Sparking Change in the Lehigh Valley
The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation is a major philanthropic hub in the region— we know and navigate the landscape of community needs to connect people who care to causes that matter.
This past fiscal year has once again been a memorable one for the Community Foundation, and we thank you for your tremendous support and your role in the growth of the Community Foundation’s assets, impact, and influence. This report and our message goes beyond the 2016-17 fiscal year to include information on the Community Foundation’s yearlong celebration of our 50th anniversary and our “Be the Spark” grantmaking campaign that was a huge success! We made “Spark Grants” totaling $300,000 to 29 organizations and we hosted important community events to bring awareness to the Spark Issues and the work of the Community Foundation. In addition, several important things have happened which we believe will strengthen our already impressive growth in grantmaking. First, the Board of Governors approved the creation of our Community Investments Committee. By focusing the efforts of our board on making investments of resources we believe we are better reflecting the Foundation’s strong desire to make impactful grants to improve the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley. Second, we were very proud to announce the establishment of the position of Director of Community Investments at the Community Foundation and in November, 2017, we welcomed Megan Briggs as our first director.

As the community prepared for tax reform, members of the staff of the Community Foundation were able to provide guidance and leadership. President and CEO Bernie Story was quoted in the Washington Post explaining the profession’s concern about possible threats to charitable deductions and Director of DONOR Services Erika Petrozelli authored several thought pieces on maximizing charitable giving which appeared in the media.

Our Board and staff continue to work tirelessly to increase the Foundation’s visibility and, in turn, its impact on the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley. At the end of 2017, we thanked Greg Butz, Bob Moffett, Bruce Palmer, Martha Phelps, and Ann Haggarty Raines for completing their terms of service on the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation’s Board of Governors. Each one not only witnessed the tremendous growth of the Foundation during our 50th anniversary year, but played a major role in our growth in recent years. At the same time, we are truly thankful to Tom Campbell for accepting the board’s invitation to become Vice Chair of the Board of Governors beginning in 2018.

All of this growth and energy is very exciting to those involved with the Community Foundation. We would like to thank you—our donors, professional advisors, and friends of the Foundation—for your continued support of philanthropy in our community. We look forward to working with you in the future.
Establishing an agency fund allows a nonprofit to focus on its mission while benefiting from the operational efficiencies, oversight and visibility that LVCF offers.

KI is our Home Campaign Fund

Congregation Kneseth Israel’s Ki is our Home Fund was established in 2016 to support the upkeep and modernization of the Allentown institution. Led by Melissa and Harvey Hakim, Co-Chairs of the KI is our Home Campaign, the organizations with a goal of $600,000 partnered with LVCF.

Funds are being raised to replace the aged and antiquated HVAC system with a modern and more energy efficient system, make other energy efficient upgrades and beautify and modify the Bimah to make it accessible to those who have physical disabilities.

KI through the years has especially been known for educational programs, youth involvement, music, social action, multi-generational family members and interfaith relations and study.

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Charitable Funds

Designated Funds | Defining Your Giving

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The Delphine Quinn Perpetual Fund

Delphine Quinn was born and raised in Easton, PA. She graduated from the Allentown General Nursing School in the 1940s. She was a compassionate nurse who traveled the country to help patients in the 1950s, a time when travel was not easy, and she even traveled to Indian reservations in Oregon, Arkansas and Minnesota to work as a registered nurse.

Delphine loved the profession, and she wanted her legacy to support others in this field for which she so deeply cared. The Delphine Quinn Perpetual Fund was established with a bequest from Delphine, who passed away on May 8, 2015.

The Fund supports nursing education at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network and Lehigh Valley Health Network; pediatric patient care at Good Shepherd; and the Good Samaritan Fund at Moravian Village. Learn more...
Charitable Funds

Donor-Advised Funds | Remaining Deeply Involved in Your Giving

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Donor-Advised Fund Spotlight

BB&T Economic Growth Fund at LVCF

In conjunction with the BB&T/National Penn merger in 2016, $5 million was donated to two local foundations with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation receiving $2.5 million to establish the BB&T Economic Growth Fund of the Lehigh Valley. The fund awards grants to initiatives that will improve the standard of living and economic health of the Lehigh Valley through business attraction and incubation, industrial growth and creation of sustainable and thriving wage jobs.

