrison & Merle Stayer Stackpole Family STEM Education Fund
- Peter J. & Amy E. Straub Family Fund
- James & Gloria Straub Memorial Fund
- Victor & Dolores Straub Activities Fund
- Victor & Dolores Straub Queen of the World
- Chester & Crisala Stierle's Leo's Tuition Assistance
- Tom & Mary Rita Valentine Charitable Fund for ECCF

NEW FUNDS

RIDGWAY HERITAGE COUNCIL ENDOWED FUND
The mission of the Ridgway Heritage Council is to support economic development in Ridgway through the preservation of our precious heritage and natural resources that were the original foundation of our community. Since 1997, the work of the council has resulted in millions of dollars of investments in residential and commercial real estate, projects to beautify streetscapes, and the recruitment of over 50 new downtown businesses. The Council will use 100% of the annual distributions from the fund to further the mission of the organization.
KEYSTONE ELK COUNTRY ALLIANCE (KECA) TO BENEFIT CAMERON COUNTY FUND

The Keystone Elk Country Alliance (KECA) is a Pennsylvania-based 501(c) non-profit wildlife conservation organization. KECA operates and manages the Elk Country Visitor Center and the surrounding properties in Benezette, Pennsylvania to benefit the future of Elk Country, and the enjoyment of hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Annual distributions from this fund will be used by KECA to support their mission in the Cameron County area.

HAILEY’S READING PROGRAM

Annual distributions from the Hailey’s Reading Program Fund will be awarded to Ridgway Area School District for the purpose of purchasing books for the book vending machine at the elementary school. Hailey was a bright second grade student at Francis Crandineti Elementary School in Ridgway. This fund was established in her memory by her parents, Chris and Ali Matheson.

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NEW PARTNERSHIP

ECCF AND ELK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PARTNERSHIP GIVES LIFE TO MANY COMMUNITY PROJECTS

ECCF/Elk County Commissioners Partnership Grants for Elk County awarded a total of $250,000 to the following recipients:

- Allegheny Hike Bike and Ski Association
- Boys and Girls Club CAPSEA
- Catholic Charities
- Christian Food Bank
- Crystal Fire Department
- Dickinson Center Inc.
- Elk County Community Foundation
- Elk County Fair, Inc.
- Elk County Historical Society
- Elk County Riders
- Elk County Regional/Pinecrest
- Friends of Twin Lakes
- Holy Rosary Parish
- Jay Township Volunteer Fire Department
- Johnsonburg Community Trust
- Johnsonburg Little League
- Keystone Elk Country Alliance
- Ridgway Library
- Ridgway Little League
- Sacred Heart Church/Troop 95
- St. Marys Area Snowmobile Association
- St. Marys Heritage Preservation Group
- St. Marys Ambulance Service, Inc.
- St. Marys Little League Baseball
- St. Marys Little League Softball
- St. Marys Soccer Association
- Trinity United Methodist Church
- Trofa E. Provinsia Social Club
- West Creek Recreational Trail Association
- Wilcox Presbyterian Church

Partnership Infuses $250,000 in grants into our communities

During 2022, the Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF) was excited to work with the Elk County Board of Commissioners, who announced at their March 16 meeting, an exclusive partnership to benefit nonprofit organizations serving Elk County.

Many dedicated nonprofits that enhance the daily living experiences of all residents in the region were often overlooked for funding amid the COVID-19 pandemic. To help these organizations, the Elk County Commissioners provided funds of $250,000 to the Elk County Community Foundation for grant distributions in 2022. These dollars represented a portion of funds from Elk County’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

The Commissioners called upon the Elk County Community Foundation to utilize its expertise in the administration of the grant funding. The grants were open to nonprofit agencies, including any 501(c)(3) nonprofits that serve the residents of the county and faith-based organizations that provide community services. ECCF provided the administrative and management services for the application process, administration, and distribution of the grants.

The grants offered more opportunities for our local nonprofits and faith-based organizations to support their programs and projects that meet the needs of the community. Through the ECCF/Commissioners partnership, 33 organizations received grants for programs and projects that enhanced the quality of life for many residents of Elk County.
2022 GRANTS AWARDED

DESIGNATED FUNDS

A designated fund allows you to name a particular charity or charities, or field of interest to benefit from your fund in perpetuity. The Foundation provides oversight to ensure that the gift is used exactly as you intended. Finally, you have the assurance that, should the designated charity cease to exist, the Foundation’s Board of Directors will preserve your intent by redirecting the fund toward the closest similar use.

$289,669

WAS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Community Education Center
- Congregation of the Holy Spirit
- Dickinson Center, Inc.
- Elk County Catholic School System
- Elk County Humane Society
- Girls Scouts of Western PA
- Johnsonburg Area School District
- Johnsonburg Borough
- Johnsonburg Borough Police
- Johnsonburg Community Trust
- Johnsonburg Fire Department
- Johnsonburg Little League
- Johnsonburg Pre-K Program
- Memgie Memorial Library
- Project Gifts for Elk County
- Ridgway Ambulance Corporation
- Ridgway Animal Haven
- Ridgeway Area School District
- Ridgeway Parks Revitalization Committee
- Special Olympics of Elk and Cameron Counties
- St. Benedict Monastery
- Bakersville
- St. Boniface Church
- St. Boniface School
- St. Leo School
- St. Marys Public Library
- Sugar Hill Presbyterian Church
- Tri County Rails to Trails
- Trinity United Methodist Church
- WPSU Foundation

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

These general funds allow the Foundation the flexibility to address the community’s changing needs through strategic grant making each year. Rather than designating how the money will be spent, you allow the Foundation to determine the most effective ways to meet our communities most compelling opportunities and most pressing needs.

