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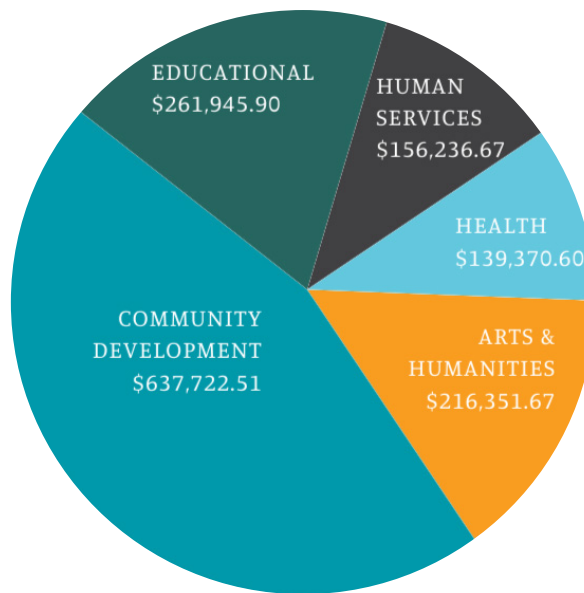
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RESTRICTED GRANTS: MORE THAN \$1.4 MILLION INVESTED INTO THE COMMUNITY



The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' (TFEC) restricted grants are those grants awarded to a nonprofit organization that were designated in a restricted fund. Restricted funds are set up by our donors who can designate one or several nonprofit organizations as permanent grant recipients.

Thirty-three organizations were granted more than \$10,000 like Bethesda Mission of Harrisburg, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Domestic Violence

Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties, Harrisburg Symphony Association, and more.

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INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MESSAGE FROM ROBERT E. CAPLAN - CHAIR

In the second quarter the S&P 500 stock index posted a gain of 4.3% while the average stock in the index posted a loss of 2.6%. This was also true around the world, the MSCI ACWI Index (All Country World Index) was up 2.4% while average stock in the global benchmark was down -1.7% in the second quarter. This phenomenon is very rare, only having happened five times in the past 30 years. This divergence is fueled by mega-cap Artificial Intelligence (AI) stocks, such as Nvidia and Microsoft. Without exposure to those AI highflyers, it's possible that investors may have lost money during Q2.



[Please click here to view the full Investment Report for the Second Quarter 2024 Market Overview.](#)

REGIONAL UPDATES

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (FCCF)

FCCF Announces More Than \$70,000 in Grant Awards to Area Nonprofits

The Franklin County Community Foundation (FCCF) announced that \$71,180 in grant funds have been awarded to 20 Franklin County area nonprofit organizations through competitive grant opportunities. Awarded projects will commence between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025.

After careful review of numerous grant application submissions, the following were awarded funding for the 2024 — 2025 fiscal year:

- Alexander Hamilton Memorial Free Library — Summer Reading Program 2025
- Boys and Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg — Empower Youth Mental Health and SMART Moves
- Chambersburg Ballet Guild — 25th Anniversary of the Chambersburg Ballet — New Production of Cinderella with Free Community Performance
- Children's Aid Society — Self Pay for Clients at the Frances Leiter Center
- Conococheague Institute for the Study of Cultural Heritage — Animal Husbandry on the Frontier
- Council for the Arts — Free Arts Education Program
- Cumberland Valley Breast Care Alliance — Lymphatic Massage Therapy Sessions for Breast Cancer Patients
- Diaper Depot Central — Diaper Depot at Central (DD@C)
- Fannett-Metal Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Company — Hand Tools
- Franklin County Historical Society — Kittochtinny — Immersive Histories: Audio Tours and Guest Speaker
- Franklin County Legal Services — Meeting Basic Needs Through Legal Services
- Friend of Fannett-Metal Athletics — Concession Stand Rehabilitation
- Leah's Legacy Foundation — Hub Resource Center (LifeSkill Workshops)
- Lincoln Intermediate Unit No. 12 — Strengthening Adult Literacy and English Language Learning in Franklin County
- PA Lyme Resource Network — Dare 2B Tick Aware — Franklin County
- Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation — Mobile Ag Lab Provides Agriculture Education to Franklin County Students
- Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research — SPARC: Mobile STEM Education Program for K-12 Students in Franklin County
- South Central Community Action Programs — The Gleaning Project — Franklin County
- Waynesboro Community & Human Services — Community Health Nurse Program
- Wilson College — Wilson College JEDI Speaker Series: Amplifying Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



FCCF held their Grantee Reception on September 5 at Wilson College to recognize the 2024 Franklin County Community Foundation grantees.

[View photos from the event by clicking here!](#)

Pictured left are FCCF's 2024 Grantees.

