2014 Annual Report
20th Anniversary Edition

Celebrating 20 Years of Being... Here for Good.™
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Hello Friends,

A 20th anniversary is a milestone for any organization. Indeed, the past twenty years has seen great times of growth and challenging times too. Throughout it all The Luzerne Foundation has remained true to its mission of supporting donors with their charitable giving, helping them invest strategically in causes they care about and in ways that make a difference in our community. We are a philanthropic leader, a community resource and a financial steward.

It has been so rewarding to look back through photos, re-read newspaper articles and re-live events that helped us grow the number of funds and our awareness in the community. We truly are a community foundation in every sense of the word.

But we wouldn’t be here today without the foresight of the men and women who saw the need for something like The Luzerne Foundation and then took the bold steps to get it started. In the first few years it was their support along with a very active advisory council and our first executive director, Daylene Burnside, who laid the groundwork for the very strong and committed Foundation you see today. We can’t every thank them enough, but today at our Annual Meeting we wish to publically say thank you, thank you.

The first 20 years have only set the stage for the next 20. We are looking forward to even more community initiatives, nonprofit coalitions and even greater philanthropy. We invite everyone to discover the joy that comes with supporting causes you care about and the resulting positive changes that will occur because you did.

Please don’t hesitate to be in touch with The Foundation. We are your community foundation and we are...

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Tom Kennedy
Board Chairman
Celebrating 20 Years of Being...Here for Good.™

The Luzerne Foundation is a community foundation, but what does that mean? In simple terms – We are a philanthropic leader, a community resource and a financial steward. The Luzerne Foundation supports donors with their charitable giving, helping them invest strategically in causes they care about and in ways that make a difference in our community. However, unlike other organizations, a community foundation is focused on developing funds that will live on in perpetuity providing support to the community for generations to come. That is why we are, Here for Good.™

Supporting Key Community Areas
Our mission is to enhance the lives of the people living in our community. We do this by supporting seven key areas that together support a healthy and sustainable community including:

- Social Services
- Education and Scholarships
- Arts and Culture
- Health and Wellness
- Youth Issues
- Historic Preservation and the Environment
- Neighborhoods and Community Development

Traditionally this has meant assisting donors of all kinds in creating funds. These include Unrestricted Funds, Donor Advised Funds, Field of Interest Funds, Designated Funds, Scholarship Funds and Organizational Endowments. We work with individuals, families, companies, civic groups, nonprofits and professional advisors to discuss the various ways to give. We also provide information about existing funds or local nonprofits that may fit their charitable giving goals.

Education and Resources
As a philanthropic leader in our community it is also our Mission to offer information and resources. The professional staff at The Luzerne Foundation is very knowledgeable about the various nonprofit organizations in our region and has access to national and regional organizations through which almost any donor question can be addressed.

We provide educational seminars covering trends in philanthropy, legislative changes and other pertinent topics free of charge to the community. By partnering with other local organizations such as The Nonprofit & Community Assistance Center (NCAC) and Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), respected experts in the field will make their way to our community.

Conversations and Collaborations
The Luzerne Foundation has always acted as a catalyst to bring diverse groups together to address local needs and foster greater collaboration. The Foundation is in a unique position to deepen its collaborative efforts across our community. Our extensive knowledge of diverse local needs and of the nonprofit organizations working to address them, positions The Foundation as a logical clearing house to promote efficient use of resources and effective communication. Together we can do so much more.

Here For Good.™
Established in 1994, The Luzerne Foundation is a force for philanthropy in our community. To date more than $60 million in grants has been distributed to nonprofit organizations and more than 280 funds have been created. With nearly $30 million in assets, The Foundation is positioned to do good today ... and tomorrow.

We will continue to grow. We will continue our outreach. With your help, we will continue to identify community needs and form collaborations to provide coordinated solutions.
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Our Rich History...

1994-2014

In 1994, a group of philanthropically-minded citizens joined together in foresight and unity to create the Luzerne Foundation. Their generosity and consideration have brought us together to serve the needs of our community today in the future.

Because of you we are celebrating 20 years of being...

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Seated (left to right): Richard Maslow; Frank H. Bevevino, The Right Reverend Andrew J. McGowan.

Standing: (left to right): Daylene Burnside, Founding Executive Director; A. Richard Caputo; George Sordoni, Rhea Simms, Richard M. Ross, Jr., Allan Kluger, Robert A. Fortinsky, Charles “Rusty” Flack, Jr. John M. Randolph, Jr.

Absent from photo: Maryanne Eggleston; Frank M. Henry; Constance McCole Umphred; John C. Metz; Charles E. Parente; Eugene Roth.

Congratulations
20th Anniversary Honorees The Luzerne Foundation Founding Board Members

Frank H. Bevevino*
The Honorable A. Richard Caputo
Mary Ann Eggleston
Charles D. Flack Jr.**
Robert A. Fortinsky**

Frank M. Henry
Allan M. Kluger, Esq.
Richard Maslow
The Right Rev.
Andrew J. McGowan**

John C. Metz
Charles E. Parente
John M. Randolph, Jr.
Richard M. Ross, Jr.**

Eugene Roth, Esq.
Rhea P. Simms
George B. Sordoni**
Constance McCole Umphred**

* Emeritus ** Deceased
Our Rich History (continued)

Seated: Daylene Burnside; Constance McCole Umphred; Charles Parente; Allan Kluger; Rhea Simms

Standing: Frank Henry; Don Pachence; Robert Fortinsky; Rusty Flack; Frank Bevevino; George Sordoni

Founding Board Members 1997

The Luzerne Foundation Advisory Committee 1999

Front Row: Stan Davies; Susan Davis; Ray Crisci; Melanie Maslow Lumia; Phil Decker; Daylene Burnside

Back Row: Robert Richardson; Thomas Burke; Judy Rimple; Joseph Persico; Joseph Kluger; Rose Tucker

Because of you, we are...

Celebrating 20 Years of Being... Here for Good.™
Hindsight is 20/20...

1994  The Luzerne Foundation began with $10,000

1995  The Fund for Luzerne County, The Luzerne Foundation’s First Fund was established

1996  The Foundation grows to 10 Charitable Funds

1997  The Daylene Burnside Administrative Endowment Fund was established

1998  The Foundation grantmaking hits $60,000 since its inception

1999  Millennium Circle Fund was established

2000  Foundation names new Chief Executive, Charles M. Barber; Assets grew to $2.1 million; First Mary Bevevino Community Service Award was given to Joseph Devizia

2001  First Millennium Circle Grant of $10,000 awarded to Follow Your Dreams, a program benefiting local county high schools

2002  The Foundation grew to 66 Charitable Funds with assets of $5 million

2003  The Col. Timothy Pickering Legacy Society, now the Rusty Flack Society was established

2004  First Decade Award: Community Service Award was presented to Frank Bevevino; The Foundation grew to 85 Funds with assets of $7 million
Hindsight is 20/20 (continued)

2005  Operation “Thank You” was held on June 14, 2005 at Kirby Park honoring regional service members

2006  The Luzerne Foundation grew to 153 Funds

2007  The Foundation funded more than $2.1 million in grants

2008  The Foundation grew to 210 Charitable Funds, making more than $10.3 million in grants since its inception

2009  Rusty Flack honored as Mary Bevevino Community Service Award

2010  The Luzerne Foundation is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for Community Foundations. Richard Maslow received the Mary Bevevino Community Service Award at the new River Common

2011  Disaster Recovery Coalition of Luzerne County, a collaborative effort of 20 organizations was formed in response to the September 2011 Flooding

2012  The “Ribbon” Sculpture was dedicated at the Millennium Circle Portal at the River Common

2013  The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC Group) was launched with 18 area high school students. The Foundation makes grant in excess of $15 million

2014  The Luzerne Foundation grows to 285 assets
Mary Bevevino Community Service Award History

Since 2000, The Luzerne Foundation has honored Luzerne County residents and groups who have made a significant positive impact on our community. The Mary Bevevino Community Service Award is The Foundation’s highest tribute as this recognition reflects the unwavering dedication, commitment and spirit of its namesake. The 2014 Mary Bevevino Community Service Award is presented to The Luzerne Foundation’s Founding Board Members.

