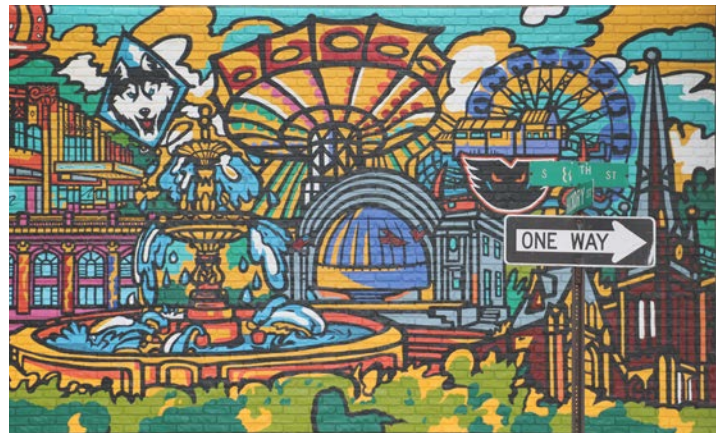


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Growth Through Partnership



About the Murals | What better way to illustrate our region’s diverse communities that live in neighborhoods across the Lehigh Valley than to capture and share the artistic expressions of those who have put paint to walls in a variety of places, depicting a variety of people, places and things that are indicative of our lived experience where we call home—Lehigh Valley.

“Welcome to Downtown Allentown” (2020) by Mila Sketch at 120 8th St., Allentown, Pa.

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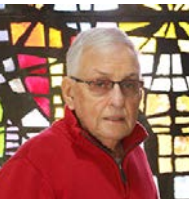
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LVCF Fast Facts 2021-22

Assets Reached

\$80+ Million

Added 15 New Funds

279 Total Funds



Grants to the Community

\$6.8+ Million

Received Gifts

\$6.5+ Million

Issued

762 Grants

Supporting

378 Nonprofits



Message from the Board Chair & President and CEO

This past fiscal year was a full but meaningful and important year for the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. It was the first full fiscal year with new leadership in place: **Erika Petrozelli** as President & CEO, and **Sandra Bodnyk** as Board Chair. We are incredibly thankful for the unwavering support of our full Board of Governors, Staff members, fundholders, and extended LVCF family of colleagues. Our team is firing on all cylinders, and it shows in our accomplishments and service to our Lehigh Valley community. Many of these proud moments are captured in this report.

To complete the fiscal year we approved a new strategic plan, titled GROWTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIP, that will guide Staff and Board for the next three years. This plan’s mantra is TRANSFORMATIONAL, NOT TRANSACTIONAL. This mantra is a result of a shift in the LVCF’s work, visibility and partnerships over the past few years. The work of our last strategic plan brought us visibility, growth (funds, assets and partnerships), and a team with high energy and an irreplaceable synergy. We have an opportunity to build on this

foundation to further establish LVCF as a trusted advisor, partner, and community leader. Our new strategic plan aims to do just that. Read the full Executive Summary that begins on the next page.

This fiscal year also brought us new challenges, notably external forces such as higher inflation, fears of a recession, and the war in Ukraine. These challenges brought more need to our community members, making our grants that much more meaningful. We thank all of our fundholders and donors who leaned in and continued to give so generously to their neighbors, despite the impact of these same challenges on their individual lives. We cannot do our work without you.

The market uncertainty also required our Board and Staff to be thoughtful in our own fiscal planning. We have a strong endowment base along with a tested reserve balance to help weather storms such as this one, which we hope brings comfort to our fundholders that LVCF is truly here for good, forever.

We look forward to working with you in the coming months to **CONNECT**, **GROW**, and **FUND**.



Sandra L. Bodnyk
Sandra L. Bodnyk
Chair, Board of Governors



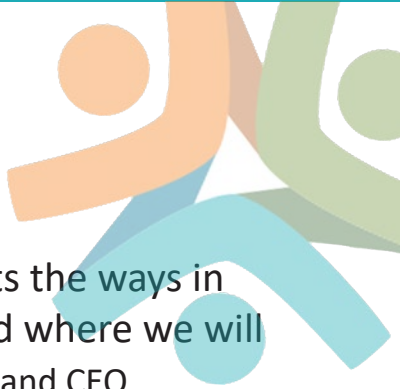
Erika Riddle Petrozelli
Erika Riddle Petrozelli, CPA, CAP
President & CEO

Growth Through Partnership



Transformational, not transactional

“Our mantra is ‘transformational, not transactional,’ which reflects the ways in which the Community Foundation has evolved in recent years and where we will continue to focus our efforts.” - Erika Riddle Petrozelli, CPA, President and CEO



Over the past decade the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation has experienced tremendous growth. We have cultivated new philanthropic partners; increased the quantity and, more importantly, quality of relationships in the nonprofit sector; and expanded the size and expertise of its staff. Hand-in-hand with this growth is our increased visibility, credibility, and influence. Donors, nonprofit leaders, community leaders, and others now look to us for insight, involvement, and resources. We have developed a trusted and valued voice, which should be celebrated and amplified.

This strategic plan uses our voice to further establish the Community Foundation as a trusted advisor, partner, and community leader. We have identified goals to inform and lead the work of the Foundation for the next three years. Two of these goals are an “internal lens” through which we view our work.

Our internal assets are the heart of our work and our greatest strength. The Foundation is incredibly fortunate to have a team of dedicated, knowledgeable staff and Board members.

This strategic plan leverages the team’s synergy to advance our role as a community partner, but the plan also allows us to pause, reflect, and carefully consider what we offer and how we offer our services.

Over the past decade the landscape in which we work has also changed. The ‘great wealth transfer’ is upon us, coupled with differing generational views on philanthropy. We are in the midst of a pandemic and a renewed social justice movement. Community foundations across the nation are embracing leadership roles in their communities and speaking more intensely about the role of equity. These shifts could be considered threats to a traditional business model. In this strategic plan we are embracing this evolving landscape to create opportunities for the Foundation to continue its growth.

We look forward to sharing the results of our work, which will not stop in 2025, but rather move to a deeper level of commitment, influence, and partnership.

LVCF Goals 2022-2025

Nurturing Place-Based Philanthropy: Develop deeper, trusted partnerships with the region’s philanthropists to support, encourage, and influence local, impactful giving.

Growing Community Leadership: Access & develop the relationships, resources, & skills to be an engaged & trusted community partner.

Centering Equity: Integrate an equity lens to all pillars of our work. The Foundation is of, by and for the community it serves.

Strengthening Structure: Grow efficiently and effectively, informed by data, without sacrificing quality or fiduciary standards.

[Download a PDF 2022-2025 Strategic Plan | Executive Summary](#)

The Power of Partnership in the Arts

LVCF Named Regional Partner Agency of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts

In October of 2021, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation announced it was named as a regional partner agency of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA). Through the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts program (PPA), LVCF will work with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to distribute grant awards for projects or programs involving artists throughout Region 5, which includes: Carbon, Monroe, Lehigh and Northampton counties. (See map on page 9)

This program enables the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to reach a wider audience by increasing access to funds for organizations and artists across the state, thereby increasing statewide audience exposure to arts activities.

“The Lehigh Valley is home to a vibrant and growing creative sector, making the region a great place for residents and visitors alike,” said **Karl Blischke**, Executive Director of the PCA. “We are pleased to work



with LVCF, through our PA Partners in the Arts re-granting program, to further strengthen quality of life in the Lehigh Valley through grant opportunities to the region’s many engaging arts organizations and programs.”

