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PASSION IS FOR DOERS

Being a philanthropist isn't about the stocks you own, or don't own. It's not about where you come from. It's not about what you look like. It's about passion — that's it.

And it's why we created Spark!, a contest designed to ignite your passion for bettering the world around you. Our inaugural, community-focused contest will reward one passionate doer with a \$10,000 TFEC fund and the support needed to get their philanthropic passion off the ground. See more on page 4

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TFEC will be hosting one more informational session for nonprofits that are considering establishing an agency fund with TFEC or are interested in learning more about how this fund can help you achieve your long-term goals.

TFEC is also hosting two webinars to help current agency fund holders grow their fund.

[Visit the agency webpage for more details.](#)

Prospective Agency Fund Holder

Session 2 - Tuesday, June 7, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Current Agency Fund Holder

Session 3 - Tuesday, July 26, 2022

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Session 4 - Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



Hoopla



Grantee Impact



Scholarships

INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MESSAGE FROM ROBERT E. CAPLAN - CHAIR

While we all are looking for good news wherever we can find it, the current state of affairs across the world is making the achievement of that goal challenging. However, there is some good news. We break down the current market conditions by the good, the bad, and the ugly, followed by our longer-term perspective on investing.



The Good

- Signs still point to a strong economy highlighted by a tight labor market and strong consumer balance sheets. Reopen trade, which is one where one buys stocks at attractive valuations that will benefit from an open economy, and perhaps rotate into attractively priced areas of the global stock market overall, is still evident.
- Payrolls for April came in weaker than expected, but there were positive revisions to the prior two months.
- The markets have largely priced in a significant amount of anticipated rate hikes, probably more than will actually occur.
- The unemployment rate dropped to 3.6% in April, which is nearly back to pre-pandemic levels. However, the mix among the sectors has changed. Despite continued gains in the Leisure/Hospitality sector, it is still significantly below its level in Feb 2020. There is continued improvement, though, in the labor force participation rate within this sector.
- The best performing sector in April was Consumer Staples (+2.6%).

The Bad

- Inflation continues to negatively impact consumers and producers. Market participants are looking for the peak to be reached in the next month or so as Fed rate hikes begin to be felt throughout the economy.
- The Federal Reserve is met recently and is expected to raise rates at least 50 basis points.
- A little over 55% of S&P 500 companies have reported Q1 results so far. Big earnings themes have revolved around economic normalization, continued supply chain and input price pressures, pricing power, improved labor supply, lagging tech results, and soft guidance and revision ratios. The Foreign Exchange, COVID lockdowns in China, and geopolitical tensions are the largest drags on earnings.
- As earnings season progresses, it is becoming evident that corporate profit margins are coming under pressure. The key to earnings growth in 2022 will be how companies preserve profitability in light of rising input costs and wages.

The Ugly

- The war in Ukraine and the lockdowns in China continue to weigh heavily from a humanitarian perspective as well as disrupting supply chains.
- S&P 500 is close to its 52-week low of 4,056 recorded on May 12, 2021.
- Volatility, as measured by the CBOE Volatility Index ("the VIX"), spiked in April, going from 23 to 33 as the month wore on. The VIX is a popular measure of expected volatility over the coming 30 days, and when it increases, it is an indication of rapid and significant price fluctuations on the S&P 500 and is associated with investor fears. As we discussed in our last quarterly webinar, relatively normal readings on this measure reside in the mid-to-high teens, but have moved into the high twenties and broke thirty several times this year as markets recalibrate to changing Fed policy and the impact of geopolitical events.
- The first look at the Q1 2022 GDP disappointed, down 1.4% versus expectations that it would be around 1%. This is the first decline in two years and is the result of reduced spending by the Government sector and a decline in exports of goods, despite stronger numbers for consumer spending on services. The first quarter 2022 GDP number will be revised in May, and again in June, as more data becomes available.
- Stocks in April
 - S&P 500 (large cap): -8.72%
 - NASDAQ (technology): -13.24%
 - Russell 2000 (small cap): -9.91%
 - MSCI EAFE (international): -6.38%
- The worst performing sectors in April were Communication Services (-15.6%), Consumer Discretionary (-13.0%), and Technology (-11.3%).

