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The newsletter for friends of the Perry County Community Foundation



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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRS

Hello everyone!

Our names are Marel King and Gwen Soult and we currently serve as the co-chairs of the Perry County Community Foundation Advisory Committee. When we joined PCCF, we were eager to work with other members who shared a deep commitment to our community. We have

learned a lot from the veterans of the committee and are excited by the energy and ideas of the newer committee members.

We are looking forward to learning more about the organization, its impact on the larger community, and how Perry County Community Foundation can continue to help make change in our community.

We are excited for the journey ahead!

Warm regards,

Marel King & Gwen Soult, PCCF Advisory Committee Co-Chairs



Pictured: (L-R) PCCF Advisory Committee Members Rick Knepp and Celia Elmes, and PCCF Advisory Committee Co-Chair Gwen Soult

CURRENT GRANTEE IMPACT



Join Hands Ministry

2023 Grant Recipient of \$3,500

Project and Community Need:

In 2023, PCCF awarded Join Hands Ministry \$3,500 to support their Outreach and Assistance Program - Back-to-School (B2S). From equipping backpacks with essential school supplies like pencils, notebooks, and markers, to providing new clothing, shoes, and winter coats, our dedication to supporting Perry County students is unwavering.

Success:

Building on the success of their 2023 season, where Join Hands Ministry proudly served 437 children, the organization continues to make a tangible difference in the lives of Perry County students. With an impressive 100% of children receiving backpacks, school supplies, and clothing, alongside 87% receiving new shoes, and 78% receiving winter coats, Join Hands Ministry's commitment remains steadfast. With continued and new partnerships, the organization aims to surpass these achievements, ensuring every child in the community receives the resources they need to thrive academically and beyond.

"Providing rural communities with a convenient one-stop solution for back-to-school needs, our program tackles transportation challenges and limited resources head-on." - B. Haas, JHM Client Services Director

DONOR TESTIMONIAL

"While we try to support organizations throughout the area, our particular focus is on nonprofits in Perry County. We've been involved in some way with many of these groups over the years and have seen first-hand the valuable work they do to help our neighbors and communities throughout the county. Whether their focus is on education, health, history, the arts or one of many other causes, the local nonprofit staff, volunteers, and supporters are passionate about their work and we want to help them succeed in their efforts to make Perry County an even better place to live."



-Dave Kutz, Fund Advisor, Dave and Linda Kutz Fund

PREVIOUS GRANTEE IMPACT

Perry County Council of the Arts
2023 Grantee Recipient of \$1,750

Project and Community Need:
The Perry County Council of the Arts' PerryLive! Summer concert series hosted by Little Buffalo State Park during the summer of 2023 was a showcase of Central PA musical talent, which gathered more than 600 attendees of all ages in total.



The summer concert season concluded with three free public concerts, which showcased five unique bands and solo artists, including openers and main acts. Performances included those of Cumberland Honey, an award-winning trio which features folk, soul, and a taste of bluegrass; Americana artist Kevin Neidig, winner of the CPHOF Best Americana Artist 2023 Award & 2023 Falcon Ridge Folk Fest Emerging Artist; Tangled Up in Dead, a stunning Bob Dylan-Grateful Dead tribute band comprised of road-tested troubadours; DANDY, a well-loved musical duo from Harrisburg, PA, consisting of brothers Jordan and Cory Dandy, spreading a positive and uplifting atmosphere through music; and Big Sky Quartet, an award-winning folk/roots band from Central Pennsylvania performing throughout the Eastern United States, known for its glowing three-part harmonies, moving melodies, and uplifting live performances.

The PerryLive! 2023 Summer Concert Series was brought to you in part by Perry County Council of the Arts, Friends of Little Buffalo State Park, The Stabler Foundation, Little Buffalo State Park, The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Community Partnerships, TFEC - Perry County Community Foundation, and Sandy Hollow Arts and Recreation Environment.

Success:

"We thoroughly enjoyed the Perry County Live! concert with Big Sky Quartet. There's something magical about a summer evening under the stars enjoying good local music in a community setting. Watching dancers twirling to the music under the twinkling stars seems to be the epitome of summer entertainment. We are ever so grateful for the opportunity to enjoy local talent in a great venue like the outdoor theater at Little Buffalo State Park." - James & Robin E Wheeler, Wheel of Light Studio, LLC

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