“The Community Foundation is pleased to be selected as this region’s PCA partner. We look forward to assisting in achieving the PCA’s goal to promote equitable access for all Pennsylvanians to participate fully in a creative life

and in the diverse forms of arts and culture in the commonwealth,” said **Megan Briggs**, Director of Community Investments, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation.

Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts grants during 2021-22 were divided into three categories:

- 1) Program Stream
- 2) Entry to Program Stream
- 3) Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program

Program Stream is an invitation-only grant opportunity which offers ongoing support to arts organizations and arts programs with an established history of funding from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Once admitted to this funding stream, organizations receive consistent general operating support for arts programming.

Entry to Program Stream is a new funding opportunity that aims to provide valuable access to funding

for small arts organizations and programs across the commonwealth. *Note that the program is being replaced by PCA in 2023.*

Entry to Program Stream offers a new pathway for small arts organizations and programs across the commonwealth to receive ongoing, unrestricted general operating funds. *This program is also being replaced in 2023.* Learn more about these programs during 2021-22 in the grants section of this report (page 37).

The **Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program** is designed to pair access to existing small business consulting services with financial resources for creative entrepreneurs who aspire to start their own for-profit business or who operate an existing for-profit micro business. The Program’s purpose is to help creative entrepreneurs to grow their business, audience, and revenue. The opportunity to apply for the Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program was launched in Winter 2021. The funding process will operate on a rolling basis until funds are expended.

About the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA) Funding

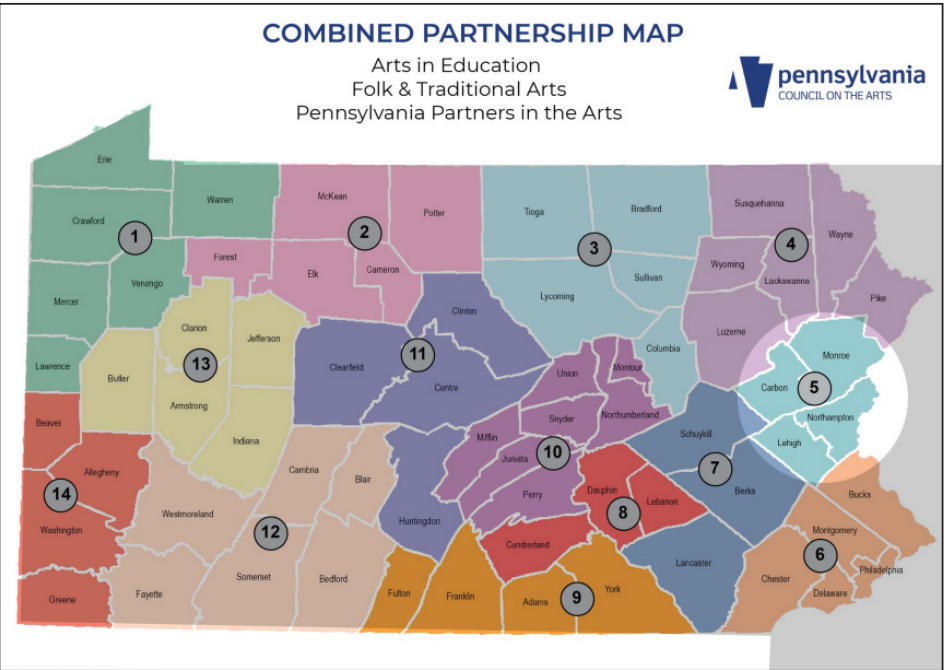
This project was supported by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency, through the Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts (PPA), its regional arts funding Partnership (Lehigh Valley Community Foundation – Region 5). State government funding comes through an annual appropriation by Pennsylvania’s General Assembly and from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. PPA is administered in Region 5 by LVCF. [Learn more | LVCF website...](#)

NEW FOR 2023-24 Creative Sector Flex Fund

Pennsylvania
Council on the Arts
PARTNER

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) is excited to introduce a new grant program, the Creative Sector Flex Fund (CSFF), for the 2023-2024 grant year. The CSFF is designed to address the changing needs of dynamic PA arts organizations with average annual revenue between \$10,000 – \$200,000.

This grant program incorporates the current needs of the field by offering grantees the flexibility to use \$5,000 grants in ways that ensure the most significant impact for their organizations and communities. Eligible uses of funds are flexible, including the support of applicants’ administrative, programmatic, and project-related expenses.



Board of Governors



Board of Governors | Thank You

The Board of Governors at Lehigh Valley Community Foundation provide administrative, programmatic, and fiscal oversight in support of the organization's mission. Members of the Board serve as ambassadors, promoting the Community Foundation as a vehicle for philanthropy and a leader of community improvement. During the 2021-22 year, the Board was able to meeting in-person in a hybrid approach using Zoom for those who couldn't attend in-person. It was a welcome return to "normal" face-to-face meetings that generated discussions around a number of topics. We said thank you and farewell to two long-time members of the Board.

Jennifer L. Mann 2013-2022

During the 2022, the Community Foundation said farewell and thank you to Jennifer L. Mann who served as a Governor of the Foundation 2013-2022. During her tenure on the Community Foundation Board of Governors, Jennifer has served admirably on a number of Foundation Committees.

She was a member of the Finance Committee in 2013. She helped guide grantmaking as a member of the Community Grants Committee from 2013 to 2017 and continued in that role as a member of the Community Investments Committee from 2017 to 2019. Jennifer's insights and wisdom have been invaluable in identifying and addressing the essential needs of the community.



Jennifer's leadership on the Board Affairs Committee from 2020 to 2022 has led to the recruitment of strong and capable Governors. During that time, she served on the Executive Committee, providing invaluable guidance during a key period of growth, transition, and community need.

Geoffrey B. Borda 2014-2022

The Community Foundation thanked Geoffrey B. Borda who served as a Governor of the Foundation 2014-2022. During his years of service to the Community Foundation, Geoffrey has been a reliable and unwavering voice for the wise investment and management of Foundation assets. He admirably served on the Community Foundation's Board Finance Committee during his entire tenure.



He served on the Audit Committee for six years, including four years as Chair. During that time, he served on the Foundation's Executive Committee, helping guide the Foundation during a period of growth. Geoffrey's fiscal acumen and operational oversight has been invaluable in support of the Community Foundation's due diligence and the fulfillment of its mission. His leadership has strengthened the Foundation internally and enhanced its reputation as a trusted philanthropic partner in the community.

Welcome

Robert L. Wax, Esq., Named to Foundation's Board of Governors

In January of 2022, Lehigh Valley Community Foundation named **Robert (Robby) L. Wax, Esq.**, to its Board of Governors. Wax is Senior Vice President and General Counsel at St. Luke's University Health Network. He will serve on the Community Foundation's Finance Committee.



Robby represents St. Luke's University Health Network in connection with various transactional matters, including physician practice acquisitions, joint ventures, employment agreements and real estate acquisitions, and for providing general advice concerning litigation matters, intellectual property issues and healthcare regulatory matters.

Robby joined St. Luke's in 2004 following seven years in a large, multinational law firm based in Philadelphia, one year as a law clerk for the Honorable Herbert J. Hutton of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and three years as an adjunct professor at the Temple Law School, where he taught a class entitled, "Business Mergers & Acquisitions."

Robby is a graduate of the Goizueta Business School of Emory University and received his law degree from The James E. Beasley School of Law of Temple University, summa cum laude, where he served as the Articles Editor for the Temple Law Review. He is a proud graduate of William Allen High School in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Board of Associates



Board of Associates Fall 2021 Meeting

Stories of Philanthropy

The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation honored the tenure of **Bernie Story** who served as President and CEO from 2012 to 2021 during the Fall Board of Associates meeting held on September 23, 2021, at Saucon Valley Country Club.