All That Being Said

TFEC remains confident that its diverse, balanced index approach will persevere as it has for decades during all types of economic environments. Please feel free to contact the investment committee if you have any questions regarding our approach or the markets.

Stay well,

Bob

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

3/31/22 RETURNS ARE YTD & 1-2-3-5-10-15-18-20-26 ARE AS OF 12/31

Year	100% Equity (Model E)	70% Equity & 30% Fixed (Mode A)	Year	100% Fixed (Model F)	Year	100% ESG (Model ESG)
3/31/22	-5.58%	-5.60%	3/31/21	-5.49%	3/31/21	-7.51%
1 YR.	23.60%	15.60%	1 YR.	-1.60%	1 YR.	22.90%
3 YRS.	22.10%	16.60%	3 YRS.	4.50%	2 YRS.*	20.50%
5 YRS.	15.10%	11.50%	5 YRS.	3.40%		
10 YRS.	14.40%	10.80%	10 YRS.	2.60%		
15 YRS.	9.00%	7.50%	15 YRS.	3.30%		
20 YRS.	9.30%	7.80%	18 YRS.*	3.40%		
26 YRS.*	9.60%	8.30%				* since inception

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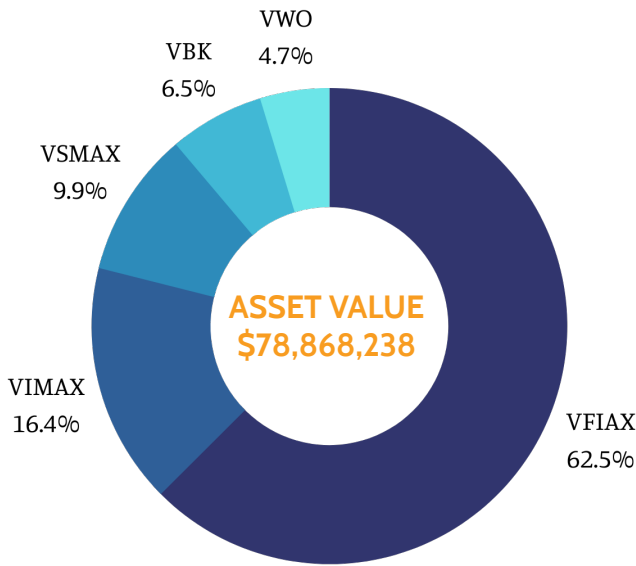
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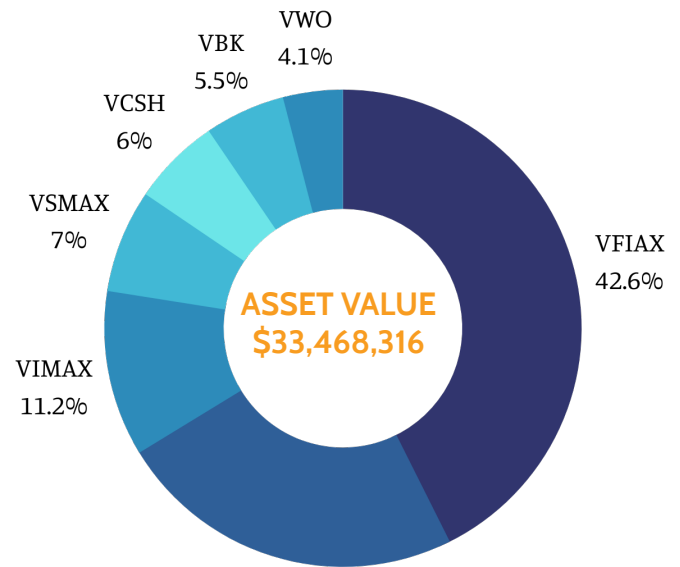
TFEC can partner with you and your valued clients to connect them to the causes they care about most and help them achieve their charitable goals.

