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## TFEC LAUNCHES \$250,000 EARLY EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) launched a grant initiative entitled The Basics Movement in June 2023. This endeavor aims to implement The Basics principles within TFEC's service area, with five selected partners set to receive \$50,000 each over the next four years in two phases. The funds are intended to bolster existing programs or seamlessly integrate The Basics strategy into their programs.

Phase 1 will start immediately with three organizations in Cumberland, Franklin, and Lebanon Counties. Phase 2 will kick off in 2024 and include two additional organizations serving Dauphin and Perry Counties.

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## TFEC IS SECA APPROVED

TFEC is an approved nonprofit eligible to receive donations through the Pennsylvania State Employee Combined Appeal (SECA). SECA asks employees to support the causes most important to them.

Since 1977, state employees have raised more than \$100 million through SECA. This year, SECA set a goal to raise that amount by \$2.75 million. Pledges can be made via Employee Self Service or paper pledge form, in the form of easy payroll deductions or one-time donations.



# INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MESSAGE FROM ROBERT E. CAPLAN - CHAIR

Moderating inflation coupled with signs that our economy remains resilient to the Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate hikes helped make the 2nd quarter of 2023 very favorable for TFEC's portfolios. The majority of the quarter's gains happened in June. Gross Domestic Product growth in the first quarter of 2023 was revised up to 2% annualized, which is considerably greater than the estimated 1.3%.



The Federal Reserve increased interest rates by one-quarter point during the second quarter in May. The Fed paused in June, awaiting more data to determine whether more increases will be necessary to fend off inflation and achieve their well communicated goal of 2% inflation. The hope of a soft landing is fueling the recent rally and will hopefully keep the upward trend moving forward in 2023.

US inflation, as measured by Consumer Price Index, dropped to .1% (month-on-month) in May, easing from a .4% increase in April. This welcomed drop transpired despite a very tight labor market with the US unemployment rate at 3.7%. Washington waited until the last minute to raise the US debt ceiling, which hampered the quarter's performance. The political deal included a reduction in spending that should have little or no impact on our economic growth. The second quarter's market growth was led by information technology. The market appeared to be focused on artificial intelligence and the potential for a future boom in related technology. TFEC's indexing strategy is passive and does not select particular sectors or stocks to concentrate our investments. We invest in the market as a whole and profit nicely from all upward trends in equities while being sector agnostic.

Bob

## INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

12/31/22 RETURNS ARE YTD & 1-2-3-5-10-15-18-20-25-27 ARE AS OF 6/30/23

Year	100% Equity (Model E)	70% Equity & 30% Fixed (Mode A)	Year	100% Fixed (Model F)	Year	100% ESG (Model ESG)
6/30/23	13.87%	10.31%	6/30/23	2.32%	6/30/23	17.38%
3 YRS.	5.3%	3.0%	3 YRS.	-2.3%	3 YRS.*	3.8%
5 YRS.	6.4%	4.6%	5 YRS.	0.3%		
10 YRS.	12.2%	8.8%	10 YRS.	1.3%		
15 YRS.	7.3%	5.9%	15 YRS.	2.1%		
20 YRS.	9.4%	7.4%	19 YRS*	2.3%		
25 YRS.	7.3%	6.3%				
27 YRS.*	8.5%	7.3%				* Since Inception