Past Recipients of the Mary Bevevino Community Service Award include:

2000 - Joseph DeVizia
2001 - Wallace Stettler* & Daniel Nulton
2002 - Lt. Col. Juan De Rojas, M.D.
2003 - Msgr. Michael J. Delaney & Dr. Michael MacDowell
2004 - Frank H. Bevevino "The First Decade Award"
2005 - Operation Thank You!
2006 - Frederick J. Bloom, Jr., M.D.
2007 - Alexander (Lex) and Jennifer S loot
2008 - Rabbi Larry and Gerri Kaplan
2009 - Rusty Flack
2010 - Richard Maslow
2011 - David W. Kistler, M.D.*
2012 - Michael & Kathleen Hirthler
2013 - Sisters of Mercy, Dallas, PA

*Deceased
Millennium Circle Fund of The Luzerne Foundation
LOCAL PEOPLE identifying LOCAL NEEDS providing LOCAL SOLUTIONS

The Millennium Circle Fund of the Luzerne Foundation was created as a special group of donors whose one-time gifts of $2,000 play a pivotal role in helping The Luzerne Foundation identify significant unmet community needs. The ultimate goal is to have 2,000 members and a fund that would present grants to our community totaling $200,000 or more each year.

Each member of The Millennium Circle serves as the eyes and ears of The Foundation recommending areas of need and nominating causes and programs. All of the many nominations are reviewed by the Millennium Circle Advisory Committee which chooses finalists to be presented at the Millennium Circle annual lunch meeting. Every member has a vote and, because of the pooling of gifts, their initial donation turns into a substantial grant that makes a large impact in the community.

A Millennium Circle donor can be an individual, a family, a business or a civic group. Membership continues in perpetuity as gifts continue to benefit the community for generations to come. To join, simply make a one-time gift of $2,000 or commit to paying that amount over a multi-year pledge. You will never be asked for additional contributions to the Millennium Circle. But we do encourage you to invite others to join.

For more information and a list of current members visit our website at www.luzfdn.org

Millennium Circle Fund Grants Since Inception

2001 - $10,000 grant for 28 ‘Follow Your Dreams’ motivational presentations by Robb Armstrong at 8 local high schools
2002 - $10,000 grant to Diamond City Partnership for Downtown Wilkes-Barre revitalization
2003 - $10,000 grant to Candy’s Place, a community support center for cancer patients and their loved ones
2004 - $15,000 grant to ‘Friday’s Child’, a program for autistic children and adults at the Jewish Community Center, Wilkes-Barre
2005 - $20,000 to McGlynn Center for educational programs for at-risk children in Wilkes-Barre
2006 - $25,000 to Luzerne-Wyoming Counties’ Drug and Alcohol Program for prevention services delivered in classrooms at all public schools districts in Luzerne County
2007 - $30,000 grant to Volunteers in Medicine, a program providing health care services to the ‘working poor,’ as well as other uninsured and under-insured area residents
2008 - $30,000 grant to Care and Concern clinics in Pittston for facilities enhancements
2009 - $22,000 grant to Ruth’s Place to assist with renovations and repairs to the women’s homeless shelter
2010 - $20,000 grant to Family Service Association for ‘Help Line’, a 24/7 Help Line, Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley’s information and referral program
2011 - $20,000 grant to CEO-Commission on Economic Opportunity to support the ‘Dinners for Kids’ Program.
2012 - $20,000 grant to the Anti-Bullying Coalition of Luzerne County
2013 - $20,000 grant to Family Service Association of NEPA – ‘Help Line –PA 211 Transition’
2014 - Where do you see the need?

The Luzerne Foundation Youth Advisory Committee

2013-2014 YAC GROUP

Nelsi Akinci, Wyoming Seminary
Mackenzie Bilbow, Wyoming Area
Andrew Casper, Holy Redeemer
Michael Conlon, Holy Redeemer
Alexis Davison, Holy Redeemer
Madison Dowd, Wyoming Seminary*
Soprina Guarnieri, MMI
Rachel Jones, Holy Redeemer
Olivia Minzola, MMI
Madison Nardone, Wyoming Seminary
Janki Patel, Wyoming Valley West*
Roshan Patel, Wyoming Valley West
Carrie Pozzaic, Wyoming Area
Abigail Straub, Wyoming Seminary
Matthew Straub, Hazleton Area High School*
Emily Wolfgang, Wyoming Area
Brian Wisowaty, Wyoming Area*

Denotes Graduating Senior and Group Leader

YAC’s Mission:
To empower high school youth to identify community needs and help fund them responsibly.

This Year’s Grant Recipients who collectively received $16,000

For more information about YAC and how to apply, please call 570.714.1570 or email diane@luzfdn.org
Community Impact Funds (Unrestricted)

Unrestricted Funds support general purpose and open grant programs. Applications are sent to over 800 nonprofits throughout the region twice each year. The Luzerne Foundation’s grants distribution committee evaluates the submitted grant applications on the basis of relevance, numbers of people served and benefit to the overall welfare of the community.

Benjamin Franklin Trust
Ben Franklin practiced what he preached! “A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned.” Benjamin Franklin’s legacy lives on in Luzerne County through The Luzerne Foundation. In his will, Franklin directed that after 200 years, half of the accumulated funds of his estate go to the State of Pennsylvania to be used for whatever the public officials felt was necessary. The State Legislature split the money among most of the community foundations across the state. The Luzerne Foundation’s $30,000 “Ben Franklin Trust” predominately benefits young people and educational programs within the county.

Celebrity Luncheon Fund
Celebrity Luncheon was a program established in 1994 to enrich and enhance the cultural life of our community. The program brought four nationally recognized speakers to the area each year. The Fund was established from program proceeds. Grants support education, environmental preservation, economic development, and encouragement of the Arts in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Hazleton areas.

Donor Advised Funds

Charles & Denny Barber Family Fund
This fund was established by Charles and Denny Barber to support a wide variety of organizations throughout the region and to teach charity, sharing and caring to their sons, Ryan and Gregory.

James E. Bell & Constance L. Bell Fund
This Fund was established to preserve the legacy of the Bell Family and support a wide variety of causes in Northeastern Pennsylvania, regionally and nationally.

Stuart M. Bell/Luzerne Products, Inc. Fund
Stuart M. Bell/Luzerne Products, Inc. Fund was created by the Bell family and the directors of Luzerne Products. The Fund was created so that the family and corporation could give back to the community that helped them build their successful business.

The Fund for Luzerne County
This was the very first fund of The Luzerne Foundation. The Founding Board Members of The Foundation felt that it was extremely important that The Foundation have a pool of unrestricted or general purpose assets in order to best serve the various, changing and urgent needs within Luzerne County.

This Fund accepts grant applications from nonprofit organizations within or primarily serving the residents of Luzerne County. The Fund makes grants to where our Grants Distribution Committee and our professional staff determines our community’s needs are most significant. Donors who chose to give to unrestricted funds give to the future needs of the county, no matter what those needs may be. Contributions are strongly encouraged and gratefully accepted.

McGowan Fund
This Fund was established by Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan during his life to support a multitude of organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Monsignor delegated to The Luzerne Foundation primary discretion over distributions because of his trust in the organization’s knowledge of the often changing and most pressing needs in Luzerne County.

The Berkshire Asset Management Fund
The primary purpose of this Fund is to provide charitable support to various organizations locally, regionally and nationally.

Bevevino Family Fund
Established by Frank and Carol Bevevino and their children, John and Renee Bevevino, Tom and Karen Bevevino, and Mike and Margaret Cramton, this fund supports a wide variety of causes and organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania and teaches philanthropy and community participation to successive generations.
Joe & Jeanne Butcher Family Fund
This fund was established by Joe and Jeanne Butcher to continue the Butcher Family charitable legacy and provide continued support to various organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Brandon J. Case Memorial Fund ...NEW
Donna and Paul Zbiek created this fund in Brandon’s honor and memory. Grants will be used to support a variety of programs and services provided by qualified charities, in particular those whose programs address issues such as cancer, health, wellness and the well-being of the residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and beyond.