$62,458

WAS AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- Big Maple Farm’s Natural Therapies
- Borough of Ridgway
- City of St. Marys
- Crystal Fire Department
- ECOTTA
- Elk County Catholic School System
- Johnsonburg Community Center
- Johnsonburg Community Trust
- Ridgway Animal Haven
- Ridgeway Area School District
- St. Marys Barbershoppers

AGENCY ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Non-profit organizations create permanent endowment funds that provide annual income to their organizations.

$11,947

WAS AWARDED TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS:

- Catholic Daughters of the Americas Elk County Catholic School System
- Elkland Search and Rescue
- Pheasants Forever
- St. Marys Public Library Fund

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Donors who want to be actively involved with their philanthropy may make grant recommendations to the Board of Directors which retains final responsibility for all distributions.

$227,096

WAS AWARDED TO THESE ORGANIZATIONS:

- Big Maple Farm’s Natural Therapies
- Borough of Ridgway
- Boys and Girls Club of St. Marys
- Camp Mission Meadow
- CAPSEDA
- Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption
- Child Hunger Outreach Partners
- Christian Food Bank
- City of St. Marys
- Crystal Fire Department
- David Larkin Scholarship Fund
- Elk County Catholic School System
- Elk County Fair, Inc.
- Elk County Humane Society
- Food for the Poor, Inc.
- Franciscan Mission Outreach
- Friends of Twin Lakes, Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Western PA
- Guardian Angel Center
- Historical Society of St. Marys and Bensonning Township
- Jacqueline M. Remaud Scholarship Fund
- Johnsonburg Area School District
- Judith Manninger Right to Life Fund
- Make a Wish of Greater PA and WV
- Penfield Volunteer Fire Department

EITC FUNDS

Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program is a way for businesses to enrich educational opportunities for students and earn tax credits by donating to an Educational Improvement Organization, like the Community Foundation.

$18,400

WAS AWARDED TO THE JOHNSONBURG AND RIDGWAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

$609,570

TOTAL DOLLARS AWARDED

2020 ANNUAL REPORT
2022 OPEN GRANTS AWARDED

ELK COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FUND: $57,458

$1,775 to Big Maple Farm's Natural Therapies for its literacy program
$10,000 to Borough of Ridgway for parks revitalization
$4,000 to City of St. Marys Parks & Recreation for Champion Baseball League
$4,480 to Crystal Fire Department for firefighting equipment for new engine
$6,000 to ECTA for arts and education programs
$2,500 to Elk County Catholic School System for transportation
$8,000 to Johnstown Community Center to upgrade electrical panel
$2,500 to Johnstown Community Trust to rehabilitate retail space on Market Street
$5,000 to Ridgway Animal Haven for the completion of dog pen exercise and play area
$3,200 to Ridgway Area School District to provide students with books
$5,000 to St. Marys Barbershop to revise the barbershop chorus

BOROUGH OF RIDGWAY CHARITABLE FUND: $37,960

$3,760 to Big Maple Farm's Natural Therapies for medical supplies and therapies
$1,000 to Community Education Center for the Gen Z program
$5,000 to Community Education Center for the Kindness Rocks & Smiles Project
$1,500 to Hospitality Gifts for Elk County to provide eligible children with new toys
$5,000 to Ridgway Ambulance Corporation to update stretchers
$5,000 to Ridgway Animal Haven for the completion of dog pen exercise and play area
$5,000 to Ridgway Parks Revitalization Committee for the updating of park equipment
$5,000 to St. Leo School to replace and add playground equipment
$5,000 to Tri County Rails to Trails for Ticky Creek Ext. feasibility
$1,700 to Trinity United Methodist Church for their community food pantry

JOHNSONBURG AREA ENDOWMENT FUND: $14,210

$680 to Girl Scouts of Western PA for recruitment and membership
$5,370 to Johnstown Borough for removal of debris from Johnstown Hotel
$1,910 to Johnstown Borough Police for new office furniture
$3,370 to Johnstown Community Trust to rehabilitate retail space on Market Street
$2,410 to Johnstown Fire Department for iPads and software
$3,370 to Johnstown Little League for the construction of bathroom facilities

