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Sparking Change in the Lehigh Valley



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Celebrating **50** YEARS



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.

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Fast Facts | FY 2016-17



Sparkling Change in the Lehigh Valley

Message from the Board Chair and President & CEO

January 2018

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.

Be the Spark



W. Beall Fowler
W. Beall Fowler
Chair, Board of Governors



Bernard J. Story
Bernard J. Story
President & CEO



Charitable Funds

Agency Funds | *Focusing on the Nonprofit Mission*

Establishing an agency fund allows a nonprofit to focus on its mission while benefiting from the operational efficiencies, oversight and visibility that LVCF offers.

- Agency Endowment Fund of New Bethany Ministries
- Bach Choir of Bethlehem Fund
- Bethlehem AAUW Fund
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem Restricted Endowment #2 Fund
- Burnside Plantation Fund
- Center for Vision Loss Endowment Fund
- Congregation Keneseth Israel Quasi-Endowment Fund
- Endowment Fund of Meals On Wheels of Lehigh County, Inc.
- Endowment Fund to Further the Mission of Valley Youth House
- Charles & Louise Hoffman Fund for the Bach Choir of Bethlehem
- Junior League of the Lehigh Valley Agency Endowment Fund
- KI Is Our Home Campaign Fund
- Latino Leadership Alliance Scholarship Fund
- Lehigh Valley Child Care Endowment Fund
- Hunter Meckes Memorial Scholarship Fund
- New Bethany Ministries Endowment-Robinson Fund
- David Rabaut United Way Fund For Neighborhoods
- ShareCare Fund
- United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley Endowment Fund
- United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley-Thun Endowment Fund

AGENCY FUND SPOTLIGHT



KI is our Home Campaign Fund

Congregation Keneseth 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.

[Learn more...](#)

Charitable Funds

Area-of-Interest Funds | *Choosing a Cause*

An area-of-interest fund supports programs & initiatives that tackle issues of the donors' choosing such as the environment, camperships, no-kill animal shelters, etc.

Community Area-of-Interest Funds

- Barbara & Maxwell Davison Fund for Alzheimer's Care
- Richard E. Gasser Fund
- Margaret Haas Rotunno Memorial Fund for Local No Kill Shelters
- Lehigh Valley Coalition for Kids Fund
- Lehigh Valley Leader in Me Fund
- Erwin J. & Gertrude K. Neusch Fund
- Outdoor Recreation Fund for Youth
- Lehigh River Fund
- Robert D. & Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril Campership Fund
- William C. Rybak Fund for People with Disabilities
- Leonard A. Wenzel Memorial Fund for South Bethlehem
- Gene & Joan Witiak Fund

A **community area-of-interest fund** distributes grants based on LVCF's community research to identify worthy charitable programs in the specified area-of-interest.

Donor Defined Area-of-Interest

- City of Bethlehem Celebration Fund
- Downtown Allentown Community Development Initiative Fund
- Every 15 Minutes Fund
- Lehigh County Medical Society Education Fund
- Northampton County Bar Association Charitable Fund
- PPL Operation HELP Fund
- Ramos School Playground Project Fund
- Saucon Sanctuary Fund
- Lehigh Valley Social Impact Fund
- Lehigh Valley Synergy Fund

A **donor-defined area-of-interest fund** distributes grants based on the recommendations of a community committee that oversees a specific initiative.

AREA OF INTEREST FUND SPOTLIGHT



The Northampton County Bar Association Fund

The Northampton County Bar Association established this fund in 2016 to support their charitable activities in a tax-efficient way. These activities includes the Volunteer Center's Holiday Hope Chest drive and the Bar Association's many contributions to worthy nonprofits in the Lehigh Valley and beyond. In 2016, volunteers filled over 600 Holiday Hope Chest boxes for the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley. These boxes were delivered to under-served kids from ages 2 to 14 in the community.

[Learn more...](#)