Celtic Hospice Community Care Fund
This Donor Advised Fund was made possible by contributions of family and friends of clients of Celtic Hospice and Home Health Kingston, PA, in thanks and appreciation for the hospice care of family and loved ones. Grants go to a variety of organizations, particularly those which deal with the health and well being of the youth of Luzerne County.

The Constellation Fund
The Fund supports the values and principles of Unitarian Universalism.

Crisci Family Fund
This fund was established by Ray and Ann Crisci to support various organizations in Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Darte-Darling Fund
This fund was established by Dorothy Darte-Darling to continue the Darte Family charitable legacy and provide continued support to various organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Dowd Family Charitable Fund
The Fund was established by the Dowd Family to benefit qualified nonprofit organizations in Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania and to teach philanthropy to successive generations.

Allen & Mary Erwine Family Hospice Fund
This Fund was made possible by the Erwine Family along with the many family and friends of patients who have received loving and compassionate care by the dedicated staff of Erwine’s Hospice.

Flack Family Fund
Established by Rusty and Kathi Flack, Hal and Jean Flack, Janet Flack, and their mother Joan Flack Nusbaum, this fund is dedicated to continuing the Flack Family legacy of support to a multitude of charitable causes throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania and to teach subsequent generations about the importance of giving back to their community.

Harold & Jean Flack Family Fund
The primary purpose of this Fund shall be to continue the active support of those various programs, services, agencies and charitable organizations that reflect the Harold and Jean Flack family legacy in Wyoming Valley and leave a footprint of charitable giving and service for successive generations to follow.

The Friedman Family Charitable Fund
This Fund was established by Sidney, Paul and Rob Friedman, and Anne Friedman Glauber to continue the Friedman Family charitable legacy and provide continued support to various organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Gus & Val Genetti Fund
This Fund was established by Gus and Val Genetti to build and maintain their family legacy of great hospitality and warmth with service to the community.

Lou Goeringer Family Fund
This fund was established to support the important programs and causes within our community, including but not limited to the poor, indigent, homeless, abused and blind.

Omar D. Hamilton Fund
This Fund was established to honor the memory of Omar D. Hamilton by supporting various charitable causes in the region for which he was especially passionate.

Hazleton Kiwanis Club Charitable Fund
The Hazleton Kiwanis Charitable Fund shall be used at the discretion of the local Kiwanis Board to continue the Club’s efforts to serve children of the Greater Hazleton Area.

Frank M. Henry Family Fund
Frank M. Henry and family established this Fund to support various causes in Northeastern Pennsylvania, most notably the Wilkes-Barre YMCA.

Michael & Kathleen Hirthler Fund
Established by Michael and Kathleen Hirthler to support various causes and interests in Northeastern Pennsylvania, particularly those that support equal opportunity.
Insalaco Family Fund
This Fund was established to continue the Insalaco Family legacy and provide charitable support to organizations across Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The Allan S. Karaffa Memorial Fund...NEW
The Allan S. Karaffa Memorial Fund was established by the family and friends of "Big AL" to carry on his legacy of giving back to his community and to support those in need. Big AL had a special affection for youth and youth athletics as a parent, coach and spectator/supporter.

Clayton & Theresa Karambelas Fund
This Fund was established to support a variety of causes throughout the Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania and to maintain the Karambelas’ charitable legacy.

Ron Knouse Fund
This Fund was established to support a variety of causes throughout the Wyoming Valley and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Krogulski Family Fund
Ken and Ann Krogulski of Shavertown, PA, established this Fund as one of the first funds of The Luzerne Foundation. Their intent is to promote philanthropic giving in the region and to provide for their three daughters a vehicle for giving back to their community. The Fund supports a wide variety of causes and interests throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Lefkowitz Family Fund
Sandie Lefkowitz and Elaine Lefkowitz Bern established the Lefkowitz Family Fund to honor and memorialize their father Harold Lefkowitz, mother Lillian Lefkowitz, and son, husband and brother Barry Lefkowitz who established and operated Harold’s Pharmacy on Old River Road in Wilkes-Barre, PA. This Fund is designated to preserve their legacy of care and support of the local community.

Yudichak Family Endowment Fund
This Fund was established by State Senator John Yudichak to honor his parents, Joe and Sally Yudichak, and build upon his family’s legacy of public service.

Yudichak Family Lighthouse Annual Fund
The Yudichak Family Lighthouse Annual Fund was established by State Senator John Yudichak to honor his parents, Joe and Sally Yudichak, through annual contributions to the free public libraries of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Logos Fund
The primary purpose of the Logos Fund is to provide assistance to a wide variety of programs and services performed by United States and international charities. Those associated with the Logos Fund hope to both honor God in their giving and pass on a charitable legacy to successive generations.

The John F. Magagna Family Charitable Fund
This Fund was established by John F. Magagna to support a variety of causes throughout our region, mainly in education and the performing arts, and to pass on a philanthropic legacy to successive generations.

The Makarios Fund
The primary purpose of this Fund is to support those organizations, agencies, programs and services as identified by the donors that match their fundamental beliefs of helping others and to teach by example the importance of community involvement and giving back to successive generations.

The Shawn C. Malone Memorial Fund...NEW
Established by Shawn’s family and friends in his honor and memory, this Fund is intended to support those programs, causes, services and charities that were important to Shawn. The Fund provides assistance to children and young adults who may want to attend Camp Acacela and/or Goose Pond sponsored by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and/or Camp Lackawanna sponsored by the Presbytery of Lackawanna.

The Millennium Circle Fund
The Millennium Circle is a special group of donors whose one-time gifts of $2,000 play a pivotal role in helping The Luzerne Foundation identify significant unmet community needs. See page nine for more information.

The Miner-Shoemaker Fund
The primary purpose of The Miner-Shoemaker Family legacy of supporting the greater Luzerne County community and addressing various funding requests from area nonprofit organizations. In addition, the Fund will involve future generations of the family by demonstrating the importance of charitable giving and community involvement.

The Robert A. Mugford Family Fund
This Fund was established to preserve the legacy of the Mugford Family and support a wide variety of causes throughout the region, in particular, special needs programming.
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The Palko Family Fund
The Palko Family Fund will support various nonprofit organizations and charitable programs throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania as well as other deserving causes beyond the region.

The Corrine Pawling Family Endowment Fund
This Fund was established by the Pawling Family to support important organizations, programs and services in Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania, particularly those that help deserving children who might not have the chance to become self-reliant citizens, through education and/or career training opportunities.

John Glenn Popple Memorial Fund
This Fund was established to honor the memory of John Glenn Popple who passed away unexpectedly in 2010. The fund will provide support to a wide variety of causes across our community, in particular, special needs programming.

RJACK Fund
This fund was established to support education, cultural and charitable endeavors in the Wyoming Valley including The Luzerne Foundation.

Paul & Mary Jo Rushin Fund
Established by Mary Jo Rushin in honor of her late husband, Paul, this fund is designed to support various causes and interests in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Jason Schilling Memorial Home Run Derby Fund ...NEW
This Fund was established by Susan and Jim Schilling in loving memory of their son, Jason who passed away tragically in an auto accident one month short of his 19th birthday in December 2012. This fund will support organizations who assist the needy across our community.

The Nancy & Edward Shafer Family Fund
The primary purpose of the Fund shall be to enable the Shafer Family to provide charitable support to various nonprofit organizations locally, regionally, and nationally.

The Shafer Family Fund ...NEW
The Shafer Family Fund was created to be a way for our family to support causes we champion in the community today, and for generations to come.