HARRISON & MURIEL DAUER STACKPOLE FAMILY FUND: $102,057

$15,000 to Borough of Ridgway for parks revitalization
$1,500 to Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services for park and plays, strollies, and high chairs
$2,500 to Child Hunger Outreach Partners for snacks at library
$9,500 to Christian Food Bank for Holiday Baskets
$6,000 to City of St. Marys for special events
$7,500 to Elk County Fair for handicap paving
$6,000 to Friends of Twin Lakes for water drainage
$6,730 to Friends of Twin Lakes for connecting new well to water system
$5,000 to Ridgway Ambulance Corporation
$3,883 to Ridgway Area School District for STEAM program
$4,000 to Ridgway Area School District for book program
$1,488 to Ridgway Little League for infield groomer
$3,000 to Ridgway Public Library for public projects and events for 10th anniversary
$5,000 to Ridgway YMCA for pavilion renovations
$5,200 to Shamrock Football for helmets
$6,057 to St. Mary's Little League for installation of turf to infield
$5,000 to St. Mary's Youth Baseball for a mower
$1,500 to Salvation Army for Summer Camp
$2,500 to Wicks Presbyterian Church to create a community gate
$5,000 to YMCA of Ridgway for pavilion renovations

JOHNSONBURG AREA ENDOWMENT FUND AWARDS THEIR FIRST GRANT

$211,685 IN OPEN GRANTS AWARDED

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The Johnstown Area Endowment Fund was established in 2020 with proceeds from the sale of the Johnstown Community TV Company. An advisory committee will award grants through an open, competitive grant process that will benefit residents of the Johnstown Area School District for many years to come. The board of directors, elected by the Elk County Community Foundation, has distributed grants in both 2022 to Girls Scouts of Western PA, Johnstown Borough Police, Johnstown Borough, Johnstown Community Trust, Johnstown Fire Department, and Johnstown Little League.
NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

JUDY ENSTRÖM BLUMLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Judith (Judy) Enstrom Blumle passed away in 2021. Though often soft-spoken, Judy had a strong will and personality and put a high value on education. She received a bachelor’s degree from Muskingum College in 1961. In 1976, she moved with her husband, Dr. Charles A. Blumle, to Emporium. For many years, Judy worked as her husband’s partner in his dental practice. Judy volunteered on the board of Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, the Emporium Art Festival committee, and helped with fundraising to build the Emporium Library. Judy was involved in many educational efforts in her community. Her family and friends endowed a scholarship in her honor to assist many students over time in furthering their education in the nursing field.

VINCENT & MARY ANN BRUNELLI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Vincent Brunelli was a lifelong resident of Bennetts Valley and a graduate of the Weedville High School Class of 1944. After serving in the Army from 1944 to 1951, he received his bachelor’s degree from Clarion University, a master’s in education from IUP, and his doctorate in education from East Coast University. He was truly passionate about his 41 years of teaching at Bennetts Valley Elementary School. Vincent was a lifelong learner and loved to share his experiences in education and give advice. Mary Ann Cummings Brunelli grew up in Emporium, graduating from the CCHS Class of 1953. She received her LPN in 1956 from Franklin School of Nursing. She lived most of her life in Force, working full time at the hospital in St. Marys for 40+ years in pediatrics, the ER and Med-Surg. Her kind and caring manner comforted all in her care. Mary Ann’s true passion was caring for all that knew her. This scholarship was established by Vincent and Mary Ann’s children in honor of their parents.

RAY W. JR. & ELSIE M. KLAIBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ray and Elsie Klaiber were devoted to each other for over 68 years. Elsie assisted Ray in all his life-long endeavors. Inspired by her parents’ commitment to Catholic education, their daughter Carol and her husband Bob McNamara established this scholarship in memory of her father and in honor of her mother. Ray attended St. Marys Catholic Schools, graduating in 1934. After serving in the Army Air Corp, he returned to St. Marys and worked for National Molding Company and Stackpole Corporation for 38 years. Ray served on numerous community boards and was the executive director of the St. Marys Area Economic Development Corp for over 15 years. He spent countless hours volunteering at Queen of the World Church and School. The Klaiber Family will award this scholarship to an eighth grade student at St. Marys Catholic Middle School planning to attend Elk County Catholic High School.

HAILEY MATHESON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Hailey Matheson radiated light and joy to those around her. Hailey was a bright second grade student at Francis Grandinetti Elementary School in Ridgway. She loved her family and friends and was an exceptional and friendly child. Hailey touched the hearts of many lives in the community and was known to stand up for a friend and always wanted to help others. Hailey’s contagious smile and laughter were unforgettable to anyone that knew her, and she had the carefree ability to find adventure in the ordinary. This scholarship, established in her memory by her parents Chris and Ali Matheson, is available to a graduating senior from any Elk County high school with a permanent residence in Elk County.

DOUG PRICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Doug was a great father, family man, and coach. He was very passionate about baseball and coached Little League, travel ball, and legion teams as well as his own children. He was chosen to be the varsity baseball coach for the St. Marys Area Flying Dutchmen in 2022. Unfortunately, he did not get the pleasure of fulfilling his duties due to his unexpected passing. As a coach, he taught his players how to be respectful to opposing coaches, players, umpires and teams. Doug was employed at CKN Sintered Metals and loved hunting, fishing, and being with his family. Though his life was taken too soon, Doug’s family wishes for his legacy to live on through the awarding of this scholarship annually to a deserving Dutch senior baseball player.