During FY17, $1.5 million in grants were made to several Lehigh Valley organizations from the BB&T Economic Growth Fund at the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. The donations supported manufacturing, creating job pipelines, reducing blight and spurring economic development through various additional initiatives. Learn more...
Unrestricted Funds | A Community Endowment

The flexibility of unrestricted giving enables the Community Foundation to respond to the community’s most pressing needs.

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Scholarship & Award Funds

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Grow-A-Fund | Grow it and Become Permanent

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Area of Interest-Donor Defined

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Scholarship

- Frederick W. Hahn Scholarship Fund
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- Sue Ratzell Scholarship Fund for Nursing

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Luther J. Hottle, Jr.

Profile in Philanthropy

Born in Fountain Hill, Luther Hottle graduated from Fountain Hill High School in 1948. After graduation, he worked as an office boy at The Morning Call, and he sold donuts in a local bakery. He was offered employment at Sarco Manufacturing but decided instead to work at Bethlehem Steel, where he worked as a machinist until his retirement. Luther has lived in his cozy Fountain Hill home for 58 years.

The Luther J. Hottle Fund at the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation was established in 1998. Grants support the assistance of the blind and visually impaired as well as the Community Foundation’s Community Partnership Fund. The Community Foundation celebrated Mr. Hottle’s commitment to the evolving needs of the Lehigh Valley by presenting him with the Vision in Philanthropy Award in 2005. In 2013, Mr. Hottle established the Lötter Family Fund in honor of his daughter and son-in-law, Linda & Etienne Lötter.

Mr. Hottle doesn’t think of charitable giving in terms of legacy. Providing consistent support to local charities is what is important to him.

Grants from the Hottle Fund support discretionary grantmaking at LVCF and the Center for Vision Loss.

The Center for Vision Loss is dedicated to improving the lives of people with vision loss and promoting healthy vision in the community. This non-profit agency, a member of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind, serves the residents of Lehigh, Northampton and Monroe Counties in eastern Pennsylvania, who are blind or visually impaired to lead well-adjusted, rewarding and productive lives. The programs and services available include Vision Rehabilitation, Low Vision Services, Vision Help and Community Outreach.

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Joan A. Kraft & R. Wayne Kraft Memorial Fund Profile in Philanthropy

The Joan A. Kraft & R. Wayne Kraft Memorial Fund was established in 2016 by former LVCF Board of Governors member, Ellen M. Kraft, Esq., in loving memory of her parents. The donor-advised fund provides grants to charitable organizations in the region, as a means of memorializing the philanthropic nature of the late R. Wayne and Joan Kraft.

R. Wayne Kraft, Jr., was a 1948 graduate of Lehigh University, who served in the US Army Corps of Engineers during WWII. Dr. Kraft returned to Lehigh in 1962 as a Professor of Metallurgy and Materials Science. He was a specialist in the fields of physical metallurgy, X-Ray diffraction, solidification and crystallography. He held multiple patents, wrote more than 50 technical papers and received multiple professional awards, including the prestigious Bradley Stoughton Award.

Joan Auchter Kraft was a 1946 graduate of Cornell University, receiving a degree in the field of Home Economics. She taught at the Connecticut College for Women. Joan became the first woman to serve as a volunteer associate chaplain at St. Luke’s Hospital, having obtained a degree in pastoral care.

Grants from the Fund have supported:

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Remembering a loved one...

Sue Ratzell was the beloved wife of Lynn Ratzell. Together they shared 49 years of marriage. Born in Quakertown, Pa., she was a graduate of Harrisburg Polyclinic Hospital with a certificate in Nursing and most notably worked at Miller Memorial Blood Center for many years before retiring. She was an active member of Christ Church UCC, Bethlehem, Pa., where she taught Sunday school for many years and volunteered for many congregational groups and events including the soup kitchen.