Cindy Durham Lambert, Chair of the Executive Committee of the Board of Associates, welcomed the group of over 100 people to the program. **Erika Riddle Petrozelli**, LVCF President & CEO, provided an update on LVCF activities and announced a new fund at the Foundation— The Bernard J. Story Fund.

“It is clear that cultivating the next generation of leaders is near and dear to Bernie’s heart,” Erika said. “For that reason, we are very happy to announce that LVCF established the Bernard J. Story Fund for Professional Development to honor Bernie and his passion for improvement. Bernie believes that a professional and successful organization supports growth opportunities for its staff. The Board has approved a \$10,000 transfer into the Bernard J. Story Fund for Professional Development to honor Bernie’s vision and his impact on our Foundation.”

The program “Stories of Philanthropy” was a celebration of growth, philanthropy, and a bright future for the foundation and our region. It highlighted the focus, relationships, and vision of Bernie Story. LVCF invited five speakers to share their stories of how they have worked or partnered with LVCF, that included **Charlie Marcon**, former LVCF Board member and current fundholder; **Judy Harris** and **Dolores Laputka** of Norris McLaughlin, trusted advisors to



LVCF and many philanthropists in the Lehigh Valley; **Anne Reid**, current Vice Chair of the LVCF Board and current fundholder; **Shelley Brown** of Easton’s State Theatre, current nonprofit leader and former LVCF Board member; and **Trisha Higgins**, current LVCF Vice President & CFO.

Before the presentation of the Vision in Philanthropy Award, there was an appearance from “Kernac the Magnificent” **Ellen Kern** who roasted Bernie with a routine inspired the Johnny Carson character the Amazing Carnac. ([See Video](#)) At the conclusion of the “Kernac” routine, Ellen presented Bernie with a proclamation from Pennsylvania Senator **Pat Browne** congratulating him for his successful tenure as President and CEO of the Community Foundation.

Vision in Philanthropy Award

Erika Riddle Petrozelli was then joined by **Sandra L. Bodnyk**, Chair of the LVCF Board of Governors, and Award Sponsor **David Osborn**, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley to present the Vision in Philanthropy Award to Bernie (photo above) While presenting the award, Erika noted, “Bernie Story’s distinguished tenure as President and CEO of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation from 2012 to 2021 has been marked by his wisdom, insight, and leadership, during key times of growth, transition, and community need. Bernie, for all you’ve done in service to the Community Foundation to improve the lives of those in the Lehigh Valley, on behalf of the Staff and Board of Governors, I present to you—the Vision in Philanthropy Award.” ([See video](#))

LVCF has created the **Bernard J. Story Fund** ([make a gift](#)) that will support professional development for staff. If you’d like to donate to the fund in recognition of Bernie’s impact on philanthropy in the Lehigh Valley click on the link above.



The event concluded with a reception | See the photos on LVCF’s Flickr page - [click here](#)

Spring 2022 Meeting

Great Wealth Transfer & Implications for Philanthropy

Lehigh Valley Community Foundation held its Spring 2022 Board of Associates meeting on June 2nd. It was a welcomed return to in-person interactions and the energy created when over 60 people gather for good conversation and good company. **Erika Riddle Petrozelli**, LVCF President and CEO, provided an update on the Community Foundation’s new strategic plan titled “Growth Through Partnership,” which will be released to the public this summer and discussed in more depth in our next issue.

Erika introduced one of the primary strategic initiatives, “Nurturing Place-Based Philanthropy,” as it relates to the keynote presentation: The Great Wealth Transfer. **R. Nicholas Nanovic, Esq.**, Partner and Chair of Trusts & Estates, Gross McGinley, LLP, and a member of LVCF’s Board of Governors, presented The Great Wealth Transfer topic – what it means and the implications for philanthropy.



Carrie Krug Nedick, LVCF’s Director of Donor Services, presented New Tools for Charitable Giving. As the Lehigh Valley region experiences growth, both economically and culturally, the Foundation is developing thoughtful philanthropic solutions for families and businesses who want to make a bigger impact. She explained how LVCF’s new EverGreen Fund is designed as an alternative to a private foundation, with built-in support by way of LVCF resources, expertise, and community knowledge. The Community Foundation acts as paid staff to keep the fund on track and impactful, easing the burden and workload that a private foundation would require.



For more... [See Cause Connection June 2022](#) | [Photos](#)

LVCF Staff News

LVCF's **Erika Riddle Petrozelli** presented as part of the Association of Fundraising Professionals - AFP Eastern PA Chapter program, The Joy of Giving conversation with host **Genesis Ortega** and outstanding panel of community leaders in November 2021.



LVCF's Erika Riddle Petrozelli Named Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association Board of Directors

Lehigh Valley Community Foundation President and CEO **Erika Riddle Petrozelli, CPA**, was appointed Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association's Board of Directors during 2022.

The Pennsylvania Association of Community Foundations (PACFA) is a network of 31 individual community foundations, all working to enhance the quality of life in the regions they serve by growing permanent endowment funds, through creative and thoughtful grantmaking, tailored donor education and through dynamic community leadership partnerships.

"I am appreciative of the opportunity to sit alongside a diverse group of community foundation leaders to connect the field and share resources," Erika noted "I am confident that we will have more eyes on the high quality



and interesting work we are doing here in the Lehigh Valley, and we will also have more opportunity to connect and learn from others."

Congratulations and thank you to **Trisha Rontz Higgins**, Vice President and CFO, for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation.

Congratulations Trisha

20 Years at the Community Foundation



"We are delighted to see a talented leader like Erika Petrozelli join the PACFA board," said **Michael Batchelor**, President of the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association. "Her insights will help us better serve our members and strengthen community philanthropy throughout the Commonwealth."

Learn more about the Pennsylvania Community Foundation Association at: <https://www.pacfapartners.org/>.

LVFC's Megan Briggs Selected for Council on Foundations Career Pathways 2022 Fall Cohort



Megan Briggs, LVCF's Director of Community Investments, was one of 51 philanthropy professionals nationwide chosen for participation in The Council on Foundations' Career Pathways, a leadership development program designed to diversify the talent pipeline for executive-level roles in philanthropy.

In this highly selective program, mid- to senior-level professionals from diverse backgrounds enhance their leadership skills, expand networks, and build their field-level expertise to advance equity and strengthen the philanthropic sector's impact.

"This opportunity will allow me to learn from and connect to my peers around the country who are in similar roles in how we collectively address the challenges facing philanthropy as we look toward the future," said **Megan Briggs**. "I look forward to representing the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation in collaborating with national peers, especially during this specific moment where the industry is focusing on philanthropy's role in centering equity and working to address issues exacerbated by COVID, all while a new generation of philanthropists is emerging."

In addition to the core functions of the program, this year's cohort will gain skills to lead in a remote environment, authentically connect to their leadership vision and values, and uncover solutions to advance equity in the sector. "I am hopeful that this program will provide a way for a diverse set of philanthropic leaders to build important relationships as we continue to navigate the challenges and successes together," Briggs added.

"I believe the contributions made by these changemakers will be significant to our sector and applaud each of the new participants for their choice to step forward in service of trust-building and equity," said **Kathleen Enright**, President and CEO of the Council on Foundations.



Monique Saunders Moreno Promoted to Assistant Director of Community Investments

Monique Saunders Moreno was promoted to Assistant Director of Community Investments. Previously, Monique was named Program Associate, which was a new full-time position at LVCF, in November of 2021. She assists the Director of Community Investments in managing the community investments functions of the Foundation, which includes crafting grantmaking strategies, implementing grantmaking cycles, and providing community leadership.