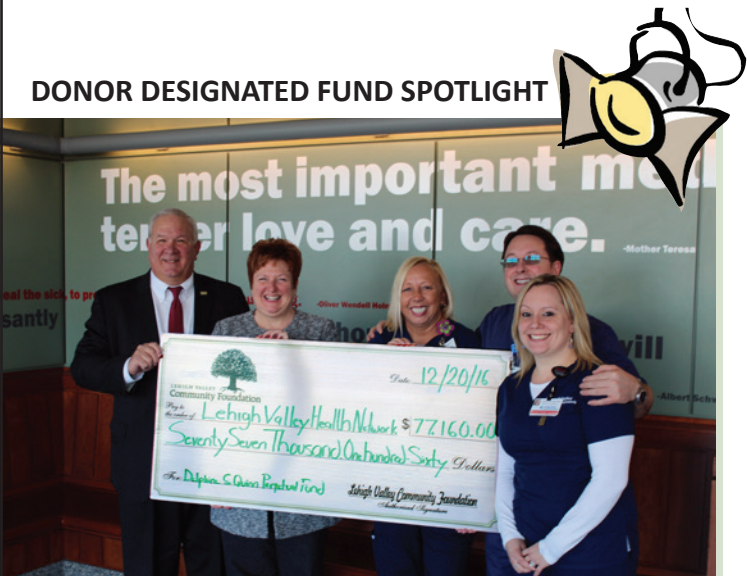
Charitable Funds

Designated Funds | *Defining Your Giving*

Donors name specific nonprofits to receive grants, and LVCF will make those grants over time. It is the most common way to preserve an individual's charitable legacy.

- William B. & Elizabeth Behr Agocs Geophysical Research Fund
- American Red Cross-Lehigh Valley Chapter Fund
- Clayton W. & Helen H. Bernhardt/V.J. Pazzetti, Jr. Fund
- Benjamin C. Boylston-Kemerer Museum Fund
- Benjamin C. & Eleanor A. Boylston Fund for the Lehigh Valley Chapter, American Red Cross
- Bethlehem & Morning Star Rotary Clubs Scholarship Fund
in Remembrance of Stephen P. Godbolt
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem Restricted Endowment #1 Fund
- H. Bridges & Lucile P. Boylston Fund for First Presbyterian Church
of Bethlehem, PA
- Camp Compass Fund
- Patrick J. & Christine Connell Fund
- Marjorie S. & Joseph E. Correll Fund
- John L. Daniel & Carol Holben-Daniel Designated Fund
- Leonard R. Dimmick Fund for Burnside Plantation
- Equi-librium Therapeutic Horsemanship Fund
- Fowler Family Fund
- Joseph R. Gagnier Memorial Fund
- Marion Brown Grace Memorial Fund
- Luther J. Hottle Fund
- Nancy S. & Charles E. Keenan Endowment Fund
- Kenneth & Elizabeth Kressler Fund
- Barry M. Kessler Charitable Fund
- Barry M. Kessler Animal Rights & Conservation Fund
- Deborah A. Libricz Memorial Fund
- Magee Family Fund
- Charles & Ruth Marcon United Way Fund
- Mary & Jack McNairy Fund
- Dr. Russell E. Morgan, Sr. Fund
- Raymond-Cryder Designated Fund
- Albert M. Reed Fund
- Safe Start Fund
- Salesian Center Fund
- Arthur E. Schaeffer Trust Fund
- Shoemaker-Bond Home Association, Inc. Fund
- Theatre Organ Arts Fund
- Thun Fund
- George T. Walker Charitable Fund
- Yergey Fund for Muhlenberg College
- Warren W. York Fund To Benefit The United Way Of
The Greater Lehigh Valley

DONOR DESIGNATED FUND SPOTLIGHT



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

Community Partnership Funds | *Meeting the Region's Changing Needs*

Community Partnership Funds support the Foundation's discretionary grantmaking to address the needs of the Lehigh Valley.

- 250th Book Fund
- E. Spencer & Nellie C. Addison Fund
- Margaret Ann Bachert Fund
- Randy H. & Ramona A. Bruch Fund
- Daniel-Holben Fund
- Donald & Alice Farquharson Fund
- Eugene G. Grace, Jr. Fund
- Greene Family Fund
- Deborah S. Haight Fund
- Betsy & Jack Jordan Fund
- Martina M. Malone Fund
- Pine Fund In Memory of
Mildred Beck Pine
- Anthony J. Ruggiero Fund



Community Investments Committee

Charitable Funds

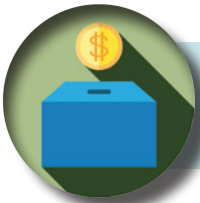
Donor-Advised Funds | *Remaining Deeply Involved in Your Giving*

A donor-advised fund permits donors to recommend grants from their fund and to vary those recommendations and change their charitable priorities as they wish. LVCF offers personalized service and deep community knowledge – a true partner in philanthropy.

