



# The Insider

THE NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF  
THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

## TFEC'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND FACILITATING SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) Board of Directors and team have taken the last few weeks to acknowledge and reflect on the issues of systemic racism and oppression that are facing people of color in our communities. TFEC works to support all members of our communities in order to reach their full potential.

TFEC has worked over the years to combat the inequalities that our communities of color face because of the economic and social effects of systemic racism. We are committed to continuing this work until social and economic equality are fully realized for all.

Our Board and team members stand in solidarity with communities of color. We see you, we hear you, and we will continue to be a leader in our communities to fight systemic racism and achieve equality for all regardless of race or ethnicity. We hope you will join us to achieve these goals.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic TFEC, in partnership with United Way of the Capital Region, established the COVID-19 Community Response Fund. **This fund has granted over \$169,000 back into the community following the COVID-19 pandemic**, working to ensure that our communities emerge healthier and stronger during these unprecedented times. There are currently countless unmet needs of our communities. If you would like to donate to the fund click [HERE](#). Thank you for your continued support of TFEC.



Carolyn Dumaesq, EdD, Chair, Board of Directors  
Janice Black, President & CEO



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# QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM THE Investment Advisory Committee



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## MEETING DATES

January 21, 2020

April 14, 2020

July 14, 2020

October 13, 2020

*All meetings take place at TFEC's offices located at 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101 Beginning at 9:30am.*

## MESSAGE FROM ROBERT E. CAPLAN, IAC CHAIR

As we close out the first half of the year and reflect on the first two quarters of 2020, it can almost leave the most gregarious person speechless. And, as investors, we are all trying to predict the future course of the Coronavirus, its continued impact on our economy, and how it will influence November's election.

The good news is despite all of the volatility and somewhat unbelievable string of calamities in our country and around the world, the stock market has maintained a state of resiliency thanks to the CARES Act, low interest rates, and the strength of the global pre-pandemic economy. Additionally, our investments were able to regain some of the value they lost in the last few weeks of March. It is important to note, however, that while we constantly monitor and manage our funds, our objective is long-term viability and growth for our entire investment portfolio. We have invested in index funds, which provide for a well-diversified set of investments and match the performance of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index.

With a long-term vision and diversified holdings, TFEC's investment strategy is best positioned for overall stability and growth over the course of time. There will be gains and losses, but fundamentally, our positions are designed to sustain value amid volatility. None of us can predict the future, but we can take comfort knowing TFEC's positive and far-reaching impact on enhancing the vibrancy of our community will continue for many, many years to come.

In closing, I would like to thank the Investment Committee members for meeting virtually in April and for their continued work to ensure our future success. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions. Have a wonderful, safe and healthy summer.