[Please visit the Franklin County Community Foundation to find out more about our work "Give Where You Live."](#)

2023 Grantee Impact - Diaper Depot at Central

In 2023, FCCF was proud to award Diaper Depot at Central a grant for \$3,000. Diaper Depot at Central distributes disposable diapers, free of charge, to help the most vulnerable in the Franklin County area. Any family with babies or toddlers in diapers is welcome to attend. Each family is able to register up to three children and can receive fifty diapers or fifteen training pants per child each month.



Diaper Depot at Central has been distributing diapers to Franklin County families since 2015 and has served over 2,184 families. Along with diapers, the organization provides other services. A supply of adult briefs is on hand for distribution to those adults in need. A hot pancake and sausage breakfast is served. Fresh in-season fruits and vegetables are made available, courtesy of the Gleaning Project of Franklin County, a branch of South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP). Each family may receive one dozen free-range eggs thanks to Pete and Gerry's in Greencastle. Keystone Community Outreach provides health information.

"Diaper Depot helps the community by providing daily necessities for families, but it also brings a diverse community together. The families and volunteers alike can see that while we may speak different languages or come from various cultural backgrounds, everyone has the same needs, likes, and enjoy interacting with each other." Elijah Metzger, Chambersburg Area Senior High School Student Volunteer, JROTC Chief Petty Officer

MECHANICSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (MACF)

MACF Announces More Than \$65,000 in Grant Awards to Area Nonprofits

The Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation (MACF) announced that \$67,702 in grant funds have been awarded to 12 Mechanicsburg area nonprofit organizations through competitive grant opportunities. Awarded projects will commence between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025.

After careful review of numerous grant application submissions, the following were awarded funding for the 2024—2025 fiscal year:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, Inc. — 2024-2025 School-based Youth Mentoring in the 17050/17055 Community
- Blue Mountain Escape, Inc.- Workforce Development and Emergency Basic Needs for Women's Reentry
- Cumberland County Library System Foundation — School Readiness and Enhancement programs
- Girls on the Run Mid State PA — Girls on the Run Mid State PA: Supporting Holistic Health Outcomes for Girls
- Homeland Hospice — In-Home Relief
- Junior Achievement of South Central PA — Junior Achievement Programs for Mechanicsburg Area Schools 2024-25
- Keystone Concert Band — Concerts for Seniors
- Mission Central — Project Meet the Need

- New Hope Ministries, Inc.—Supporting Economically Disadvantaged Residents of Mechanicsburg
- PennCares — Education, Mental Health, and the Elderly
- Pennsylvania Society for Biomedical Research — SPARC: Mobile STEM Education Program for K-12 Students in Mechanicsburg
- YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County — Crisis services for survivors of sexual assault, rape, and human trafficking

Awarded nonprofits will receive their checks at the MACF Grantee Reception on Thursday, September 19 at Buhrig's Gathering Place. More information on this event can be found at <https://www.tfec.org/macfgrant/>. To learn more about each of MACF's grantees, visit www.tfec.org/macf.

[Please visit the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation to find out more about our work "Give Where You Live."](#)

PERRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (PCCF)

2023 Grantee Impact - Perry County Council of the Arts

In 2023, PCCF awarded the Perry County Council of the Arts a grant for \$1,750. Perry County Council on the Arts connects the rural community of Perry County through the arts. This grant supported PerryLive! Summer concert series hosted by Little Buffalo State Park.

The Perry County Council of the Arts' PerryLive! Summer concert series hosted by Little Buffalo State Park during summer 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.



"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," said James & Robin E Wheeler, Wheel of Light Studio, LLC.

**THE FOUNDATION
FOR ENHANCING
COMMUNITIES**

Get to Know the CEO

Join us for a warm and engaging "drop-in" event to meet Jennifer J. Doyle, the new President and CEO of TFEC

Wednesday, Sept. 18, Dauphin County
 Wednesday, Oct. 9, Perry County
 Wednesday, Oct. 30, Franklin County
 Wednesday, Nov. 13, Mechanicsburg Area

www.tfec.org/meet-the-president

EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

THE BASICS MOVEMENT

Grantee Phase 1, Year 1 Report

After a year of instilling the Basics Principles into their communities, the inaugural grantees in Cumberland and Lebanon Counties are thriving with the promotion of their BASICS opportunities. The youth, from birth to age 5, along with their families are fully exploring and embedding themselves into the Basics Principles.

The United Way of Carlisle and Cumberland County, through their Success by 6 initiative, has plunged into the Basics Learning Network with full commitment and application. Their overarching promotions through the Children Thrive with the Basics 5 mantra has helped easily promote its mission. The committee collaborated with local artists to depict the five Basics Principles through a variety of artistic media. Paintings, fiber works, collages, and more were submitted. Since art is seen as a communication tool that effectively reaches people in different ways, they hired five individual artists to help tell their story about school readiness through the Basics. Large-scale photographs of the original art pieces were then placed in the Carlisle Family YMCA for further market saturation. The response was so positive and effective that the art was placed on postcards to continue circulation throughout the community.