Monique is the point of contact for Arts, Culture, Creative Economy, one of the Foundation's main focus areas in Foundation-directed grantmaking, which is funded through the Pennsylvania Council of Arts, Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts program.

Monique joined the staff of the Community Foundation in October 2020 as part-time Grants Associate. Prior to joining the Foundation, she spent nine years working various leadership roles for businesses such as Stitch Fix and BCBG Max Azria. She served in management and administrative roles that focused on company operations and culture, client experience, and project management.

Monique graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Cheyney University. She earned a master's degree in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh.

Photo: Monique discussed the Pennsylvania Partners for the Arts program at LVCF on Business Matters television program.

Nonprofit Visits/Tours 2021-22



Allentown Walking Tour with Promise Neighborhoods

Staff, fundholders, and friends from the Community Foundation went on an informative and immersive Neighborhood Walk with Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley on September 15, 2021. The group gathered in front of PNLV at 1101 West Hamilton Street in Allentown and took a walk together with **Dr. Hasshan Batts**, Executive Director, and PNLV staff to understand the work of Promise Neighborhoods which is best learned by experience and immersion. The group took a walk through center city Allentown, visiting local shops and businesses along the way; to experience the work of this community to help children and their families get off to a good start so they can succeed in school and life.

Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley (PNLV) is a Black-led, anti-racist, liberation-based grassroots community

organization that is led and staffed by neighborhood residents in Allentown, Pennsylvania. PNLV comprises a unique network whose role in our community is to promote consistent public health messaging, delivered by trusted community messengers. The mission of PNLV is to foster

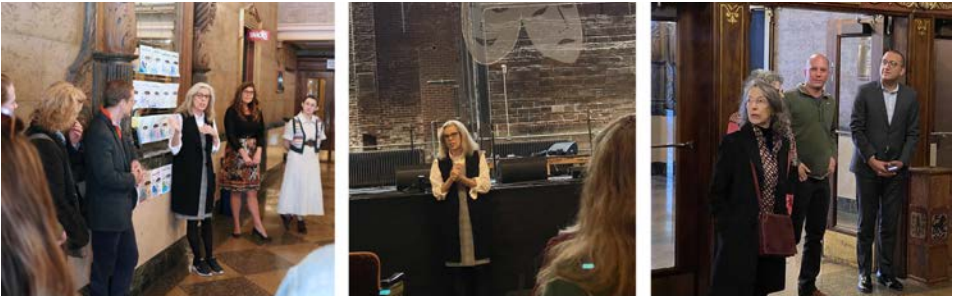
cooperation among residents within the Greater Lehigh Valley to create safe, healthy, vibrant, inclusive neighborhoods, where children succeed in school and where adults and families thrive and want to live. Learn more about their work: [Promise Neighborhoods](#).



Arts & Culture Tour in Downtown Easton

LVCF took fundholders, board members, and friends on a walking tour in downtown Easton that included stops at the State Theatre Center for the Arts, lunch at the Easton Public Market, and a tour of the Sigal Museum and the exhibit “Another American’s Autobiography: Selections from the Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African American Art.” The tour was held on April 29, 2022.

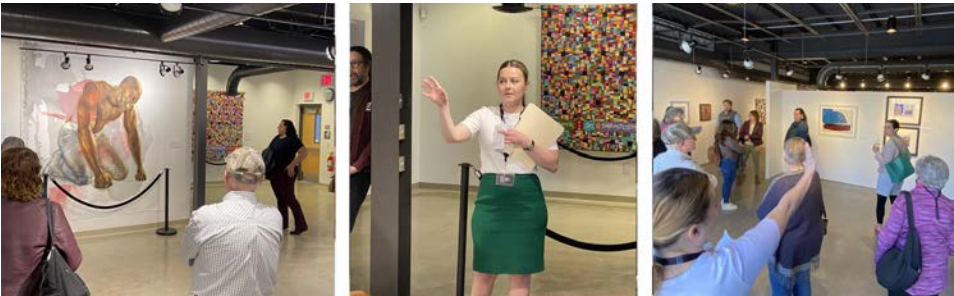
Shelley Brown, Executive Director, took us on a tour of the State Theatre,. The complex includes a 1,500-seat performance hall, the Acopian Ballroom, and the Lehigh Valley Hospital Gallery. She spoke about their history, the operations, programming—and the Freddy Awards.



Jared Mast, Executive Director of the Greater Easton Development Partnership (GEDP) and Mayor **Sal Panto** spoke about the role of the arts in Easton’s economic well-being and cultural vibrancy. LVCF’s Director of Community Investments **Megan Briggs** spoke about grantmaking in Easton.



Megan van Ravenswaay, Executive Director of the Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society took the group on a tour of the Sigal Museum, Northampton County’s leading institution of local history, and home to significant collections of pre-European settlement artifacts, decorative arts and textiles, farming implements, and colonial furniture.



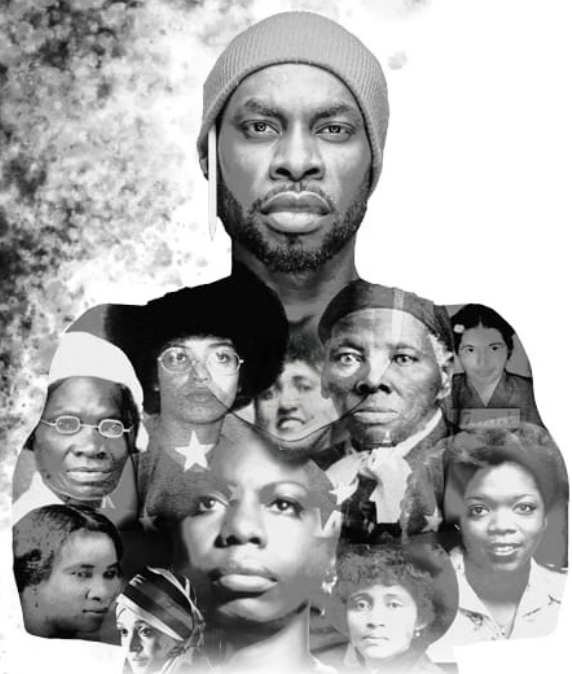
Nonprofit Virtual Tours

LVCF invited fundholders, donors, and others to visit five nonprofit organizations virtually via Zoom in FY22. During each visit, we heard from the organization’s leaders and learned more about their mission, successes and challenges. [Learn more...](#)



HEROES

MY HEROES ACTUALLY HAVE REAL SUPER POWERS



BART COOPER
2022

LVCF Supports Bart Cooper’s Heroes Exhibit and Program

The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation was proud to support artist Bart Cooper’s exhibit and related programs titled, “Heroes: My heroes actually have real superpowers,” an installment of Cooper’s powerful artwork depicting ten Black women and their impact on American and world history.

“When we saw the Heroes collection and learned more about Bart Cooper’s efforts to engage and educate the community about the impactful roles powerful Black women have played throughout history—we were eager to help make it a success,” said **Erika Riddle Petrozelli**, President and CEO of the Community Foundation. “We are so pleased that Faces International, in partnership with ArtsQuest and the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley were

able to bring an exhibit that is so creative and powerful to our area. Bart Cooper’s ability to generate conversations on social justice and equity by applying the lens of popular culture to illustrate the strength and resilience of these women is a ‘superpower’ onto itself—we couldn’t be more impressed by this work.”

