





COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS | 2020 ANNUAL REPORT























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Dear Friends of our Foundation,

"Count your Blessings" is such a common expression that it has become a catchphrase. Yet it contains powerful truth and meaning. We here at the McKean County Community Foundation are grateful for our loyal board members, donors, and partnerships with our community and local nonprofits.

We began 2020 with many ideas and plans to continue our growth of the Community Foundation in McKean County, and then COVID-19 hit. With it brought disruption to daily life in homes, schools and our workplaces. Through it all, we were still able to provide nearly \$30,000 in scholarships to 39 local youth and \$23,000 in support to 11 community projects through grants to our local nonprofit agencies.

We are very hopeful that we are now reaching the other side of this pandemic. Our goal for the Foundation's future years is to continue to grow our philanthropic resources to ensure our ability to support our communities for generations to come. As we do so, our Board will continue to form new partnerships with our donors, nonprofits and community leaders.

In this Annual Report to the community, we hope to showcase this past year and all the blessings we are grateful for in our community. As you read each story, we hope you might be inspired to continue your partnership and support with the Community Foundation by making a donation to support a fund that fulfills your philanthropic goals, or by telling your own story and creating a fund, or possibly by becoming a volunteer.



Whatever your role is in supporting our Foundation, we count you among our many blessings.

Sincerely,

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Paula Fritz Eddy Executive Director



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Remembering Joe DeMott___

The McKean County Community Foundation fondly remembers our board member Joe DeMott, who passed away in December 2020.

Joe served on the inaugural steering committee for the development and formation of the McKean County Community Foundation and was one of its founding board members. He was an active member of its Board of Directors since its inception in 2017. Joe also represented the McKean County Community Foundation on the board of its parent company, the Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies. Joe shared his valuable expertise as a Board Member until October 2020, when he and his wife Sue made plans to move out of McKean County to Treasure Lake.

Joe was a graduate of Duquesne University School of Pharmacy and a well-known business owner in the area. In addition to his 38-year career as a pharmacist and

businessman, Joe was very active in public service. He served as McKean County commissioner for eight years (2008-2016), as mayor of Port Allegany for nearly 19 years and on the Port Allegany borough council for five years. He was also active in and served on the boards of many civic organizations throughout McKean County. Joe was an Eagle Scout and a veteran of the Army National Guard. He lived a life of service to his community, but his family was the most important element in his life. Joe will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. The McKean County Community Foundation extends our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.



2020 : Year in Review





With a philanthropic spirit that is cultivated corporately and encouraged in its employees, ARG focuses its charitable giving on education, economic development, human services and health care.

ARG is proud to support the McKean County Community Foundation!

American Refining Group Inc.'s Bradford refinery has been an economic engine in McKean County since its establishment in 1881.



Statement of Activities

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE NORTHERN ALLEGHENIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND 2019

REVENUES	2020	2019
Contribution	\$ 1,249,990	\$ 808,494
Interest Income	257,096	297,519
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	1,555,490	1,857,631
Total Revenues	3,062,576	2,963,644
EXPENSES		
Grants and Scholarships	659,000	647,371
Other Program Expenses	61,883	59,515
Administrative	168,001	150,113
Fundraising	9,580	9,580
Total Expenses	898,464	886,579
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	2,164,112	2,097,065
NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1	13,553,039	11,455,974
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 15,717,151	\$ 13,553,039

ELK AND MCKEAN COUNTY AFFILIATES

<u>AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020</u>

	McKean	Elk			
REVENUES					
Contribution	\$ 293,726	\$ 956,264			
Interest Income	13,164	243,932			
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)	85,096	1,470,392			
Total Revenues	391,986	2,670,588			
EXPENSES					
Grants and Scholarships	47,250	611,750			
Other Program Expenses	13,068	48,815			
Administrative	19,229	148,772			
Fundraising	1,644	7,936			
Total Expenses	81,191	817,273			
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	310,795	1,853,315			
NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1	636,831	12,916,208			
NET ASSETS, DECEMBER 31	\$ 947,626	\$ 14,769,523			



Esch Named President of CFNA Board

At the December 2019 meeting of the Community Foundation of the Northern Alleghenies (CFNA), Bob Esch, on right, was named the new president of the board of directors, taking over the reins from past president Bill Conrad. CFNA is the parent company of the Elk County Community Foundation and the McKean County Community Foundation.