Sue Ratzell Scholarship Fund for Nursing Profile in Philanthropy

Lynn Ratzell and his family established this scholarship fund in memory of Sarah Jane “Sue” Ratzell, who passed away in 2013. Sue was a trained nurse who worked at Miller Memorial Blood Center before retiring and applying her training to her many volunteer hours, including those with the Red Cross. This memorial fund supports nursing students at DeSales University by providing a scholarship to a fourth-year nursing student who demonstrates an interest in community and public health.

“I discussed the idea of a scholarship with our children, Thomas and Michelle,” said Lynn. “We agreed that nursing with a focus on community health and wellness was what best represented ‘mom.’ My daughter found the Community Foundation. I talked to them and they helped identify the programs that support nursing in the local community. We chose DeSales University and the rest is history. I am very proud of what we have accomplished with the help of the Community Foundation.”
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In 2014 a group of volunteers, parents, teachers and administrators came together to form the Ramos Playground Committee tasked with goal of refurbishing the old playground and adding an all-new playground to accommodate the 900 Ramos Elementary school students. The Asbury Methodist Church took the bold commitment and dedicated its congregation (and other community leaders) to raise the funds to build a playground at Ramos Elementary School. Pictured above are those on the Asbury leadership team: L-R Dick McCreight, Jim Berger, Dick Brown and Tim Holt who led the effort that began on Christmas Eve 2014 with a special offering at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Three years later, on September 5th, 2017, the Ramos playground was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting by principal Marybeth Kornfeind-Ralston and PTA president Cathy Martinez. Ramos is Allentown’s newest elementary school, completed in 2010 and located at 15th and Liberty Streets. Learn more about the fund... The Ramos School Playground Project Fund Profile in Philanthropy

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Curtis “Hank” Barnett, a former governor of the Community Foundation, and a member of the Bethlehem 275th Anniversary Committee, opened the LVCF anniversary year by announcing a kick-off grant that has a very special meaning to the Foundation. “Better way than, then, to kick-off the Foundation’s 50th anniversary than to give back to the legacy from which we were born,” said Barnett. “It is my honor to announce that the Community Foundation is granting $10,000 to the City of Bethlehem to launch its 275th Anniversary Legacy Gift.”

• Mental & Behavioral Health (February 2017)
• Cultural Enrichment (April 2017)
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• Environment & Sustainability (July 2017)
• Human Trafficking (September 2017)
• Veterans Affairs (November 2017)

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### Mental and Behavioral Health

“A Conversation with Representative Mike Schlossberg” was held on February 23, 2017. A strong advocate for mental and behavioral health issues, Pennsylvania State Representative Schlossberg, D-Lehigh, shared his personal story and focus on mental health in his governmental work. Honored by Dr. Bonnie Coyle at St. Luke’s Hospital’s Allentown Campus, the event was aimed at raising awareness and bringing together leaders to hear from community leaders and organizations serving this important issue.

### Cultural Enrichment

Seventy-five community members, donors, and grantees attended LVCF’s discussion on the role of the arts in economic development held on April 25, 2017, at the Hotel Bethlehem. Roland Kushner, Associate Professor, Business, Muhlenberg College presented “Arts Vitality and Community Development,” and Jeff Parks, Chair, Pennsylvania Council presented “Arts Vitality and Community Development.” The program was sponsored by Crayola.

### Environment & Sustainability

“How Green is the Valley?” was held at the Wildlands Conservancy on August 2, 2017. Cindy Adams Dunn, Pennsylvania Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Michael Sterbich, President of Discover Lehigh Valley, lead discussions on the importance of the environment on economic development and tourism. Guests enjoyed a guided tour of the Wildlands grounds. Alvin H. Butz, Inc. sponsored the event.

### Food and Housing

Lehigh Valley Perspective Food & Housing Access, held on May 31, 2017, included a talk by Brett Feldman, Director of the Street Medicine Program, and focus on mental health in his governmental work. Hosted by Dr. Bonnie Coyle at St. Luke’s Hospital’s Allentown Campus, the event was aimed at raising awareness and bringing together leaders to hear from community leaders and organizations serving this important issue.