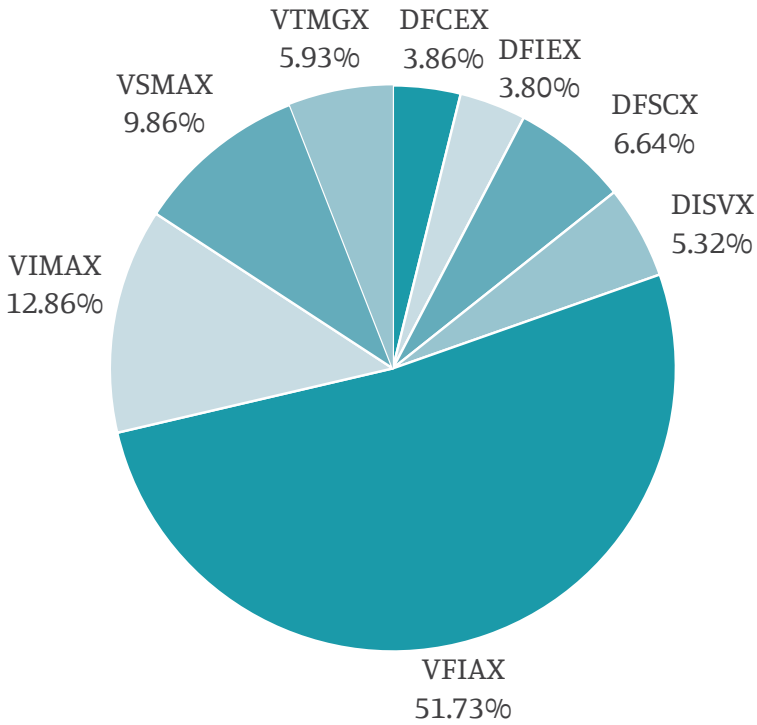
Regards,  
Bob Caplan

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

*6/30/20 Returns are YTD & 1-3-5-10-16-24 Returns are as of 12/31						
	6/30/20	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	Since Inception 24 Yrs.
Model E	-8.13%	27.9%	12.3%	9.8%	11.8%	8.9%
Benchmark*	-7.21%	28.1%	12.3%	9.7%	11.5%	8.6%
*55% S&P 500, 25% Russell 2000, 20% MSCI-EAFE						
Model A	-3.80%	21.6%	9.8%	7.6%	9.0%	7.9%
Benchmark*	-3.55%	22.0%	9.7%	7.6%	9.0%	7.8%
*34% S&P 500, 19% Russell 2000, 17% MSCI-EAFE, 30% BARCAP U.S. Aggregate Bond						
	6/30/20	1 Yr.	3 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	10 Yrs.	Since Inception 15 Yrs.
Model F	5.8%	8.4%	3.9%	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%
Benchmark*	6.3%	8.9%	4.0%	3.1%	3.8%	4.1%
*100% BARCAP U.S. Aggregate Bond						

# QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM THE Investment Advisory Committee

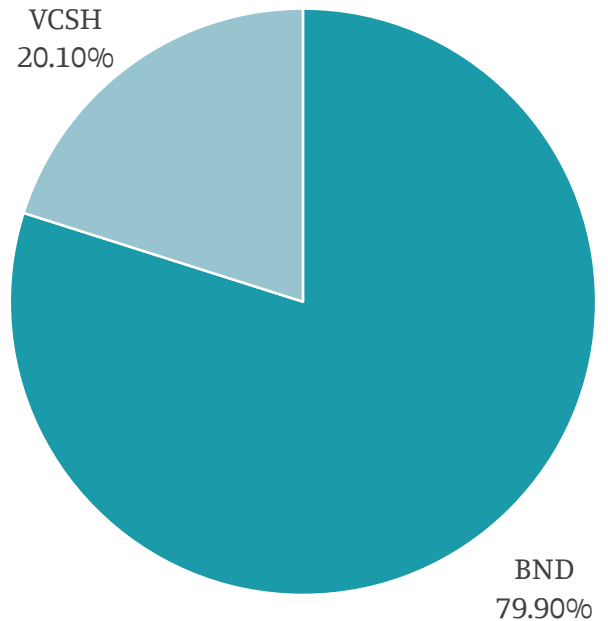
**100 % EQUITY PORTFOLIO**  
**ASSET VALUE \$52,819,353**



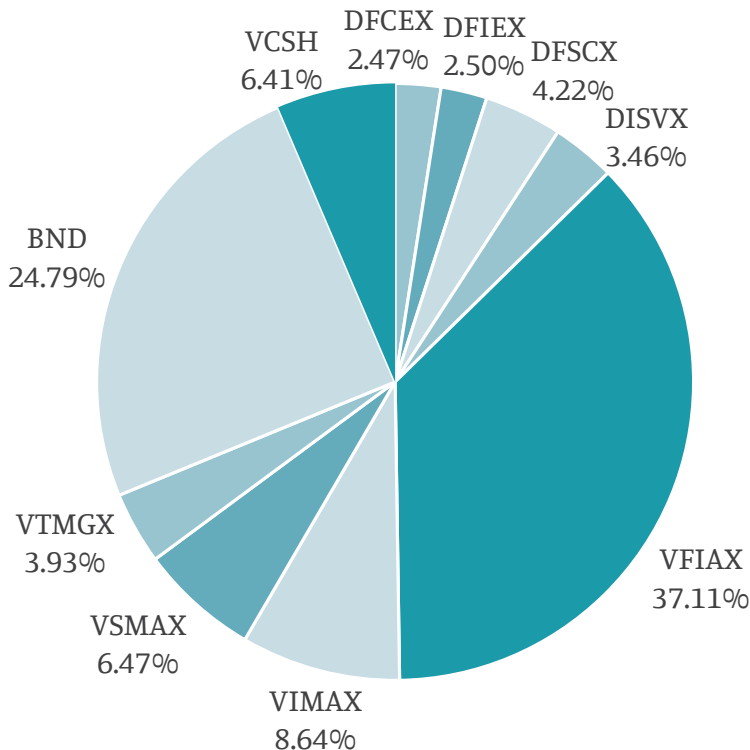
## FUND LEGEND

DFA Emerging Markets	DFCEX
DFA International Core Equity	DFIEX
DFA Micro Cap	DFSCX
DFA International Small Cap Value	DISVX
Vanguard Index 500	VFIAX
Vanguard Mid Capitalization Index	VIMAX
Vanguard Small Cap Index	VSMAX
Vanguard Developed Markets Index	VTMGX
Vanguard Short Term Corporate Bond	VCSH
Vanguard Total Bond Market Fund	BND