Children Thrive with the Basics 5 did not stop their efforts there. They randomly placed yard signs with the numerals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 throughout the community. No added information was given. They waited for conversation and a buzz to occur. Slowly, they added visuals and more text. They revealed the meaning of the numbers and the concepts of the 5 principles at the Annual Halloween Parade where staff dressed as the 5 Basic Principles: 1). Maximize Love, Manage Stress, 2). Talk, Sing, and Point, 3). Count, Group, and Compare, 4). Explore through Movement and Play, 5). Read and Discuss Stories. As the staff walked the parade route, they heard bystanders acknowledging the yard sign preview and now connecting the dots to their important meaning.

As winter approached, they continued the yard sign hype and promoted the Basics Principles at the community Ice Fest. Children and their families were encouraged to find the 5 Basic Principles and share selfies with their examples. The community took to the assignment of applying the principles and showed just how easily they can be applied to their daily routines.

The popular annual Buck a Book Celebration continued enhancing the effectiveness of The Basics as families shared appropriate book selections as well as a "Who's the youngest Child's Reading Team". Families showed how shared reading can occur at any age, starting at birth!



Lebanon Family Health Services embraced the Basics Learning Network to help build the foundation of the Basics Principles in their community. Coloring pages were distributed for a fast, kid-friendly saturation at community events including IU13 Programs, Lebanon County Libraries, the Christian Ministries and daycares. LFHS has partnered with Penn State Health Car Safety Seat Program to assist in the distribution of fact sheets.

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TFEC SUPPORTS THE PLEASE LIVE FOUNDATION, TO CONTINUE AND AMPLIFY ITS EFFORTS IN SUICIDE PREVENTION



TFEC is thrilled to support The Please Live Foundation, as a Fund of TFEC, to continue and amplify its efforts in suicide prevention.

What's the Impact? The Please Live Competitive Grant is designed to provide essential funding to organizations dedicated to tackling suicide prevention across the state.

Why It Matters? By joining forces, TFEC and Please Live are not just supporting individual organizations—we're fueling a powerful network of change-makers focused on saving lives and promoting mental health.

Calling All Nonprofits! If your organization is working on suicide prevention, keep an eye out for the Please Live Grant application!

This is your chance to get the support you need to make a lasting impact.

"As an in-person, event-based, education nonprofit, we struggled greatly in the aftermath of COVID-19. Everything we had done in years prior had changed. The entire atmosphere of our target audience had changed. We knew we weren't alone, though. For years we've worked alongside TFEC as a grantee and through TFEC we saw an opportunity for us to rework our vision, refocus our drive, and continue to impact lives," said Please Live Executive Director Alexa Moody. "We are so thankful that through TFEC we can continue to see Please Live make a difference in the lives of others by funding mental health and suicide prevention efforts in Pennsylvania. We're thrilled to officially be part of the TFEC family! Nonprofits, keep an eye out for opportunities to apply to the new Please Live grant!"

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.

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.

WILL A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST HELP SECURE YOUR LEGACY?



A charitable remainder trust (CRT) allows you to pursue your philanthropic goals while generating income. It is a type of trust that allows you to donate assets to charity while also drawing annual income from it for yourself or a beneficiary.

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) manages and serves as the trustee for 59 charitable trusts valued at \$12,198,174 as of 5/31/2024. These trusts include CRTs and charitable remainder annuity trusts. Legal agreements transfer the assets irrevocably to the trust and TFEC then administers the trust. TFEC sends the beneficiaries of each trust income on a quarterly basis for the rest of their lives. Income that is annually paid out of a

trust is taxable to the beneficiary. At years end TFEC prepares the tax return for the trust and sends each beneficiary a document which they can use when preparing their individual taxes. A donor may establish these legacy gifts in order to increase the impact of their charitable gifts, receive a lifetime income and/or qualify for income, gift and estate tax benefits. Charitable trusts have a minimum \$50,000 contribution requirement.

Benefits of a CRT

Setting up a CRT can help you in the following ways:

- Plan major donations to charities you support.
- Provide a predictable income for life or over a specific time period.
- Allows you to defer income taxes on the sale of assets transferred to the trust.
- May allow you a partial charitable deduction based on the value of the charitable interest in the trust.*
- Looking at what kinds of assets are suitable for CRTs, the trust can invest in the same asset categories that can be used to fund it. What that means is that, with a few limitations, you can invest in all kinds of stock, cryptocurrency, real estate, alternative assets and tangible personal property.

"CRTs are a valuable tool for charitable-minded individuals, and should be considered while designing a tax efficient financial plan," said Alex Langan, Chief Investment Officer, Langan Financial Group.