## SPARK GRANTS

- **WVLV-TV PBS39 | Close to Home: Depression - $25,000**
- **Haven House | Support Group for Family & Friends of Prisoners - $10,000**
- **Equi-librium | A New Path, Therapy Program - $7,500**
- **Communities in Schools Lehigh Valley | Healthy Living Video Program - $5,000**
- **Treatment Trends | Rally in the Valley - $2,500**

## Human Trafficking

Shay Rhodes, Esq., Director of The Villanova Law Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation, spoke at “Hidden Crisis: Human Trafficking in our Community,” on October 11, 2017, at the Third Street Alliance. Cat Rojas, a survivor of human trafficking, discussed her experiences. The program partner was United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley Women United, Marline Fako, president of Women United, introduced the speakers.

### Veterans Affairs

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Rolland Adams is one of the founders of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. Born in rural Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, Rolland Adams attended Dickinson College before becoming a bank examiner. He purchased the Bethlehem Globe Times in 1929 at the worst of the Great Depression and turned it around. In addition to being named Publisher and Owner of the Bethlehem Globe Times, he was the President of the Bethlehem City News Company and the A.B.E. Broadcasting Company. Adams also purchased the Atlantic City Press. In 1963, he purchased 90% holding of both the Pittsburgh and Bethlehem Coca-Cola bottling factories. Adams was well-known in the community and was instrumental in the construction of the Bethlehem Public Library. After his death, Adams became the first million-dollar donor in the Foundation's history with his $1,000,000 unrestricted bequest which, at the time, represented a five-fold increase in the assets of the Foundation.
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- Turning Point of Lehigh Valley
- Two Rivers Health & Wellness Foundation
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- United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley
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- Valley Youth House
- VIA of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Victory House of Lehigh Valley
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- WDNY-FM, LV Community Public Radio
- West Chester University Foundation
- Wilderness Society
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- The Baum School of Art
- The Center for Animal Health & Welfare
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One-Time Community Partnership Grants

Foundation-directed grants to meet specific one-time project needs in Bucks, Lehigh, Monroe & Northampton counties

- Allentown Area Ecumenical Food Bank
- Bethlehem Area School District
- Boy Scouts of America-Minsi Trails Council
- Boys & Girls Club of Allentown
- Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Community Bike Works
- Computer Aid, Inc. Learning Academy
- Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania
- Lehigh Valley Division
- Easton Area Community Center
- Easton Area Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
- Easton Area School District
- Family Connection of Easton, Inc.
- Friends of the Allentown Parks
- Fund to Benefit Children & Youth, Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Heritage Conservancy
- Lehigh Conference of Churches
- Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living, Inc.
- Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council
- Logan’s Heroes
- Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County
- Meals on Wheels of Northampton County
- Mosser Village Family Center
- National Inventors Hall of Fame
- New Bethany Ministries
- Palisades School District
- ProAcs of Easton, Inc.
- Quakertown Alive!
- Quakertown Community Education Foundation, Inc.
- Royce’s Rescue
- Salisbury Township School District
- Springfield Township Bucks County
- St. Luke’s Quakertown Hospital
- St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
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- Valley Choral Society
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- YWCA of Bethlehem

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**BEST Awards**

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- **BEST Awards**
- **Seymour and Sophie Haber Award** for Excellence in Teaching at the Elementary Level
- **Kim Donatelli**
  - First grade teacher
  - Governor Wolf Elementary School
  - Posthumously
- **The Bernie Cohen Award** for Excellence in Teaching at the Middle School Level
- **Theodora Loupos-Augustino**
  - Literacy & English Language Arts Teacher
  - Nitschmann Middle School
- **The Anthony Ruggiero Award** for Excellence in Teaching at the High School Level
- **Jennifer Cirencich**
  - World Languages Teacher
  - Freedom High School

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17

BB&T Economic Growth Fund at LVCF Grants $1.45 Million to Lehigh Valley Organizations

In June of 2017, $1.45 million in grants were made to several Lehigh Valley organizations from the BB&T Economic Growth Fund at LVCF. The grants supported manufacturing, economic development through various initiatives, and the leadership of the community. The announcement came during the Foundation’s 50th anniversary year with the goal achieved well ahead of schedule.