R. DAUER STACKPOLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dauer Stackpole graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in the late 1960’s. Today, Dauer serves as an Honorary Trustee of the Stackpole-Hall Foundation. He was first elected a trustee in 1990, and in 2007, he became Chairman of the Board and served in that capacity until his retirement in 2017. The R. Dauer Stackpole Scholarship Fund is to be awarded to an Elk County high school senior planning to attend the University of Pittsburgh. Dauer’s fellow trustees created this scholarship in honor of Dauer’s commitment to leadership and dedication to the Stackpole-Hall Foundation and his advocacy for the residents of Elk County. Dauer is a passionate Pitt fan and has been a long-time member of the Golden Panther Club.

ELLEN TAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Ellen Taylor was a dedicated and compassionate nurse, admired by her co-workers and patients alike. She tragically passed away on October 26, 2022 after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Ellen graduated from St. Marys Area High School in 1965. After receiving her RN degree, she worked at the Ridgway Hospital as a nurse, with Dr. Dickinson, Milligan and Ordway at their practice, for the Ridgway Community Nurses, and at Dickinson Mental Health Facility until 2013 when she retired. Ellen’s daughter and three granddaughters established this scholarship to assist other future nurses in fulfilling their passion of caring for others.
JOHN & BETTY WACHOB SCHOLARSHIP FUND

John and Betty Wachob were graduates of Johnsonburg Area High School, life-long Johnsonburg residents, and active community members. Betty worked for many years at the Elk County General Hospital and the St. Marys Area School District as the Cafeteria, Food Service Director. She was a member of the Democratic Woman, Lady Elks and an avid bingo player. John was a World War II Army veteran and active with many organizations, but most notably was a founding officer of the Johnsonburg Knothole Association, Johnsonburg Lions Club, and the Biddy Basketball Program. He also started the Green Hornets grade school basketball team. He was a local businessman, a sports enthusiast, and in his retirement years, a longtime school bus driver. This memorial scholarship will be awarded to a student pursuing a teaching or education degree.

KAYLEE MARIE HOSTETTLAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (PASS-THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP)

On February 5, 2022, Kaylee Hostetlhar passed away from a tragic ATV accident. She was a 9th grade student at Cameron County High School, earning high honors and excelling in all subjects. Kaylee loved animals. Her smile was sure to light up any room, and she had the purest and kindest heart. This scholarship was established in Kaylee’s memory to assist another student in pursuing his or her education. This scholarship is a one-time pass through scholarship to be awarded to a graduating senior from Cameron County High School.

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Our Community Foundation is fortunate to have many friends who established a fund at the Foundation through their estate plans. Friends like Sara-Jane Stackpole, James and Gloria Straub, Tom and Mary Rita Valentine, and Harold and Midge Lenze, are just a few of them.

As you work with your advisors to craft your estate plan and charitable legacy, consider the various planned giving options. In many cases, establishing a fund at the Community Foundation can be a valuable component of your planned giving structure.

Nearly anyone can make a planned gift. From a simple bequest in a will or a beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy to charitable remainder trusts, planned giving offers something for every philanthropically inclined person to leave a legacy to the causes they care about.

OUR LEGACY SOCIETY

The Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society honors those individuals who have named the Elk County Community Foundation as the beneficiary of any type of planned or deferred gift. The name honors Sara-Jane, a special friend and ongoing contributor to the Foundation who shared the Foundation's vision of building permanent charitable capital to benefit the community forever. Your planned gift to the Elk County Community Foundation will have meaning and impact for countless years to come.

We invite any person who has remembered the Community Foundation through a will, trust, or other planned gift to join our Legacy Society. Donors simply notify the Community Foundation of their plans and automatically become members of the Legacy Society. The Foundation does not ask the amount of your intended donation. Donors may choose to remain anonymous, however, we encourage you to share your name as an inspiration to others to look toward the future. We appreciate your vision and insight into our community's future.

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2022 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In 2022, the Elk County Foundation Community awarded over $267,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors and non-traditional students. Pictured at right are the scholarship winners from Johnstown Area High School.

Jordan Adams Memorial Award
Kaitlyn Stauffer (SMASH - $500)

Gloria V. Anderson Scholarship
Manshall Heitrick (SMASH - $750)

Edith Coleman Bennett Memorial Scholarship
Tamra Ceci (ECCHS - $1,600)

Angie Bartolozzi Memorial Scholarship
Lillian Mosier (SMASH - $1,000)

Helena Bohley Memorial Scholarship
Domenic Allegritto (RAHS - $370)
Daulton Bauer (SMASH - $1,425)
Payton Bauer (SMASH - $1,425)
Charlie Breindel (ECCHS - $950)
Carissa Carlsw (RAHS - $970)
Aidan Cronin (RAHS - $970)
Thomas Delflippi (SMASH - $1,425)
Audrey Dornich (ECCHS - $950)
Taylor Franz (RAHS - $970)
Jefferson Freeburg (RAHS - $1,425)
Mollie Grady (ECCHS - $950)
Marissa Gulnic (RAHS - $970)
Abigail Haselman (ECCHS - $950)
Nicholas Hoffman (RAHS - $970)
Tess Kocjanic (RAHS - $1,140)
Devon Leon (SMASH - $1,425)
Carmon Marcink (RAHS - $1,140)
Tyler Merritt (RAHS - $970)
Eric Salberg (RAHS - $970)
Caden Smiley (SMASH - $1,425)
Edythe Snyder (SMASH - $1,425)
Melanie Stancil (ECCHS - $950)
Cari Thomas (RAHS - $970)
Ethan Wells (SMASH - $1,425)
Alexander Wolfe (ECCHS - $950)