Security Savings Charitable Fund
This Fund was established through the transfer of all assets of the former Security Savings Charitable Foundation to The Luzerne Foundation in December 2012. The Fund continues to support qualified and important civic and social programs, services and causes to benefit the residents of the Greater Hazleton Area, a geographic region defined by the service areas of the Hazleton Area School District, the Weatherly Area School District and surrounding zip codes.

The Dr. Jen’s Hope is Contagious Fund ...NEW
Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari led an energetic and vital life fulfilling a life's dream to graduate as a medical doctor from the first class of The Commonwealth Medical College in May of 2013. Sadly, she died within weeks of her graduation. The Sidari family and friends wish to perpetuate Jen's spirit, vitality and desire to help others through this Fund. The Fund will support those important local and national causes, services and programs in which Jennifer participated or held dearly.

Shekinah Fund
The Shekinah Fund provides grants and financial assistance to Christian Ministries within the Greater Wyoming Valley to support those in need across our region.

John & Barbara Sobeck Charitable Fund
The John & Barbara Sobeck Charitable Fund was established in 2008 to assist locally based nonprofit agencies in continuing to provide specialized support services to residents of the Luzerne County area. The Sobecks' view their personal and corporate contributions as a means of “giving back to the community that has given us so much.”

Solid Cactus Cares Fund
The Solid Cactus Cares Fund was established to support various nonprofit organizations and programs presented by Solid Cactus Web.com employees and through grant applications sent directly to Solid Cactus. The Fund’s advisory board is comprised of Solid Cactus employees.

The Straub Family Fund
Established by the Straub Family to support causes they believe in throughout the region.

The Robert S. Tippett Family Fund
This fund was established to continue the Tippett Family legacy and provide charitable support to organizations in the region.

The Weinstock Family Fund
This Fund was established by Jerry Weinstock, family and friends to carry on the charitable legacy of his wife, Rosemary.
The Bill & Sandi Williams Fund

This Fund was established by Bill and Sandi Williams to preserve the legacy of the Jack Williams Tire Family and support a wide variety of causes in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

James and Regina Yates Fund

Regina ‘Jean’ Redding Yates loved Pittston, Pennsylvania, as did her husband, James, the long-time owner of Yates Electric Motor Service. Married in 1952, the couple made their home in Pittston and spent their years together working hard within the community. The James and Regina Yates Fund will provide a lasting legacy to support the important organizations and causes in the Pittston area to which they devoted much happy time and effort.

Designated Funds

Designated Funds are given on a regular schedule to particular, pre-selected nonprofit organizations each year at the donor’s request.

NEPA Chapter of AIA Lecture Pass-Through Fund

This fund was established in 2003 by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of American Institute of Architects to provide funds to underwrite the costs of a guest speaker to address the members of the NEPA Chapter of AIA, as well as other interested people and nonprofit organizations each year at the donor’s request.

The Brass Ring Fund

The purpose of The Brass Ring Fund is to raise contributions and awareness to acquire an important local historic icon, the 1909 Carousel formerly at Harvey’s Lake, Pennsylvania. The Fund will help ensure that future generations will enjoy the carousel’s artistic, recreational and historic values as a piece of Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania history.

Castle Auditorium Fund

The Castle Auditorium Community Arts Center, Inc. now known as the Alice C. Willise Peforming Arts Center, is a community partnership between the Hazleton Area School District and the Community Arts Center. Dedicated to the full utilization of the historic Hazleton High School Auditorium, its goal is to have current and future generations enjoy the world class educational opportunities while providing residents of Greater Hazleton area cultural, artistic and educational events.

The Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center Fund...

NEW

The mission of the Luzerne County Child Advocacy Center Fund is to provide excellence in the assessment and treatment of child abuse and neglect. It provides medical assessments and child forensic interviews for victims of abuse and neglect and coordinates a multidisciplinary team response to child abuse.

Coughlin Blue Red Fund ...

NEW

The Coughlin Blue Red Fund was established to equip and maintain the physical fitness room and to support athletic programs and the general student population at Solomon-Plains Jr. High School and James M. Coughlin High School.

CSC/Joe Devizia Family Fund

This Fund was started by the Board of Directors of the Children’s Service Center to recognize Joe Devizia for his many years of service to, and leadership of, the organization and the community.

CYC/ Parente Family Fund

Charles E. Parente, his family and friends, established this endowment fund to assist qualified charities that support underprivileged youth in Luzerne County, most notably the Catholic Youth Center (CYC) in Wilkes-Barre.

Daylene Burnside Administrative Endowment Fund

This Fund was named in honor of Daylene Burnside, the first Executive Director of The Luzerne Foundation, serving from its inception in 1994 through June 2000. Daylene continues to be an active participant as a board member and on numerous committees. This administrative fund helps to defray a portion of the operational expenses of The Foundation such as employee expenses, phone, rent, postage, etc. The intent of this Fund is to allow The Foundation to be as self-sustaining as possible, with cost-effective financial management, administration, tax reporting and audits for those funds established within The Foundation. This Fund is available to maximize the quality and efficiency of philanthropy so to maximize the good for the community. All distributions from the Administrative Endowment Fund are used to defray operational expenses of The Foundation.
Disaster Recovery Coalition Fund

This fund was started by members of the Disaster Recovery Coalition of Luzerne County and receives contributions on behalf of our community to assist with disaster relief efforts across our region. The goal is to help victims to rebuild their homes, and restore their lives and their sense of community during perilous times.

Rusty Flack Memorial Garden at Grace Episcopal Church

Created in memory of Charles “Rusty” Flack, Jr., by Grace Episcopal Church, The Rusty Flack Memorial Garden is a sacred and consecrated space for the committal of human cremains. It will be intended as a living memorial to our Lord and all those buried in it. There is also a separate area of the garden designated for the cremains of pets.

The G.A.R. Blue-Gray Fund

The G.A.R. Blue-Gray Fund was established to equip and maintain a state-of-the-art fitness center to support all athletic programs and the general student population at G.A.R. High School.

Georgetown Settlement Camp Fund

This Fund was established to support the maintenance and preservation of the Georgetown Settlement Camp, which is under the care of Wilkes-Barre Township.

Hannah’s Hope Pregnancy Shelter

This Fund was established to meet the needs of disadvantaged pregnant women in Luzerne County. Hannah’s Hope provides a nurturing environment for expectant and new mothers, education classes, support groups and a bridge to a better future.

Loyal Patriots of America Fund for Pittston

The Loyal Patriots of America was a group serving causes in the Pittston area for many years. But due to diminished membership, remaining assets from a trust established in the 1960s has been transferred to The Luzerne Foundation and through the new fund will be used to continue to support causes in the area, particularly the Greater Pittston YMCA and the Pittston Memorial Library.

LCCEA Food & Facts Fund

Established through a grant from the First Federal Charitable Foundation, this fund will allow the Luzerne County Food and Facts program to implement a nutrition and educational program of food and facts to improve the health of families in the community and facilitate a healthy eating lifestyle.

Luzerne County Historical Society Funds

Mission: Raise the consciousness of area residents concerning their heritage, thereby enabling them to better understand the area’s uniqueness and its place in today’s world. Three funds make up the designation for The Luzerne County Historical Society. The funds are designated to maintain and expand the collection and facilities of The Luzerne County Historical Society, the only organization dedicated solely to preservation of the cultural heritage of Luzerne County. Facilities include the Bishop Memorial Library, Swedeland Homestead, Denison House and the Society Museum.

LCHS – Elma C. & Bessie B. Bishop Book Fund
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LCHS – Dorothy D. Darte Fund for the Swetland House

LWB - Kline Scholarship Fund of Leadership Wilkes-Barre

This Fund was established in 2001 by the Board of Directors of Leadership Wilkes-Barre in memorial to Hannah Kline, the late mother of then Executive Director Sue Kline Kluger. The income from the fund is designated to provide scholarship assistance for applicants to the Master’s Leadership Series of Leadership Wilkes-Barre, a program for adults of retirements age who have a desire to acquire new skills and increase their contribution to, and involvement in, our community.