Gift of Real Estate Example

Let's further explore an example of real estate to explain how these assets are managed and distributed in a CRT.

Imagine you bought a tract of land 10 years ago for \$200,000 and now you could sell it for \$2 million because of the market. Instead of simply selling the land, you can secure an income stream for the rest of your life, in addition to satisfying your charitable goals and capitalizing on the property's high value.

For example, in our hypothetical situation, you could establish the CRT and resultant fund at TFEC to receive the CRT's assets following the termination of the income stream, in this case, upon your or your beneficiary's death. Your fund at TFEC can provide for distribution of those assets to hospice, animal rescue or the art museum according to your charitable goals and wishes.

Because the charitable remainder trust qualifies as a charitable entity under the Internal Revenue Code, here's what happens from a tax perspective:

- When you transfer the property to the CRT at a fair market value of \$2 million with a cost basis of \$200,000, and then the CRT sells the property, the CRT itself does not pay tax on the \$1.8 million capital gain.

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GRANT SEEKERS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**FIVE GRANTS OPEN ON
NOVEMBER 1, 2024
DEADLINE: FEB. 1, 2025
VISIT: [TFEC.ORG/GRANTS](https://tfec.org/grants)**

November 1, 2024
Application Available

February 1, 2025
Application Deadline

June 1, 2025
Applicants Notified

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
Time period during which proposed
projects must occur

2023 GRANTEE SUCCESS STORIES

A LOOK BACK ON THE IMPACT OF TFEC'S GRANTS



Samara

Project Title: Therapeutic Family Support Group
The Kids Trust 2023 Grantee Recipient of \$15,000

Project and Community Need:

Our work at Samara is designed for families and children in South Central Pennsylvania facing challenging life circumstances. These life experiences are compounded if and when a child is part of a cycle of intergenerational abuse, neglect or poverty. Further, as parents increasingly face obstacles in financial stability and access to resources (ie. food, shelter, childcare, etc), it directly impacts their children's abilities to thrive through play and socialization. At Samara, we host numerous programs supporting historically under served families. We are a contracted agency site with Dauphin County Children & Youth Services. Families are engaged in one or more of our programs including the Samara Intensive Parenting Program (SIPP), Samara Family Program (SFP) and Healthy Families America (HFA). In SIPP we have a Children's Program running while parents participate in a relational experiential intensive parenting program, facilitated by two professions in a group setting. Our most recently added program, Therapeutic Family Support Group, has been developed to specifically address the needs of families who are receiving in-home visitation. The program provides group and community support to families who are otherwise isolated and struggling with issues of family dysfunction and poverty. The program is facilitated by masters level social workers, occupational therapists, counselors, and educators. In addition, Samara is working with the University of Pennsylvania who is researching our model with the goal of obtaining an evidence based designation. Through our support group we are increasing a families' sense of support and social capital in the community. We have found increased success with our families who attend our Therapeutic Family Support Group. As their stress decreases, they begin to have hope and problem solve more independently. They begin to create connections, a robust sense of confidence, and increased engagement throughout all aspects of their life. Our intention is that the support group plays an integral part in preventing further abuse/neglect and to prevent families from reentering the child welfare system.

Success:

Even amidst challenges, successes were abundant. Coming out of COVID, it has been clear that isolation plagues many individuals, especially parents. Through this support group, parents got to build connections with other individuals in similar situations as them. Many of them shared their struggles of their childhoods or the frustrations of parenting. Some even exchanged numbers and met outside of the designated group time. Many parents came into the group feeling like they were the only ones experiencing challenging circumstances but left feeling a sense of camaraderie and encouragement from other parents. This in turn, lowers parental stress and helps parents become more regulated and thus increase their capacity for empathy and patience with their own children. Additionally, we saw an increase in more positive interactions between parent and child, the longer they attended. Staff maintained a calm and nurturing environment and often modeled parenting strategies with the children. Parents were then able to implement strategies they were seeing firsthand working with their children. This is also increased positive talk surrounding the parent-child relationship by the parents. Ultimately, this therapeutic support group was successful in fulfilling its goal of lessening parental stress and increasing parents and children's capacity for regulation and resiliency.



Perry County Literacy Center

Harold M. Greaney Trust 2023 Grantee Recipient of \$2,500

Project Title: Perry County Literacy Council: Student and Client Support Services

Project and Community Need:

PCLC serves over 285 Perry County residents and their families annually. Many of PCLC's GED students and social support clients face multiple barriers to success.

These barriers include but are not limited to lacking reliable transportation, housing and food insecurities, domestic violence, substance abuse issues, mental and physical health problems, and missing legal documentation.

At PCLC, we address these barriers through our Social Support Office by providing humanitarian aid, ongoing case management, coordinating with healthcare and nonprofit agencies, and collaborating with other agencies to provide transportation and vehicle repairs.

