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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Hello everyone,

My name is Teresa Beckner and I currently serve as the chair of the Franklin County Community Foundation Advisory Committee, having begun my tenure this past January. When I joined FCCF in 2020, I was eager to work with other members who shared a deep commitment to our

community. It's been an interesting and deeply rewarding experience being part of FCCF over the years. I've learned a lot from the veterans of the committee and am excited by the energy and ideas of the newer committee members. I'm honored to be part of this dynamic group.

This year, representatives from each regional community foundation have been added to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' Board of Directors. I'm looking forward to learning more about the organization, its impact on the larger community, and how Franklin County Community Foundation can continue to help make change in our community. In addition, I hope that closer connections to other regional affiliates will bring opportunities to collaborate and learn from each other.

Thank you for the warm welcome. I'm excited for the journey ahead!

Warm regards,

Teresa Beckner, FCCF Advisory Committee Chair



Pictured: (L-R) Teresa Beckner, Chair, & Elizabeth Denlea, Vice Chair

CURRENT GRANTEE IMPACT

Fannett-Metal Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company

2023 Grant Recipient of \$4,000

Project and Community Need:

After conducting their annual operational capabilities risk assessment, the officers of the Fannett-Metal Fire & Ambulance Company identified an item that needed to be purchased to meet operational needs. The Pedal Cutter is for use in automobile accidents to free a victim's feet when they are entangled in the pedals. This tool can also be used for use in farm machinery accidents.



When it comes to a trauma victim, there is a term known as the “Golden Hour.” This means if the Fire & Ambulance Company can get a trauma victim to the hospital within the first hour of the accident to receive medical treatment the chance of survival is most effective.

Success:

“The Pedal Cutter is now in service on our Rescue Engine. This tool has been used in training and on live incidents. This tool assists our rescuers for a faster extrication keeping the golden hour within reach.”

-Steven Sites, Fire Chief

DONOR TESTIMONIAL

“The Fort Loudoun Historical Society was looking to invest in an endowment to ensure the future maintenance and programming at the Historic Fort Loudoun site which is under the management and stewardship of the Fort Loudoun Historical Society. We were looking to provide funds for the future when our all volunteer work force may not be around to take care of the property and buildings.



TFEC gives us that vehicle that provides a secure, community oriented, well managed fund that puts the investment decisions in the hands of experts. They provide the long-term credibility that is helpful in attracting new donors. They partner with us to help us attain our goals.”

-Donald W. Glasgow, Vice President, Fort Loudoun Historical Society

PREVIOUS GRANTEE IMPACT



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF CHAMBERSBURG AND SHIPPENSBURG

**Boys and Girls Club
of Chambersburg and Shippensburg**
2022 Grantee Recipient of \$2,000
Total number of individuals served: 122

Project and Community Need:

BGCCS serves several high-need communities in Franklin County: Chambersburg and Tuscarora. Local crime data for 2018 shows the Borough of Chambersburg reported 641 level-one offenses, which are violent felonies, more than all other local jurisdictions combined. The Borough of Chambersburg, according to U.S. Census data, also leads the county in total population (20,734), poverty level (18.1%), and diversity. Tuscarora falls below average on student equity marks. Test scores for students from low-income households fall below the state average by more than 50%. Children who experience poverty are at an increased risk of perpetrating or being victims of violent crimes, especially during the hours just after school.

The Positive Action program is a comprehensive, cohesive social-emotional learning curriculum proven to help children develop self-management skills and responsible decision-making. Youth develop self-awareness and gain the social-emotional learning competencies they need for success. The program has been shown to improve conflict resolution, school safety, and positive youth development while reducing violence, bullying and substance abuse. This is an evidence-based program that is rated as effective by national research clearinghouses. Grant funds were used for direct care staffing to implement the program during 2022-2023 BGCCS's after-school care programs at three existing Chambersburg locations.

Success:

One success is that having the Positive Action program has provided a framework for increasing behavioral and mental issues we are seeing. The program gives us a language and connection point for children who are struggling. Schools are also now using Positive Action, creating congruence between school and the after-school program.

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