LWB - Sue Kline Kluger Leadership Excellence Fund

Under the leadership of Sue Kluger from 1981 to 2003, Leadership Wilkes-Barre grew from a fledgling group of initial participants into a nationally recognized program, nurturing the leadership potential of a broad spectrum of people from high schools and business executives to retirees. This Fund, founded in Sue’s honor on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director in September of 2003, will ensure that her legacy of leadership, community service and love of her community will continue to benefit generations to come through Leadership Wilkes-Barre.

LWB - McGowan Leadership Fund

This Fund was established in 1996 by the Board of Directors of Leadership Wilkes-Barre on the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the organization to honor Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan, the first Chair of its Board of Directors. Proceeds are directed to scholarships for Leadership Wilkes-Barre participants to assist with their tuition.

Meadows Nursing Center – Ecumenical Enterprises

This Fund was established to support activities and services to residents of the Meadows Nursing Home in Dallas, PA.
E. L. Meyers Blue-Gold Fund
This Fund was created to raise money and generate community support to renovate, equip and maintain a fitness facility at E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre. The fitness facility is available to all students at Meyers and is intended to help them gain confidence and become physically fit. An average of 50 students per day use the facility that opened January of 2002.

NEPA Philharmonic/Flack Family Fund
This fund was established by the Flack family as an endowment to support cultural programs of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic.

Reverend Joseph Streit Fund
The Reverend Joseph Streit Fund was established to honor the man who ministered to patients and families at Mercy Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, for twenty years. The Fund keeps alive his legacy of unconditional love and comfort to the sick and dying by supporting his favorite charities: Covenant House in New York City, NY; Food for the Poor; Deerfield Beach, FL; St. Joseph’s Center, Scranton, PA; St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, Wilkes-Barre, PA.

Stoddartsville Preservation Society Fund
Our mission is to discover, preserve, and protect the history of Stoddartsville and surrounding areas of Luzerne and Monroe counties and to provide educational opportunities relative to this history.

Tri-Centennial Fund of 2076
This Fund is intended solely to provide funds for a Tri-Centennial celebration in the Borough of Wyoming in 2076. With an initial balance of $493, this fund is estimated to approximate $800,000, depending upon interest rates, by 2076.

The Joseph A Turri ’45 Endowment Fund
This endowed Fund will provide assistance to the Joseph A. Turri ’45 Library and Learning Center at MMI Preparatory School in Freeland, PA to acquire books, subscriptions, software, and other educational resources for Library staff as well as the general operation and maintenance of the Library. The desire is to make the Library a state of the art educational and resource facility for the students at MMI for generations to come.

William J. & Constance K. Umphred Fund
Bill and Connie Umphred established this fund to support specific organizations they hold dear to their hearts both now and in perpetuity, most notably the United Way of the Wyoming Valley and the Osterhout Free Library.

Vital House Fund – HASD Fund
Established by friends and family of students of VITAL House, this Fund will help maintain, support and foster the VITAL House services of lifestyle training, independent living, and educational opportunities for young adults with disabilities in the Greater Hazleton Area.

Wyoming Valley West School District

WVW - Athletic Fund ...This Fund was established to improve opportunities, programs, services, equipment, facilities and staff training to serve the current and future needs of the scholar-athletes of the WVW School District.

WVW - Facilities Fund ... This Fund was established to maintain, improve, and enhance, renovate, design and build structures required for the students, staff and administration of the WVW School District.

WVW - Special Education Fund ...This Fund was established to improve opportunities, programs, services, equipment, facilities and staff training to meet the current and changing needs of the Special Education students of the WVW School District.

WVW - Technology Fund ... This Fund was established to maintain, improve, upgrade and enhance technological hardware, software, related paraphernalia and technical training available to the students, staff and administration of the WVW School District.

Sarah “Sally” Yudichak Endowment Fund
This Fund was established in loving memory and honor of Sally Yudichak for her many years of committed service to the youth of the Greater Nanticoke Area. The endowment benefits the Sarah “Sally” Yudichak Expressive Arts Program for the Children’s Service Center of the Wyoming Valley - a therapeutic arts program for children.

Designated Funds let you support specific predetermined organizations like the American Red Cross, F. M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, your Alma Mater or your place of worship while The Foundantion makes certain that grants to these groups remain relevant over time and responsive to changing circumstances.

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Field of Interest ...

Field of Interest Funds: These funds focus on areas of special interest to the donor or groups. Grants from these funds are made to meet community needs within that special area of concern, such as the arts, the environment, health and wellness, children's issues, and education. These funds are flexible to meet changing community needs.

2U – So Every Child Can Have a Happy Birthday
One holiday season, a six year old boy was busy collecting toys for children from under-privileged families through his school and community. Realizing that Christmas came but once a year, he asked his mother, “What do poor kids do on their birthdays?” Inspired by the thought that some children don’t have the means for birthday celebrations, the boy and his family set up the 2U Fund at the Luzerne Foundation. The 2U Fund has been created to so that children from families without means in Luzerne County can have a happy birthday. Not only does 2U provide funds for children from low income families, it encourages other children to participate in philanthropy by foregoing some birthday gifts so that other children can receive them. Monies collected are given to charitable organizations to purchase gifts and birthday treats. To facilitate gift giving and donation requests, tribute cards and ‘in lieu of gifts’ stickers are available from The Luzerne Foundation. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in this easy, meaningful, philanthropic endeavor. Visit us at www.2fund.org.

Anti-Bullying Coalition of Luzerne County Fund
Established by concerned citizens and area nonprofit organizations, the Coalition’s mission is to foster a whole community approach to solve the issues of bullying in our society through the following programming efforts: Youth/Student; Family/Community; Safe School; Professional Services and Community Safety.

The ATHENA Fund
The ATHENA Fund makes it possible for 10th grade girls in schools across Luzerne County to partake in a day of investigation, inspiration and image building. Throughout the day these young women will attend sessions with professional presenters on self-image, peer pressure, careers and choices about drugs, alcohol and sex. The goal is to provide young women with the tools they need to be strong, secure and proud of being themselves.

The Coalition on Autism
The Fund will support the efforts, programs and services of the member organizations of The Coalition on Autism. The Coalition was formed to heighten the awareness of Autism, to enhance the coordination between all existing services and agencies and to bring the community together to benefit children with Autism.

The Debbie Darling Belenski Memorial Fund...NEW
The Debbie Darling Belenski Memorial Fund was created in honor and memory of Debbie Darling Belenski, a lifetime resident of the Back Mountain area of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The mission and purpose of this Fund is to support underprivileged children in a variety of ways including, but not exclusive to, providing school supplies, athletic camps and assistance to programs and services meeting the needs of the underprivileged.

1st Lieutenant Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund
The 1LT Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund will make it possible for his loving family and friends to honor the memory of and advance causes in the community that he believed in and supported. The Dallas native and First Lieutenant was killed in Iraq on December 20, 2005 in an ambush by hostile forces having just completed a demolitions mission. Throughout his life, Michael believed in doing his best and working hard for what he believed in.

Concerned Parents of Hazleton Fund
The Concerned Parents of Hazleton was established in 2008. They are an advocacy group dedicated to providing pathways for success through educational access for students and families in the Hazleton area for whom language is a barrier.

The Cultural Council of Luzerne County Fund
The Cultural Council of Luzerne County is a local arts agency working to promote awareness of and provide support services to arts, cultural and related educational programs in Luzerne County. The Cultural Council is a nonprofit arts advocacy organization that functions as an umbrella agency in support of individuals and arts organizations in our region. The Council programs regional public projects, educational programs, and also represents a unified voice for arts in the community.