**100 % FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO**  
**ASSET VALUE \$1,384,857**



**70% EQUITY & 30% FIXED INCOME PORTFOLIO**  
**ASSETS \$25,220,200**



# FEATURED BOARD MEMBER

CAROLYN DUMARESQ, EdD, CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carolyn, Dumaresq, current chair of the Board of Directors of TFEC, was born in Bryn Mawr, PA. She attended Hood College for her BA, Villanova for her Master's Degree, and the University of Pennsylvania for her doctorate. She has dedicated her career to bettering the community through education.

While her current role is at Immaculata University as an Adjunct Professor in their graduate studies program teaching Quantitative Analysis, her role in the educational sector began long before that role. Throughout her career, Carolyn has worked in three school districts, served as superintendent for two school districts, worked for the Pennsylvania State Education Association as Executive Director for 12 years, and finally, worked in the Department of Education under Governors Shapp, Thornburg, Rendell, and Corbett, in positions ranging from Special Assistant, to Executive Director, Deputy Secretary for K-12, and finally as Acting Secretary of Education.



Carolyn is currently a member of Rotary, having been one of the first women inducted into Rotary in 1989 and served as the president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club. Her other Community Service includes the Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children Board, Training America's Teachers Commission, Council for Public Education Executive Board, Capital Area Health Futures Task Force, Open Stage Board, Crime Stoppers of Dauphin County Advisory Board, Dauphin Dog Training Club Board, Susquehanna Service Dog Fund Raising Committee, TFEC Board of Directors and the Fund for Women & Girls, a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities. **We are honored to have Carolyn bring her expertise and knowledge to TFEC and serve as Chair of our Board of Directors.**

## Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP) Update!

EPP is a partnership between Harrisburg Young Professionals (HYP) and The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). The goal of this initiative for the past 7 years has been to engage Harrisburg's emerging business and community leaders with philanthropic endeavors in Harrisburg. This year, we have thirteen individuals participating in the program. They have just recently released their RFP; grant applications were due on August 1. Over the remainder of the program, the class will review all grant applications, interview grantee finalists, and select a grant recipient. For more information about this year's EPP grant opportunity please visit [Emerging Philanthropist Program Grant](#).

We also want to say a great big thank you to all of our Hoopla Hero's out there! Our 3rd Annual Harrisburg Hoopla was not able to take place this year but with your help we were able to have a successful virtual campaign raising over \$1,500! We look forward to seeing you all at the Hoopla next year! [#COMPETEFORACAUSE](#)

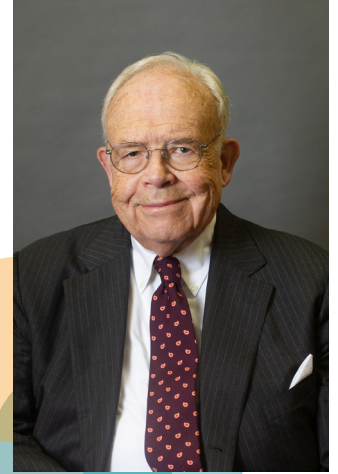


# SOME CHANGES MADE TO THE IRC BY THE CARES ACT ENHANCING CHARITABLE GIVING IN 2020

BY: SPENCER G. NAUMAN, JR., ESQUIRE  
NAUMAN, SMITH, SHISSLER & HALL, LLP

There has been some *good news* this spring for the nonprofit world. *The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provides three new incentives for donors to contribute to their favorite charities this year:*

- 1. *There is now a \$300 above-the-line (\$600 for couples!) charitable income tax deduction.*** What this means is that if you make a donation in 2020, and don't itemize on your 2020 taxes, then you can now give \$300 to charity, except to a donor-advised fund, and get a full **\$300 tax break** in addition to the standard deduction. That's right, your donation today is **100% deductible**. There's never been an incentive like this before to give to the causes you care about!
- 2. *If you do itemize, then there is a benefit for you too!*** The new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities, except to donor-advised funds, to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for 2020. Ordinarily, the income tax charitable deduction for cash gifts is limited to 60% of your income. **This 100% limit allows you to reduce your 2020 federal income tax to zero.** Your charitable deductions in 2020 cannot exceed 100% of your income, but you may be able to carry unused charitable deductions forward to future years. Please check with your financial advisors to determine whether the 100% deduction makes sense for your specific circumstances.