- Alan & Marsha Abraham Fund
- Arbor Insurance Group Foundation Fund
- Arbor Insurance Group Community Fund
- Barnette Fund
- Walter & Alma Bastian Fund
- BB&T Economic Growth Fund (Lehigh Valley)
- Bethlehem Rotary Club Fund
- Eric B. & Denise M. Blew Fund
- Borda Family Fund
- Cesar Bourdon Memorial Fund
- Geoff & Wenda Boyer Fund
- Building Fund
- Burdette Family Fund
- Patty & Ian Carlis Fund
- Michael J. & Sandra R. Caruso Fund
- Mike Caruso Fund
- Client 1st Foundation Fund
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- Grace Kathryn & Jeffrey P. Feather Fund
- W. Beall & Marlene O. Fowler Fund
- Stephen & Joyce Gehringer Charitable Family Fund
- Grifo Family Fund
- Dolly Haltzman Foundation for the Arts Fund
- Thomas Hartzell & Jean Larkin Fund
- Heydt Family Fund
- Ray & Donna Holton Charitable Fund
- Kraft Hillman Family Fund
- Joan A. Kraft & R. Wayne Kraft Memorial Fund
- William & Carol Kreitz Fund
- Kressler, Wolff & Miller Fund
- Sylvia Fenstermacher Lawler Foundation for the Arts Fund
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- MAK Fund
- John F. & Jane H. Malloy Fund
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- McNairy Fund
- Olexa Family Foundation Fund
- Ronald R. Perin Fund
- Angela René Pessina Foundation Fund
- Matthew & Erika Petrozelli Fund
- Pharo Family Fund
- Prometheus Fund
- Raymond-Cryder Donor Advised Fund
- J.B. & Kathleen Reilly Fund

Donor-Advised Funds

- Tom & Jo Anne Riddle Fund for a Greater Lehigh Valley
- Bonnie & Joel Ronco Fund
- Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund
- Star Foundation Fund
- Stershic Family Fund
- St. Luke's Hospital Medical Staff Fund
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- Two Tunics Fund
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- Ilene & Robert Wood Striving To Make A Difference Fund
- Stella C. Yee Memorial Fund
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- Ryan J. Zawada Memorial Fund



Donor-Advised Funds remain a popular vehicle for charitable giving... [12 New DAFs at LVCF in 2016-17](#)

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...](#)

Charitable Funds

Scholarship & Award Funds | Further Education

These funds allow donors to invest in the future by helping deserving students pursue higher education.

- Elizabeth Behr Agocs Scholarship Fund
- Ann C. Bernard Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Bethlehem Educational Scholastic Trust (B.E.S.T.) Fund
- Debra “Frau” Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Reverend Douglas Caldwell Fund for Nursing Excellence
- Truman L. Frey, Jr. Scholarship Fund
- Frederick W. Hahn Scholarship Fund
- Carol (Rodgers) Jaffe & Donald Jaffe Scholarship Fund
- Miss Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund
- Stephanie Olexa & Seth Weber Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Joseph A. Perna & Hilda Ramos Perna Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Sue Ratzell Scholarship Fund for Nursing
- William & Jamie Soukup Reid Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Arthur E. & Myrl G. Schaeffer Scholarship Fund
- Anthony Severo Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Justin Sheftel Scholarship Fund
- Katie Stauffer Memorial Fund
- Catherine Hilaire Thompson Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Edwin F. Van Billiard Scholarship Fund
- WHS 2006 Football Champions Scholarship Fund
- Betty Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Woman’s Club of Bethlehem Fund

Unrestricted Funds | A Community Endowment

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

- Rolland L. Adams Fund
- Adams Final Fund
- Rolland L. & Pauline H. Adams Fund
- Bethlehem 225th Anniversary Fund
- Aaron Burr Baldree Fund
- Madeline S. & Frank R. Barnako Fund
- Clayton W. & Helen H. Bernhardt Fund
- Buckley Family Fund
- Dorothy & Joseph Conroy Fund
- Helen Adams DeRiemer Fund
- Globe Times/WGPA Charities Fund
- Carol Dean Henn Community Fund
- Kutteroff Family Fund
- Frank L. Marcon Fund
- Horace R. Miller Fund
- Operating Endowment Fund
- Perna Family Fund
- Katharine March & Stanley J. Thomas Memorial Fund

Grow-A-Fund | Grow it and Become Permanent

- Dr. Charles L. Best Fund
- Calabrese-Collina Wedding Celebration Fund
- Andrew Rabbat Memorial Music Scholarship Fund
- Anthony Severo Memorial Grow-A-Fund
- WDIY Grow-A-Fund

New Charitable Funds

Donor-Advised

- Patty & Ian Carlis Fund
- Karen & Peter Cooper Fund
- Grifo Family Fund
- Thomas Hartzell and Jean Larkin Fund
- Heydt Family Fund
- William & Carol Kreitz Fund
- Kraft Hillman Family Fund
- Joan A. Kraft & R. Wayne Kraft Memorial Fund
- Tom & Jo Anne Riddle Fund for a Greater Lehigh Valley
- Bonnie & Joel Ronco Fund
- Torrey Family Fund
- John & Chrissie Wagner Fund