Eugene M. & Nomi S. Brady Memorial Family Scholarship
Jefferson Freeburg (RAHS - $2,250)
Tess Kocjanic (RAHS - $2,250)
Sarah Love (RAHS - $2,250)
Carmon Marcink (RAHS - $2,250)
Collin Porter (RAHS - $2,250)

Gilbert "Gibby" Buerk Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Gilmore (RAHS - $1,000)
Marissa Gulnic (RAHS - $1,000)
Adria Magnan (RAHS - $1,000)

William R. Buhl Memorial Scholarship
Domenic Allegritto (RAHS - $500)
Bailie Brennan (SMASH - $500)
Taylor Merritt (RAHS - $500)
Paige Rau & Frieda Roberts Calcina-Rolle Scholarship
Sarah Love (RAHS - $4,000)

Michelle A. Campbell Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Olivia Mosier (College - $2,500)

Carbondale Family Scholarship
Caden Smiley (SMASH - $1,500)

Evelyn Kroes Chase Scholarship
Julie Hecht (College - $500)

Adam Cherry Memorial Scholarship
Marissa Matanego (SMASH - $500)

Frank Clark Memorial Scholarship
William Howard (RAHS - $950)

Adam Le & Doyle Horvitz Clayton Engineering Scholarship
Emmett Gah (RAHS - $2,000)

William & Veronica Conrad Scholarship
Madison Blythe (SMASH - $725)

Donnie Cusick Liberal Arts Scholarship
Austin Dimore (RAHS - $625)

Contact Technologies Scholarship
Abigail Erich (SMASH - $500)
Jonathan Hinton (RAHS - $500)
Collin Porter (RAHS - $500)

Christian Cordero Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Wasko (SMCSH - $500)
Adria Magnan (RAHS - $1,000)

Helen Dilling Memorial Scholarship
Megan Klempingen (SMASH - $1,000)

David L. Deulabell Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Adamson (SMASH - $1,000)

Elia Dietsche Nursing Scholarship
Kaitlyn Stauffer (SMASH - $460)

Abigail V. Dobson Memorial Scholarship
Ma Kline (SMASH - $500)

Elk County Farm Bureau Scholarship
Celeb Marhitz (SMASH - $725)

Dick Pava Memorial Scholarship
Adria Magnan (RAHS - $500)

Mary J. Plano Memorial Scholarship
Emma Gavazzi (SMASH - $675)

Glenn Finn Memorial Scholarship
Jefferson Freeburg (SMHS - $750)

Ullan Finn Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Hoffman (RAHS - $750)

T.O. Fitch Memorial Scholarship
Jonathan Hinton (RAHS - $500)

Manshall Heitrick (RAHS - $500)
Tessa Kocjanic (RAHS - $500)
Cameron Marcink (RAHS - $500)
Cadyn Smiley (RAHS - $500)

Johnsburg American Legion Post No. 501 Scholarship
Jefferson Freeburg (RAHS - $1,000)

Johnsburg Class of 1964 Scholarship
Shanna Polanski (RAHS - $700)

Johnsburg Rotary Alex K. Gregory Memorial Scholarship
Jefferson Freeburg (RAHS - $1,000)
Sarah Love (RAHS - $1,000)

Jones Family Fund Scholarship
Kelsie Heidt (RAHS - $4,000)
Nevea Skelton (RAHS - $4,000)

Howard M. Kleeber Memorial Scholarship
Madison Blythe (SMASH - $500)
Cina Bish (ECCHS - $500)

Jack Kaster Memorial Scholarship
Shana Polanski (RAHS - $500)

Donald E. Franke Memorial Scholarship
Jefferson Freeburg (RAHS - $575)

Joseph & Delores Frey Scholarship
Jacqueline Schatz (ECCHS - $625)

Colin Ackerman (SMASH - $500)

Brad McMillan & Maude B. Schmutz Memorial Scholarship
Mary Cerroni (College - $1,000)
Cina Bish (ECCHS - $500)

Raymond W. Jr. & Elise M. Klaber Scholarship
Clarissa Seltzer (ECCHS - $1,000)

Glenn Jean McAllister Kiewel & Patrick Josephus Scholarship
Andrea Adamson (SMASH - $800)
Kaitlyn Blake (RAHS - $250)
Joseph Ceci (ECCHS - $250)
Marissa Ruffner (ECCHS - $250)

Dr. Sandra Calcina-Kowalski Nursing Scholarship
Sarah Love (RAHS - $1,750)

Lancy C. Krise Memorial Scholarship
Maria Allegritto (College - $1,475)

Seth T. Hockman Memorial Scholarship
Collin Kline (RAHS - $1,075)

Gilbert & Dorothy Hein Memorial Scholarship
Hope Faricy (ECCHS - $2,000)

Beg桓lyenag Nursing Scholarship
Kaitlyn Stauffer (SMASH - $800)

Virginia Leahy Memorial Scholarship
Gina Gorg (RAHS - $500)