- 3. *IRA donations:*** For 2020, there will be no mandatory distributions from retirement accounts, (whatever the age of the owner), thus allowing those accounts to recover. The minimum age for making a tax-free transfer from an IRA to a charity remains at 70 1/2 and the annual limit \$100,000. However, since cash gifts are deductible in 2020 to the extent of adjusted gross income (100%), a person could withdraw and then contribute a larger amount - with the deduction offsetting the taxable withdrawal. Again, please check with your financial advisor regarding this.

To learn more about how TFEC partners with professional advisors visit

[www.tfec.org/professional-advisors](http://www.tfec.org/professional-advisors)

# FEATURED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

JESSE LAIRD - MCINROY SHEFFER PEOPLE TRUST

**What school are you attending?**

Pennsylvania College of Technology

**What is your major/minor?**

Bachelors of Nursing and ROTC

**Why did you choose that major?**

I want to serve my country and to help people.

**What year in college are you?**

I am finishing my freshman year.

**What is your favorite thing about the school you're attending?**

I really like that this school has a hands on approach to learning. I also like that I have had the chance to meet a variety of different types of people. Although we may have different backgrounds, the majority of students at Penn Tech are very focused and goal oriented, like me.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I enjoy running and working out. This hobby is necessary for me keeping up in ROTC, but it is also really helpful for me to manage my stress level.

**What are your goals?**

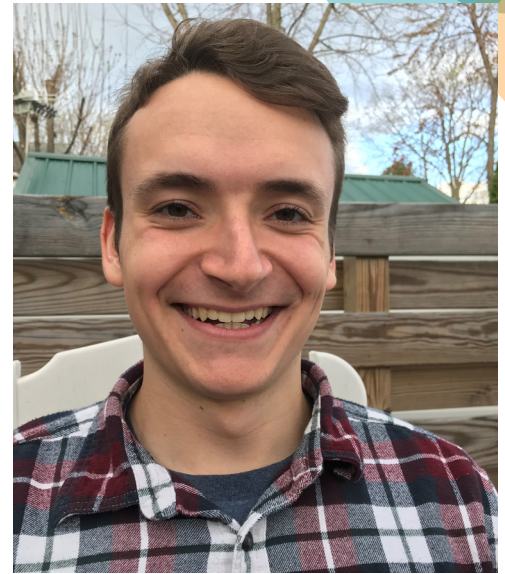
After I graduate, I will commission as an officer in the United States Army. I plan to do active duty and eventually earn a master's degree in nursing in order to become a nurse practitioner.

**What does this scholarship mean to you?**

Through TFEC, I earned the McInroy-Sheffer People Trust Scholarship for my freshman year. This generous award has helped make it possible for me to incur less debt toward paying for my tuition, housing, and other college expenses. Also, this scholarship has made me feel so supported and it has boosted my confidence in my ability to meet my goals.

**How do you plan to pay it forward as a recipient of this scholarship?**

I am very excited to be able to pay forward this generous scholarship through serving my country and through caring for others as a nurse, in either the military or the public sector.



## SEARCH BY COUNTY

High school seniors can use the search feature on our website to narrow TFEC scholarship opportunities by county in PA and find scholarships specifically relevant them. No need to sort through all 120 opportunities!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
TFEC'S SCHOLARSHIPS, VISIT  
[TFEC.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS](https://www.tfec.org/scholarships)**

# REGIONAL UPDATES

## FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (FCCF)

The Franklin County Community Foundation (FCCF) has received 24 applications for their annual competitive grantmaking. The FCCF Advisory Committee will be meeting this fall to decide on awarded funds, so stay tuned for details on the 2020 grantees! If you would like to donate to help nonprofit organizations serving Franklin County you can donate to the Franklin County Community Fund [HERE!](#)

[Click here for more information about FCCF.](#)

## MECHANICSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MACF)

The Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation (MACF) has received 14 applications for their annual competitive grantmaking. The MACF Advisory Committee will be meeting this fall to decide on awarded funds, so stay tuned for details on the 2020 grantees! If you would like to donate to help nonprofit organizations serving the Mechanicsburg Area you can donate to the Mechanicsburg Area Community Fund [HERE!](#)

[Click here for more information about MACF.](#)

## PERRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (PCCF)

In 2020, The Perry County Community Foundation has raised over \$3,000 in unrestricted funds to be used for grantmaking in 2021. Please consider making a donation to support nonprofits providing services in Perry County. Your donation can make a huge impact! Here are the 2020 Grantees:

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank  
Employment Skills Center  
Historical Society of Perry County  
Join Hands Ministry, Inc.  
Keystone Human Services  
PennCares

Perry County Council of the Arts  
Perry County Literacy Council  
Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA  
Susan P. Brymes Health Education Center, Inc.  
Student Author Movement

Thanks to generous donors like YOU, we were able to provide funds for all 11 grant applications for a total of \$24,895 this year! Be sure to mark your calendars:

- The Perry County Chamber of Commerce 'Celebrate Perry County' event will be held on Thursday, August 27th from 4:30 – 7:30 in New Bloomfield's Town Square.