The common mission of the two foundations is to enhance the quality of life in the local area as they strengthen their region through development, stewardship, and grant making. With a shared vision to inspire philanthropy and strengthen our unique communities, these affiliate foundations are making an impact in the Northern Allegheny region.

About Us

WHO WE ARE



OUR AFFILIATES





OUR MISSION

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



OUR VISION

 Connecting people who care with causes that matter



OUR EFFORTS

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.

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Photo: Waterfall in new addition at the Dam Inn

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Scholarships help students have easier access to education. The 34 scholarship funds at the McKean County Community Foundation have helped many graduating high school seniors and adult learners offset the cost of their education. These scholarships were created by community-minded individuals, families and corporations who want to provide a path to higher education for future generations. We love to hear about the success stories and chosen career paths of our scholarship winners.

Tyler Blankenship: Computer Science

Tyler, a graduate of Kane Area High School, was the recipient of two scholarships in 2015: the John & Donna Hulings Memorial Scholarship and the Sashy & Gladys Kane Perpetual Scholarship. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science from Penn State University.

Now living in Fairfax, Virginia, Tyler has been working for the past year as a Senior Associate Software Engineer at Capital One, working on the Refer-A-Friend PayPal Shop with Rewards program.

Aspects of his career he most enjoys are continuous learning and technology that is fast-paced and always changing. Tyler already has

many accomplishments to his credit, including launching the first web-app for scoring and aging whitetail deer (buckpoll.com); first place in the Capital One Hackathon; and second place in the Penn State College of Engineering Capstone Design Competition.

During COVID, he has seen the company shift to being fully remote and finds that many big companies are beginning to offer work from anywhere, being in-office as many days as employees prefer.

In the next five years, Tyler's vision for his career includes exploring the start-up scene, whether it be joining an existing one or starting his own. Congratulations to Tyler on a great start to his career.

Meghan James. MCCF Scholarship Recipient

66 To the Chase Family,

As the first ever recipient of the Kristie Chase Memorial Scholarship, I am writing to express my gratitude. For the longest time I have wanted to pursue a career in the medical field, and now that the time has come, I am forever grateful for every bit of assistance that will allow me to do just that. In honor of Kristie, I am inspired to follow in her footsteps and make a substantial impact on the community. One day I would love to provide assistance to students in need, as you did for me. I believe that without scholarship sponsors, such as yourself and others, continuing my education would not be possible. Thank you for making it possible!



- Meghan James, Otto-Eldred High School Class of 2020





- Funds listed in bold print indicate a new fund created in 2020 -

Agency Endowment Funds

CASA of McKean County Harvey Golubock Entrepreneurial Fund McKean County Housing Fund Tuna Valley Trail Association Women's Giving Circle Endowment Fund

Designated Funds

Early Childhood Development Fund Port Allegany Development Fund

Donor Advised Funds

Women's Giving Circle of McKean Co.

<u>Unrestricted Funds</u> McKean County Fund of the Future/Admin

Scholarship Funds

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



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The McKean County Fund for the Future is an endowment held by our Foundation to shape our region's future. This fund responds to critical needs, seeds innovation, and leads the community with thoughtful, effective philanthropy. Through your direct donations, this fund can grow and begin to support initiatives that will enhance the economic and community wellbeing of McKean County. The Foundation's Board of Directors will determine grant funding for projects that meet our community's most compelling opportunities and most pressing needs.

The McKean County Community Foundation administers various funds established by community-minded donors. You can donate to one of these specific funds that aligns with your philanthropic interests. Our Foundation encourages your donations of any size to contribute to the growth of our community, to honor someone on a special occasion, or to make a memorial in memory of a loved one. Our Fund for the Future is a perfect way to support your community. Take a look at our website, www.mckeancountyfoundation.org, for a list of all of our funds.