Peter Degnan Memorial Endowment Fund
This Fund was established in honor and memory of Peter Degnan by his wife, family and friends to perpetuate his legacy as a teacher, performer, and choreographer in the art of classical ballet and contemporary dance. Grants will be awarded to deserving dance students at the Degnan Ballet Center and, especially, to promising young artists who attain membership in Ballet Northeast, the Wyoming Valley’s premier youth ballet performing company.
1LT Jeffrey F. DePrimo Memorial Fund
The 1LT Jeffrey F. DePrimo Memorial Fund was established by his family and friends to support Jeff’s many interests in life, education, music, children’s welfare and the military, thereby ensuring that Jeff’s spirit will remain alive and vibrant among us. Jeff laid down his life for us on May 20, 2008 while serving in Afghanistan. Although Jeffrey gave the ultimate sacrifice that day, his life is a testament to the core values and beliefs that essentially embody our community.

The District A Fund
The District A Fund was created to support the efforts toward improving the quality of life for the residents and citizens of District A of the City of Wilkes-Barre. Funds are being raised to maintain, repair and improve the existing municipal and community facilities throughout the District, as well as to enhance the safety and security for all residents.

Diversity Partnership Fund
The Diversity Partnership Fund was established through a matching grant from the National Founders for Lesbian and Gay Issues to encourage charitable giving and endowment building to serve the LGBT community in Northeastern Pennsylvania based on a comprehensive needs assessment.

Down Syndrome Network Fund
Local friends and family members of persons with Down Syndrome established this Fund. Awards will be given to causes and programs that support the needs of families with Down Syndrome.

Earthly Angels Autism Fund
The Earthly Angels Autism Fund was created by Ron and Brenda D’Eliseo to honor their son, Robert, who has Autism. The Fund’s mission is to proactively increase Autism awareness; providing funding for qualified nonprofit organizations for Autistic services; support programs and education; and to bring hope to those families who deal with the hardships of this disorder.

Eye Care Specialists Charitable Fund
The primary purpose of the Fund shall be to focus upon, but not be limited to, fostering education, research, public awareness, screenings and all other appropriate measures to strive toward the prevention of blindness. In addition, Eye Care Specialists recognize the importance of promoting the health, wellness and safety of our community and assisting those programs and services, agencies and organizations that improve the public good.

Generation to Generation
The Generation to Generation Fund exists to enrich lives through inter-generational sharing by: creating opportunities for persons of all ages to share time, conversations, values and fun together through meaningful activities; encouraging young people to learn from senior generations; to benefit from their experience, wisdom and knowledge and to celebrate their accomplishments; helping young people assist our seniors to remain active and to sustain the valuable influence and positive impact they have had on others; enriching and complementing the inter-generation programs and activities of local institutions by utilizing the talents and skills of the young and our seniors; and seeking to develop a model that can be helpful to other communities with a similar mission.

The Lou Goeringer Family Fund for the Visually Impaired...NEW
This was established by Lou Goeringer as a means to preserve the trust interests originally established by the Pittston Lions Club in 1966. Because of a myriad of circumstances, Trustees proposed to distribute the trust to the Luzerne Foundation naming Lou Goeringer as custodian. Lou chose to establish within The Luzerne Foundation the Lou Goeringer Family Fund for the Blind and Visually Impaired to assist those recognized charitable organizations, programs and services for those individuals residing in Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania who are blind or visually impaired.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Fund provides assistance and support to various programs, services and agencies that assist grandparents who have the responsibility of raising their grandchild(ren).

Hazleton Integration Fund
The Hazleton Integration Project has purchased a former school building at 4th and Seybert Streets and is in the process of opening the Hazleton One Community Center. They create opportunities for economically disadvantaged children to participate in no-cost or low-cost educational, cultural and athletic activities. The Hazleton One Community Center will engage our children in wholesome activities while fostering trust and respect among our all our regions ethnic cultures.

The Health Fund of The Luzerne Foundation
The Health Fund of The Luzerne Foundation grew out of a collaborative effort by area hospitals and health care providers to improve the health of persons in our broad community. In the mid to late 90’s, area hospitals and other health care organizations joined together in a regional effort to study and evaluate the most pressing health care needs of our population. This collaboration resulted in a bi-county program focusing on prevention and wellness called The Healthy Northeast Initiative.

At the same time, leadership from several area health care organizations including Wyoming Valley Health Care System, Mercy Health Partners and Hospice Community Care committed to supporting this effort and came together to form the Health Fund of The Luzerne Foundation. Each year grants for innovative and collaborative programs are given to area agencies that are working to improve the health and wellness of persons in our community.
Historic & Landscape Preservation Fund of The Luzerne Foundation

The Historic and Landscape Preservation Fund provides funding and grants to support activities within this field of interest. This Fund is specifically dedicated to historic and land preservation within the entire county.

HKQ Fund for Children’s Advocacy

Established in 2005 by Attorney Joseph A. Quinn and the law firm of Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, PC, the foundation, also known as HKQ Kids, promotes a safer future for children in Northeastern Pennsylvania through educational outreach and public awareness programs.

Hunts for Healing, Inc.

Hunts For Healing Inc., raises funds to finance events that promote “challenges in the outdoors” for wounded military personnel returning from OEF missions in Afghanistan, OIF missions in Iraq; and stand ready to serve future operations. In this outdoor atmosphere, we ask our Creator to provide physical, emotional and spiritual healing to those we serve; through the outreach of our mentors and volunteer community.

Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Funds

The Luzerne Intermediate Unit provides consultative, technical, supportive, advisory and educational services to the twelve participating school districts. These charitable funds will augment services to the student population within each district:

- The LIU 18 - Special Education Fund - The Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 provides special education and related service to resident children with disabilities who are ages three through twenty-one. Public schools must ensure that children with disabilities are educated to the maximum extent appropriate in the regular education environment, and that the instruction they receive conforms as much as possible to the instruction that non-disabled students receive.

- The LIU 18 - Behavioral Health Fund - The Luzerne Intermediate Unit Behavioral Health Department serves as a leader in integrating mental health and educational services through a comprehensive system maximizing the least restrictive option.

- The LIU 18 – Student Activities Fund

Provide enhanced resources for programs and services including, but not exclusive to, the annual Field Day, scholarships, and other special events and programs for the students.

Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force Fund

The mission of the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force is to reduce the number of victimized elderly through prevention, education, identification and prosecution. The goal is to advocate on behalf of elderly citizens through educational seminars and conferences.

The Luzerne County Keystone Active Zone Alliance

This Fund promotes and supports parks, trails and outdoor recreation countywide to improve personal health, quality of life, and connection to nature and local community.

Making A Difference Fund

The Making A Difference Fund supports local charities and causes in the Greater Hazleton Area on an annual basis. The Fund will be sustained by an annual golf tournament, other fundraisers and donations and will support local causes and nonprofits and their programs.

Maslow Fund for the Arts

The Fund for the Arts was created to encourage and develop skills in the visual, graphic and performing arts. The role of the fund is to find essential ways to support and encourage artists of all ages and abilities - thereby enriching the community and hometown creative endeavors. The Maslow family provided initial funding, but all who are interested in developing and nurturing the artistic opportunities and talents of Luzerne County residents are encouraged to contribute.

Max & Lorraine Fund

...helping children breathe easy.

This Fund supports The Max & Lorraine Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children who suffer from asthma. The Foundation was established in 1993 by Mike Tracy in loving memory of his wife, Lorraine Button Tracy, and their 10-year old son, Max Tracy, who both lost their lives to asthma. The goal of the Foundation is to educate children and their families about asthma, and to help families who may be in need of asthma related medical assistance. The Fund helps support projects such as the first ever asthma summer camp in Luzerne County, Camp AsthmaCadabra, held at the YMCA’s Camp Kresge in White Haven, Pennsylvania.

Gene & Lois McKeown Endowment

The Fund was established to honor Gene and Lois McKeown, who serve as the Godparents to Joe and John Yudichak. The endowment benefits the faith-based work of the Catholic community of Plymouth including Trinity House – a youth and senior ministry of all Saints Parish.
Miles for Michael Fund
Miles for Michael, founded in memory of Michael Joyce, helps local families battling cancer. The fund helps cancer patients and their families with unexpected expenses such as travel, lodging, gas and tolls so that families can remain together during treatment and recovery.