Through his work, Cooper strategically intertwines the real with the fictitious characters of modern-day heroism through the contemporary use of mixed media to create portraits of powerful black women, matching them to suitable Marvel characters to highlight the connection between America’s favorite comic characters,



and the country’s history of brave and important Black women leaders. “Their intelligence, their trials and tribulations, their willingness to lead shows strength and resilience. These people had powers and practiced them rigorously, and not only for themselves, but for others,” says the artist, **Bart Cooper**.



The Heroes Exhibition was held during the spring of 2022 at the Banana Factory was free and open to the public. The exhibit and related program are supported through sponsorship of Lehigh Valley Community Foundation and PPL Corporation, Crayola, and a number of other organizations. To learn more about the “Heroes” project, programming and artwork, visit heroeslv.com.

Creativity requires evolution

Bartholomew (Bart) Cooper is a Los Angeles based multidimensional contemporary artist born and raised in West Africa, Liberia. “I’m not just an artist, I’m a creator. I was put here to create. To challenge your physical, mental and spiritual growth. The foundation of my work is all about the message of love. Each individual piece has a conversation with the viewer’s soul, provokes thought, changes the narrative, and inspires you to evolve. It’s all about evolution.”

Community Leadership



Reinventing Our Communities (ROC) Cohort Program

Building Community Capacity on
Racial Equity for Structural Change

LVCF Convenes Allentown Cohort for the Federal Reserve’s “Reinventing our Communities” Program

In the fall of 2021, LVCF and eight partner organizations participated in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve’s Reinventing Our Communities (ROC) 2021 Cohort Program to strengthen the local economy by helping Allentown address structural racism and barriers to opportunity in the small business sector.

The ROC Cohort Program was a ten-month in-depth racial equity capacity building program for cross-sector community cohorts. The Allentown cohort will engage in equity training, community and economic development webinars, technical assistance, and a community of practice, leading to the development of an equity plan for addressing the challenge through the development of local solutions.

The Allentown cohort is a group of cross-sector community leaders who participated in workshops and peer learning that allowed them to gain skills and create a tailored racial equity plan to address local challenges. The Community Foundation’s **Megan Briggs**, Director of Community Investments served as the cohort lead. “What is unique about our group is it’s cross-sector involvement,” she noted. “Our group includes not only sector professionals, but also the voices of small business owners who understand the need and can help us move forward with a plan that can make a real difference in the community.”

Lehigh Valley Community Foundation is partnering with the City of Allentown, Community Action Development Corp. of Allentown, Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, The Rising Tide Fund, Martindale Center for the Study of Private Enterprise at Lehigh University and two Allentown small businesses – Visit Vans and Straight A Uniforms.

The Federal Reserve provided equity training for the Allentown cohort along with economic development training on best practices, followed by technical assistance specially tailored for Allentown and surrounding region. [More...](#)

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Lehigh Valley Community Foundation houses a vareity of funds to meet the philanthrohpic needs of its donors, fundholders, and the community, they include:

- Agency Funds
- Area-of-Interest Funds
- Designated Funds
- Donor-Advised Funds
- Geographic Affiliate Funds
- Scholarship & Award Funds
- Unrestricted 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.

- Allentown Band, Inc. Endowment Fund
- Allentown Symphony Association Funds
 - Allentown Symphony Association Endowment Fund
 - William J. Fenza Memorial Fund
- Bach Choir of Bethlehem Funds
 - General Endowment | Charles & Louise Hoffman Fund
- Bethlehem AAUW Fund
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem Restricted Endowment #2
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center Fund
- Burnside Plantation Fund
- Bucks County Free Library Endowment Fund
- Family Connection of Easton Fund
- 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
- Lower Macungie Township Fund
- Hunter Meckes Memorial Scholarship Fund
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- Victory House of Lehigh Valley Endowment Fund
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- WDIY Endowment Fund



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.

Foundation-directed area-of-interest funds awards grants based on the recommendations of a community committee that oversees a specific initiative.

Donor-directed area-of-interest funds awards grants based on LVCF’s own community research to identify worthy charitable programs in the specified area-of-interest

Foundation-directed area-of-interest funds

- Frances L. Barnard Fund for Children
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- Barbara & Maxwell Davison Fund for Alzheimer’s Care
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Donor-directed area-of-interest funds

- The Any Given Child Bethlehem Fund
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- The Galaxy Fund
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Community Investment Funds | Meeting Changing Needs

Community Investment Funds for discretionary grantmaking make sure the needs of tomorrow’s Lehigh Valley are met. Donors rely on the deep community knowledge & experience of the Community Foundation to support the effective work of nonprofits throughout the region, forever.

- 250th Book Fund
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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
- Allentown Art Museum Fund
- Allentown Symphony Association Fund
- Century Promise Fund
- American Red Cross – Lehigh Valley Chapter Fund
- Clayton W. & Helen H. Bernhardt/V.J. Pazzetti, Jr. Fund
- Benjamin C. Boylston-Kemerer Museum Fund
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- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem Restricted Endowment
- The Center for Faith & Justice Fund
- Camp Compass Fund
- Patrick J. & Christine Connell Fund
- Marjorie S. & Joseph E. Correll Fund
- John L. Daniel and 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
- Tore & Charlotte Hartmann-Hansen Fund for the Bethlehem Morning Star Rotary Charitable Organization
- Lifepath Employee Award Fund
- Luther J. Hottle Fund
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- Deborah A. Libricz Memorial Fund
- Link Designated Family Fund
- Magee Family Fund
- Charles & Ruth Marcon United Way Fund
- Mary & Jack McNairy Fund
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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.

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Geographic Affiliate Fund | *Serving Surrounding Areas*

A geographic affiliate fund serves a defined geographic region that is near, but not in, LVCF’s primary service area. The affiliate organizes its own advisory committee and establishes its own priorities. The committee makes recommendations for the grants that will come from the local discretionary funds.

- Upper Bucks Community Foundation Fund
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These funds allow donors to invest in the future by helping deserving students pursue higher education. Students benefit from the financial assistance as well as the academic recognition of being a scholarship recipient.

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

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Scholarships Funds

- Buckno Lisicky Scholarship Fund
- Andrew Budraitis Foundation Scholarship Fund
- Gary D. Martz Class of 1974 – Scholarship Fund
- The Bob Swick Memorial Scholarship Fund

Unrestricted

- Bernie J. Story Fund (for Professional Development)

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Profile in Philanthropy



“I prefer dealing with a local foundation where I can learn about local needs, can deal personally with the staff, but also still be able to donate to local and national charities.”

David Torrey | The Torrey Family Fund

David (Dave)Torrey has been helping others throughout the country for many years. Through his work with natural disaster rebuild teams and as a retired volunteer firefighter, Dave feels an especially strong sense of satisfaction seeing those he is helping through his [donor-advised fund](#) at Lehigh Valley Community Foundation.

Dave grew up in Western Massachusetts and graduated from Dickinson College. He served for two years in active duty as an Army transportation officer and then accepted a job in Philadelphia in the transportation department

of Rohm and Haas Chemicals. Dave continued working in the transportation industry for 42 years in areas like project transportation management, government relations, and international hazardous materials regulations standardization. In 1970, he accepted a job in the transportation department at Air Products and moved to the Lehigh Valley.

Throughout his time in the Lehigh Valley, Dave has served on multiple boards and committees. These include the Transportation Committee of the Allentown Chamber and the State Chamber as well as national transportation

organizations, all of which he was a chair member of. He has also served on South Whitehall Township boards and is currently a member of the Freight Movement Task Force of the LVPC. He enjoys getting to know other volunteers through these organizations and the satisfaction gained as a member of a team.