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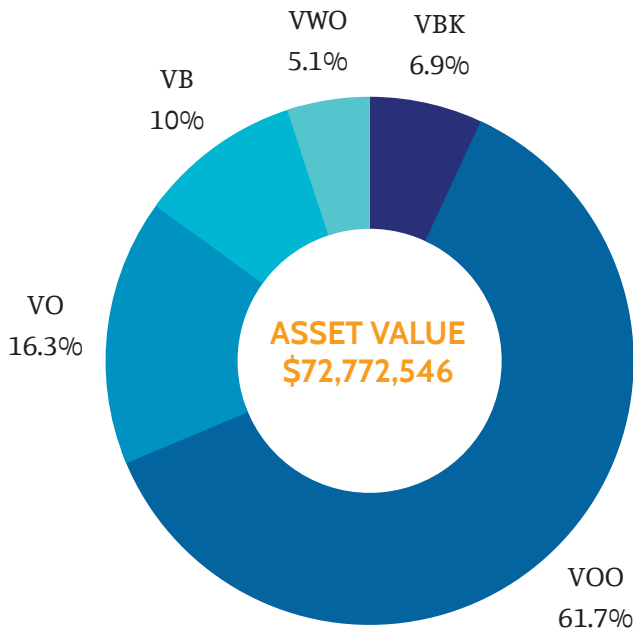
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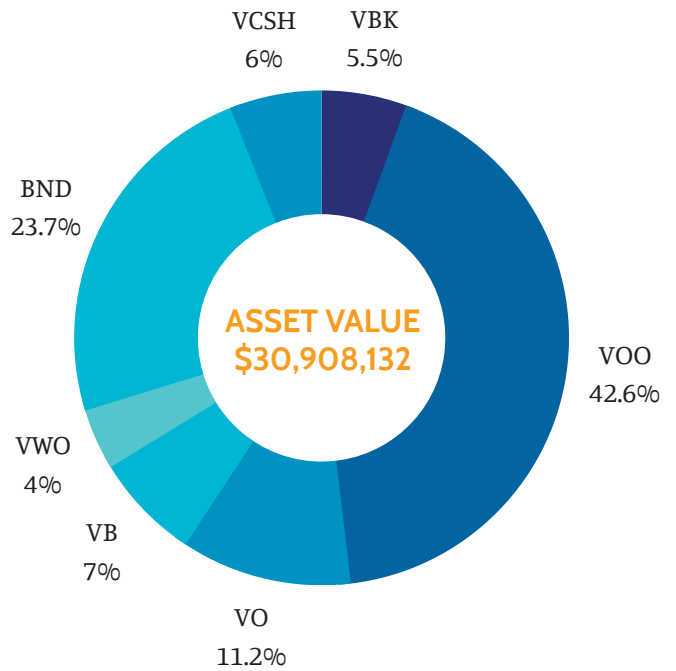
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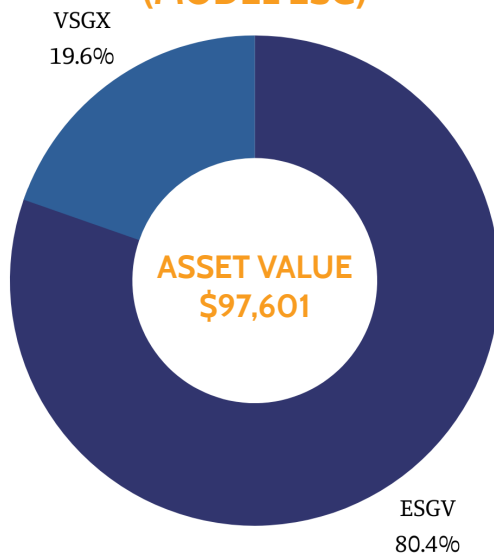
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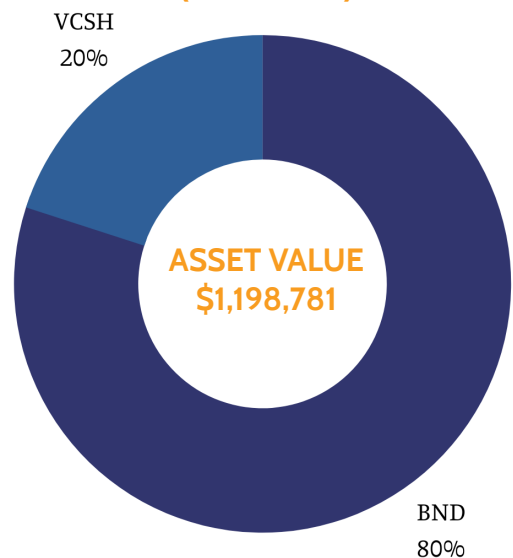
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**100% ESG  
(MODEL ESG)**