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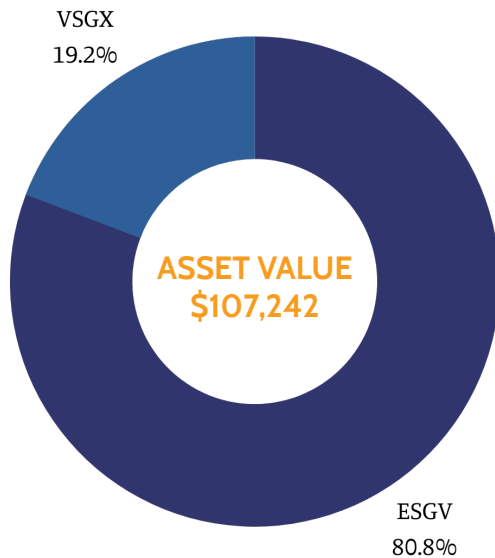
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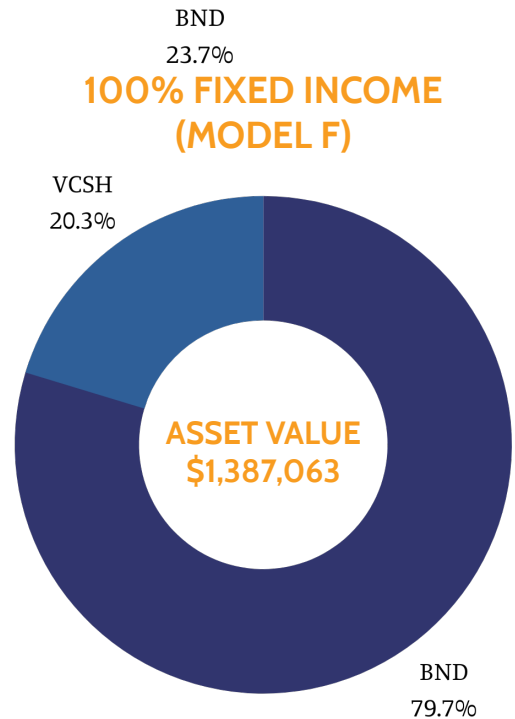
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**100% ESG
(MODEL ESG)**



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



FUND LEGEND

VANGUARD INDEX 500	VFIAX	VANGUARD SMALL-CAP GROWTH ETF	VBK
VANGUARD INDEX MID CAPITALIZATION	VIMAX	VANGUARD FTSE EMERGING MARKETS ETF	VWO
VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX	VSMAX	VANGUARD ESG U.S. STOCK ETF	ESGV
VANGURD ESG INTERNATIONAL STOCK ETF	VSGX	VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET FUND	BND
VANGUARD SHORT TERM CORPORATE BOND	VCSH		

* RETURNS ARE AS OF 3/31/22



PASSION IS FOR DOERS.

WIN A \$10,000 FUND FROM SPARK! BY TFEC

Whether you desire social justice or clean rivers, changing your community takes more than talk — it takes your passion. It takes your vision. It takes you. Spark!, by The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, is rewarding one passionate doer with a \$10,000 fund to put their philanthropic dreams into action. Will you be the one?



BY TFEC

Submit your passion project today at TFEC.org/Spark



CONTEST RULES

All residents of the United States, 21-years and older are eligible to submit and win. Entries must be submitted either online, at tfec.org/spark or dropped off/mailed to the TFEC offices 200 N. 3rd Street, 8th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101. One entry per individual. Full contest rules available at tfec.org/spark

FEATURED BOARD MEMBER

MARLENE KANUCK



Marlene Kanuck started her first year as a member of TFEC's Board of Directors in January 2022. Marlene was introduced to TFEC by board chair Carolyn Dumaresq, with whom she has been friends and colleagues with for years.

With a bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences, Marlene began her career teaching several science courses at Montour School District. She taught for 15 years, during which she implemented the state Student Assistance Program, a drug and alcohol/mental health program, in her district and the other districts in Butler County.

She moved to the PA Department of Education (PDE) in 1989, to become an SAP/safe schools, regional coordinator. Her 26-year tenure at PDE included advocating safe schools for LGBT students. In this capacity, she worked with Common Roads, a Harrisburg-based organization, to train over 600 high school personnel.