Success:

Thanks to the Greaney Trust, grant funds were used to provide necessary student and client support services, including a month of door-to-door transportation for eight GED students, GED testing, and \$100 of hygiene, diapers, and essential non-SNAP supplies for five families.

This year, while homelessness was still a problem, no students presented with a need for storage. Therefore, we took the \$800 budgeted for storage costs and assigned it to other student supports, such as GED testing fees, additional student transportation, and identity document costs.

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

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 67 Projects that are making a measurable difference in people's lives. In 2023, these Projects raised \$1,952,950.76 for community programming that focuses on five different areas of focus listed below.

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

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Arts & Culture
- Health and Human Services
- Community Development
- Education
- Environment

IN 2023

67 PROJECTS INVESTED

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BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY

Project Spotlight

Continuing a Legacy of Compassion: The Amanda Strous Fly High 22 Foundation



The Amanda Strous Fly High 22 Foundation is a special project under The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), dedicated to honoring the legacy of Amanda Strous. This project is driven by Amanda's love for life and her commitment to helping others. As Amanda's mother, Crystal Strous, poignantly reflects, "Amanda loved life and loved helping others. Our hope is to continue that mantra. Helping is healing; we can all make a difference."

The project is dedicated to empowering young men and women to pursue careers in mental health and counseling. This focus is critical as society increasingly recognizes the importance of self-care and mental health. Crystal Strous believes that supporting these future professionals will contribute to a promising tomorrow, stating, "I believe our society is finally acknowledging and beginning to support the importance of self-care and mental health."

TFEC has been instrumental in the project's journey from its inception to its current success. Crystal Strous commends

TFEC for their exceptional support, saying, "Every question, concern, and task is always answered and processed promptly with the utmost respect and kindness." The project's association with TFEC was also influenced by their strong relationships with other local foundations, like the Mechanicsburg Wildcat Foundation, which Crystal's father helped establish. She has seen firsthand the positive impact of such foundations on their communities.

One of the standout features of TFEC is its flexibility, which Crystal Strous found crucial. “We found TFEC to be a great deal more flexible than other local foundations,” she notes. This flexibility allowed the Amanda Strous Fly High 22 Foundation to adapt and evolve, making changes and adding elements to better serve its mission without the burden of excessive paperwork. Being a TFEC project allows fundraising to occur in support of their Amanda Strous Fly High 22 Foundation Fund at TFEC.

Looking ahead, the Amanda Strous Fly High 22 Foundation is dedicated to supporting victims of domestic violence, those in need of counseling and therapy, and students pursuing higher education in mental health and counseling. They are also focusing on mental health awareness for younger audiences, including teens and children.

“Education is the key, not just in the classroom, but at home, on the field, pitch, stage, backyard, alley, and behind closed doors,” Crystal emphasizes.

The project’s new initiatives aim to create safe and supportive environments for teens, promoting positive relationships, and reducing the likelihood of harmful behavior. By addressing emotional, behavioral, and cognitive factors, they hope to foster healthier interactions among youth. Their fundraisers help make this support possible.

The Amanda Strous Fly High 22 Foundation continues to honor Amanda’s legacy by making a tangible difference in the community, inspired by her love for life and her dedication to helping others. Their next big fundraiser, Amanda’s Holiday Market, is coming in November 2025. Look out for more information soon from the project regarding a festive market with treats, homemade décor, and fashions for the holiday season.

For more information on how to support or get involved with the foundation, please [click here](#) and join their mission to spread Amanda’s legacy and make a positive impact in the world.

TFEC Proudly Sponsors LHACC’s Hispanic Heritage Festival

TFEC is proud to have been an El Sol Sponsor for the Hispanic Heritage Festival presented by the Latino Hispanic American Community Center (LHACC). TFEC Team Members gave out books, sensory activities, and spreading the word about TFEC! There were games, crafts, and fun for anybody who stopped by our tent.



Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP)

A SPECIAL INITIATIVE OF TFEC

TFEC is excited to provide an opportunity for emerging leaders in the Central PA community to become actively engaged with the power of philanthropy through the Emerging Philanthropists program (EPP). EPP seeks to engage Central PA's emerging business and community leaders with the great possibilities that lie within philanthropic endeavors in Central PA. What does it mean to be philanthropic? How do I understand the needs of our community? What can I do to make an impact? EPP provides resources and educational opportunities for Central PA's developing leaders who wish to be actively engaged in giving back to their community.

In 2025, EPP will be revamped to include built-in networking and volunteering opportunities with half-day sessions! You can make an impact on our community NOW by becoming a part of the EPP Program. Applications for EPP will open in November. Visit www.tfec.org/epp to learn more.

Join the Emerging Philanthropists Program (EPP)!