Wayne Leakey Memorial Scholarship
Marshall Heitrick (RAHS - $620)

Herbert B. Lenze Boys Basketball Scholarship
Daniel Park (RAHS - $4,000)

Herbert B. Lenze Marching Band Scholarship
Simron Morris (RAHS - $4,000)

Kathy LePepovetsky Memorial Scholarship
Angelina Antonuccio (SMASH - $500)
Alessi Mahoney (SMASH - $500)
Allie Senior (SMASH - $500)

Lisa LePepovetsky English Scholarship
Emma Gavazzi (SMASH - $500)

Lisa LePepovetsky Memorial Scholarship
Emmy Mahoney (SMASH - $1,000)

Emma Linette & Richard Martin McClean Memorial Scholarship
Kelsie Heidt (RAHS - $500)

Lions Club of St. Marys Scholarship
Tami Ceci (ECCHS - $750)
Lowen Mosier (SMASH - $750)

Leo McMillan & Maude B. Schmutz Memorial Scholarship
Mary Cerroni (College - $1,000)
Cina Bish (ECCHS - $500)
Peyton Dilunthy (RAHS - $1,000)
Cina Gorg (RAHS - $1,000)
Adria Magnan (RAHS - $1,000)
Tyler Merritt (RAHS - $1,000)
Edward Mesrine (College - $1,000)

Dr. Sandra Calcina-Kowalski Nursing Scholarship
Sarah Love (RAHS - $1,750)

CDR Prize Memorial Scholarship
Christian Coudert (SMASH - $500)

Irla Gridden Foundation Scholarship
Cameron Marcink (RAHS - $500)

Kathleen Reeder Nursing Scholarship
Kristin Kirtz (College - $725)

Johanna M. Renaud National Honor Society Memorial Scholarship
Julie Petriczko (RAHS - $1,275)

Ridgeway Area High School Alumni Scholarship
Tyler Meritt (RAHS - $625)

Ridgeway Rotary Scholarship
Adria Magnan (RAHS - $500)

Rolfe Sportsmen Club Scholarship
Shana Polanski (RAHS - $1,975)

Judge Vernan "Buddy" Door Memorial Scholarship
Jonathan Hinton (RAHS - $700)

Dr. John E. Schloare Fine Arts Scholarship
Sarah Love (SMASH - $525)

Deacon Schragroast Memorial Scholarship
Morgan West (SMASH - $1,000)

Doug Price Memorial Scholarship
Taylor Schutz (SMASH - $500)

Abigail Erich (SMASH - $500)

Martina C. Selle Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Coudert (SMASH - $800)

SGL LLC Scholarship
Andrew Gerster (SMASH - $500)
Luke Jarems (ECCHS - $500)
Collin Kline (SMASH - $500)
Thomas Slag (ECCHS - $500)

Dr. Les A. & Donna V. Shull Education Scholarship
Kelsie Heidt (RAHS - $500)

Dr. Les and Clorine Almquist - Shull Music Scholarship
Austin Oramine (SMASH - $500)

Nicholas J. Stinbold Music Scholarship
Jacquelyn Schatz (ECCHS - $1,060)
Alexander Wolfe (ECCHS - $1,060)

Richard Skelton Memorial Scholarship
Alexis Stuts (RAHS - $2,600)

Michele M. Spence Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Jessica Gilmore (RAHS - $3,120)
Beyond Elk County Scholarships

St. Marys American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship
Gina Bush (ECCHS - $500)

St. Marys American Legion Post #103 Scholarship
Abigail Erich (SMMAH - $250)
Abigail Hasselman (ECCHS - $250)

St. Marys Jaycees Community Involvement Scholarship
Abigail Erich (SMMAH - $900)

St. Marys Rotary Scholarship
Joseph Ceci (ECCHS - $2,000)
Sarah Henry (SMMAH - $2,000)

St. Marys Sons of the American Legion Post #103 Scholarship
Collin Klince (SMMAH - $500)

Stroud Brewery, Inc. Scholarship
Holly Anthony (SMMAH - $1,000)
Dawne Lion (SMMAH - $1,000)
Alexander Miller (ECCHS - $1,000)
Jacquelyn Schatz (ECCHS - $1,000)

Dr. Marcus Sorg Memorial Scholarship
Zachary Mosier (SMMAH - $775)
Lourence & Mary Tharvant Sr. Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Viels (SMMAH - $1,000)

VanVranken Scholarship
Tami Geci (ECCHS - $20,000)
Marshall Hetrick (SMMAH - $20,000)

Patty Welsman Memorial Scholarship
Jeffrey Freiburg (SMMAH - $500)

Wapiti Boot Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation Scholarship
Zachary Mosier (SMMAH - $500)

Witmer American Legion Scholarship
Tessa Kopecnic (SMMAH - $750)

Joseph Williams Memorial Medical Scholarship
Rachel Caretti (College - $950)

Gus & Helen Wall Memorial Scholarship
Hope Farley (ECCHS - $1950)

Corporal Adam A. Weigel Memorial Scholarship
Thomas Dippold (ECCHS - $815)

Randy Yetzer Memorial Scholarship
Brynden Clyde (SMMAH - $500)