"Grantmaking, based on my previous roles with both the state and other organizations, feels like home to me. I am also very excited to learn more about the early education initiatives and the scholarship department, given my previous experience with those fields."

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT BEING INVOLVED WITH TFEC?

In 2001, Marlene was a charter Board member of the LGBT Center in Harrisburg and served for ten years. In 2015, she was honored to receive the FAB award, given to those who have made an impactful contribution to the LGBT community in South Central PA. In 2012, Marlene became the Vice President of the Central PA Womyn's Chorus and liaison to the Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus (HGMC). Presently she is serving on the Strategic Planning and Membership/Diversity committees for HGMC.

In 2014, Marlene was asked to speak by Equality PA at a rally for Marriage Equality about LGBT discrimination and in 2015 she was asked to join the Equality PA board which she served for a two-year tenure. In 2017 Marlene joined the board of Hershey Indivisible Team as Vice President. Soon after that, she presented an LGBT non-discrimination resolution to the Derry Township Supervisors, which was unanimously passed. Marlene can be found along with other LGBT community leaders in the recently published book "Out in Central Pennsylvania" (2020).

REGIONAL UPDATES

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Franklin County plans to wrap the TFEC Centennial Celebration on May 6 during an event held on First Friday was postponed due to rain. The ceremony was set feature the interment of a time capsule to commemorate what life was like in 2020 and 2021, This time capsule will be unearthed 25 years from now and we hope to illustrate the heartbeat of this community to those who stand in this very spot in the future.

Additionally, in honor of the celebration of TFEC's 100 years of service to the local community TFEC wanted to provide a gift to each of our regions in honor of their unique place in our community. TFEC will gift four Civil War Trail signs that will be on display throughout Franklin County so that our region's history can be engaged with now and for future generations.

FCCF is seeking additional advisory members. Please contact Jennifer Doyle (jdoyle@tfec.org) if you are interested.

MECHANICSBURG AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Mark your calendar for the evening of September 15, 2022. Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation's annual Grantee Reception will be held at Buhrig's Gathering Place on East Main Street in Mechanicsburg. Good people. Good purpose. Good food. Don't miss it!

Join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce and MACF to learn about Corporate Social Responsibility and Personal Giving Opportunities at the AM Strategies...for Business Success. The meeting will take place at Buhrig's Gathering Place on May 24, 2022 from 8:30—10:00 a.m. Full information and registration can be found at [Events | The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce — Mechanicsburg, PA](#)

PERRY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The residents of Perry County will be served through funds through the Perry County Community Foundation. \$58,750 was awarded to 16 local nonprofits serving children, youth, and adults in Perry County. Thank you for supporting your community and creating a space for everyone to thrive! Learn more about [PCCF grant opportunities here](#) . See our [2022 grantees](#).

You're invited to the PCCF Grantee Reception: May 19th at The Winery at Hunter's Valley, 3 Orchard Rd. Liverpool, PA 17045. Join the celebration and support the wonderful work making Perry County a great place to live. See details below.

JOIN
US

Perry County Grantee Reception

DATE: Thursday, May 19, 2022

TIME: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

PLACE: The Winery at Hunter's Valley

REGISTER AT: [Grantee Reception Registration Page](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE

TFEC EARLY EDUCATION INITIATIVE HOSTS SOCIAL EMOTIONAL TRAINING SESSION VIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

On March 14-18, 117 administrators, teachers, agencies, students and preschool providers from TFEC's five county footprint gathered together virtually to share professional development training within the realm of early education. Participants' home counties included Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, Franklin and Lebanon, along with Alleghany, Butler, Clearfield, Lawrence, Lycoming, Montgomery, Lancaster and York. Additionally, some participants viewed sessions from Maryland, Florida, and Ohio.

The most watched session of this year's conference was Classroom Supports for Social and Emotional Development and Curriculum presented by Jessica Jenkins, a Special Instructor and Behavior Specialist with Early Intervention Specialists and Alison Mellott, an Assistant Professor at Shippensburg University.