**100% FIXED INCOME  
(MODEL F)**



## FUND LEGEND

VANGUARD S&P 500 ETF	VOO	VANGUARD SMALL-CAP GROWTH ETF	VBK
VANGUARD MID CAP ETF	VO	VANGUARD FTSE EMERGING MARKETS ETF	VWO
VANGUARD SMALL CAP ETF	VB	VANGUARD ESG U.S. STOCK ETF	ESGV
VANGUARD ESG INTERNATIONAL STOCK ETF	VSGX	VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET ETF	BND
VANGUARD SHORT-TERM CORPORATE BOND ETF	VCSH		

\* RETURNS ARE AS OF 6/30/23

# REGIONAL UPDATES

## FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (FCCF)

The Franklin County Community Foundation (FCCF) recently awarded \$80,514.11 to 22 Franklin County area nonprofit organizations. Visit [www.tfec.org/fccf](http://www.tfec.org/fccf) to learn more about the nonprofit organizations.



**WE ARE SEEKING**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Want to make a difference?  
Do you love Franklin County?



**APPLY NOW**

Interested? Contact:  
[jdoyle@tfec.org](mailto:jdoyle@tfec.org)

 [www.tfec.org/fccf](http://www.tfec.org/fccf)

FCCF set the date for their annual grantee reception. Please see the details below. Register now to join us at [www.tfec.org/fccfgrant](http://www.tfec.org/fccfgrant).

The Franklin County Community Foundation is seeking enthusiastic individuals who want to make a difference in the community where they live, work, and play.

The FCCF Advisory Committee currently comprises leaders from the community who are dedicated to inspiring giving by partnering with people to achieve their charitable goals and strengthening Franklin County by investing in it now and for future generations.

We are seeking individuals from all parts of Franklin County with skills in marketing, business, financial management, and a passion for community. Want to join us?

Please submit resumes by September 1, 2023 to [jdoyle@tfec.org](mailto:jdoyle@tfec.org).

# REGISTER TODAY

## FCCF Grantee Reception

**DATE:** Thursday, September 7, 2023  
**TIME:** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**PLACE:** The Chambersburg Country Club

Learn about the new 2023 grantees working to improve Franklin County.

## Give with Cryptocurrency

Now it's even easier to donate to The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). Donating cryptocurrency is a non-taxable event, meaning you do not owe capital gains tax on the appreciated amount and can deduct it from your taxes.

TFEC accepts more than 40 crypto coins.

**Give Crypto Today**

[www.tfec.org/givecrypto](http://www.tfec.org/givecrypto)

## MECHANICSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MACF)

The Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation recently awarded \$62,840.59 to 14 local nonprofit organizations serving the Mechanicsburg Area. Visit [www.tfec.org/macf](http://www.tfec.org/macf) to learn more about the nonprofit organizations.

The Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation (MACF) set the date for their annual grantee reception. Please see the details below. Register now to join us at [www.tfec.org/macfgrant](http://www.tfec.org/macfgrant).

### MACF Grantee Reception

**DATE:** Thursday, September 14 2023

**TIME:** 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

**PLACE:** Buhrig's Gathering Place

Learn about the impact from the new 2023 grantees.

**REGISTER  
TODAY**

## PERRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (PCCF)

The Perry County Community Foundation held its Grantee Reception on May 23rd at the Winery at Hunters Valley. Ten local nonprofit organizations were presented with checks and recognized for their efforts in the community. A total of \$26,052.83 was awarded.

The PCCF Advisory Committee continues to hold regular business meetings throughout the year. The last business meeting of the year will be held on Friday, November 2 at the Perry County Literacy Council.

PCCF had a booth at the Perry County Community Fair on August 17. Advisory Committee members were on hand to answer any questions individuals have about PCCF.

The PCCF Advisory Committee is looking for additional members. Please contact Brooke Clark, at [bclark@tfec.org](mailto:bclark@tfec.org) if you or anyone you know is interested. If you are in search of a great mission to support, where you are directly impacting the lives of your neighbors, consider giving to the Perry County Community Foundation Fund, where you can partner with others to support the nonprofits in Perry County.