Brenna Miller (Coudersport - $500)

Charles McCluskey Memorial Scholarship
Carly Cooney (SMMAH - $1,000)
Adam Lucas (SMMAH - $1,000)
Mary Hevuz (SMMAH - $1,000)
Shaylyn Nichols (SMMAH - $1,300)

McCrady Family Fund Scholarship
Olivia Underwood (Bethel Park High School - $1,000)
Renew LaCrosse ( Bishop Canevin High School - $1,000)
Alex Cappellini (Center for Emergency Medicine - $1,000)
Liam Jackson (ML Lebanon High School - $1,000)
Aaron Weinzaal (NPRC - $1,000)
Andrew Current (Eaton (Ladelle) High School - $1,000)

Gladys Schulte Memorial Scholarship
Natalie Zucal (ECCHS - $500)

Gene "Toots" Stager Scholarship
Logan Ritter (Coudersport - $500)

Students Not Given This Year

Faith Baptist Church Scholarship
Donald Cicuttia Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Ritch Family Scholarship
James "Vlie" Jones Memorial Scholarship
David F. Jumma Memorial Scholarship
Carolina/Raif Memorial Law Scholarship
Blair Hornung Scholarship

NPRC & CFNA form partnership to administer new scholarship funds

The Northern Pennsylvania Regional College (NPRC) and the Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies (CFNA) entered into a new partnership in 2022 to administer scholarships and other endowments, made possible by a generous gift from an anonymous donor. This new partnership will offer additional educational opportunities to area residents.

CFNA affiliates, the McKean County Community Foundation (MCCF) and the Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF), will provide the administrative and investment management services to process, administer and award the NPRC scholarship dollars.

NPRC provides affordable and accessible post-secondary education to the residents of northern Pennsylvania by offering Associate degrees and certificates. Investments in scholarship programs by NPRC helps students stay in our communities while attending school, and hopefully remain here to continue working as they enter the workforce. For more information about NPRC please visit their website at regionalcog.org.

These new NPRC scholarships administered by the Community Foundation are available to students across the NPRC footprint. CFNA and its affiliates look forward to helping NPRC grow their new scholarships and endowments.

State ban on scholarship displacement benefits local students

Never heard of scholarship displacement policy? You’re not the only one. This practice oftentimes comes as a surprise to students, but has been common at many colleges and universities across the country. Award—or scholarship—displacement occurs when a student receives a private or public scholarship, such as one from the Community Foundation, which then leads to a reduction in other forms of aid.

PACSA, the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association, joined a statewide coalition of providers to initiate the call for elimination of scholarship displacement in 2018. Fortunately, on Friday July 8, 2022 Governor Tom Wolf signed into law HB1642, a sprawling public school system bill that includes a ban on scholarship displacement at public colleges and universities. The ban went into effect immediately and will positively affect scholarship awards for this academic year.

Our Community Foundation is a member of PACSA, with Paula Frits Eddy, our Foundation’s Executive Director, serving as a PACSA Board Member. She explains, “As a community foundation, our duty is to carry out our donors’ intent. When we award a scholarship to a student on behalf of a donor, and the university then reduces that student’s financial aid package it essentially eliminates the scholarship’s benefit to the student and defeats our donor’s purpose in awarding the scholarship. We were pleased to work with PACSA on behalf of our donors and our students to help influence the passage of this bill.”

Students can double their scholarship dollars through the Foundation’s PATH Partnership

The ECFC is proud to be a partner with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) to provide additional funding sources for students pursuing post-secondary education. Through the PATH (Partnerships for Access to Higher Education) Program, qualifying students who already received a scholarship or grant from one of their PHEAA PATH partners may be eligible for additional grant money.

• In 2022, 56 students doubled their scholarship award dollars distributed by our Foundation by qualifying for the PATH program’s matching dollars, receiving an additional total of over $84,000.
• The Foundation’s online Scholarship Program automatically enters eligible students into the PATH program.
• Since 2003, the PATH program has matched a total of $1,015,805 of the Community Foundation scholarship dollars awarded to 910 scholarship recipients.

It pays our donors to establish a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation! Our PATH partnership can essentially double the dollars awarded to a student from your scholarship. For more information about establishing a scholarship fund to help students at all levels achieve their educational goals contact the Foundation at 814-834-2125.
EMMA DAGHIR: BRINGING HER LOVE OF BIOLOGY BACK HOME

Emma Daghir, a member of the Elk County Catholic High School Class of 2014, always loved the outdoors and working with kids. Upon graduation, she received the Community Foundation’s Rotary Scholarship and the Richard Miller Scholarship. Emma graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor’s degree in environmental science-biology as well as a teaching certificate in biology. She completed her graduate degree at Clemson University with a master’s in biological sciences.

Emma has worked at St. Mary’s Area High School as a biology teacher since 2019. Getting to know her students is her favorite part of her job. Along with the challenges of teaching, she enjoys the laughs they give her everyday as she watches them succeed. Emma would eventually like to teach college level courses part-time.

