

Fundholders Spotlight – J.B. & Kathleen Reilly



J.B. and Kathleen Reilly are part of one of the fastest-growing demographics in America—young philanthropists, sometimes called "venture philanthropists." Focused, analytical, and self-directed in their charitable choices, these young philanthropists combine passion and precision in their approach to improving their neighborhoods, their communities, and their world.

“Our fund at the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation gives us an efficient and effective way to meet our philanthropic goals,” says Kathleen. “From processing gifts of stock to record keeping to introducing us to other needs in the community, the Community Foundation gives us a coordinated way to ‘do’ our philanthropy.”

A graduate of the University of Notre Dame with a degree in accounting, Kathleen has a particular interest in education and issues affecting the well-being of children. J.B., a Lafayette graduate with a law degree from Fordham University, is interested in economic development as a means of providing opportunity to those in need and regional approaches to strengthening the fabric of the community. As an entrepreneur, J.B. has developed business skills and relationships that he brings to community organizations he supports. He says of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, “the Foundation is our partner in our commitment to our community—our partner in philanthropy.”