What is Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and why is it a popular topic right now? The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning defines SEL as a process in which students grow and develop their lives and relationships. SEL concepts focus on creating a healthy, safe environment within five core competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. These are all skills that are necessary to be successful in a career later on in life. SEL is about teaching students how to feel, not what to feel. It helps children to develop a perspective beyond their own, learn to see situations through the eyes of others, and to develop a shared emotional response. These are all skills that will be helpful in navigating everyday life in the future. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, many students lack these skills from no fault of their own.

In a national survey of educators administered by the EdWeek Research Center in January, 39 percent of respondents said that "compared to prior to the pandemic in 2019, the social skills and emotional maturity levels" of their current students are "much less advanced." Forty-one percent said their students' were "somewhat less advanced," and 16 percent said they were "about the same" as their pre-pandemic peers. Children were just not given the opportunity to play, problem solve, think critically, or develop independence and empathy as much as they were in the past, before the coronavirus.

Yet, it is nearly impossible to teach and learn in a crisis without recognizing one's emotions. It becomes critical for teachers to support their students by building their social and emotional skills, and educators recognize this based on the views of the SEL session. Teachers learned during the session that SEL is about educators reshaping their own behaviors and approaches to teaching. Then a change can be made to impact the entire day overall, whether in a school or center setting. It is about weaving the principles throughout the curriculum in order to help both teachers and students have a productive day. It is encouraging to see the interest from professionals on how to meet the increased needs of area students and to strengthen communities.

If you would like more information on Classroom Supports for Social and Emotional Development and Curriculum, please [click here to view the session](#).

**MEET THE
EARLY EDUCATION
TEAM**



LESLIE FICK
EARLY EDUCATION
SPECIALIST



JEANNE PREDMORE
EARLY EDUCATION
SPECIALIST

HARRISBURG HOOPLA

The Harrisburg Hoopla planning committee is off to an amazing start this year! Mark your calendars for **June 4, 2022**, for an opportunity to participate in or support the most epic adult field day event in Central PA!

Play to pay your favorite nonprofit. The more people who play, the more prize money is available for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners to direct to their favorite nonprofit organization. Gather your family, friends, volunteers, and colleagues to form a team!

Are you looking for a way to give back to the community, want to be involved in something spectacular, have innovative ideas, or planning skills. We need you! Please contact us at hbghoopla@gmail.com to learn more!

SAVE
THE
DATE

HARRISBURG HOOPLA

DATE: June 4, 2022
PLACE: City Island, Harrisburg

Visit the tfec.org/HBGHoopla for more details

THE FUND FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

We appreciate you! Over 200 generous people gathered to celebrate and encourage the 15 nonprofit organizations being supported in 2022 through the Fund for Women and Girls. Did you know this endowment fund has grown from nothing to more than \$825,000 in the past 20 years, because generous people like you have cared enough to contribute to the betterment of women and girls in our community? Thank you for supporting the amazing work taking place throughout Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry, and northern York counties!



POWER OF THE PURSE

DATE: October 2022
PLACE: TBD

Visit the tfec.org/wfpop/tickets for more details

MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR

FOUR GRANTS WILL OPEN ON JUNE 1

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPTEMBER 1

Applications Open:
June 1, 2022

Application Deadline:
September 1, 2022

GRANT
CYCLE 3

Children's Home Foundation Fund: Round 2 of 2

The mission of the Children's Home Foundation Fund, a committee advised endowment fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities, is to provide aid to economically disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. This fund was established as a result of the dissolution of a private foundation. In accordance with this mission, funding priority will be given in the following areas: human services, especially programs which address needs for food, clothing and shelter; education; cultural enrichment and the arts; funding is restricted to programs serving only disadvantaged children in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties. Multi-year funding requests will be considered, but may be granted conditioned upon investment return, confirmation of matching funds identified by the Grantee, and/or the availability of foundation funds (in the years following the initial year of funding).

[Apply here.](#)

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, educational background, 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; strengthening and/or providing health and safety programs for women and girls; and promoting the education of women and girls. 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.

[Apply here.](#)

MEET THE
COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT TEAM



CAITLIN CLUCK
PROGRAM OFFICER FOR
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT



YAMIT FRIEDMAN
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
ASSOCIATE

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. Fueled by funds directed by Franklin's last will and testament in 1789 and distributed to community foundations throughout Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2000, today 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.