Dave also appreciates learning about the people he is helping personally, and then understanding the impact that will be made. In his free time, He enjoys reading, traveling, and gardening, and he has interests in history, antique vehicles, and railroads.

Dave first became philanthropically minded through his work on natural disaster rebuild teams. He worked with Asbury Church Mission Teams on national and regional projects in Alabama, Indiana, Mississippi, New York, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. He also contributes through LVCF to the United Methodist Church Committee on Relief (UMCOR) for domestic and international relief efforts.

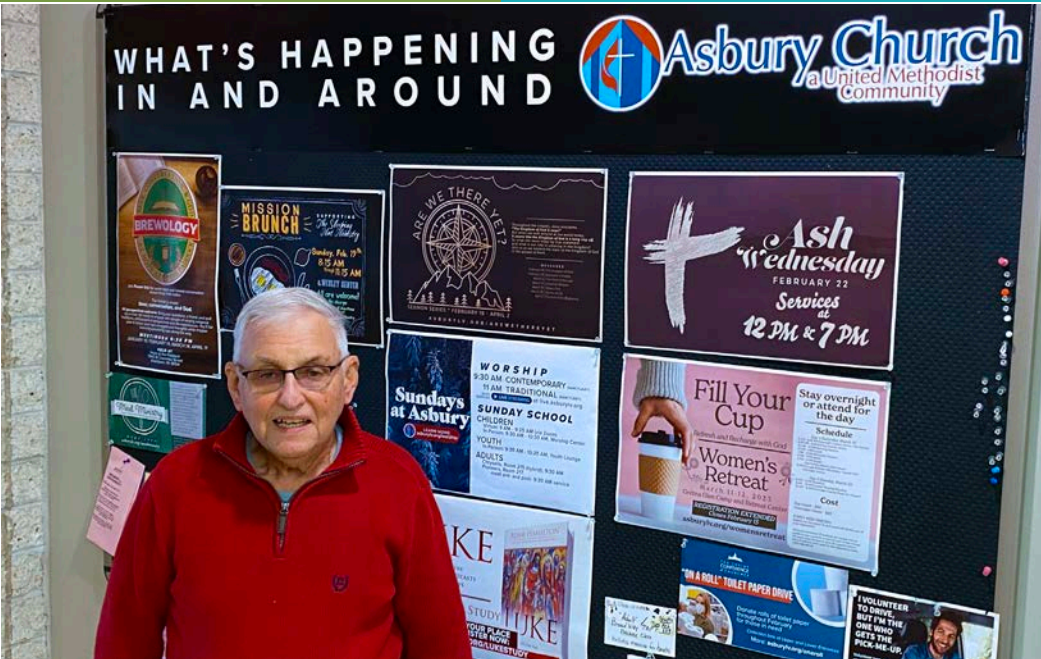
He has also been philanthropically inspired to help others through his 30 years of service as a volunteer firefighter, during which he witnessed the effects of fires and accidents firsthand.

Dave first learned about LVCF through a financial advisor. He says, “I prefer dealing with a local foundation where I can learn about local needs, can deal personally with the staff, but also still be able to donate to local and national charities.” The Torrey Family Fund is a donor-advised fund established in 2016.

Dave enjoys giving because of the satisfaction he receives from making a difference, especially in the areas of homelessness, veterans’ needs, food insecurity, and youth well-being. He has been particularly supportive of the Salvation Army, Allentown Rescue Mission, 6th Street Shelter.



Dave chats with Mark Mangum, Asbury’s Director of Finance and Operations



In addition to the many local nonprofits Dave supports, he is proud of his involvement with [Asbury Church Mission Teams](#). Locally they support a wide variety of social services.

- **Allentown Rescue Mission:** Working to end homelessness.
- **Asbury | Ramos Initiative:** Partnering with this city school to provide supplies for students and teachers as well as volunteer in classrooms.
- **Casa del Rey UMC:** La Trinidad UMC & Familia Dei Ministry joined together to reach the Latino community of Allentown
- **Community Bike Works:** Providing at-risk youth with meaningful work-ethic alternatives to drugs, crime and the street.
- **Daybreak:** Serving three balanced meals each workday and teaching life skills to people living with mental illness, physical disabilities, addictions, HIV/AIDS and to the elderly.
- **Kingdom Life Family Center Food Bank:** Providing food for those in need in the Parkland School District area.
- **Laundry on Linden:** Providing free laundry services and healthcare to those in need in Allentown center city.
- **Lehigh Conference of Churches:** Making Christian unity visible in the community through a number of agencies.
- **Meals on Wheels of Lehigh County:** Providing meal services to people in need.
- **Salem Food Pantry:** An Allentown food ministry providing fresh locally grown foods for people in need.
- **Sixth Street Shelter:** Providing opportunity and direction for people to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community.
- **Turning Point:** Providing shelter and support for victims of domestic violence.

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\$6.5

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1,011

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Grantmaking 2021-22

378

Organizations
Receiving Grants

762

Individual Grants

\$6.8+

Million in Grants

Philanthropic Partnership Grants

Through individual donor-defined funds, LVCF makes grants to meet a wide range of needs. Donor-defined funds include donor-advised funds, designated funds, scholarship funds, award funds, and certain area-of-interest funds. Refer to the full list of current funds of the Community Foundation [click here](#).

Community Investments Grants | Foundation-Directed Leadership Grantmaking

LVCF has formally adapted incorporating Community Leadership into our Foundation-directed grantmaking platform. The community foundation industry defines Community Leadership as the following: The community foundation is a community partner that creates a better future for all by pursuing the community's greatest opportunities and addressing the most critical challenges, inclusively uniting people, institutions, and resources from throughout the community, and producing significant, widely shared and lasting results. [Community Investment Funds](#) generate the unrestricted dollars that support Foundation-Directed grantmaking.

In the 2021-2022 fiscal year, the Community Foundation launched its more permanent grantmaking platform. The Community Foundation will continue to adjust Foundation-directed grantmaking in future years based on what we are learning, an ongoing review of community needs in the Lehigh Valley, and donor interest. The Foundation-directed Leadership Grantmaking platform supports three focus areas, while continuing to provide ongoing support to other donor-defined areas or community needs (see [Support Grantmaking](#))



Grantmaking 2021-22

\$164
Thousand
Capacity
Building

LVCF Renews Capacity Building Grants for BIPOC-led Nonprofits

Lehigh Valley Community Foundation renewed Nonprofit Effectiveness grants for the 2021-22 funding cycle. Eight Lehigh Valley nonprofits that participated in the Foundation's capacity building program during the 2020-2021 grant cycle were awarded grants to continue as a cohort. This cohort of organizations is specifically designed for organizations whose leadership identifies as being Black, Brown, Latinx/o/a, or Asian, and are committed to serving Lehigh Valley's Black and Brown communities.

LVCF initiated this grant opportunity in recognition of the valuable role that diverse organizations have in providing culturally-centered approaches in delivery of services and programs to the Lehigh Valley community. In addition to a \$14,000 grant that each organization received in the first year of the program, each of the following organizations received a \$10,000 grant for general operating expenses and participated in the Community of Practice:

- Afros in Nature
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem
- Casa Guadalupe Center
- Cohesion Network
- Martin Luther & Coretta Scott King Memorial Project Inc DBA Freedom Memorial
- Pratyush Sinha Foundation
- Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley
- Resurrected Community Development Corporation

"Continued funding for organizational capacity building is necessary to ensure the long-term sustainability of these important organizations," said **Megan Briggs**, LVCF Director of Community Investments. "We are so pleased to be partnering with this truly powerful group of nonprofits again to build upon the momentum we achieved together in the first year of the program."