Designated

- Barry M. Kessler Animal Rights & Conservation Fund

Area of Interest-Donor Defined

- Ramos School Playground Project Fund

Agency

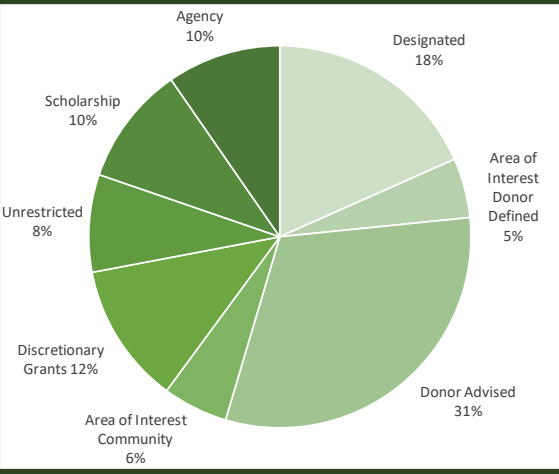
- Center for Vision Loss Endowment Fund
- KI Is Our Home Campaign Fund
- Congregation Keneseth Israel Quasi-Endowment Fund

Scholarship

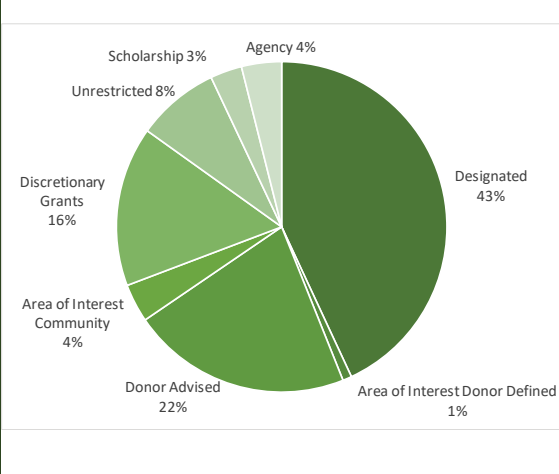
- Frederick W. Hahn Scholarship Fund
- Carol (Rodgers) Jaffe and Donald Jaffe Scholarship Fund
- Sue Ratzell Scholarship Fund for Nursing



218 Charitable Funds: by Count



218 Charitable Funds: by Dollars



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- Center for Vision Loss
- The Century Fund



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. [Learn more...](#)



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2016-17 GIFTS | AT A GLANCE



TOTAL GIFTS
\$6.8 Million



INDIVIDUAL DONORS
500



DONORS GAVE TO
77 Funds



LARGEST GIFT
\$1.9 Million



POPULAR GIFTS
Appreciated Securities



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. [Learn more about the fund...](#)



This memorial fund allows Joan and Wayne to continue to make a difference in people's lives, though during their lifetimes their generous gifts to various charities were usually made anonymously.

Grants from the Fund have supported:

- Allentown Rescue Mission
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown
- Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley
- Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
- New Bethany Ministries
- Northeast Ministries
- Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania
- St. Anne's Catholic Church
- St. Anne's Education Endowment Fund

Gifts 2016-17

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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.”

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.



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The Ramos School Playground Project Fund Profile in Philanthropy

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...](#)



Celebrating our 50th Anniversary with a Year of Grantmaking



The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation (LVCF) celebrated its 50th Anniversary, by doing what it does best... making grants to community organizations that work to improve the lives of those in the Lehigh Valley.

During the year of special grantmaking, themed “Be the Spark,” the Community Foundation granted \$50,000 to each of six chosen issues in the community for a total of \$300,000 in grants during the anniversary year! LVCF invited community members to be the spark—a spark of awareness, a spark of change, a spark of connection.

The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation, not only funded 29 programs in Lehigh and Northampton Counties, but brought significant awareness to the six important issues in the community through the anniversary celebration.

The Community Foundation kicked-off the year of “Be the Spark” grantmaking with a program on November 16, 2017. Bernie Story, president and CEO of LVCF, welcomed the group of over 200 community members to the kick-off in the Fowler Blast Furnace Room at ArtsQuest in Bethlehem, Pa.



Curtis “Hank” Barnette, 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. “What better way, then, to kick-off the Foundation’s 50th anniversary than to give back to the legacy from which we were born,” said Barnette. “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)
- **Food & Housing Access** (May 2017)
- **Environment & Sustainability** (July 2017)
- **Human Trafficking** (September 2017)
- **Veterans Affairs** (November 2017)



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. Hosted by Dr. Bonnie Coyle at St. Luke’s Hospital’s Allentown Campus, the event was aimed at raising awareness and bringing together funders to hear from community leaders and organizations serving this important issue.



- SPARK GRANTS**
- **WLVTV-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

Environment & Sustainability

“How Green is the Valley?,” was held at the Wildlands Conservancy on August 2, 2017. Cindy Adams Dunn, Pennsylvania’s Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and Michael Stershic, 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.