[Apply Here.](#)

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 with a maximum of \$10,000 per grantee.

In 2022 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.

[Apply Here.](#)

Ongoing Opportunity

Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program:

The Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program is designed to pair access to existing small business consulting services with the financial resources for creative entrepreneurs who aspire to start their own for-profit business or who operate an existing for-profit micro business. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$2,000.

[Apply Here.](#)

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2020 GRANTEE SUCCESS STORIES

A LOOK BACK ON THE IMPACT OF TFEC'S GRANTS

Central Pennsylvania Good Bank

Perry County Community Foundation 2020 Grantee Recipient of \$3,500

Total number of children served: 445

Project and Community Need:

According to Feeding America, more than 1 in 9 Perry County children live with hunger. Hunger is more than a belly twinge between meals - it is a devastating lack of access to food. Hunger is damaging to people of all ages, but it is particularly harmful to children. Inadequate nutrition in childhood can permanently affect children's development, restricting their intellectual capacity, affecting their ability to learn, and impacting their social development. In addition, children facing food insecurity are at greater risk for anemia, asthma, oral health problems, and hospitalization. With the generous support of the Perry County Community Foundation, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank provided nutritious food and produce to children experiencing hunger in Perry County.

Success:

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's greatest success was shifting our operating model to ensure that healthy food still got to the dinner tables where it was needed. Recognizing that if a child is hungry, the family is also hungry, we focused on establishing new School Pantry partners with school districts across Perry County. These best-practice pantries are more sustainable than traditional Backpack youth hunger initiatives. They provide more food that is higher-quality, and they can provide that for whole families. Perry County Community Foundation and The Foundation for Enhancing Community's generous support provided food to kids experiencing hunger during a scary, turbulent time.

Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)

Greater Harrisburg Community Foundation: UPstream 2020 Grantee Recipient of \$5,000

Total number of adults served: 119

Project and Community Need:

CEO is an evidence-based reentry program providing comprehensive employment services to individuals recently released from incarceration. CEO's program model (a workforce readiness training, transitional employment, job coaching and development (leading to job placement), and retention services) equips participants with the skills and resources to secure and sustain employment. Our services, particularly paid transitional employment, are essential to support our participants economically through the consequences of COVID-19.

Community Need:

Critical to an individual's success upon returning home from incarceration is the ability to find and maintain employment; however, social and economic barriers prevent returning citizens from realizing economic stability. At the time of submission, there were 6,374 individuals under supervision in Harrisburg, with the Board of Probation and Parole estimating that only 42% were able to secure full-time employment. Prior to COVID-19, the unemployment rate hovered at roughly 27% for this high-risk population. CEO's program intervened in the crucial moment immediately after release and provided a source of stable employment, income, and targeted workforce programming to support individuals as they returned home from incarceration and overcame barriers to finding and keeping a job despite the impacts of COVID-19.

Success:

The major success of CEO's program over this grant period and the calendar year 2021 was maintaining their services and even expanding their programming during the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic. Despite the challenges shared below, CEO exceeded our enrollment and transitional employment goals and nearly met their placement and retention goals. CEO believes the outcomes achieved over this grant period to be successful, especially given the impact of COVID-19 during this program year and the high-risk population that they serve. Also, as previously mentioned, CEO expanded their services this year with the addition of a new transitional work crew partnership with York Housing Authority, allowing them to serve even more individuals in need of their employment services.

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 community impact. Currently, TFEC proudly supports 72 Projects that are making a measurable difference in people's lives. In 2021, these Projects raised \$2,676,014 for community programming that focuses on five different areas of focus: Community Development, Health & Human Services, Arts & Culture, Education and Environment.