For those interested in effective charitable giving, there is no better partner than a community foundation. Establishing your own charitable fund doesn't require great wealth and isn't necessarily complicated. There is a fund for everyone to help achieve your charitable objectives no matter how big or small. Depending on your wishes, individuals and organizations can create a Designated Fund, a Donor Advised Fund, a Scholarship Fund, or an Agency Endowment Fund. Our staff can provide you with the information and guidance you need to help you decide what works best for you.

You can leave a legacy that will improve the lives of people in need and support causes you care about for many years to come. Anyone who makes a will can make a planned gift. Choosing the right planned gift depends on your personal circumstances and financial goals. The donation of a legacy gift can fulfill your philanthropic wishes and cost nothing during your lifetime, while providing significant tax benefits for your family. We encourage you to work with your lawyer, CPA or financial advisor as you consider these options. Our staff is experienced in planned gifts and can work closely with you and your advisors as you consider your options.

New Funds





Harvey L. Golubuck Entrepreneurial Fund

This fund was established by an anonymous donor at the McKean County Community Foundation in partnership with The Bradford Alliance to honor and recognize Mr. Golubuck for the tremendous impact he had in the Bradford region. An annual distribution from this fund will be utilized to promote a business competition for start-ups and new ventures of existing businesses. The annual competition looks to entice aspiring or budding entrepreneurs to move from idea, to vision, to market. With plans to grow and sustain this fund for many years, the community can participate in this endeavor by making a contribution to the fund through the McKean County Community Foundation.

Tuna Valley Trail Association Fund

The Tuna Valley Trail Association (TVTA) Fund was established by a very generous donor to be used for the annual maintenance and upkeep of the trails. The goal of this fund is to grow it to a point where it would cover all of the annual costs of maintaining the entire TVTA trail system. The Tuna Valley Trail Association is a local grass roots organization dedicated to the preservation, enhancement, and linking of the natural corridors throughout the Tuna Valley. Anyone who enjoys the trails and wants to support the TVTA Fund can make a tax-deductible contribution through the McKean County Community Foundation.





Scholarship Funds

Julianna Rose Barton Memorial Fund

Julianna Rose was born in 2003 and passed away when she was just 10 years old. She had many physical restrictions, being a prisoner in her own body, but doctors described her as a miracle child. Everyone that met Julianna fell in love with her, with her smile brightening every room and her giggles filling her home with love. The family established this scholarship to keep Julianna's memory alive and to help those students pursuing medical professions like the ones that supported Julianna Rose for her entire lifetime. Approximately \$1,000 annually will be awarded to a Bradford High School senior pursuing a degree in a medical field.

Gigliotti-Plano Student Award

This scholarship was established in honor of Lawrence J. Plano, Alice Gilliotti Plano and Francis R. Gigliotti, parents of Dr. Peter M. Gigliotti and Stephen L. Plano. While growing up, both Dr. Gigliotti and Mr. Plano learned the importance of an education. As neither of their parents participated in higher education, they recognized the importance of education for the future of our nation and the world, and that students often enter higher education needing extra support. This scholarship will provide BAHS students who want to further their education or career training with additional financial support to meet their educational and personal goals. A scholarship of approximately \$500 will be awarded annually.

Scott M. Hickey Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship fund was established by Scott's wife Jeanne to honor a man that possessed the qualities of incredible integrity, a strong work ethic, honesty, fairness and a fun loving nature. Scott was a Licensed Master Electrician and owner of Hickey Electric. He was professionally trained and an expert in the electrical field. His well-known motto was, "Wiring is no hobby." Scott's scholarship will award approximately \$500 annually to a deserving Kane Area High School graduating senior pursuing a diploma or certificate from a vocational or trade school, with preference given to those in an electrical studies field.

Ellen Marie Hulings Nursing Scholarship Fund

Ellen Hulings was a dedicated health professional and a loving mother, grandmother, and wife. Ellen began her healthcare journey as a nurse's aide, an EMT for Kane Ambulance, and an Emergency Medical Technician Instructor. She then completed her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse in later years as a nontraditional student. Ellen's family wanted to honor the work of their mother as a LPN and established this scholarship in her memory. Approximately \$500 will be awarded annually. The recipient must be a graduate of Kane Area High School or an adult learner with a Kane residency who is pursuing a post-secondary degree in nursing at any level.