- SPARK GRANTS**
- **Community Bike Works** | Bike to Sustainability - \$18,000
 - **Bethlehem Economic Development Corporation** | Re-Imagining the Rose Garden - \$10,000
 - **Greater Easton Development Partnership** | Easton Compost Project - \$10,000
 - **Wildlands Conservancy** | Watershed Education Program - \$7,000
 - **The Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley** | Youth Program - \$5,000

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 on the Arts, presented “The Arts & Community Development.” The program was sponsored by Crayola.



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Food and Housing

Lehigh Valley Perspectives: Food & Housing Access, was held on May 31, 2017, and included a talk by Brett Feldman, Director of the Street Medicine program, Lehigh Valley Health Network, and Marc Rittle, Co-Founder of the Lehigh Valley Food Policy Council, Senior Director of Community Impact, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. Held at Second Harvest Food Bank of the Lehigh Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania, guests were given tours of the 65,000-square-foot facility.



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 - **Pinebrook Family Answers** | Transitional Residence Program - \$2,500
 - **Valley Youth House Committee** | LGBT Youth Housing - \$2,500

Veterans Affairs

In Focus: Veterans Affairs in the Lehigh Valley, was held Dec. 4, 2017, at PBS39. It featured talks by Congressman Charlie Dent (PA-15), chairman of the Congressional Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies, via satellite, WWII U.S. Air Force Veteran Major Nathan Kline, and U.S. Army Veteran Nicholas Ward, who served during Operation Iraqi Freedom. The program was sponsored by Embassy Bank for the Lehigh Valley.



- SPARK GRANTS**
- **CACLV** | Military Share: Food Access for Veterans - \$25,000
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ROLLAND L. ADAMS

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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GRANTS 2016-17

Philanthropic Partner Grants

Grants from charitable funds established by individuals and corporations to support a wide range of community needs

- AJ Muste Memorial Institute
- Allentown Art Museum
- Allentown Band, Inc.
- Allentown Economic Development Corp.
- Allentown Police Department
- Allentown Public Theatre
- Allentown Rescue Mission
- Allentown School District
- Allentown School District Foundation
- Allentown Symphony Association
- ALSAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- American Cancer Society-Philadelphia
- American Center for Law and Justice
- American Civil Liberties Union Foundation
- American Friends Service Committee
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross of Lehigh Valley-Bucks
- American Red Cross of the Poconos
- Animals in Distress
- Answers in Genesis of Kentucky, Inc.
- Anti-Defamation League
- Bach Choir of Bethlehem
- Bates College
- Beat the Streets Philadelphia
- Bel Canto Children’s Chorus of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern PA
- Bethlehem Area School District
- Bethlehem Branch - AAUW
- Bethlehem Economic Development Corp.
- Bethlehem Soccer Club
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Blue & White Scholastic Foundation, Inc.
- Boys & Girls Club of Allentown
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- Brandywine Heights Activities Account
- Breast Cancer Research Foundation
- Bright Hope Pregnancy Support Centers
- Brooklyn Jesuit Prep
- Brown University
- Burnside Plantation, Inc.
- Camp Compass, Inc.
- Cancer Support Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley
- Carbon County Environmental Education Center
- Carl & Emily Weller Center for Health Education
- Casa Guadalupe Center
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown
- Cedar Crest College
- Center for Vision Loss
- Central Moravian Church
- Children’s Home of Easton
- Children’s Home of Reading
- City Line Little League, Inc.
- City of Allentown
- City of Bethlehem
- City of Easton
- Civic Theatre of Allentown
- Clarks Summit University
- Color for Kids, Inc.
- Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Community Action Development Corporation of Allentown
- Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem
- Community Bike Works
- Community Music School
- Community Services for Children
- Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Concordia Lutheran Church
- Congregation Keneseth Israel
- County of Lehigh

- Cross International, Inc.
- Da Vinci Science Center
- Deborah Hospital Foundation
- Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor
- Delaware Valley University
- DeSales University
- Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries
- Doctors Without Borders
- Dominican Fathers Province of St. Joseph
- Donegan Elementary School
- Dream Come True
- Drexel University
- Easton Area Community Center
- Easton Area Neighborhood Centers, Inc.
- Easton Area Public Library
- Effort United Methodist Church
- Eotvos Lorand University
- Equi-Librium, Inc.
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Everlasting Life Ministries
- Family Promise of Carbon County
- Feed the Children, Inc.
- First Presbyterian Church of Allentown
- First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem
- First Presbyterian Church-St. Petersburg
- Fordham University
- Foundation for Easton Schools
- Friends of Levitt Pavilion at SteelStacks
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Good Shepherd Catholic School
- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network
- Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Greater Valley YMCA
- Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Hawk Mountain Council #528 Boy Scouts of America
- Hispanic Center Lehigh Valley
- Historic Bethlehem Partnership, Inc.
- Holy Infancy School
- Housing Association & Development Corp.
- Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
- IHartHarvest, Inc.
- Ironton PTO
- J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust
- Jerusalem Fund, Inc.
- Jewish Community Center of Allentown, PA
- Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley
- Kellyn Foundation
- KidsPeace
- Lafayette College