The Foundation launched the Nonprofit Effectiveness Program as a pilot in 2018 to provide targeted internal infrastructure support to assist in strengthening nonprofit effectiveness in a variety of ways. The model included not only grant funding for a capacity-building project, but also offered grantees a Community of Practice, a space for individual reflection in community and deepening relationships with peers.

Leaders in the Community of Practice Program worked in sessions and in a practicum to build collective agency that models the principle of abundance and the power of cooperation. These sessions were facilitated by **Joyce Johnson Shabazz** and **Phyllis Alexander**, both who are nationally-recognized consultants in the field of racism, equity and inclusion.

Phyllis Alexander will continued to work with the 2021-2022 cohort to create a space to continue authentic connections. One of the sessions include **Hannah Hasan**, an award-winning, highly acclaimed spoken word poet, speaker, and storyteller who worked with the cohort to craft and tell their own stories.



\$185
Thousand
Youth & Families



LVCF Grants Support Nonprofits Serving Youth and Families

Lehigh Valley Community Foundation granted more than \$185,000 in general operating grants to area nonprofits serving youth and families as part of its foundation-directed community investments grantmaking in FY22.

The Community Foundation manages several different area-of-interest funds that are focused on supporting Lehigh Valley youth and families, including The Edward & Inez Donley Fund; Walter & Alma Bastian Fund; Outdoor Recreation Fund for Youth; Robert D. & Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril Campership Fund; Lucille F. Driver Fund, and support from Roger and Kathy Yott.

“The Community Foundation’s goal in awarding these grants is to offer flexible funding to organizations that provide comprehensive approaches in engaging youth and their families in seeking a pathway for meaningful life aspirations,” explained **Megan Briggs**, LVCF’s Director of Community Investments. “Guided by the communities they serve, these organizations prioritize either mental health needs in young people or focus on youth leadership development.”

The grants applications were evaluated by the Youth & Families Advisory Grant Committee which included both content and context experts in the field of youth and families. The committee representatives included several diverse perspectives including age, geography, race, ethnicity, income, and gender. Applications were evaluated based on the organization’s area of focus, the population they serve, and how they are guided by the community in proving transformational youth services in an equitable manner.

Organizations receiving grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 in 2021-22 were:

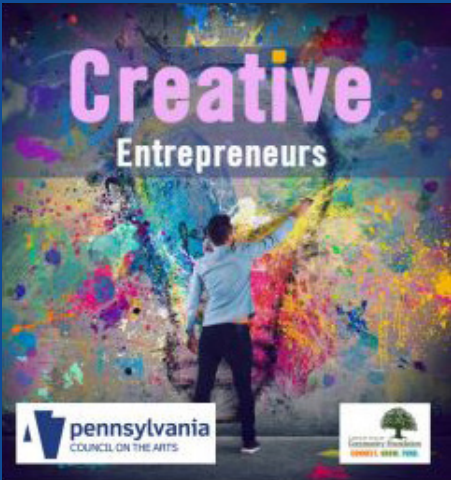
- Bethany Christian Services | Greater Delaware Valley
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley
- Boys & Girls Club of Allentown, Inc.
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- Camelot for Children
- Casa Guadalupe Center
- Cedar Crest College
- Cohesion Network
- Community Bike Works
- Community Services for Children Inc
- Da Vinci Discovery Center of Science & Technology, Inc.
- Family Connection of Easton
- Fine Feather Foundation Inc.
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania
- Greater Valley YMCA
- Lehigh University Community Service Office
- Lehigh Valley Center for Independent Living
- Lehigh Valley Girls Rock
- Mercy School For Special Learning
- Mikayla’s Voice
- Pinebrook Family Answers
- Pratyush Sinha Foundation
- Promise Neighborhoods of the LV: I Can Be Program
- REACH LV Youth Recovery Center
- Resurrected Community Development Corporation
- Shiloh Baptist Church DBA Greater Shiloh Church
- The Children’s Home of Easton
- The Fe Foundation
- Third Street Alliance for Women & Children
- Unidos Inc
- United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley

LVCF Issues PPA Project Stream and CEAP Grants in 2021-22

Lehigh Valley Community Foundation issued grants during 2021-22 through the Partners in the Arts program (PPA) in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. LVCF issued \$78,000 in grants to 26 organizations for Program Stream, an invitation-only grant opportunity which provides ongoing support to arts organizations and arts programs with an established history of funding from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

LVCF also launched the Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program (CEAP) in 2021-22 which matches eligible creative entrepreneurs with existing, free, local, small business consulting services and financial resources up to \$2,000 to help them grow their businesses, audiences, and revenue. CEAP is designed to prioritize investments in socially or economically disadvantaged creative entrepreneurs and those who are located in and whose work benefits low-income

communities, as defined by the Small Business Administration. Applications to the Program were accepted on a rolling basis. During FY22, \$62,000 in grants went to 31 creative entrepreneurs in Region 5.



“We are pleased to be able to grant this funding to small local businesses that enhance our community through the arts and creative services,” said Monique Moreno, LVCF Grants Associate. “We are helping creative entrepreneurs grow their business, audience, and revenue while

advancing Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Community Foundation’s overarching value of diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

LVCF is the regional partner agency of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. Through the Partners in the Arts program (PPA), LVCF works with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to distribute grant awards for projects or programs involving artists throughout Region 5, which includes: Carbon, Monroe, Lehigh and Northampton counties.

“We are so pleased to be the Pennsylvania Region 5 Partner in the Arts for the program,” said **Megan Briggs**, Director of Community Investments at the Community Foundation. “Creative entrepreneurs are the engine that drives new economic development in the Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy, bringing both meaningful jobs and valuable creative services to the community. With these grants, we hope to support often under-invested in creative entrepreneurs in our region.”



Get in the Stream

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

\$140
Thousand
PPA Grants for
the Arts

Grantmaking 2021-22



Area Nonprofits Receive \$35,680 in Grants from the Upper Bucks Community Fund

The Upper Bucks Community Fund of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation issued \$35,680 in grants to area nonprofit organizations. The Fund consists primarily of two area-of-interest funds. The Richard E. Gasser Fund and Erwin J. and Gertrude K. Neusch Fund are for organizations and programs primarily serving the Palisades, Pennridge and Quakertown School Districts in the Upper Bucks area.

These grants were made at the recommendation of the advisory committee for the Upper Bucks Community Fund, a geographic affiliate of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. The following organizations received grants for programs from the fund in 2021-22:

- Advocates for the Homeless of Upper Bucks (AHUB)
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- Cooks Creek Watershed Association
- Durham Historical Society
- KidsPeace
- Lenape Chamber Ensemble
- National Inventors Hall of Fame, Inc.
- Palisades Community Chorus
- Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival
- Phoebe Richland Health Care Center
- Quakertown Alive!
- Quakertown Historical Society
- Riegelsville Public Library
- The “Drop” at the Quakertown Community Center

Other Grantmaking Highlights 2021-22



Scholarships 2021-22

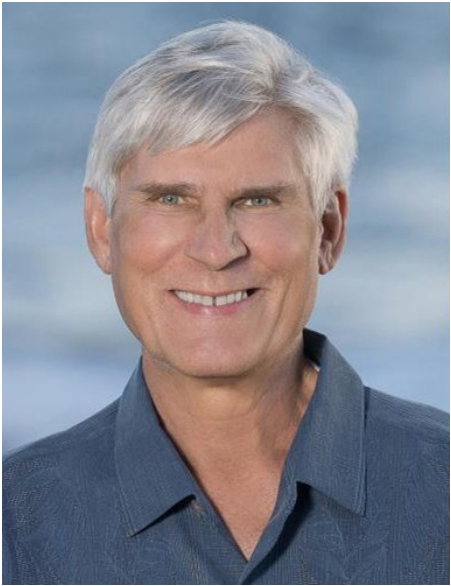


New Scholarship Fund at LVCF Honors the Memory of Andrew Budraitis

In March of 2022, LVCF welcomed the establishment of the Andrew Budraitis Foundation Scholarship that awards two \$7,500 scholarships annually to recipients majoring in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math) field and attending a college in the greater Lehigh Valley Area. The scholarships support one Lehigh Valley veteran and one non-veteran, both with priority given to those with financial need.