A Great Story -- Emma had two internships with the state parks and forestry departments in Elk County, which is where she first learned of the Richard Miller Scholarship. Coincidentally, she now works in the exact same room as Mr. Miller did when he taught biology at SMAHS. Emma stated, ‘I still have some flowers in my room that he planted all those years back that I take care of. It’s a memory that is still standing at SMA. The scholarship money in his memory is what allowed me to finish my education and go on to be a teacher. The rotary scholarship money is what helped me get through my first four years of undergrad. I really take pride in those two scholarships, because they truly helped me get to where I am today.’

TONY LEITHNER: SHARING HIS ENGINEERING TALENTS

Anthony “Tony” Leithner graduated from Ridgway Area High School in 2013. With a little help from the Community Foundation’s Frank Clark Scholarship, he went on to obtain his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Penn State Behrend. He then accepted a job with the engineering department of First Energy in Erie. In 2020, he was happy to relocate to the First Energy office in St. Mary’s. Tony’s favorite part of his job is that each project presents new learning experiences along with meeting new co-workers and connections.

Tony credits many friends, family members, teachers and scholarships who played an important role in helping him graduate from college. He said, “Without their assistance and impact, I wouldn’t be where I am today. My wife and I plan on staying in the Elk County area and eventually beginning a family. I also look forward to continuing my career with First Energy.”
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WOMEN WHO CARE

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Women Who Care (WWC) is a simple and powerful concept where women come together, combine their dollars in a shared fund, decide collectively where to give money, and learn more about their community and philanthropy.

2022 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

2022 SPRING EVENT: DUELING PIANOS. BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

WOMEN WHO CARE 2022 GRANT AWARDS

Big Maple Farms
Borough of Ridgway
Boy’s & Girls Club of St. Marys
Catholic Charities
Ella County Humane Society
Guardian Angel Center
Johannesburg School District
Ridgway Animal Haven
St. Marys Area High School
The Salvation Army

$5,000 for equine maintenance care and medical needs
$4,649 to revitalize North Broad Street’s Nolan Park
$5,000 for outsourcing lunches for its summer program
$4,000 for home safety items for families
$4,000 for replacements of damaged walls in shelter building
$5,000 for Back to School backpacks
$4,000 for Positive Action program for K-12 students
$8,000 for expansion of their TRF program
$4,000 for 20-week RDQ program for High school girls
$3,500 for Birthday Club program for children in need

TOTAL = $49,149

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WHY JOIN
Affordable charitable giving. Amazing women. Fun events. Building your community. Women Who Care offers the opportunity for women to make a huge difference with a small investment. A yearly donation of at least $100 gives a woman membership privileges in addition to participation in our annual events. Hundreds of amazing women gather together for a fun social event in the spring and for our annual business meeting in the fall to build a network, learn about their community’s needs, and award grants to local nonprofits that serve women and children living in Elkh County. We invite area nonprofits to apply for funding through our annual competitive grants process. WWC currently has over 250 members, and we hope you and your friends will join us! Give us a call at 814-834-2125 or visit our website to learn more about us or to join online.

WOMEN WHO CARE?

DONOR FOR A DAY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
Four lucky members won the opportunity to sponsor a special guest dining date to a local firefighter during the WWC’s 2022 membership drive.

WWC’s new members presented $1,200 in funding dollars to two local nonprofits! Let’s help, let’s give, let’s support each other! Thank you! Emergency Management of Bradford County, Watsontown Fire Department, and Downtown Pittston Alliance.

[Since 2010, WWC has awarded over $344,000 in grants.]

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WOMEN WHO CARE 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP LIST
- includes paid membership from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 - Founding members are marked with an asterisk (*)

[Lists of members]

Lily Members (1999 and up)
Kelly Agost
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Pamela Allegro-Diaco
Alice Amen
Ann Baer
Christine Baldwin
Sherie Ballou
Barbara Buchsbaum
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Mary Beth Beamer
Barb Byers
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MISSION STATEMENT The mission of the Elk County Community Foundation is to strengthen our region through development, stewardship, and grant making as donors achieve their philanthropic goals.

VISION STATEMENT The Elk County Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter.

The official registration and financial information of the Elk County Community Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

WHAT IF YOU COULD SUPPORT ALL YOUR FAVORITE CHARITIES THROUGH ONE DONATION?

THE POWER OF A DONOR-ADvised FUND

Dennis and Deborah Bonanno established their donor-advised fund in 2003. They've grown the fund over the years by making additional tax-deductible donations to their fund from time to time that have helped them award granting dollars to many area organizations. Their fund has given them a simple, flexible and tax-advantageous way to give to their favorite charities. Denny and Debbie have awarded grants to:

- Elk County Humane Society
- ECCHS Cheerleaders
- Haven House
- CAPSEA
- Jay Township Volunteer Fire Dept.
- Bennett's Valley Senior Center
- St. Joseph's Cemetery
- Community Education Center
- Elk County Waste Authority
- Mt. Zion Historical Society
- Salvation Army

THE BONANNO'S DID IT... YOU CAN TOO!

Creating a donor-advised fund is easy when you partner with the Community Foundation. You establish and name your fund, start with a minimum of $5,000, then at any time you can:

- Recommend grant distributions from your fund to any 501(c)(3) public charity located in the United States.
- Make additional tax-deductible contributions to your fund.
- You choose recognition or anonymity.