Grantee Spotlight



Everlasting Life Ministries

Everlasting Life Ministries (ELM) is a nonprofit organization composed of Christian leaders, laymen and volunteers from over 35 area churches. Founded more than 30 years ago, the ministries under ELM have grown and expanded to provide food distribution, meals at community kitchens, clothing distribution, and medical clinics.

Grants from the Community Foundation’s Prometheus Fund and Betty & Scotty Wood Memorial Fund supported ELM’s warming station located at the Fountain Pool House off Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Allentown, Pa.

During the winter season, the warming station is open from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven days a week. Up to 38 bunk beds, blankets, bathrooms, showers and a separate and secure area for personal belongings are made available to clients. Those who are turned away from other shelters because they are full, or due to other complications, are welcomed at Allentown’s Warming Station. [Learn more...](#)

PHILANTHROPIC PARTNER GRANT

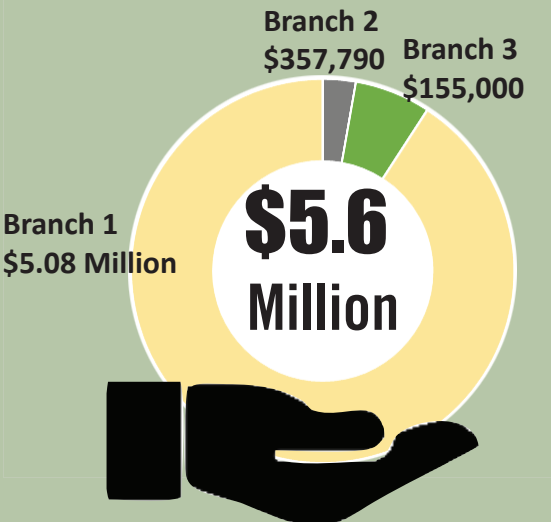
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- Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation
 - Lehigh County Historical Society
 - Lehigh County Humane Society
 - Lehigh University
 - Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts
 - Lehigh Valley Children’s Centers, Inc.
 - Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp.
 - Lehigh Valley Girls Rock
 - Lehigh Valley Hospital
 - Lehigh Valley Industrial Park, Inc.
 - Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club
 - Lehigh Valley Area Soccer Club
 - Lewes Church of Christ
 - Liberty Bell Museum
 - Logan’s Heroes
 - Longswamp Union Cemetery Association
 - Marine Toys for Tots Foundation
 - Masonic Charities Fund
 - Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County
 - Meals on Wheels of Northampton County
 - Miller-Keystone Blood Center
 - Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley
 - Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
 - Monroe County Conservation District
 - Moravian Academy
- Moravian Archives
 - Moravian College
 - Moravian Manor
 - Moravian Open Door, Inc.
 - Moravian Village of Bethlehem
 - Morningstar Senior Living, Inc.
 - Mount Pocono United Methodist Church
 - Muhlenberg College
 - NAMI of the Lehigh Valley
 - National Museum of Industrial History
 - Neighborhood Housing Services of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
 - New Bethany Ministries
 - New Life Solutions
 - Northampton Community College Foundation
 - Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society
 - Northeast Ministry
 - NORWESCAP, Inc.
 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church
 - Parkland High School
 - Parkland School District Education Foundation
- PBS39/WLVT
 - Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
 - Penn State Lehigh Valley
 - Pennridge Community Center
 - Pennsylvania Sinfonia Orchestra
 - Pinebrook Family Answers
 - Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation
 - Planned Parenthood
 - Planned Parenthood Keystone
 - Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church
 - Pratyush Sinha Foundation
 - Project Lifesaver International
 - ProJeCt of Easton, Inc.
 - Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley
 - Repertory Dance Theatre
 - Rotary Club of Saucon Foundation, Inc.
 - Sacred Heart Foundation
 - Safe Harbor Easton
 - Salvation Army Allentown
 - Salvation Army Bethlehem
 - Salvation Army East Stroudsburg
 - Samaritan’s Purse
 - Second Harvest Food Bank of Lehigh Valley & Northeastern PA
- ShareCare Faith in Action
 - Sierra Club Foundation
 - Solutions Services, Inc.
 - Southern Lehigh Public Library
 - Southern Poverty Law Center
 - Southwest Florida Community Foundation
 - Spring Garden Children’s Center, Inc.
 - Springfield Township Bucks County
 - St. Anne Catholic Church
 - St. Anne Education Endowment Fund
 - St. Anthony Health Foundation
 - St. Benedict’s Preparatory School
 - St. James Lutheran Church
 - St. John’s UCC Church
 - St. Luke’s University Hospital
 - St. Stephen’s Evangelical Lutheran Church
 - St. Thomas More Church
 - State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc.
 - Swarthmore College
 - The ARC of Lehigh & Northampton Counties
 - The Baum School of Art
 - The Center for Animal Health & Welfare
 - The Juilliard School
 - The Literacy Center
 - The Seed Farm
- The Theatre Organ Society of the Delaware Valley, Inc.
 - Third Street Alliance for Women & Children
 - Touchstone Theatre
 - Trinity United Methodist Church
 - Truth for Women
 - Turning Point of Lehigh Valley
 - Two Rivers Health & Wellness Foundation
 - United Friends School of the Greater Lehigh Valley
 - United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - Valley Youth House
 - VIA of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
 - Victory House of Lehigh Valley
 - Village Earth
 - Visiting Nurse Association of St. Luke’s
 - WDIY-FM, LV Community Public Radio
 - West Chester University Foundation
 - Wilderness Society
 - Wildlands Conservancy
 - Wildwood Catholic High School