THE HOLIDAYS? A BIRTHDAY? A SPECIAL OCCASION?

## GIVE THE GIFT OF PHILANTHROPY

Do you ever wonder what to buy the person who already has everything? We have the perfect solution... a charitable gift certificate! When you give a charitable gift certificate you are giving the gift of philanthropy by allowing the recipient to donate the full amount of the certificate to their choice of any nonprofit in the U.S.

For more information or to order charitable gift certificates visit [www.tfec.org/charitable-gift-certificates](http://www.tfec.org/charitable-gift-certificates).

LET US HELP YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS



TFEC can partner with you and your valued clients to connect them to the causes they care about most and help them achieve their charitable goals.

# EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

## JUMP START CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

The Jump Start into Kindergarten calendar provides 12 months of school readiness activities, recipes, and resources for families in TFEC's service footprint area. The first day of kindergarten can be so exciting for families, especially when they know what to expect and how to prepare for the changes coming their way. Our calendar provides concrete activities to help children arrive at kindergarten ready to learn and grow. Many are rooted in The Basics. The Basics Strategy is grounded in five proven, science-based principles for early learning and brain development.



Want to know more about the science behind **The Basics** Principles?

Visit the Early Education Resource Center at [www.tfec.org/earlyedresources](http://www.tfec.org/earlyedresources) and The Basics at [www.thebasics.org](http://www.thebasics.org)

## THE BASICS CONT.

TFEC selected the United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County, First Start Partnerships for Children and Families (Franklin County), and Lebanon Family Health Services as the inaugural recipients of this funding. Each will receive \$50,000 over the next three years to support their programs.

Overseeing this transformative initiative will be TFEC's dedicated Early Education Initiative team, responsible for providing logistical support and convening partners to ensure the success of all grantees.

"Our Early Education Initiative focus is school readiness, building community resiliency, and workforce development, and The Basics address all three of those areas," said TFEC President and CEO Janice Black. "The Basics Movement is a public health approach that raises awareness about early childhood development and builds capacity throughout the community for engaging families, and its positive impact will be transformational throughout our communities!"

The Basics, initially developed by Dr. Ron Ferguson at Harvard in 2016, is a scientifically proven strategy focused on five key principles for early learning and brain development. The ultimate mission of The Basics is to foster social, emotional, and cognitive skill-building among children from birth to age 5, creating a solid foundation for school readiness across entire communities.

By using sociological saturation within TFEC's service area, families and communities can learn these techniques from trusted providers. In turn, children can then experience the crucial development they need from birth to age 5 in order to be ready to succeed in school and in life. Achievement disparities between children from different racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds will shrink as children from all backgrounds start school better prepared.

### MEET THE EARLY EDUCATION TEAM



LESLIE FICK  
EARLY EDUCATION  
SPECIALIST



JEANNE PREDMORE  
EARLY EDUCATION  
SPECIALIST

# GRANT SEEKERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES (TFEC)  
ANNOUNCES THAT SIX TFEC GRANT OPPORTUNITIES  
OPENED JUNE 1**

**SIX GRANT OPPORTUNITIES  
OPEN: JUNE 1  
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1  
VISIT: [TFEC.ORG/GRANTS](https://www.tfec.org/grants)**

JUNE 1, 2023  
Application Available

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023  
Application Deadline

DECEMBER 1, 2023  
Applicants Notified

JANUARY 1, 2024 - DECEMBER 31, 2024  
Time period during which proposed  
projects must occur

**Two New funds in 2023: Creative Sector Flex Fund and Madden Family Foundation Fund.**

## **Creative Sector Flex Fund**

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. The Creative Sector Flex Fund provides support to eligible applicants that provide consistent annual levels of artistic programming and/or arts services in Pennsylvania. One application per applicant per year may be submitted. Eligible uses of funds are flexible, including the support of applicants' administrative, programmatic, and project-related expenses.