Opportunity for emerging leaders in the Central PA community to become actively engaged with the power of philanthropy through EPP

EPP ANSWERS:

- What does it mean to be philanthropic?
- How do I understand the needs of our community?
- What can I do to make an impact?

➔ WWW.TFEC.ORG/EPP

Applications open November 1!



HARRISBURG HOOPLA



Congratulations to our 2024 Harrisburg Hoopla winners!

1st Place: (Pictured) The Nice Guys awarded \$3,100.52 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region

2nd Place (tied): Enterprise Mobility awarded \$1,550.26 to Junior Achievement.

2nd Place (tied): The Anti-Heroes awarded \$1,550.26 to Harrisburg Area YMCA.

\$4,134.01 was raised for the EPP Endowment Fund as 40% of the proceeds from Harrisburg Hoopla are donated to the fund annually through this event.

The 2025 Harrisburg Hoopla event is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2025. Save the date to #CompeteForACause!

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.

Leader Scholarship Fund

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.

Vincent J. Locketto Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Vincent J. Locketto 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.

WILL A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST HELP SECURE YOUR LEGACY? CONTINUED

- This leaves the full \$2 million in the trust to be invested, subject to your retained income stream.
- You are eligible for a charitable tax deduction of the fair market value of the property given to the trust, minus the present value of the retained income stream.
- Payments to you are subject to income tax during each year of the distributions, but under more favorable terms than if you had conducted an outright sale.
- Because the CRT is an irrevocable trust, the property and its proceeds (other than what winds up in your estate from the retained income stream) are excluded from your estate for estate tax purposes.

Contrast this with an alternative scenario in which you sell the property, realize a \$1.8 million capital gain, pay tax on that gain and end up with, say, \$1.5 million (probably less!) with which to invest, give to charity and draw from for income. And, in this situation, the proceeds would be included in your estate for estate tax purposes. Ouch!

Set Up Your CRT with TFEC

You may be asking — are there any pitfalls to a CRT? Well, because CRTs are irrevocable trusts, once it is set up, the trustor has no access or control in the trust. This makes it almost impossible to change its features. As such, individuals need to be 100% sure this what they want before implementing this option. This is where TFEC and financial planners come into play, we work with you to make sure this is the right path to a tax efficient financial plan and securing your legacy.

Now that you know a little more about CRTs, ask yourself will a charitable remainder trust help secure my legacy? If the answer is yes or even if you are still unsure, contact TFEC today at 717.236.5040 or philanthropy@tfec.org.



SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOUS

Dear Harry N. and Melva A. Derickson Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting me as one of the recipients of the Derickson Scholarship Fund. It means more than I can put into words. I am so thankful and the generosity shown by the organization will not go unnoticed. I will make sure the money is put to great use at Lebanon Valley College this fall. Once again, thank you very much!

Kindly,
Dominic Beddia

Dear Cody Foundation Committee and Mrs. Yohn,

Thank you for recognizing me with the Cody Foundation Scholarship for 2024! This scholarship helps me in achieving my goal of becoming a nurse anesthetist, by reducing how much I will pay for my college education. Thanks to Derek Yohn's advice and words of wisdom, I have chosen to pursue this career. This summer I have also started working at UPMC as a nursing assistant and will be shadowing the Anesthesia team at West Shore as well as OSS Health these next several weeks. To be selected as your scholarship honoree also gives me great pride and encourages me to continue to work hard at my academic efforts and give back to our community.

Thank you for helping my dreams become reality,
Ethan Brightbill

THE FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

TFEC PREPARES FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is thrilled to announce the upcoming 25th anniversary of its special initiative, the Fund for Women & Girls (FWG). Since its inception in 2000, FWG has been a beacon of hope, providing critical support to women and girls in our community.

As TFEC approaches this milestone in 2025, we are focused on achieving a significant goal: reaching the \$1 million mark in the endowment fund.

"Reaching the \$1 million endowment goal is not just a milestone but a commitment to ensuring long-term support for women and girls in our community. This fund will provide sustainable resources for the vital work being done by nonprofits in central Pennsylvania," said Caitlin Cluck, director of community investment at TFEC.

Over the past 24 years, the Fund for Women & Girls has demonstrated the power of collective philanthropy, empowering nonprofit organizations to address pressing issues affecting women and girls. This milestone is a testament to the generosity of our community and the dedication of our volunteer committee members, whose passion and advocacy have been instrumental in raising awareness and driving change.

TFEC's Fund for Women & Girls: Making a Tangible Impact in Our Community

Since its inception, FWG has granted more than \$455,000 to nonprofit organizations, positively impacting the lives of over 17,000 women and girls in the region. In 2023 alone, FWG awarded \$60,000 to local nonprofits dedicated to addressing issues faced by women and girls.