Peyton Kirk Memorial Scholarship Fund

Peyton Kirk attended the University of Pitt at Bradford where he was pursuing a Business Administration degree. Peyton excelled in hockey, playing for the Bradford Blizzards for many years. His passions included investments, personal finance, work, and hanging out with friends. Peyton carried such traits as intelligence, grit, compassion, kindness, selflessness and joy, which radiated towards the people he surrounded. A scholarship fund has been started by his family to ensure a deserving student with Peyton's values has the opportunity to continue his or her education. Approximately \$500 will be awarded annually to a Bradford Area High School senior pursuing a post-secondary education.



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Scholarship Funds Continued



Verna Wooditch Memorial Scholarship Fund

Verna believed that education and determination provided opportunities that could change a person's life. Born and raised in Ridgway, she was the youngest of nine children. Her father died when she was four, and the family struggled for years. Lack of money didn't stop Verna from dreaming of a higher education. She decided on nursing but it would take a full year working in the kitchen at the local hospital to earn enough money to attend Spencer Hospital School of Nursing in Meadville, PA. She began her career as a registered nurse in the operating room of Elk County General Hospital in Ridgway. After marrying and moving to Kane, she worked at Kane Community Hospital where she spent the majority of her career as the dayshift supervisor. This scholarship fund is Verna's way of offering a Kane High School graduate an opportunity that could change his or her life. Approximately \$500 will be awarded annually to a Kane Area High School senior.

Each year. our partnership with PHEAA offers additional aid to students through the PATH Education Assistance Program.

Through the PATH Program, qualifying students who have already been awarded a scholarship or grant by the Foundation are often eligible for additional grant money! The PATH program provides matching dollars to students attending Pennsylvania post-secondary institutions who have received a scholarship from our Foundation. These students must also qualify for additional PHEAA funding. It's reassuring to know that when you establish a



scholarship at the Community Foundation, it comes with the added benefit of our partnership with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and their Partnerships for Access to Higher Education program (PATH).

It's easy to establish a scholarship fund!

We make it easy for individuals, businesses, and organizations to establish a scholarship fund. Your fund can be created in as little as one meeting, with a short fund agreement, and a single gift. Or your fund can be set up with an initial gift that is added to in the future. We manage all the administrative details of your fund for you. By establishing a uniquely-named scholarship, you have the ability to designate eligibility requirements including education level, the field of study, geographic area, etc. Many scholarships are established to honor someone who influenced your life, or to support your belief in higher education. Our experienced staff will work with you to meet your charitable goals.

COVID-19 Assistance Fund established at McKean County Community Foundation

Ardagh Group donates \$25,000 to establish fund

In the spring of 2020, the McKean County Community Foundation (MCCF) established the COVID-19 Assistance Fund to support local nonprofit organizations that were being impacted by the pandemic. The startup of the fund was made possible by a generous donation of \$25,000 by Ardagh Group, Glass - Port Allegany. The Foundation is extremely grateful to the Ardagh Group for their concern for our communities and for their financial support in this effort to help nonprofits who needed assistance during this unprecedented time. The COVID-19 Assistance Fund continued to grow through public donations.



Ardagh representatives Shannon Roys, Manager of Human Resources, and Jesse Azzato, Plant Manager, present a donation to Paula Fritz Eddy, Executive Director, and Bob Esch, Board President of the Foundation, to help establish the MCCF COVID-19 Assistance Fund.

The McKean County Community Foundation waived administrative fees on all donations and distributed 100% of all donations to those agencies in need by an open grant process. Grants from the COVID-19 Assistance Fund were awarded to nonprofit organizations in McKean County serving vulnerable populations that have seen detrimental impacts to their fiscal and administrative operations as a result of a loss of revenue, fundraising, or staffing, with focus on education and health care.

MCCF COVID Fund Grants Awarded in 2020



Bradford Ecumenical Home

Touchless Temperature Verification Devices: \$2,500

COVID-19 significantly impacted the daily operations of the Bradford Ecumenical Home. Due to stringent guidelines and regulatory requirements, they found the need for the increased use of technology as a major component of regulatory compliance. This grant helped provide for the integration of touchless temperature verification devices that were added to their current sign-in kiosks. The new devices replaced previous hand-held thermometers and served approximately 230 employees, visiting physicians, outside vendors, and visitors that entered the facility.