## **Madden Family Foundation Fund**

The mission of the Madden family is to empower underprivileged children and to promote their education in order to break the cycle of poverty. The Maddens seek to provide equal access to high-quality education and resources through partnerships with schools, programs, and communities. They believe in investing in the potential of children and are dedicated to supporting and inspiring them to achieve their goals. The Madden Family Foundation Fund invites established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to submit proposals to support disadvantaged mothers with children. Grants are awarded to eligible nonprofit organizations serving the south central PA counties of Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon, Dauphin, Perry and/or northern York Counties.

## **Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund**

The Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund, a fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, was established in 1984 in memory of Martin M. Sacks, a well-known accountant and handball devotee. Mr. Sacks was committed to supporting nonprofit organizations that provide programs and services for the disadvantaged and underserved, particularly youth. The Martin M. Sacks Memorial Fund invites established 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to

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submit proposals to support youth and family oriented programs and services that are consistent with the mission of your agency. Grants are awarded to eligible nonprofit organizations serving the south central PA counties of Cumberland, Dauphin, and/or Perry Counties. Preference will be given to programs and/or services that are provided to or within Harrisburg and the immediate surrounding areas. The committee seeks to support innovative activities that directly benefit at-risk children, youth, and their families.

### **The Fund for Women & Girls**

The mission of The Fund for Women & Girls, a special initiative of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, is to broaden the awareness of and response to issues affecting women and girls through the power of collective philanthropy. The Fund for Women & Girls believes that positive social change will come about only when barriers of class, economic status, educational background, ethnicity, faith traditions, gender identity, race, and sexual orientation are overcome to further its mission. The Fund for Women & Girls utilizes three funding priorities which seek to support projects that advance the lives of girls and women by: providing opportunities to address basic needs or develop economic self-sufficiency, providing opportunities to strengthen and address health and safety needs, providing opportunities for education, and providing opportunities to invest in systems and sustainable change efforts in diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Fund for Women & Girls will make grants to programs and initiatives that serve women and girls in the south central PA counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon, Perry, and the Dillsburg area of York County. In addition, each Fund for Women & Girls grantee is invited to attend and provide remarks about its project during The Fund for Women & Girls Grantee Recognition Breakfast held annually in the Spring.

### **Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund**

Benjamin Franklin once stated, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest" and today, Franklin's legacy lives on at TFEC through the GHCF Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund. The Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund is pleased to support our local communities through this unique grant opportunity. The GHCF Benjamin Franklin Trust Fund grant opportunity seeks to support programs and services that work to increase knowledge and/or quality of life or that inspire positive outcomes for individuals and families living in the service area of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties, and/or the Dillsburg area of York County. Eligible projects must serve individuals, groups, and/or locations within Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Mifflin, Lebanon, and Perry Counties, and the Dillsburg area of York County. In honor of the period during which Franklin lived, the maximum grant is \$1,700.

### **Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation UPstream**

The Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation (GHCF) UPstream grant opportunity seeks to improve our area communities by supporting existing or new "upstream" systems, interventions, programs, or projects that attempt to create positive social change by addressing a problem at its source rather than managing its "downstream" symptoms. This grant opportunity is open to singular or collective nonprofit organizations whose proposals will serve the GHCF service area of Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lebanon, and/or Perry Counties and the Dillsburg area of York County. GHCF UPstream is available to organizations of all sizes, budgets, and reaches. The number of grant awards will be dependent upon the quantity of qualified applicants and funds sought.

In 2023 up to \$250,000 in grant funds will be available through GHCF UPstream. Applicants may seek support for any UPstream project, program, or intervention that best meets the needs of the population to be served. GHCF UPstream is additionally pleased to encourage applications that focus upon education, environment & parks, health & wellness, homelessness & hunger, mental health, seniors, and communities of focus. TFEC may introduce other "focus areas" as community needs present themselves and these will be supported by unrestricted or new area of interest funds within the GHCF umbrella.



# 2022 GRANTEE SUCCESS STORIES

## A LOOK BACK ON THE IMPACT OF TFEC'S GRANTS

We help them to regulate, build coping skills, get school accommodations, and find safe housing. By the time they complete services, their trauma assessment scores tend to fall to the 1-30 point range (nonclinical).