Libby K. Morris-Remick Memorial Fund
Established by Dennis G. Morris with Steven R. Remick and Sarah Ann Votrobeck in 2008 following Elizabeth's death at age 26 from ovarian cancer, this Fund will support a variety of community health organizations, with particular interest in cancer care.

The Mural Fund
The Fund was established to accept contributions for artistic work and murals to beautify Downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Rainbow Fund for Northeastern Pennsylvania
The Rainbow Fund for Northeastern Pennsylvania was founded in 2003. This Fund is advised by the NEPA Rainbow Alliance, a coalition of diverse individuals and organizations who have formed a committee to identify needs and improve the quality of life for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Remembering Jane Fund
The Remembering Jane Fund honors the memory of Jane Hannigan Yocum who led a life of courage, grace and dignity before succumbing to breast cancer in 2001. The Fund provides support of programs and services for families coping with cancer and other life-threatening diseases...helping people in need.

The Responsibility Fund
It is possible to delineate what mankind can do to live “sustainably” within its home called earth. It is my dream to see all of us recognize how our personal decisions and actions affect other people and the rest of earth’s inhabitants. This Fund at The Luzerne Foundation is to allow folks an option whereby individuals can donate to causes that reflect non-ego-centric practices. The Lands at Hillside Farms and other causes that foster responsibility living are beneficiaries.

Schiowitz Grass Roots Housing Initiative Fund
Dr. Mark Schiowitz established this fund to encourage residential improvements in South Wilkes-Barre neighborhoods. The fund seeks to stimulate owner occupied housing and the return of some historic properties to single family dwellings.

Libby Schomas Fund
In January 2001, the Schomas Family opened the Libby Schomas Fund in memory of their 17 month old daughter who had lost her 6 month battle with leukemia earlier that same month. The family’s wish to positively affect other pediatric cancer families while allowing Libby's legacy to live on was fulfilled with Home of Their Own, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides isolation housing for post bone marrow transplant families being treated by Penn State Children’s Hospital in Hershey, PA.

Louis Claude de St. Martin Fund
This Fund is intended to support scholarly work on esoteric studies.

The Times Leader - Book of Dreams Funds
The Times Leader - Book of Dreams project was an annual appeal that allowed members of the community to help fulfill the wishes and serious needs of their neighbors. The Fund has fulfilled the dreams of over 150 families since its inception in 1988.

Valley With A Heart Benefits Fund
Established by a diverse group of friends and residents of Northeastern Pennsylvania to raise charitable dollars to support organizations and causes that serve individuals and families in dire need.

The Wilkes Barre General Hospital Auxiliary Fund
For many generations, the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary supported its Hospital in the care and treatment of its patients. As the Auxiliary dissolved in 2010, it desired to continue supporting health care services which met the following definition of health adopted by the Auxiliary. “Health is a state of physical wellness. The degree of health a person enjoys ranges from excellent to very poor and may include acute or chronic illnesses.” The WBGH Auxiliary Fund Advisors place emphasis on cancer, hospice, physical and developmental disabilities. Establishing this Fund through The Luzerne Foundation allows the WBGH Auxiliary the perfect opportunity to fulfill its goal and to continue supporting nonprofit health care services in Luzerne County.

Wilkes-Barre Preservation Society Fund
This field of interest Fund was established by Tony Brooks and his many friends to promote the preservation and promotion of the history of Greater Wilkes-Barre.
Organizational Endowment Funds

A charitable agency or nonprofit organization creates an endowment fund to provide ongoing income to that particular organization. Leaders of nonprofit agencies or organizations often turn to The Luzerne Foundation to manage their endowments. thereby freeing valuable time to concentrate on the program work they know best. The Foundation provides investment management and accountability for all fund administration and accounting as well as gift records, distributions, filing reports and tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

Back Mountain Recreation Fund
Established by friends and donors of Back Mountain Recreation, Inc. this Fund will help support and promote healthy activities and environmental stewardship, provide educational opportunities to residents of the Back Mountain communities of Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

Bear Creek Historical Society Dam Fund
Established by the Bear Creek Historical Society, this Fund originated from surplus funds raised for the rebuilding of the Bear Creek Dam and will now be used to help maintain, preserve and enhance this historic landmark.

The Constance L. Bell Library Endowment Fund
This Fund was created in 2006 to help preserve and maintain the Constance L. Bell Library at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT. The Ethel Walker School, founded in 1911, is an independent, college preparatory boarding and day school for girls in grades 6 through 12.

Junior Achievement of NEPA Endowment Fund
Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc. (JA) was created in 1968 to provide students in kindergarten through Grade 12 a better understanding of the worlds of business and economics. The Junior Achievement Endowment Fund is designed to ensure that students in Northeastern Pennsylvania will have the opportunity to participate in JA's hands-on learning programs, now and into the future.

Osterhout Free Library Endowment Fund
This Fund will be used for financial assistance to ongoing programs, services and administration of the Osterhout Free Library, Wilkes-Barre. The Osterhout Free Library provides materials and services to all residents of Luzerne County, enabling them to obtain information, free of charge, for their personal, educational, recreational and professional needs. The Library was established by Isaac Osterhout in 1889 and serves over 200,000 visitors each year. Visit www.osterhout.info.

SPCA Jade Memorial Fund
Established by the SPCA of Luzerne County, this fund is named in memory of the SPCA’s heroic efforts to save Jade, a beloved Rottweiler. It may, at the discretion of the SPCA, be used to help pay for veterinary care not included in the SPCA’s regular budget when extraordinary medical service is necessary for an animal in their care.

SPCA Spay/Neuter Endowment
The Spay/Neuter Assistance Program helps low-income households in Luzerne County get their pets spayed or neutered, which in turn reduces the need for euthanasia by reducing the number of incoming animals turned into the shelter each year. Established by the SPCA of Luzerne County, the goal of this permanent fund is to generate income that will be used by the SPCA to support the Spay/Neuter Assistance Program.

Stewardship Endowment Fund of the North Branch Land Trust
This endowment Fund was established for the North Branch Land Trust to help pay for stewardship and oversight of the property under the protection and preservation of the Land Trust.

Wyoming/West Wyoming Little League Endowment Fund
This Fund was established by the Wyoming/West Wyoming Little League to create an endowment to maintain the facilities and secure the future of Little League in the two communities.
Young Men's Christian Association of Pittston Fund

The Greater Pittston YMCA was founded in 1883 and serves residents in the Greater Pittston Area and surrounding communities. This Endowment Fund was established to help ensure long-term financial viability of the Pittston YMCA and provide program, membership and preschool/summer camp tuition assistance to children and families.

Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds are designed to most often support the education or schooling of local individuals. They are often established in memory or in honor of a loved one, friend or beloved educator. Scholarships can be designated to students of all ages and can be awarded for a variety of causes and educational purposes.

NEPA AIA Chapter Scholarship Fund

This Fund was established in 2003 by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Institute of Architects to build an endowment and provide scholarships to worthy and qualified college students from Northeastern Pennsylvania to pursue the study of architecture. Since 2007, the fund has awarded scholarships to students attending Schools of Architecture at MIT, Philadelphia University, Temple University, and Marywood University.

Leanne Bedwick Scholarship Fund

The Leanne Bedwick Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 following the death of Leanne from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Like Leanne, the scholarship recipient must be motivated to reach his or her fullest potential, have been raised in a single-parent home, and have financial need. Graduates of Meyers High School are eligible.

Lisa Ann Marie Blaum Brighter Future Award Fund

Family and friends established this Fund in memory of Lisa Blaum, a dedicated teacher and community-minded spirit, and member of the faculty of G.A.R. High School. Grants are awarded to preserve her legacy of support to those qualified G.A.R. graduating senior(s) who best exemplify Lisa’s belief in “excellence over adversity.”

Thelma K. & Samuel Bosch Scholarship Award Fund

This Fund was established by Thelma K. and Samuel Bosch to assist a graduating senior from Wilkes University who has majored in English or Humanities with advanced graduate education or to pay outstanding educational expenses.