Sadly, the Perry County Community Foundation (PCCF) was not able to host their annual grantee reception this year. This event not only serves to honor their grantees, but as a fundraiser for grantmaking the following year.

[Click here for more information about PCCF.](#)

The Fund for Women & Girls 20th Anniversary

October 23, 2020  
11:30am - 12:45 pm  
via livestream

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Help locals affected by COVID-19!  
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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS  
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## SUPPORT TFEC

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# TFEC SPRING GRANT AWARDS

TFEC ANNOUNCES OVER \$128,000 IN GRANT AWARDS TO 43 AREA NONPROFITS!

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) announces that \$128,100 in grant funds have been awarded to 43 nonprofit organizations through four competitive grant opportunities submitted to TFEC's February 1, 2020 deadline. All awarded projects will take place during July 1, 2020 to June 31, 2021 and all grant recipients are registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit organizations or utilize a fiscal sponsor. To learn how to apply to these or other TFEC opportunities, visit [www.tfec.org](http://www.tfec.org) and select nonprofits/current grant opportunities, to review the timeline, service area, and funding priorities of each grant opportunity. Numerous grant applications were submitted, and the following have been awarded funding for 2020 - 2021:

**Children's Home Foundation Fund**— The mission of the Children's Home Foundation Fund, a fund of TFEC, is to provide aid to economically disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. In accordance with its mission, this opportunity prioritizes human services, especially programs which address needs for food, clothing and shelter; education; and cultural enrichment and the arts. Eleven grantees were awarded a total of \$32,500 for the following programs and projects:



- Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area - \$1,500 for Housing/Rental Assistance for Families with Children.
- Dauphin County CASA - \$3,000 to Sustain the Current Work and Expand the Number of Abused and Neglected Children Served in Dauphin County.
- Harrisburg Area YMCA - \$5,000 for Program Fees and Membership Fees for Inner City Youth.
- Harrisburg Symphony Association - \$5,000 for Young Persons' Concert and Link Up Program in the 2020-21 Academic Year.
- Left Out Organization Program - \$3,500 for LOOP Back to School Night August 2020.
- Mission Central - \$2,000 for School Necessities for Disadvantaged Students in Cumberland County.
- Oasis Community Partnership - \$3,000 for Playground Expansion
- Pennsylvania Immigrant and Refugee Women's Network - \$2,000 for the Fund a Homework Help program for Immigrant and Refugee Children in the Harrisburg City School District.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program of The Capital Region, Inc. - \$2,000 for 2020 Fruit and Fun Project for Steelton Highspire School District.
- Shippensburg University Foundation - \$3,000 for Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition - Summer Lunch Program 2020.
- Team Scott Inspire, a project of TFEC: \$2,500 for Students Achieving Success Program.

**Family & Children Services of Lebanon County Fund** — The Family & Children's Services of Lebanon County Fund, a fund of TFEC, awards grants to nonprofit, social service agencies in support of projects which serve families and children in Lebanon County. A total of \$13,705.00 was distributed to seven organizations for the following programs and projects:

- Community Health Council of Lebanon County - \$1,500 for the Be a Dad Influence program.
- Lancaster-Lebanon Education Foundation - \$1,745 for the Kindergarten Readiness Card project.
- Lebanon Family Health Services, Inc. - \$2,460 for the Be The One Parenting program.
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program of The Capital Region, Inc. - \$2,000 for the Summer Fruit and Fun project.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA - \$2,000 for Stays for Lebanon County Families at the RMH in Hershey.
- The Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Lebanon & Schuylkill Counties - \$2,000 for the Safety Net: Engaging Parents in the Prevention of Sexual Violence Online program.
- WellSpan Good Samaritan Hospital - \$2,000 for the WellSpan Family Medicine N. 4th Street Reach Out and Read Program.