### **The Sexual Assault Resource & Counseling Center**

**Project Title: Evidence-based Trauma Therapy for Child Sexual Abuse Survivors and Families**

**The Kids Trust 2022 Grantee Recipient of \$11,000**

**Total number of individuals served: 54**

#### **Project and Community Need:**

Child survivors of Sexual Violence face the long-time impacts of trauma, which can affect their academic performance, future relationships, behavior, and mental and physical health for years to come. Through the support of TFEC Kids Trust, SARCC

used funding to provide no-cost access to trauma therapy services provided by licensed mental health therapists. SARCC's Trauma Therapists offered two evidence-based treatment interventions to child sexual abuse survivors and their families, including Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Treatment (EMDR) and Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). Both of these interventions have been shown through clinical trials to mitigate the long-term impacts of sexual trauma. Child survivors and their families were able to achieve measuring positive change in their overall PTSD screening scores at the conclusion of services.

#### **Success:**

One success story we would like to share is an aggregate composite related to common experiences with teen clients who come in for services following a history of significant abuse. We see many teen clients during the year, and often they begin services following a disclosure of a recent sexual assault. Upon starting work with us and on their healing, their understanding of trauma, victimization, and impact grows. As they build trust, they begin to disclose histories of past sexual abuse victimizations. Many times, these teens will struggle with school, housing, family ties, and romantic relationships. Trauma assessment screening scores tend to be between 80 and 100 on a 125-point scale. We help them to regulate, build coping skills, get school accommodations, and find safe housing. By the time they complete services, their trauma assessment scores tend to fall to the 1-30 point range (nonclinical).

### **New Hope Ministries**

**Harold M. Greaney Trust 2022 Grantee Recipient of \$2,000**

**Project Title: Human Services for Enola & Marysville Residents in Need**

**Total number of individuals served: 6**

#### **Project and Community Need:**

Our services cater to low to moderate-income individuals and families, including single parents, seniors in poverty, and the working poor, who are often referred to as the ALICE population (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed). Our guests are likely to be housing insecure or near-homeless and lack basic necessities such as food, utilities, and medical care. The people we serve may not qualify for public services but may find it difficult to handle unexpected events such as illness, car repair, divorce, or job loss without risking financial disaster or homelessness. This project focused on our Enola Center located at 110 Altoona Avenue in Enola, Pa. More specifically, we are going to highlight the Marysville (Perry County) residents we served with this grant.

We also offer help with housing, including rental aid, hotel vouchers, and referrals to shelters. Additionally, we provide assistance in locating, obtaining, and sustaining permanent housing.

#### **Success:**

New Hope's Enola Center had many success stories from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. One, in particular, we would like to highlight is our transportation program. We were able to gift a car to a guest of our Enola Center. This guest is a disabled single mom who fled her ex-husband because of domestic abuse. The ability to have a vehicle has been unbelievably helpful, especially since both of her children are also disabled. Access to affordable and reliable transportation allows people with disabilities important opportunities to go to school, work, take care of their health, live where they desire, and participate in all aspects of community life. We continue to support her family and we are helping them get back to a sustainable life.

# FISCAL SPONSORSHIP CORNER

## MAKING AN IMPACT ~ TOGETHER

TFEC provides numerous programs and services to the community. One of these services is our Fiscal Sponsor Program. Fiscal sponsorship gives TFEC the ability to extend its nonprofit status to Projects so they operate under TFEC's 501(c)(3), raise tax-deductible contributions and use those funds to achieve their mission. Currently, TFEC proudly supports 68 Projects that are making a measurable difference in people's lives. In 2022, these Projects raised \$1,599,314.41 for community programming that focuses on four different areas of focus listed below.

To learn more and/or support TFEC's Community Projects visit [our website](#) or contact Debbie Garrison, Philanthropic Officer, at [dgarrison@tfec.org](mailto:dgarrison@tfec.org).