Bradford Area Christian Academy

Videos for fundraising and programs: \$1,000

The Bradford Area Christian Academy (BACA) has always operated on a very efficient budget, and is very conservative in terms of finances as evidenced by their budget. COVID-19 caused them to incur costs not budgeted for in terms of personal protection equipment, cleaning supplies, student dividers, and the need for an offsite storage location to store items that needed to be removed from the classroom to maintain social distancing. COVID-19 also reduced their income through reduced student enrollment. This grant was requested for seed money to help start a project to fund the production of two school videos to be used to help with their fundraising and promotional efforts.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc.

Activity Bags: 2,500

The Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services (ADAS) organization was impacted by COVID-19 with some staff taking layoffs and some programs being cancelled. To continue their case management and treatment services, they made every effort to provide any services they could via telehealth. ADAS works with all youth in our communities to provide healthy activities and alternatives and education. The funding was used to provide bags with stress reducing crafts and activities, along with personal care products such as Kleenex and hand sanitizer, for youth up to age 18. Pick up days were arranged at locations in Port Allegany, Otto Eldred, Smethport, Bradford and Kane, with the bags available during after school hours at the locations. Their goal was to serve approximately 750 with this grant.

CASA of McKean County

Operations: \$2,500

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of McKean County was incorporated in 2014 with a focus on training community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the foster care system. The CASA volunteers are viewed as the "eyes and ears" of the court, as their independent investigations and subsequent reports to the court help the presiding judge make decisions in the best interests of the children involved. COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the organization's in-person fundraising event this year. They also experienced additional expenses related to CDC regulations in regards to the safety of their office during the pandemic. They used the grant money to help defray the costs of operating their non-profit organization, which relies heavily on donations when donations are not at the same level as previous years, as well as for cleaning supplies, masks, etc. that were a necessity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CARE for Children

Personal Protective Equipment: \$2,500

CARE for Children (CARE) provides Pediatric School Based Therapy Services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech & Language Therapy) for school districts in McKean County as well as the Coudersport School District. COVID impacted every aspect of their organization, including the closure of their preschool program, inability of therapists to make home visits, and fundraising efforts. As their preschool staff returned and their therapists resumed limited home visits and school services, they found the need for PPE was even greater than expected. Grant money helped purchase personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of both students and staff.









<u>The Lutheran Home at Kane</u>

Four laptop computers: \$2,500

Prior to the pandemic, residents could attend necessary physician and specialist appointments in person. After the pandemic began, long-term care facilities needed to rethink their strategies. For the health and safety of their residents and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, they transitioned all non-emergency visits to telehealth encounters. The Lutheran Home at Kane is a small independent facility with limited resources that saw their expenses rise significantly with the cost of weekly COVID testing and mitigation efforts. Their \$2,500 grant from the MCCF COVID-19 Assistance Fund was used to purchase four laptop computers. These computers are being used to assist residents with telemedicine visits and social interactions with their family and friends, as well as to assist the Lutheran Home employees with education, webinars and training.



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2020 Scholarship Winners

MCCF Scholarship Recipients



Jake Alcorn of Kane Area High School received the Pastor Craig Smith Memorial Scholarship.

Garrick S. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Brandon Moore (BAHS - \$500)

Andrus Family Good Citizenship Award James Yohe (BAHS - \$925)

ARG Employee Scholarship Thomas Anderson (BAHS - \$500) Dylan Ferrari (Springdale HS - \$500)

BAHS & BCCHS Class of 1964 Scholarship Anna Anderson (BAHS - \$500)

Bradford Area Fire Department Scholarship Mackenzie Swanson (BAHS - \$1,000) Hali Hahn (BAHS - \$500)

Bradford Creative Performing Arts Center Scholarship Gretchen Henneman (BAHS - \$500)

Bradford High School Class of 1960 Scholarship Faith Pingle (BAHS - \$975)

