Dear Friends:

At the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation we've been celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2017 with a year of special “Be the Spark” grantmaking. At the same time, we continue our strategic commitment to being a local philanthropic knowledge-base in support of our donors and their potential for long-term support of the community.

We are pleased to share information and resources on charitable giving, nonprofit organizations and community needs to philanthropists in the Lehigh Valley. The Community Foundation hopes that through continuing Cause Connection after a brief hiatus to get our 50th in full swing, we can pro-actively connect people who care to causes that matter.

In the pages that follow, you will see information on thirty charitable organizations with six programs highlighted as “In Focus” grant opportunities. Staff has visited or met with these and many other organizations in recent months. In creating this issue, we looked back to the beginning of the year to focus on organizations requesting support. We thank all the organizations for the time they've spent with us and, most of all, we thank them for their passion in doing the everyday, impactful work they do in the region.

The Community Foundation would like to meet with you, the people who care, to discuss how you can support these causes that matter. It is easy to make a gift from your donor-advised fund to any of these worthy organizations. Feel free to contact us to arrange a time to meet and discuss your philanthropic interests.

Regards,

Bernard J. Story  
President & CEO
American Red Cross of Lehigh Valley-Bucks

The American Red Cross of Lehigh Valley-Bucks chapter serves residents of Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton counties. With a population of approximately 1.3 million people, the chapter provides food and shelter in emergencies, assists members of the armed forces and their families, teaches lifesaving skills, and so much more.

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. The network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, at home and around the world, through five key service areas: disaster relief, supporting America’s military families, lifesaving blood, health and safety services, and international services.

Needs: Support for additional emergency vehicles and general operating expenses

Learn more: www.redcross.org/local/pennsylvania/eastern-pennsylvania/find-your-local-chapter/lehigh-valley-bucks

The Allentown Art Museum’s mission is to enrich the lives of a wide audience of visitors by engaging, informing, and inspiring them through collecting, preserving, studying, exhibiting, and interpreting important works of visual art.

Needs: Support for operations

Learn more: www.allentownartmuseum.org

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The Allentown Symphony Association’s mission is to provide a first-class symphony orchestra and hall, quality performing arts and cultural education in partnership with the community. It produces shows with up to 80 orchestral musicians plus soloists and/or choirs.

Needs: Support for operations

Learn more: www.millersymphonyhall.org/

The Center for Humanistic Change, Inc. is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing prevention education on substance abuse and life skills training focusing on healthy decision making. For over 30 years, CHC has developed and delivered high quality educational programming in the Lehigh Valley.

Needs: Support for program services

Learn more: www.thechc.org

Children’s Home of Easton

The Children’s Home of Easton is a private, non-profit organization established in 1885 that provides a caring, nurturing environment for children in need, as well as, assistance to their families. The nonprofit offers a continuum of services, including group care and other family-like programs in a safe, compassionate atmosphere.

The Children’s Home provides a semi-independent program that offers a transitional living experience for older adolescents preparing for independence. They have a foster care program that offers community based setting within a structured family home environment. The nonprofit also has two licensed group homes for adolescent males that give them a structured environment with an increased level of accountability and supervision. Along with these services, the nonprofit provides a residential housing program and adoption services.

Needs: Support for older youth programs to help with finding apartments, internships and jobs

Learn more: www.thechildrenshome.org

Civic Theatre produces a live theatre season of four mainstage productions, as well as a children’s theatre production and special events. The film arm of Civic primarily shows a variety of independent and international films. The Civic Theatre School enrolls more than 350 students a year.