Among the 2023 grant recipients was Bridge of Hope Harrisburg Area, which received \$5,000 for rental assistance for single mothers and their children facing homelessness. This nonprofit provides a long-term, holistic program to help these families secure and maintain safe, sustainable housing. The program offers a permanent solution to homelessness through partnerships with landlords, case management, and community volunteers.

One participant shared her experience: "I'm never the person to ask for help. I always made everything happen with just the little bit of money I had and made sure my children were well taken care of. When I found the Bridge of Hope program, it's been blessing me since. Just having people believe in you...you can do anything you put your mind to. The Bridge of Hope program is a wonderful opportunity, and I met some wonderful people who love me and my kids as if we're family."

Among the 2023 grant recipients were:

Boys and Girls Club of Central PA

\$4,000 for the SMART Girls program, enhancing self-esteem and education for girls in three age groups.

Brethren Housing Association

\$4,000 to support their Transitions Program, providing housing and services to single mothers experiencing homelessness.

Healthy Steps Diaper Bank

\$6,000 to combat diaper need and period poverty in South Central Pennsylvania.

Girls on the Run Mid State PA

\$4,000 for The Confidence Suite, a program focusing on adolescent girls' physical and mental well-being.

A complete list of grant recipients can be found on the TFEC website.

These grants underscore the FWG's commitment to empowering women and girls by ensuring their safety, meeting

their basic needs and providing opportunities to pursue their dreams.

Preparing for the Future

As TFEC approaches the 25th anniversary of FWG, it is planning to streamline its volunteer and committee structure to continue advancing its mission with renewed focus, with the grant-making committee remaining the only active FWG committee. This will ensure continued community impact through the annual grant program. We will celebrate the final Power of the Purse event in 2024, and in 2025, TFEC will move to a single special event to celebrate the Fund's mission and impact on the community.

TFEC extends heartfelt thanks to every volunteer committee member who has contributed their time, passion and advocacy over the past 24 years. Your steadfast commitment has been instrumental in raising awareness of the needs of women and girls in our community and driving meaningful change.

Moving forward, TFEC will continue to encourage community members to join the Dream Team at various giving levels, helping to sustain and expand its impact. We are excited to explore new and engaging ways to support and connect with women and girls in our region, ensuring that the Fund's remarkable work continues to flourish.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have such passionate advocates for women and girls in our community, and we look forward to carrying this mission forward together," said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO at TFEC.

The \$1 Million Goal

To meet the Fund's \$1 million endowment goal, TFEC aims to raise \$300,000 by December 31, 2025. Achieving this target will ensure a sustainable annual grant fund of \$50,000—\$60,000 to support nonprofits dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls.

"We are thrilled to invite the community to join us in celebrating the incredible impact of FWG. Events like the Power of the Purse showcase how collective philanthropy can drive real change, and we look forward to continuing this legacy with the support of our passionate advocates," said Doyle.

We invite the community to join us in this mission by attending our signature event, Power of the Purse, on Oct. 18 at Hershey Lodge. Together, we can continue to make a profound difference in the lives of women and girls in our community.

For more information about TFEC and its initiatives, please visit TFEC's website.



Power of the Purse

October 18, 2024 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Hershey Lodge

Support the Fund for Women & Girls by attending our luncheon for networking, a silent purse auction, and our Women in Philanthropy Awards.

All proceeds from this event go directly to the FWG Endowment Fund to continue to make grants for years to come.

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW AT WWW.TFEC.ORG/POP



They utilized their highly trafficked Mobile Trauma Therapy Vans to advertise the Basics. Impressive sandwich-shop placards prominently displayed the Basics Principles with easy ideas and practical approaches for families.

Social Media blasts and continual advertisements of the Basics were a commitment throughout the initial phase of implementation. LFHS created adorable onesies to be issued to new moms through their health networks. The onesie was accompanied with tip sheets that highlighted helpful suggestions for a new parent to immediately start the Basics. "I'M BASICALLY AWESOME" adorned each onesie and was an effective reminder of the easy-to-apply program for their newborn. Additionally, LFHS partnered with Mentor a Mother to assist in the implementation of The Basics Principles.



The major platform LFHS created to promote the Basics was a walking trail. With assistance and partnership of Parks and Recreation as well as Lebanon Valley College an immersive 3-D experience was created. Young children can now walk the park trail to embrace each of the 5 Basic Principles. To easily love, sing, count, play, and read within the park setting is a clever approach to bring the Basics to families with children from birth to age 5. The team has committed to update the opportunities at the trail to continue engagement. To note, they have witnessed kids of all ages enjoying the benefits of the foundational activities they are providing. In the words of the Maggie Progin, "Who would have known teenagers love to dig in dirt with plastic pales and shovels? It's just a reminder that we are all children at heart!"