The scholarship was established in memory of **Andrew Budraitis**, a lifelong resident of the Lehigh Valley, and is intended to pay tribute to him and remember his life. “When we lost my dad last November, I wanted to be a part of something that would honor him and pay tribute to the life he lived,” explained **Brian Budraitis**. “We all thought what better way to do that than to start the Andrew Budraitis Foundation Scholarship. I’m grateful for our partnership with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation and all of the help they have provided us along the way.”

Andrew served in the United States Army, 82nd Airborne Division until 1981. After being honorably discharged at the end of his term,

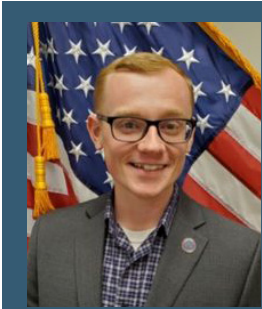


Air Products, leading to global, senior Director positions within Information Technology.

“My husband Andy was an incredible leader and mentor to others—and a veteran,” explained **Alyssa Budraitis**. “I saw first-hand, the careers he greatly helped and supported throughout his career in the STEM field. As a non-traditional student, it took him many years at night to get his college education. He valued and encouraged others to get their degree as well.”

“Our family grew up in the Lehigh Valley and spent our lives here. In working with the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation and creating a foundation in Andy’s name, it enables us to honor him and give back to our local community and our veterans in a way that is important to us.” Alyssa noted. [Learn more...](#)

he worked temporarily at a sod farm before eventually being hired by Air Products and Chemicals. While there, he took night classes at Muhlenberg College, earning his bachelor’s degree within 9 years. His hard work and dedication paid off. He excelled within his career at



Congratulations to Gregory Seltzer, DeSales University student and veteran, who received the first scholarship from the Fund! And thank you Andrew Budraitis Foundation for making this scholarship fund at LVCF a reality, and helping our veterans pursue higher education!

BEST Awards 2021-22

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). In 2019-20, the Community Foundation handed the award selection to the Bethlehem Area School District Foundation. [Learn more...](#)

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

Lindsey Joseph

William Penn Elementary School

The Bernie Cohen Award for Excellence in Teaching at the Middle School Level

Michelle Wallach

Nitchman Middle School

The Anthony Ruggiero Award for Excellence in Teaching at the High School Level

Kimberly Elliot

Freedom High School



Scholarships

The majority of the Foundation’s scholarships are administered through high schools, colleges and local organizations. Grants issued are payable to the schools or colleges/universities. The Foundation does not directly accept any applications for these scholarships.

Scholarships for high school graduates pursuing a post-secondary education are:

Bethlehem Area School District

Debra ‘Frau’ Brown Memorial Scholarship

Truman L. Frey, Jr. Scholarship

Bob Swick Memorial Scholarship

Betty Williams Memorial Scholarship

Bethlehem Area School District or Bethlehem Catholic High School

Senior Woman’s Club of Bethlehem Scholarship

Bethlehem Catholic High School

Catherine Hilaire Thompson Nursing Scholarship

Boys and Girls Club of Bethlehem

Edwin F. Van Billiard Scholarship

Dieruff High School

Justin Sheftel Scholarship

Fleetwood Area High School

Arthur E. & Myrl G. Schaeffer Scholarship

Hanover Township Memorial Golf Tournament Scholarship

Liberty High School

Gene Buckno Memorial Scholarship (Accounting)

Leighton Area High School

Damian C. Mele Memorial Scholarship

Nazareth High School

Bob Swick Memorial Scholarship



Northern Lehigh High School

Ann C. Bernard Memorial Scholarship

Notre Dame High School

Tuskes Family Scholarships

Parkland High School

Frederick W. Hahn Memorial Scholarship

Gary D. Martz Class of 1974 Scholarship Fund

Anthony Severo Memorial Scholarship

Justin Sheftel Scholarship

Phillipsburg High School

William & Jamie Soukup Reid Memorial Scholarship

Wilson High School

Wilson High School 2006 Football Champions Scholarship

William Allen High School

Justin Sheftel Scholarship

Stephanie Olexa and Seth Weber Scholarships

LVCF administers an application process for two annual scholarships for high school seniors attending public, private or charter high schools in Lehigh, Northampton and Bucks counties.

Stephanie Olexa and Seth Weber Scholarship for Criminal Justice

Awarded to a HS senior who will be majoring in criminal justice or law enforcement at an accredited institution for post-secondary education.

The Stephanie Olexa and Seth Weber Scholarship for the Life Sciences

Awarded to a HS senior who will be majoring in the life sciences at an accredited institution for post-secondary education. [Learn more...](#)



Stephanie Olexa

Seth Weber

Scholarships for students attending the following post-secondary institutions are:

Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Joseph Perna & Hilda Perna Memorial Scholarship

DeSales University, Department of Nursing & Health

Sue Ratzell Scholarship for Nursing

The Juilliard School

Raymond-Cryder Scholarship

Moravian Univ. & St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing

Reverend Douglas Caldwell Nursing Scholarship

Northampton Community College

Beall Fowler Northampton Promise Scholarship

Simmons College, School of Nursing & Health Sciences

Carol (Rodgers) Jaffe & Donald Jaffe Scholarship

St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing

Elizabeth Behr Agocs Scholarship

West Chester University

Raymond-Cryder Scholarship


College/University Located in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, and Monroe Counties


Buckno Lisicky Scholarship (Accounting)


Scholarships for Students & Veterans Pursuing a STEM Education at a Lehigh Valley College or University:


Andrew Budraitis Foundation Scholarship


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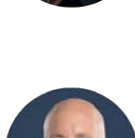
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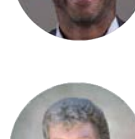
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History

Established in 1967 as the Bethlehem Area Foundation, the Foundation was regionalized and re-named in 1992 in order to serve the entire Lehigh Valley. What was preserved in this transition is the true community spirit of the Community Foundation. The Bethlehem Area Foundation was begun as part of the City's 225th anniversary celebration. Funds remaining from that celebration were used to create a permanent community endowment, the Bethlehem Area Foundation. Those funds were contributed by schoolchildren, steelworkers, retailers, college professors, homemakers, and business leaders. It was a true community beginning for a community foundation, and that community spirit is at the heart of the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation. Today, the Foundation manages more than 290 charitable funds representing \$75 million in assets.

Mission

The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation promotes philanthropy in order to improve the quality of life in our region, encourage collaboration among area philanthropists, and to serve as a source of information and expertise regarding charitable giving.

Vision

The Lehigh Valley Community Foundation will be a major force in the development of philanthropy in our region. The Foundation will promote and encourage collaboration among area philanthropists, and will be a source of information and expertise regarding charitable giving. The Foundation will be recognized and respected for its trustworthiness, its permanence, and the quality of its Board of Governors.

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