**The Kids Trust Fund**—The Kids Trust Fund, a fund of TFEC created by and in memory of Gary L. Houck, Jr. and celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2020, provides support and services to young children who are living with physical or emotional abuse, or neglect. Its mission is to help young children of abuse grow up in a happy, safe, and exciting environment, and this grant opportunity seeks to support child-focused programs and services in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties. The Kids Trust Fund awarded a total of \$57,000 to fifteen organizations for the following programs and projects:

- Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area - \$2,000 for the Neighborhood of Support project.
- Children Aid Society, Southern Pennsylvania District - \$5,000 for The Lehman Center Crisis Nursery.
- Children's Home of York - \$3,000 for EMDR Training.
- Compeer of Lebanon County - \$2,000 for the Compeer Kids program
- Dauphin County CASA - \$5,000 for the Dauphin County CASA program.
- EquiTeam Support Services - \$2,000 for Mental, Emotional and Behavioral Support for Children and Families through Eagala Model Equine Assisted Psychotherapy.
- Harrisburg Area YMCA - \$7,000 for the Northern Dauphin County YMCA Mentoring Program.
- Hoffman Homes, Inc. - \$2,500 for Enhancements to Art Therapy.
- Keystone Human Services - \$2,000 for Capital Area Head Start: Trauma Sensitivity Training.
- Leg Up Farm, Inc. - \$4,680 for the Animal-Assisted Therapy Group program.
- Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance - \$6,000 for the Working with Families When Neglect is Present program.
- Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center of Lebanon & Schuylkill Counties - \$7,500 for the Prevenir la violencia sexual: Community Prevention & Counseling for Spanish-Speaking Families project.
- Team Scott Inspire, a project of TFEC - \$2,000 for the Team Scott Inspire: Expanding Students Achieving Success program.
- The Salvation Army, York - \$2,000 for the Bridging the Gap program.
- The Young Women's Christian Association of York - \$4,320 for the Empowering Children of Trauma project.



**Perry County Community Foundation**— The Perry County Community Foundation (PCCF) is a regional foundation of TFEC, which seeks to fund programs and services that have the potential for the greatest impact on the quality of life and positive outcomes for individuals and families living in Perry County. Through its grantmaking, PCCF invests in innovative, collaborative approaches and solutions to community problems and supports projects that demonstrate achievable outcomes, the potential for replication as a model program, and plans for sustainability beyond the grant term. PCCF awarded a total of \$24,895 to ten organizations for the following programs and projects:

- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank- \$3,500 for Reducing Food Insecurity Rates in Perry County through Youth Food Programs.
- Employment Skills Center - \$2,000 for Nurse Aide Training and Employment for Perry County Residents.
- Historical Society of Perry County - \$1,293 for the Clark's Ferry Tavern Restoration.
- Join Hands Ministry, Inc. - \$2,000 for the Rural Poor Outreach and Empowerment — Back2School program.
- Keystone Human Services - \$3,500 for the Essential Educational Investments for Capital Area Head Start project.
- Perry County Council of the Arts - \$1,000 for the PCCA Summer Art Camp.
- Perry County Literacy Council - \$3,500 for the Student Technology project.
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA - \$3,500 for Stays for Perry County Families at the RMH in Hershey.
- Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center, Inc - \$2,102 for Vital Preventive Health Education for Perry County Students.
- Student Author Movement, a TFEC project- \$2,500 for the Student Author Movement program.

## FEATURED TFEC TEAM MEMBER

**ANDREA R. IGUINA-PÉREZ, COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ASSOCIATE**

My day-to-day activities, as a team member of the Community Investment Department include: grant management, reporting, and meeting logistics. These activities include compiling all submitted applications for committee review and recording metrics for TFEC's 13 competitive grant opportunities. I also assist grantees with any documentation required for their grants and monitor these requirements to report to TFEC's grant programs.

In my last role, I was a Project Coordinator at Citizen's Agenda Foundation in Puerto Rico, a foundation that promotes participatory democracy, by opening spaces where different stakeholders can get together and discuss prevailing issues that are important to community members. In this role, I coordinated several National round tables on 6 different topics: Environment, Early Childhood, Economy, Security, Health, and Education.

### Where do you consider your hometown?

My hometown is Guaynabo, Puerto Rico.

### How long have you worked at TFEC?

I have worked at TFEC for 2 years.

### What is your favorite part about working at TFEC?

My favorite part of working at TFEC is that I get to meet so many people from the community through all of the TFEC events and TFEC initiatives. TFEC also empowers us to achieve our personal development goals by encouraging participation in different community initiatives. Right now I am part of the Central PA Diversity Forum and the Emerging Philanthropist Program. As I come from Puerto Rico, having the opportunity to be part of these initiatives has really helped me to understand the community within our geographic footprint. Access to these opportunities is one of my favorite things about working at TFEC.