Phase 2, Year 2, Looking Ahead

Newly Awarded Grantees include Perry County Literacy Council and the Latino Connection!

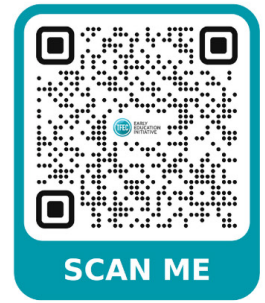
The United Way of Carlisle is anxiously exploring the feasibility of creating a Trail like the Lebanon Family Health Services, with the added partnerships through the grant funds. Additionally, they are continuing to utilize the professional canvas created by local artists and the promotions created through that campaign. Staff are brainstorming if there will be a sequel to the Halloween Parade, as well.



Lebanon Family Health, while looking for the added partnerships of the grant, are continuing the precious onesie campaign since it is "Basically Awesome" and furthering the development of the Nature Trail.

The Perry County Literacy Council aspires to create multiple Basic Trails in their parks. One will be a virtual tour, guided through a uniquely created app. The others will follow the model created in Lebanon County. Additionally, the Council continues to work on spreading the Basics Principles to the myriad of residents they support through their services.

Latino Connection in Dauphin County are exploring their options to implement the Basics in the Hispanic and Latino Communities. Area school districts and community agencies are anxious and ready to assist in the plight to help children from birth to age 5 become school ready through the Basics Learning Network.



SAVE THE DATE Virtual Early Learning Conference

March 11-15, 2025

Who?

- ▶ Educators, caregivers, healthcare providers, social work, counselors, community partners, etc.

Where?

- ▶ Virtual, self-paced, prerecorded sessions

Why?

- ▶ ACT 48 and PQAS Credits
- ▶ Expand knowledge on educational topics including behavior, mental health, STEM, arts integration, infant care, administration, trauma, cultures, The BASICS, and more...



Learn more at www.tfec.org/earlyed-conference

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!



Wendy started with TFEC in July of 2024 as a Program Officer for Educational Opportunities. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Rehabilitative Science from Clarion University and a Master's of Education degree in School Counseling from Shippensburg University.

Wendy has spent her professional career in the helping services and is beyond thrilled to be a team member at TFEC. She will now have the best of both worlds and is really excited about still being able to work with students while assisting within the community/events.



Michelle was hired as the Early Education Advocate in July 2024. She comes to TFEC with over 25 years of experience in education. Preschool, elementary, and resource teacher were all assigned positions within her formal classroom years. Prior to joining TFEC, Michelle worked with area families and youth in her private education coaching business. Michelle earned her undergrad at Thomas Jefferson University and her Education Certification through Wilson College.

She regularly supports the Ronald McDonald Charities House in Hershey, Off the Streets of Middletown, and the Homeward Bound Animal Rescue in Mechanicsburg with her time and talents. She is an active parishioner of Seven Sorrows of the BVM Church.

Michelle has lived in Central PA for over 30 years and together with her husband, Mark, raised three children. Meg, Matthew, and Marie are all collegiate grads and pursuing their individual life passions. Now that their nest is empty, she enjoys spoiling her family's rescued, four-legged boy, Beaux. Crafting, reading, traveling and spending time at "the lake" with family are what she enjoys most in her spare time

Be a Part of Positive Change

**Now accepting applications for
TFEC's Board of Directors & Committees**

The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) is seeking individuals to serve on its board, committees, or Regional Foundation Advisory Committees.

For more than 100 years, TFEC has partnered with donors to invest in our communities and help create lasting legacies. TFEC manages charitable funds, assets and investments from both companies and individuals, facilitating everything from managing the business end of nonprofits to the growth and distribution of charitable dollars in our neighborhoods.

TFEC has the following opportunities:

- Audit Committee
- Board of Directors
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
- Finance & Administration Committee
- Franklin County Community Foundation (FCCF) Advisory Committee
- Governance Committee
- Grantmaking Committee
- Investment Advisory Committee
- Marketing & Communications Committee
- Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation (MACF) Advisory Committee
- Perry County Community Foundation (PCCF) Advisory Committee
- Team Resources Committee
- TFEC Properties, Inc. Real Estate Advisory Committee



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SERVICE COMMITMENT

- Regularly attend and actively participate in meetings
- Prepare to discuss the business to be addressed at each scheduled meeting
- Serve as a public advocate and ambassador for TFEC
- Stay aware of community needs and concerns
- Participate in TFEC sponsored events

HOW TO APPLY

It's simple: scan the QR code and complete the online application!

Please note: Submission of your application does not guarantee your selection for service. All applications will be reviewed by the TFEC Governance Committee and you will be contacted if you have been selected for service.

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16 YEARS**

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PROGRAM OFFICER FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES,
2 YEARS**



**BROOKE CLARK,
PHILANTHROPIC OFFICER,
2 YEARS**