Bradford Rotary Vocational Scholarship Aaron Henry (BAHS - \$500) Andrew Hilzinger (BAHS - \$500) *Kristie Chase Memorial Scholarship* Meghan James (Otto-Eldred HS - \$500)

Chuck Daly Memorial Scholarship Sierra Hillman (KAHS - \$1,000) Chad Greville (KAHS - \$1,000)

Timothy S. Eyssen Memorial Scholarship Elizabeth Miller (BAHS - \$400)

Gigliotti-Plano Student Support Scholarship Anna Anderson (BAHS - \$500)

Samuel F. Heffner Sr. Memorial Scholarship Tyler Gigliotti (BAHS - \$825)

Scott M. Hickey Memorial Scholarship Christopher Stewart (KAHS - \$500)

Diana J. Hulings Memorial Scholarship Danielle Swanson (KAHS - \$500)

John & Donna Hulings Scholarship Rachael Buhl (KAHS - \$575) Hannah Gullifer (KAHS - \$575)

Steve Jerman Memorial Scholarship Sierra Hillman (KAHS - \$500) MacKenzie Shrubb (KAHS - \$500)

Jeff & Shelly Johnson Memorial Scholarship John Wolfe (KAHS - \$500)

Kane Day School Alumni Scholarship Emily Bucheit (KAHS - \$500)

Sashy & Gladys Kane Perpetual Scholarship Emily Bucheit (KAHS - \$1,000) Hunter Hoag (KAHS - \$1,000)

Mary Mottey Memorial Scholarship Jillian McClain (BAHS - \$1,575)

Ole Bull Violin Scholarship Gretchen Henneman (BAHS - \$2,000) Paul Robert & Friedia Roberta Calkins Rolfe Scholarship Rachel Danielson (KAHS - \$4,000)

Carrie Sauers Memorial Scholarship Lexi Novosel (KAHS - \$500)

Tristan Sauers Memorial Scholarship Christopher Stewart (KAHS - \$500)

Elzear Kalstrom Schoch English Award Lindsey Wind (BAHS - \$400)

Rodney Schoch Band Scholarship Andrew Hilzinger (BAHS - \$400)

Pastor Craig Smith Memorial Scholarship Jacob Alcorn (KAHS - \$500)

Joe Stanko Memorial Scholarship Theodore Race (KAHS - \$1,000)

Ernest C. Tanner Memorial Scholarship Andrew Auteri (BAHS - \$600)



Representatives of the Bradford Area HS and Bradford Central Christian HS Class of 1964 Scholarship deliver their award to recipient Anna Anderson of Bradford Area HS.



Garrick S. Anderson Memorial Scholarship Fund McCracken Energy Services Robert & Judy Kuntz Bradford Area School District Janet Long

ARG Employee Scholarship Fund Jeannine & Brett Schoenecker

BAHS & BCCHS Class of 64 Scholarship

Ann Deutschlander Anthony & Reda Giordano Arthur Robbins Carol Campe Carolyn Confer Sekerka Denis Shaw McCoy Family Trust John & Sue Shaw Mary Margaret Rizzo

Julianna Rose Barton Memorial Scholarship Fund Raymond Marrone Robert & Kathy Stidd Jessica Stidd

Bradford Area Fire Department Scholarship

Lewis Run Volunteer Fire Department Bradford Area Fire Department IAFF Local 655 Derrick City Volunteer Fire Department Bradford Area School District Rew Volunteer Fire Department Bradford Township Volunteer Fire Department Corydon Township Volunteer Fire Department

Bradford Class of '60 Scholarship Fund

Alan Kessel Anthony Huff Anthony Laberbera **Beverly Riley Carol Coats Catherine Ralph** David Sheneman Gordon Olson Janet Weiss Janice Paulik Kenneth Hogue Larry Shine Molly Loughlin Patricia Horton Roger Clark Sandra Anderson Sherry Cook Steven Solomon Terry Sturm

Virginia Whitsel Winifred Nichols

Bradford Rotary Scholarship Bradford Rotary

CASA of McKean County Endowment Fund Veronica Swanson

Kristie Chase Memorial Scholarship Chase Family and Friends Fundraiser Irvin & Sandra Chase Jeanie Satterwhite

Timothy S. Eyssen Memorial Scholarship Fund Bradford Area School District

Gigliotti-Plano Student Support Scholarship Stephen Plano

Samuel F. Heffner Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Bradford Area School District

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Women's Giving Circle

WGC: An Opportunity for All Women to Share Their Blessings

The Women's Giving Circle (WGC), a project of the McKean County Community Foundation (MCCF), was formed in January 2019 by a group of community-minded women from throughout the county. We are a society of philanthropists who work collectively to address and support issues that are important to women.