My favorite part of my role at TFEC is the ability to engage with the community and assist them with any challenges that they might have related to our grant opportunities. It is very rewarding when you see that organizations are being successful in getting a grant with TFEC, resulting in positive community outcomes.

### What community issues are your passionate about?

I am very passionate about diversity and inclusion. As a Hispanic, I am very passionate about giving visibility to our culture and representing our community within the spaces where I am a minority.

### What is your favorite place to visit or spend your free time in TFEC's five county footprint?

I spend most of my time in Downtown Harrisburg. The Susquehanna River is one of my favorite places in the city, especially when the bridges are lit up at night.

### How do you like to spend your weekends?

During the summer, I spend most of my weekends at Hershey Park just relaxing by the pool or on the rollercoasters depending on how the day goes. The rest of the year, I enjoy attending the festivals in the city like the Harrisburg Mural Festival from Sprocket Mural Works or if we feel more adventurous we will go to the Serbian Fest in the DC Area.

### What is your current hobby?

My current hobby is 3D Printing. This is something that I am very passionate about and I am always learning new things: new ways to print with different textures, with different materials and techniques, etc. I am also learning how to 3D Design utilizing different software's like Blender and Fusion 365, in order to start creating my own designs.



# EARLY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

According to a report published by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, and the Pennsylvania Early Learning Commission, the current childcare system, even before the coronavirus pandemic, did not meet the needs of Pennsylvania families or employers. In fact, *insufficient childcare options negatively impact families, employers, and taxpayers with an annual economic cost of \$3.47 billion in lost earnings, productivity, and revenue.* Challenges such as access, quality, and affordability make the system difficult for children, families, and businesses.

## Access.

Before the coronavirus pandemic 57 percent of Pennsylvania residents were living in an area where child care is not readily available, especially care that caters to infants and toddlers or evening and night shifts. The Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) reported that there are now 24 less child care options in Pennsylvania available to parents due to the pandemic, yet parents still need to earn a living. Problems with accessing care may result in less time at work and being distracted when on the job. Such productivity concerns cost employers to lose \$2.88 billion annually.

## Affordability.

Before the present health crisis the majority of parents with young children worked outside of the home. There are over one million working parents with children under the age of six. According to Child Care Aware, center based infant care averages \$11,869 a year. Childcare is unaffordable for many families, especially those with lower incomes. Without reliable and affordable child care options parents will not be able to return to work with a peace of mind.



To learn more about this scholarship opportunity, visit us [here](#).



## Quality.

According to PA Partnerships for Children, only 43 percent of child care in Pennsylvania meet the high-quality standards. Providers struggle with everyday operating costs and staff turnover. These struggles are now compounded by concerns for safety, additional cleaning and sanitizing, and concerns about liability. This may result in a lack of consistent care for children.

TFEC understands the importance of all these challenges and recognizes that child care is part of the essential infrastructure in a healthy community.

## In 2019, the Early Education Scholarship was created in response.

This scholarship opportunity provides assistance to parents of children attending Pre-Kindergarten programs whose families are in financial need. Scholarship funding is available to eligible students ages 3 to 5 years old to attend a quality early learning center or preschool program providing at least two hours of instructional activities per day at a program located in Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties as well as the Dillsburg area of Northern York County.

# PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE PROJECT AT A TIME



TFEC's fiscal sponsor program allows your project to become part of TFEC so that you can operate as a 501(c)(3) organization, raise tax-deductible contributions, and use those funds to achieve your mission. TFEC achieves our mission by providing numerous program and services to the community

As a fiscal sponsor, TFEC enables community projects to invaluable touch the residents in our local communities. These projects provide awareness and support on a variety of community issues: mental health, addiction, domestic violence, chronic illness, historical preservation, community engagement, economic disparity, survivors of trauma, and supporting local nonprofits, just to name a few.

Currently, TFEC supports 72 community projects focusing on the following four areas: Community Development, Health and Human Services, Arts & Culture, and Education. In each quarterly newsletter, we will spotlight one of these areas to share the amazing work of TFEC's Community Projects. In this issue, we will be sharing the community impact of Community Development.

## BENEFITS OF HAVING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The United Nations defines community development as "a process where community members come together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems."<sup>1</sup> Community development ranges from small initiatives within a small group to large initiatives that involve the broader community. The community development process takes charge of the conditions and factors that influence a community and changes the quality of life of its members.<sup>2</sup> Community development activities build strong foundations for healthy, vibrant and economically stable communities.