“It is a reflection of the philanthropic spirit that lives in the Lehigh Valley, wise leadership, and BB&T’s strong position to support efforts like this, in a philanthropic way,” said Laputka. “We are delighted to have partnered with BB&T in assessing and creating a vehicle that will allow us to make a difference in the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley.”

IN THE MEDIA

Veronica Gonzalez Joins Board of Governors

During March of 2017, The Community Foundation eclipsed $50,000,000 in assets—a goal for growth that the FoundationBoard of Governors had set for 2017. The announcement came during the Foundation’s 50th anniversary year with the goal achieved well ahead of schedule.

“It is a reflection of the philanthropic spirit that lives in the Lehigh Valley, wise investing for growth, and prudent fiscal stewardship of the Foundation’s funds,” said Bernie Story, president and CEO. “The Community Foundation has grown from $50 thousand to $50 million in fifty years. The real difference isn’t in the monetary size of the Foundation, but the impact we make supporting organizations that improve the lives of those in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. It wouldn’t be possible without the generosity and leadership of hundreds of individuals over the years—we thank them.”

Bruce A. Palmer, CPA Honored by Foundation with Service in Philanthropy Award

The Community Foundation honored Bruce A. Palmer, CPA with the 2017 Service in Philanthropy Award. Palmer is the Managing Shareholder of the Bethlehem office of Buckno Lisicky & Company. He is a member of the LVCF Board of Governors. The award was presented to Palmer by Dolores Laputka, Esq., of Norris McLaughlin and Marcus, P.A., which was the Award Sponsor.

“Bruce is honored as the 2017 Service to Philanthropy Award for many reasons,” said Laputka. “He has connected LVCF to his clients, to his colleagues, and to the many organizations in which he is involved. Congratulations Bruce, and thank you for your many years of service to the Lehigh Valley.”

$50 Million Milestone

The Community Foundation named Veronica Gonzalez, MBA, to its Board of Governors in January of 2017. Gonzalez serves as division administrator of Lehigh Valley Physician Group at Lehigh Valley Health Network (LVHN), where she oversees several community practices at the 17th Street location in Allentown, PA; offering specialized care in family medicine, internal medicine, OB/GYN care, pediatrics, geriatrics, and multi-specialties.

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| Grants Committed | 114,612 | 210,500 |
| Funds Held for Organizations | 1,021,677 | 1,781,090 |
| Liabilities - Split Interest Agreements | 463,173 | 473,619 |
| Total Liabilities | $2,575,488 | $2,499,553 |

| NET ASSETS | | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets: | | |
| Permanent Endowment Funds | $40,675,154 | $35,499,704 |
| Temporary Funds & Reserves | 7,142,357 | 6,681,357 |
| Total Net Assets | $47,817,511 | $42,181,061 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | $50,292,523 | $44,619,818 |

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

A complete copy of the Community Foundation's audit is available on our website www.lvcfoundation.org.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Years Ended June 30, 2017 & 2016

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<td>REVENUE</td>
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<td>Gifts from Bequests &amp; Trusts</td>
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<td>In-Kind Gifts</td>
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<td>Net Investment Activity</td>
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<td>Total Revenues</td>
<td>$11,794,851</td>
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| EXPENSES | | |
| Grants | $5,491,248 | $3,325,804 |
| Operating Expenses: | | |
| Asset Development & Donor Services | 269,200 | 261,320 |
| General & Administrative | 132,940 | 185,431 |
| Grantmaking & Community Leadership | 302,684 | 204,506 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 8,195,864 | 7,112,657 |
| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS | | |
| $5,599,770 | $5,989,783 |

| NET ASSETS, JULY 1 | | |
| 42,181,061 | 37,863,286 |
| NET ASSETS, JUNE 30 | | |
| $47,719,835 | $42,181,061 |
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