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

Project Spotlight

Farmers Market in Hershey

TFEC Project for 7 Years

The Farmers Market is held each Thursday afternoon, May through October, on the grounds of the Cocoa Beanery at 1215 Research Blvd., Hummelstown, PA, adjacent to the Hershey Center for Applied Research

The market supports over 25 local vendors selling locally grown fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meats, baked goods, and other specialty items. It benefits over 50 local small businesses, artisans, and musicians. The market serves over 8,000 people annually and provides over 1,000 free health screenings and education sessions by Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center health professionals. It offers weekly health programming at the Market and hands-on activities. We highlights cooking tips and recipes for using the fresh produce from the market. The market supports "Prescription Produce," a program in which Penn State College of Medicine students coach at risk youth and their families on healthy choices for eating. The market supplies fresh fruits, vegetables, and education to underserved and food insecure populations in our region. It provides a weekly, wholesome family and community gathering featuring music, local musicians, and a breadth of diverse talent.

Amanda Strous Flyhigh22 was named after Amanda Strous who was a daughter, sister, fiance, and mental health counselor. She was murdered in 2016 and her parents started the project to honor her legacy.

The project supports the community in three areas:

1. Support victims of domestic violence
2. Those who need assistance any mental health area whether it be counseling, food, shelter, clothing, etc
3. Supporting the arts and art therapy

Project Spotlight

Amanda Strous Flyhigh22

TFEC Project for 5 Years

Spreading their daughters legacy of live laugh love while helping those in need.

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.

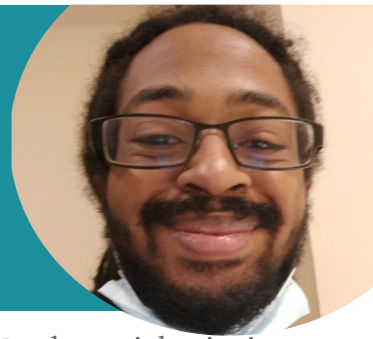
TFEC accepts more than 40 crypto coins.

[Give Crypto Today](#)

www.tfec.org/givecrypto

FEATURED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

TAI ROACH-MCCLENDON



Tai Roach-McClendon received his first of many TFEC Scholarships when he graduated from Steelton-Highspire in 2018. Tai was awarded the Binder Family Scholarship which is offered specifically to Steelton-Highspire graduates. As a nursing major, Tai also received the Harry N. and Melva A. Derickson Scholarship and the Ray. S Shoemaker Scholarships after reapplying each year. Tai just finished his fourth year at Penn State - Altoona. He has one more year in his program majoring in Nursing with a minor in Human Development and Family Studies.

What school are you attending? What year in college are you?

I am a fourth year student at Penn State Altoona

What is your major/minor?

Major in Nursing with a Minor in Human Development and Family Studies.

Why did you choose that major?

I chose Nursing because it was a calling. I believe that Nursing was the best choice to be able to be there for the people who need the most help and care.

"I couldn't have gotten through school without it, I'm a first generation student from a single parent household. I wouldn't have been able to continue my education at Penn State Altoona without the generosity of the Ray S. Shoemaker scholarship. This scholarship has been a financial blessing to me. Being able to not worry about the dreaded Student Loans has allowed me to focus more on my studies. It has helped lift a weight off my shoulders."

WHAT HAS THIS SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

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

My favorite thing about going to Penn State Altoona is the campus life. I have made so many special connections and have had meaningful moments with so many people, that I don't think I would have gotten elsewhere. Penn State Altoona was the perfect fit for me.

What are your goals? (Personal, career, and/or academic)

I would like to become a Traveling Nurse and care for people and to serve where the need is great and access to healthcare is limited. Academically, I would like to go back to school and get a Graduate degree. But I'm not sure on which specialty.

How do you like to spend your time when you are not studying?

I usually like to spend time with my friends when I'm not studying. On Fridays we usually go to the local bowling alley and bowl a few games. Or we simply watch TV and hangout.

What do you like or miss about the area that you graduated from?

I graduated from Steelton-Highspire Highschool and what I miss about the area that I graduated from is my family and friends back home. I look forward to the holidays and semester breaks to go back home to see them. What I like about the area that I graduated from was that it was a small tight knit community where everyone knew each other. Penn State Altoona reminds me of my hometown Steelton.

Is there anything you would want to say to current graduating high school seniors?

I would tell the current graduating high school seniors to not be afraid to want for more in life. With enough effort and perseverance you can achieve anything. Though remember not to rush things and that everything that is worth it takes time.

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