### AREAS OF FOCUS

- Community Development
- Health & Human Enrichment
- Arts & Culture
- Education

## IN 2022

## 68 PROJECTS RAISED

## \$1,599,314

## FOR THE COMMUNITY

Since 1949, the mission of the Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania is to recognize and honor outstanding women for their extraordinary service and contributions to the Commonwealth. For more than 70 years, the Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania organization has identified, and recommended to the Governor women who have demonstrated excellence in their profession and in their service to our communities. Since 1949, those women honored as Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania have been coming together to raise awareness and honor the achievements of women making positive change for the people of Pennsylvania and beyond.

### Project Spotlight

#### Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania

TFEC Project for 11 Years

Annually recognize Distinguished Daughters who have made an impact for our communities, commonwealth, and the nation.

### Project Spotlight

#### Upstream's Pillars with Purpose

TFEC Project since 2019

Benefits the Pillars with Purpose Funds.

Upstream's Pillars with Purpose Project is a project fund that benefits the Pillars with Purpose Funds (family and children welfare, cancer research & patient care, military personnel & family care, emergent needs, faith-based initiative, domestic/international missions & charitable giving) resulting in release of the burdens of the poor and distressed or of the underprivileged.

Our Project has given us the ability to do wide scale fundraisers and help many individuals across the country and around the world.

# THE FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

Planning is underway for the largest fundraising event for The Fund for Women and Girls (FWG). Join us on Friday, October 20 at the West Shore Country Club beginning at 11:30 am for Power of the Purse! To kick off our program, you will have the opportunity to network with engaged, and like-minded individuals across all levels of industries committed to making a difference. Make connections while supporting FWG by bidding in our purse silent auction.

Then you will sit down for a delicious, seated lunch followed by our official program where you will hear more about the mission of FWG and we will present our Women in Philanthropy Awards winners. Interested in purchasing a ticket? Please visit [www.tfec.org/pop](http://www.tfec.org/pop) for more information. Do you want to make a purse donation? Contact [programs@tfec.org](mailto:programs@tfec.org).

## Women in Philanthropy Awards

Each year, FWG honors local philanthropists through two awards — the Rising Philanthropists Award and the Karen F. Snider Women in Philanthropy Award. These awards celebrate individuals who are making an impact on our community supporting women and girls. To learn more or to nominate your community hero, visit [www.tfec.org/wip](http://www.tfec.org/wip).

[NOMINATE  
HERE](#)

## POWER OF THE PURSE

**DATE:** Friday, October 20, 2023  
**TIME:** 11:30am-2:00 pm  
**PLACE:** West Shore Country Club

Visit the [tfec.org/pop](http://tfec.org/pop)  
for more details

**REGISTER  
NOW**

# EMERGING PHILANTHROPISTS PROGRAM (EPP)

## ANNOUNCES GRANT CRITERIA

EPP has been seeking grant proposals from nonprofit organizations providing health and human services programs focused on food security in Franklin, Lebanon, Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, and Northern York Counties. The grant application deadline was August 1 and seven applications were received. The EPP program participants will begin reviewing applications and narrowing down nonprofit organizations. Please note that select applicants will be asked to complete an interview and/or a site visit with participants of the EPP program as part of the grant review process.

## HARRISBURG HOOPLA RAISES MORE THAN \$11,000 FOR LOCAL NONPROFITS

EPP hosted the 5th Annual Harrisburg Hoopla in June and raised \$11,819.93 for local nonprofits. This full-day event on Harrisburg's City Island brought 127 young philanthropists together to relive their middle school field days by competing in events like volleyball, dizzy bat, puzzle games, and more, for charity.

Each of the 16 teams that competed represented a local charity of their choice. This year there was a tie for both first and second place. The top four teams will be donating part of the event proceeds to their selected charity as follows:

- Diamond Dogs | EPP Fund: \$2,954.98
- The Nice Guys | Domestic Violence of Cumberland and Perry Counties: \$2,954.98
- Big Brainiacs | Alzheimer's Association: \$590.99
- Kick It and Quit It Better | Harrisburg Area YMCA: \$590.99

The remaining \$4,727.99 is invested in the EPP Fund which is overseen by a committee made up of EPP class alumni. This committee leads an annual competitive grantmaking program for local nonprofit organizations.