GRANTMAKING IN 2017



Branch 1: Philanthropic Partners Grants Through individual donor-defined funds, LVCF makes grants to meet a wide range of needs.

Branch 2: One-Time Community Grants At its discretion, LVCF makes grants supporting specific one-time projects.

Branch 3: Multi-Year Impact Grants At its discretion, LVCF makes grants to support multi-year collaborative projects.



Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania

Make the First Five Count (MTFFC) uses the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ), a comprehensive standardized tool that assesses five developmental areas. Parents can determine if their child has, or is at risk for, developmental delay. The ASQ is on the Easterseals Eastern Pennsylvania (ESEP) website and used during on-site screenings in the Lehigh Valley.

ESEP has a designated developmental specialist who follows up with each parent, offering resources, appropriate referral information, suggestions on activities to enhance existing skills and linking them to the county Early Intervention referral system. ESEP also provided Spanish translation services. [Learn more...](#)

ONE-TIME COMMUNITY GRANTS

GRANTS 2016-17

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
- ProJeCt 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
- Third Street Alliance for Women & Children
- Valley Choral Society
- Weller Health Education Center
- YWCA of Bethlehem

Multi-Year Impact Grants

Foundation-directed five-year grants to support collaborative projects in Lehigh & Northampton counties

- Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Community Action Development Corporation of Bethlehem
- Da Vinci Science Center
- Housing Association & Development Corporation
- Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation
- Lehigh Gap Nature Center
- Lehigh Valley Leader in Me Fund
- Lehigh Valley Synergy Fund
- State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc.
- Valley Against Sex Trafficking

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT



Housing Association & Development Corporation (HADC)

YouthBuild is an innovative education and job-training program based on a time-tested national model now operating in 260 communities in the U.S. and 21 other countries. Aimed at high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24, the program provides an opportunity for participants to receive a GED and professional trade certifications, leadership development, career preparation, and opportunities for community service. [Learn more...](#)

MULTI-YEAR IMPACT GRANTS

50th Anniversary Grants

Foundation-directed Spark grants during the FY 17 funding cycle

- ArtsQuest
- City of Bethlehem Celebration Fund
- Communities in Schools of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Equi-Librium, Inc.
- Haven House
- Mikayla's Voice
- National Museum of Industrial History
- New Bethany Ministries
- Nurture Nature Center
- PBS39/WLVT
- Performing Arts Live
- Pinebrook Family Answers
- The School Sisters of Saint Francis
- State Theatre Center for the Arts, Inc.
- Treatment Trends, Inc.
- Valley Youth House



BEST Awards

The Bethlehem Educational Scholastic Trust (B.E.S.T.) Awards recognize excellence in teaching by educators who work in the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD).

The Seymour and Sophie Haber Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Elementary Level



Kim Donatelli
First grade teacher
at 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 Cierech
World Languages Teacher
Freedom High School

[Learn more...](#)

Scholarships 2016-17

William B. & Elizabeth Behr Agocs Geophysical Research Fund

Eötvös Loránd University
Ms. Eszter Békési
Ms. Virág Darányi
Ms. Tünde Lehelvári

Elizabeth Behr Agocs Scholarship Fund

Scholarship for Students

St. Luke’s School of Nursing
Kacie Drozd
Betsy Genthner
Veronica Gerencser
Katherine Kugler
Brooke Patterson
Katie Snecker

Ann C. Bernard Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Eline Santos
Kutztown University

Debra “Frau” Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Steven Rold
Penn State University