Our mission, to provide support for projects that benefit our families, is accomplished through a pooled fund made up of the collective donations from our members. Membership is on a yearly basis. When you commit to a donation, you will be deemed a member with voting privileges to determine which organizations receive grants from the



WGC's Steering Committee worked hard to present a fun and interesting Virtual Annual Meeting in the fall of 2020.

WGC Fund that year. We invite area nonprofits to apply for funding for their projects through an annual competitive granting process.

Our goal is to periodically gather our members together to network, learn about community needs, and award grants to local nonprofits. However, 2020 did not allow us to meet in person. Our very successful inaugural meeting was held virtually via Zoom!

Our First Granting Year!

WGC awarded their inaugural grants (totaling \$9,500) during the organization's first membership event held virtually in November via Zoom. Door prizes were awarded throughout the 30minute program. As part of the event, the organization's 75 members had the opportunity to vote for the projects they felt were most important to the community. Voting was conducted via mail, email and fax this year, due to the constraints of a face-to-face event. After the votes were tallied, five agencies received grant awards.



Big Brothers, Big Sisters looking for more volunteers

of McKean County

Monsins Giving Circle

2020 WGC Grants

\$1,500	I	To the Mt. Jewett to Kinzua Bridge Trail Club for a portable toilet to be placed at the trail head
\$2,000	I	To CASA of McKean County to support their volunteer advocacy program
\$2,000	Ι	To McKean County Early Intervention for educational tote bags for parents of newborns
\$2,000	Ι	To The Guidance Center - Big Brothers, Big Sisters of McKean County for volunteer recruitment and marketing
\$2.000	I.	To The Lutheran Home at Kane for

52,000 | To The Lutheran Home at Kane for activities to fight depression in residents

WGC Steering Committee

Lisa Bizzaro - Port Allegany Judy Bodamar - Port Allegany Sally Claypool - Otto Eldred Carol Duffy - Smethport Angela Erway - Bradford Kathleen Gibson - Kane Ricci Jeannerette - Otto Eldred Kathy Jones - Bradford Linda Myers - Mt. Jewett Roni Swanson - Kane Paula Fritz Eddy - MCCF Support Staff

2020-2021 Women's Giving Circle Membership

Marsha McCracken

\$1,000+

Jeanne Satterwhite Anita Shuey

\$500 - \$999

Stephanie Vettenburg Shaffer Julie Young

\$250 - \$499

Denise "Dee" Buchanan Jennifer Fitton Nancy O'Day Sarah Tingley Susan Zook Willson

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Steering Committee members Angela Erway and Kathleen Gibson managed the technical aspects of the 2020 virtual Annual Meeting.

Our Women's Giving Circle is now 75 members strong... won't you join us!?



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- St. Callistus Roman Catholic Church Kane
- St. Joseph Episcopal Church Port Alleghany

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- First Baptist Church Kane
- St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church Mt. Jewett
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Bradford
- St. Bernard Catholic Church Bradford

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For the steps you take that make a difference, thank you.

Thank you, Community Foundation, for all you do to move our community forward, day in and day out.





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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the McKean County Community Foundation is to strengthen our region through development, stewardship, and grant making as donors achieve their philanthropic goals.

VISION STATEMENT

The McKean County Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter. The official registration and financial information of the McKean 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.

When we count our blessings, we find you in every one.



At the McKean County Community Foundation, we witnessed the charitable spirit of our communities time and time again during the COVID

pandemic. The generosity of our people in caring for others was incredible. In the midst of such loss of life, the economic devastation experienced by businesses and families, and the social isolation felt by so many, we have seen the emergence of wonderful acts of extraordinary kindness and support for each other during the past year.



In 2020, we saw the best in you. Thank you.

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