## POSITIVE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

The quality of a community correlates to the degree of engagement and happiness individuals can draw from community interactions. Community development activities can bring a positive impact and sustained engagement in our communities, resulting in the following positive impacts<sup>2&3</sup>:

**Work together towards a common goal:** Communities that offer development activities share similar values and belief systems that cooperate to help accomplish one or several goals. Positive experiences within communities allow individuals to feel more connected to their environment and the people in it.

**Allow for Freedom of Expression:** Positive community experiences provide members with a sense of belonging and the feeling of being able to express themselves without feeling judged.

**Promote Inclusion and Demographic Diversity:** Equitably incorporating diverse people, voices, ideas and information to lay the groundwork for quality outcomes. Positive communities work to ensure that those who fall in minority populations are not treated differently.

**Celebrate Community Heritage:** Every long-standing community has traditions that have risen during the community's development. Positive and efficient communities embrace their culture by reminding members of the long way the community has come.

## COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF TFEC'S PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

TFEC is proud to be the fiscal sponsor of Projects that raise funds to support and/or offer educational activities and/or support in our communities. *In 2019, TFEC's thirteen Community Development Projects raised over \$146,000 for their missions.* Here is a sample of the collective impact resulting from the partnership of TFEC and the Community Development Projects:

- Enhancing the lives of the residents of their neighborhood by supporting nonprofit agencies that serve charitable, educational, scientific, or civic purposes and that are faith-based, grass-roots organizations based within that community.
- Supporting immediate initiatives or activities that address a specific violent incident, crisis, or natural disaster in our community that will contribute to community capacity building and/or community healing.
- Inspiring, encouraging, and empowering women and girls by identifying, nominating and honoring women in Pennsylvania who have made outstanding contributions in a variety of fields, whether as volunteers or professionals, which have benefitted the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its people and communities.
- Celebrate Community Heritage: Every long-standing community has traditions that have risen during the community's development. Positive and efficient communities embrace their culture by reminding members of the long way the community has come.
- Providing resources to professionals to implement diversity and inclusion programs at organizations and institutions that impact Central Pennsylvania, thereby increasing efforts and best practices in the field.
- Engaging and educating Harrisburg's emerging business and community leaders so that they develop a deep understanding of the needs of the community and the benefits of philanthropy.
- Developing planning, fund raising and administrative skills necessary for Gold Award winning Girl Scouts to carry out their community projects.
- Providing financial support for equipment, training, and apparatus to improve and/or continue the response capabilities of emergency services that respond to Harrisburg City, Dauphin County, the South Central Region, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and areas beyond as requested.
- Examining broad social and economic problems and possible solutions to public policy challenges facing Pennsylvania women and families.
- Providing financial assistance and support to local organizations, projects and causes to help the betterment of our neighborhoods and communities.

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## TFEC'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS

As a fiscal sponsor, TFEC enables community projects to invaluable touch the residents in our local communities. These projects provide awareness and support on a variety of community issues: mental health, addiction, domestic violence, chronic illness, historical preservation, community engagement, economic disparity, survivors of trauma, and supporting local nonprofits, just to name a few.

To learn more and/or support TFEC's Community Projects, visit us [here](#).



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## THE FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP



Help us envision a future of - a landscape of conserved resources and vibrant communities sharing a common sense of place and collaborating on well-planned growth and economic development. Friends of the South Mountain Partnership is where this change initiates, by raising funds and providing resources for the South Mountain Partnership. Operating in Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and York counties, The South Mountain Partnership

advocates for the conservation and promotion of landscape resources all while creating a community of collaboration to continue this great work.

To help make their vision the future visit [www.southmountainpartnership.org](http://www.southmountainpartnership.org)



## HILLSIDE PARK PROJECT

On the corner of 7th and Brand Avenues in New Cumberland sits Hillside Park. In need of some love and care, the Hillside Park project was created to reinvigorate local interests in recreational activities by creating a safer and better-maintained basketball court, tennis court, and softball field at Hillside Park. These renovations not only create a better area for activities such as

tennis, basketball, or the now-popular pickle ball, it will also be a greater asset to the West Shore school district and residents who neighbor the park. So whatever your sport of choice is, you will have a brand new home when this project is seen through to completion.



But they need your help! To learn more about the Hillside Park Project and help the residents of New Cumberland have a renovated, safe place to be active visit [hillsideparkproject.com](http://hillsideparkproject.com).



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