Needs: Support for restoration campaign

Learn more: www.civictheatre.com/
IN FOCUS SPOTLIGHT

Da Vinci Science Center

The Da Vinci Science Center is a national award-winning nonprofit organization that strives to bring science to life and lives to science. The Center’s hands-on exhibits, programs, and partnership efforts present the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) to kids informally, playfully, and in ways that relate to their popular interests. In terms of public service, the Center offers a Science Inquiry Fund that provides need and interest based scholarships to students for Center School Field Trips, Outreach Programs, Summer Camps, and other experiences. The Center also hosts Lehigh Valley FAST—or Festival of Art, Science, and Technology, which is a free carnival-style celebration produced every two years. The festival strives to engage people from all socioeconomic backgrounds inspiring and entertaining experiences, while raising awareness about careers in the STEM fields of science.

Needs: Support for science center project for downtown Easton and general operating expenses

Learn more: www.davincisciencecenter.org

Nurture Nature Center

The Nurture Nature Center (NNC) is dedicated to blending science, art and dialogue programs to get the community talking and thinking critically about the local environment. NNC hosts a variety of different types of programs including science presentations, film screenings, community discussions and art shows about timely and important environmental issues of interest.

The Center now plans to launch a four-year project that will expand the SNAP incentives program in Northampton County to locations across the Greater Lehigh Valley. This will make the program accessible at farmers’ markets, farm stands, mobile markets, as well as, expand incentives to corner stores. This will help to increase local fruit and vegetable consumption among low-income community members.

Needs: Support for community gardens, corner store project and to expand footprint in the Lehigh Valley

Learn more: www.nurturenaturecenter.org

Easton Hunger Coalition

Easton Hunger Coalition is a nonprofit coalition made up of agencies, groups and individuals against food insufficiency and its root causes in the Easton area. The coalition works in advocacy and awareness, community resource communications, access to food and volunteer networking.

Needs: Funding for staff and building coalition

Learn more: www.eastonhungercoalition.org

Greater Easton Development Partnership (GEDP)

GEDP is a volunteer driven, non-profit entity focused on Easton’s economic well-being, historical integrity, programmatic development, vibrant culture and urban hospitality. It drives economic success through smart growth, environmental sustainability and historic preservation.

Needs: Support for Ambassadors and Heart & Soul programs

Learn more: http://eastonpartnership.org/
Pinebrook Family Answers

IN FOCUS SPOTLIGHT

Pinebrook Family Answers is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families across generations by providing a continuum of high-quality programs that promote self-sufficiency, nurture healthy children and strong families, support seniors, advocate for change, and strengthen communities. Pinebrook offers an array of programs including a Family & Community Support program, a Behavioral Health program, Adoption & Placement programs, and Forensic Services.

The transitional residence program is currently the only one in the Valley that serves and addresses the unique needs of homeless women, offering subsidized housing in an apartment building owned by Pinebrook. The program provides comprehensive, ongoing community-based services designed to maximize the women's transition to self-sufficiency.

**Needs:** Support for program services

Learn more: www.pbfamilyanswers.org

Moravian Academy

IN FOCUS SPOTLIGHT

Moravian Academy is a church-related school whose Moravian tradition affirms that young people realize their potential in an atmosphere of love and understanding. The School provides a strong academic foundation, promotes creativity, independence, and adaptability.

**Needs:** Support for need-based scholarships for students

FOR MORE INFO

Moravian Academy
4313 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020
(610) 691-1600
www.moravianacademy.org

Northampton Community College

IN FOCUS SPOTLIGHT

Northampton Community College is dedicated to providing quality, affordable higher education. The College strives to provide accessibility for students by offering an array of resources for all types of students: recent high school graduates, those returning to school, and adults starting college.

**Needs:** Support for capital campaign and need-based scholarships

FOR MORE INFO

Northampton Community College
3835 Green Pond Road Bethlehem, PA 18020
(610) 865-5500
www.northampton.edu

Wildlife Leadership Academy

IN FOCUS SPOTLIGHT

The mission of the Wildlife Leadership Academy is to engage and empower high school age youth to become Conservation Ambassadors to ensure a sustained wildlife, fisheries and natural resource legacy for future generations.