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# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE

## TFEC ASPIRE TO RISE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The TFEC Aspire to Rise Scholarship provides financial assistance for non-traditional students who have experienced adversity in their lives but are looking to overcome those struggles through further education.

The TFEC Aspire to Rise Scholarship specifically supports individuals who are 22 years of age or older, planning to attend a four-year college or university, a two-year trade or technical school, or an associates or certificate program on a full-time or part-time basis. Extra consideration is given to applicants who have not completed a post-secondary degree. This scholarship also supports students who plan to register or are scheduled to take the GED.

## TFEC STUDENT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

The TFEC Student Emergency Assistance Fund will provide financial support to meet the emergency needs of students in situations that may prevent them from persisting in their post-secondary program. The fund will make grants to individuals up to \$500 per application. Students may re-apply for funding up to a maximum of \$1,500 in total.

## GROVE FAMILY FUND #1 (DUAL ENROLLMENT H.S. STUDENTS AT HACC)

The Grove Family Scholarship Fund supports students who wish to attend HACC to take college-level courses while still in high school or are attending college in the classroom at their high school.

## GEORGE AND MARY JANE LEADER SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIORS & SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL (DUAL ENROLLMENT H.S. STUDENTS AT HACC)

This fund was established after the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Leader with the intent to support and motivate youth from the City of Harrisburg to attend Harrisburg Area Community College and succeed in college-level work. The George M. and Mary Jane Leader Scholarship was established specifically to support students from the Harrisburg School District attending John Harris High School, Sci-Tech High School, The Cougar Academy, and The Harrisburg Virtual Learning Academy attending HACC to take college-level courses.

## LEADER LPN

Governor George Leader was born in York County in 1918. His term as Governor of Pennsylvania in the 1950's was the highlight of his life. He was a champion for those with disabilities as well as education and worked hard to bring about positive change in both areas. Mr. Leader was a man of convictions and was not always right, but when he believed in something he fought to the end to achieve his objective.

He started his Leader Nursing Centers in 1962 to provide a better option for senior health care in Pennsylvania. His interest in nursing began with this venture. Mr. Leader was very interested in providing education for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's) and employed many of them in his nursing homes. This scholarship is for a legal resident of Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, or York County who has been accepted into HACC's LPN program.

## VINCENT J. LOCHETTO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Vincent J. Lochetto Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Vincent's parents Fred & Lori after he passed away in September 2018. Through this scholarship, Vincent's parents would like to assist a family in sending their child to Bishop McDevitt High School. They are very grateful for the education, friendships, and memories that Vincent had there. Sports always played an enormous role in Vincent's life. In grade school, he played baseball, basketball, football, and ran track. At McDevitt, he played football. That passion continued through college where he played for four years as a Delaware Valley Aggie. Bishop McDevitt High School will always hold a special place in their hearts.

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# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THANK YOU

Every year, TFEC scholarship winners write thank you notes to fund holders of the scholarships they were awarded. Below are two thank you notes sent to fund holders in 2023.

## YOHANIS TADESSE

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND

I am writing to thank you for your generous \$10,000 from the Foundation for Enhancing Communities scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school - learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely,

Yohanis Tadesse



## MORGAN NELLING

### MERCER VU FARMS/ RON AND JUDY HISSONG SCHOLARSHIP FOR AGRICULTURE FUND & ELY WAIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I am very overjoyed to be receiving these scholarships. I would like to express my deepest gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarships. It is an honor to be chosen among many qualified applicants, and I am truly grateful for your generosity and support.

As a student, pursuing higher education can be financially challenging, and your scholarships have greatly eased my financial burden. With these scholarships, I can focus on my studies and pursue my academic and career goals without the added stress of financial worries. Furthermore, your scholarships have given me the motivation and confidence to continue striving for academic excellence. Thank you for believing in me and investing in my future.

Sincerely,

Morgan J Nelling



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