Rachel Nowman
Susquehanna University

Reverend Douglas Caldwell Fund for Nursing Excellence Fund

Reverend Douglas Caldwell Nursing Scholarship

Andrew Gaston
St. Luke’s School of Nursing

Truman L. Frey, Jr. Scholarship Fund

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Thomas Carolan
University of Memphis

Frederick W. Hahn Scholarship Fund

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Michael P. Jenkins
La Salle University

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Simmons College

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Woman’s Club of Bethlehem

Joyce A. Kim
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Urbana-Champaign



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17

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



The Community Foundation honored **Bruce A. Palmer, CPA** with the 2017 Service to 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.” [More...](#)

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 the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. The grants supported manufacturing, create job pipelines, reduce blight and spur economic development through various additional initiatives.

“It has been a true pleasure working with **Scott Fainor** and the leadership of the BB&T Economic Growth Fund in making these important investments in the growth of the Lehigh Valley,” said **Bernie Story**,

president and CEO of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. “We are delighted to have partnered with BB&T in assessing the many opportunities for support, and we know this effort will have an impact throughout the entire community. The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation is in a strong position to support efforts like this, and BB&T is to be commended for their commitment to the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley.”

See the list of grantees, photos, videos and more on the LVCF website - [More...](#)



During March of 2017, The Community Foundation eclipsed \$50,000,000 in assets—a goal for growth that the Foundation Board 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.”

Veronica Gonzalez Joins Board of Governors



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. [More...](#)

The Community Foundation said thank you and a very fond farewell to three members of the Board of Governors during 2016-17. Completing their terms of service were:

Kamran Afshar, Ph.D.
President
Kamran Afshar Associates, Inc.

Karen R. Green
Former Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students
Muhlenberg College

Raymond B. Holton
Retired, Morning Call



The 50th Anniversary helped make it a banner year for media coverage of the Community Foundation. More than 50 newspaper, magazine, television, and radio stories ran during the 2016-17 period.

Television and radio highlights included **Bernie Story** and **Erika Riddle Petrozelli** appearing on PBS39’s FOCUS program. Erika appeared on WBPH TV-60 program, Taking the Initiative and WFMZ 69 News covered the 50th anniversary kick-off. On radio, Bernie appeared on WAEB’s Lehigh Valley Outlook and spoke about LVCF’s plans for the 50th. The program was broadcast on WAEB 790 AM, B104, WZZO, and AM1470. Erika appeared on WDIY – 88.1 FM one-hour program, Your Financial Choices – with Laurie Siebert.

The newspaper coverage included stories on everything from the LVCF’s Community Partnership grantmaking to the Spark grants, and events, to grants from the BB&T Economic Growth Fund that generated a buzz in the local media and was picked-up by a number of national financial news websites.

IN THE MEDIA

For all the news - visit the Community Foundation on the web at: www.lvcfoundation.org

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2017 & 2016

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 3,299,168	\$ 3,469,093
Bequest receivable	400,000	
Investments	45,836,587	40,398,692
Investments-Split Interest Agreements	479,660	485,053
Life Insurance Policy Gifts	247,911	233,919
Other Assets	29,197	33,061
Total Assets	<u>\$ 50,292,523</u>	<u>\$ 44,619,818</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 32,486	\$ 28,344
Grants Committed	151,152	210,500
Funds Held for Organizations	1,921,677	1,785,090
Liabilities-Split Interest Agreements	468,173	475,619
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,573,488</u>	<u>\$ 2,499,553</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Permanent Endowment Funds	\$ 40,565,154	\$ 35,489,704
Temporary Funds & Reserves	7,142,237	6,621,127
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	11,644	9,434
Total Net Assets	<u>47,719,035</u>	<u>42,120,265</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 50,292,523</u>	<u>\$ 44,619,818</u>

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.



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Years Ended June 30, 2017 & 2016

	2017	2016
REVENUE		
Gifts	\$ 4,726,808	\$ 4,403,560
Gifts from Bequests & Trusts	2,014,857	5,100,300
In-Kind Gifts	2,343	36,375
Net Investment Activity	5,034,275	(490,639)
Other Income	16,568	12,808
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 11,794,851</u>	<u>\$ 9,062,404</u>
EXPENSES		
Grants	\$ 5,491,248	\$ 3,326,804
Operating Expenses:		
Asset Development & Donor Services	269,200	261,320
General & Administrative	132,949	188,435
Grantmaking & Community Leadership	302,684	204,206
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 6,196,081</u>	<u>\$ 3,980,765</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,598,770</u>	<u>\$ 5,081,639</u>
NET ASSETS, JULY 1	<u>42,120,265</u>	<u>37,038,626</u>
NET ASSETS, JUNE 30	<u>\$ 47,719,035</u>	<u>\$ 42,120,265</u>

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



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