In the next three years, the Academy hopes to expand their exclusive Conservation Ambassador program through partnerships and staffing to engage more youth and offer more learning opportunities. The organization also plans to connect ambassadors through an academy alumni network to offer students connections to help grow in their future career paths. The Academy also hopes to launch the Advanced Leadership Training Program (ALT) to further promote leadership and professional development in students.

**Needs:** Support to help expand programs and offer summer camp opportunities to more youths

Learn More: http://wildlifeleadershipacademy.org/

Holy Family Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

IN FOCUS SPOTLIGHT

The Holy Family Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center serves more than 1,200 elders each year from the Lehigh Valley community by providing rehabilitation, skilled nursing, personal care and independent living at 12 locations.

**Needs:** Support for building fund and program services

FOR MORE INFO

Holy Family Manor Nursing & Rehab Center
1200 Spring Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610) 865-5595
www.hfmanor.org

The Holy Family Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation Center helps adults with autism and special needs whose parents are deceased or who can simply no longer afford to take care of them anymore. The nonprofit is working towards funding a facility to alleviate wait-lists for people with Autism.

**Needs:** Support for building fund

FOR MORE INFO

Love Ran Red Foundation
P.O. Box 242, Emmaus PA 18049
(610) 965-1208
www.loveranredfoundation.org

The Love Ran Red Foundation helps adults with autism and special needs whose parents are deceased or who can simply no longer afford to take care of them anymore. The nonprofit is working towards funding a facility to alleviate wait-lists for people with Autism.
The Alternative Gallery is a nonprofit art center which provides a full art gallery, artist studio spaces, performance space & educational classes which are open to anyone. The organization’s mission is to strengthen local communities through arts & education.

**Needs:** Support for property renovation

**FOR MORE INFO**

The Alternative Gallery  
707 N 4th St, Allentown, PA 18102  
(610) 462-3282  
www.thealternativegallery.com

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Touchstone Theatre is a professional not-for-profit theatre dedicated to the creation of original work. At its center is a resident ensemble of theatre artists rooted in the local community of Bethlehem, the Greater Lehigh Valley of Pennsylvania and the international community of Ensemble Theatres.

**Needs:** Support for program activities

**FOR MORE INFO**

Touchstone Theatre  
321 East Fourth Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610) 867-1689  
http://www.touchstone.org/

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Via of the Lehigh Valley is a non-profit human service agency that provides services for children and adults with developmental disabilities like autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome. Serving the community since 1954, Via’s staff help individuals and families from birth through retirement.

**Needs:** Support for programs and operations

**FOR MORE INFO**

Via of the Lehigh Valley  
336 W. Spruce Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018  
(610) 317-8000  
http://www.vianet.org/

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The West Park Civic Association (WPCA) exists to preserve, protect, enhance and promote West Park and its surrounding neighborhood area. WPCA advocates prevention of park and neighborhood blight and deterioration, enforcement of laws and ordinances within the area and park and neighborhood safety and beautification.

**Needs:** Support for grounds, band shell, and facade improvements

**FOR MORE INFO**

West Park Civic Association  
1634 West Turner Street  
Allentown, PA 18102  
http://westpark-ca.org/

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The Young People’s Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley has provided aspiring young musicians a rich supplement to their musical experiences. It consists of 85 string, woodwind, brass and percussion musicians from 8th through 12th grade across the Greater Lehigh Valley and Western New Jersey.

**Needs:** Support for scholarships and outreach efforts

**FOR MORE INFO**

Young People Philharmonic  
P.O. Box 1614, Bethlehem, PA 18016  
(610) 868-9888  
http://ypp-isp.org

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The premier arts center at Lehigh University, Zoellner Arts Center presents arts for the campus and community. Zoellner is committed to enhancing the role of arts education in the Lehigh Valley, through children’s, family, and school programming, and partnering with local organizations.

**Needs:** Support to expand arts programs and opportunities for youth

**FOR MORE INFO**

Zoellner Arts Center/Lehigh University  
420 East Packer Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18015  
(610)758-2787  
http://zoellner.cas2.lehigh.edu/