The Michael Carlo Scholarship Fund

The fund was established in honor of Firefighter Michael Carlo by State Senator John Yudichak at the September 11, 2011 dedication of the Public Safety Training Institute (PSTI) at Luzerne County Community College. Michael Carlo was a firefighter who died on September 11, 2001 in the World Trade Center.

The Brian Cashmere Memorial Scholarship Fund

This fund was created by members of the Pittston Area Class of 2002 to honor the memory of classmate Brian Cashmere whose life was tragically cut short. Brian - an outstanding student and athlete - was an even more exceptional friend to those who were lucky enough to have known him. This scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving Pittston Area High school student.

Robert J. Clark Scholarship Fund

"And now here is my secret, a very simple secret; It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

The Little Prince

Robert J. Clark Jr., an English educator for 32 years lived his secret as did his many students. His influence has led so many to realize that this lesson in life lives within each of us. Ken and Ann Krogulski of Shavertown, established this Fund in Robert’s memory to provide scholarship assistance to a worthy student in the “Women with Children” program at Misericordia University who will continue to “gift this world” with a commitment to learning.

1LT Michael J. Cleary Memorial Scholarship Fund

The 1LT Michael J. Cleary Scholarship Fund will make it possible for his loving family and friends to honor Mike’s memory. The Fund provides a scholarship to benefit a senior at Dallas Senior High School who shows the leadership and humanitarian characteristics that made Michael so special.

James Cortegerone Memorial Scholarship Fund

The James Cortegerone Memorial Scholarship Fund was created in 1995 by James, Lorraine and Therese Cortegerone to perpetuate the memory of their son and brother, Jimmy, who died at the age of fourteen. This fund supports Catholic education and Catholic causes throughout Luzerne County.

Michael Daniel Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Michael Daniel Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the family and friends of Michael Patrick Daniel in his honor and memory after his untimely death at the age of 24 on February 25, 2012. The Fund award scholarships to qualified graduates, male or female, of Coughlin High School.

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1LT Jeffrey F. DePrimo Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Scholarship Fund was established by Jeffrey's family and friends to honor his memory by awarding a scholarship annually to a student attending Pittston Area High School, Wyoming Area High School or a student residing in either of these two school districts but attending Holy Redeemer High School.

The James M. Desiderio, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
The James M. Desiderio, Jr. Scholarship Memorial Scholarship Fund provides a graduating senior and squad member of any Wyoming Valley Conference Wrestling High-school program (Berwick; James M. Coughlin; Crestwood; Dallas; GAR Memorial; Hanover Area; Hazleton Area; Lake Lehman; Elmer L. Meyers; Greater Nanticoke; Pittston Area; Tunkhannock; Wyoming Area; and Wyoming Valley West) with a non-renewable one-time scholarship.

The Daniel J. Distasio Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund established by the friends and family of stellar athlete and coach Daniel J. Distasio to recognize a graduating senior from Crestwood School District and his alma mater, Greater Nanticoke Area School District who exemplify the values of sportsmanship, motivation, dedication and perseverance in the classroom and on the playing field. Distasio, who during his 12 years as coach lead the Nanticoke Football Team to four Wyoming Valley Conference Championships, and a District 2 Championship in 1977, was named Coach of the Year in 1967 and 1977.

Herbert L. Facher Award Fund
Attorney Jerome Facher established this Fund in honor of his brother, Herbert, a graduate of E.L. Meyers High School, Wilkes-Barre. A scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving Meyers student who shows Herbert's characteristics of outstanding contributions to school, community and family.

The Dr. Guy V. & D. Keith Ferrell Scholarship Fund ...NEW
The scholarship was established in remembrance of Dr. Guy V. Ferrell, the first President of L.C.C.C. and his son, Dr. D. Keith Ferrell a prominent local psychologist. This scholarship is awarded annually to students planning to attend Luzerne County Community College to study any type of course offering from college degree curriculum to trade skills. The Ferrell Scholarship is intended to augment, not to replace scholarship funding from other sources. The scholarship may only be used for direct education expenses including tuition, books, labs, etc. but not for living, transportation or any non-academic expenses.

The J. J. Ferrara/Philharmonic Society Memorial Scholarship Fund
Applicant must reside in the Greater Hazleton Area as defined as the contiguous geographic area served by the Hazleton Area School District and the Weatherly Area School District (students attending MHI and/or other local private/parochial high schools but who reside in the defined geographic area are also eligible to apply) OR have played consistently with the Hazleton Philharmonic Society Orchestra for a minimum of 2 years.

The Steven P. Geraci & Paul W. Penkala Memorial Scholarship Fund
STEVEN P. GERACI “To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you into something else is the greatest accomplishment.”
PAUL W. PENKALA “Everyone is a hero if you catch us at the right time.”
This Fund was established by family and friends of Steven P. Geraci and Paul W. Penkala who died in an automobile accident in September 2008. This scholarship benefits deserving Hazleton Area High School Students.

The Kelci Ever After Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund was established by family and friends of Kelci Gibbons who was tragically killed in an automobile accident in July 2012. Kelci was a free spirit who loved art, music, nature and having a good time. This scholarship will be awarded to a Back Mountain resident from Dallas or Lake Lehman High Schools who exemplifies Kelci’s spirit in the pursuit of his or her passion. Preference is given to students with a major or minor in art and/or environmental studies.

Mickey Gorham Memorial Blue & Gold Fund
This Fund was established in honor of the All-State athlete from G.A.R. High School who went on to become one of the most respected high school football coaches of his time. Gorham served as an educator, principal, football coach and athletic director at Meyers High School during a career that spanned 35 years. The Fund will help recognize his ability to challenge students to “soar beyond themselves” and give their all to whatever they do.

FFCF - Alice Kender Honorary Scholarship
This Fund was established by the First Federal Charitable Foundation to recognize Alice Kender and her many years of dedicated service and support to the Volunteers of America program in Hazleton. A scholarship will be awarded to a Hazleton area youth who has served as a volunteer for the program.
Mary Ann Malinics Kaminski Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund was established by Mary Ann’s children and friends in honor and loving memory of a woman with an unforgettable personality, a spark for life and a generous heart. Mary Ann grew up in Dupont, a community she loved. She attended the local schools and completed one year of study at Marywood College. There was no money for her to continue her education. Due to this disappointment, she always had a soft spot for those who have to make similar decisions. This scholarship is awarded annually to a hardworking student residing in Dupont or Pittston Area who has plans to enroll in a two to four year college/university.

Edward Raymond Kenzakoski, III Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund was established by family and friends to honor the memory of Edward Raymond Kenzakoski, III, an avid wrestler from Coughlin High School. An annual scholarship will be awarded to a qualified wrestler from Coughlin High School who exemplifies Edward’s dedication and sportsmanship exhibited during his wrestling matches.

Dr. David W. Kistler Scholarship Fund
The Dr. David Kistler Scholarship Award is announced annually for a student(s) graduating from the sixth grade at the Kistler Elementary School, Wilkes-Barre, who shows academic achievement, good citizenship, personal accomplishments and economic need. The actual scholarship is awarded at the successful completion of high school. Dr. Kistler’s vision has been instrumental in motivating and inspiring young students to strive for a college education.

Knecht Scholarship Fund
This Fund was established by George and Bertha Knecht to provide scholarship support to qualified graduates from the Wyoming Area High School.

Logue Family Scholarship Award Fund
Established by the Logue Family to provide scholarships to qualified graduating sixth graders from the Heights-Murray Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre. The Award recognizes students’ academic success, citizenship and community involvement, economic needs, and growth potential. The award will be presented when the students graduate from high school.

Luzerne County Catholic School Education Scholarship Fund
This Fund was established in 2001 to provide tuition assistance for families who cannot afford all or part of their Catholic school tuition. Consideration will be given to all students currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a Catholic grade or high schools in Luzerne County, who manifest promise of academic success and who are seeking financial support.

LCCC Scholarship Fund
The LCCC Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to LCCC students. Applicants must reside in Luzerne County and have a financial need. Please apply online at www.luzerne.edu. The deadline to apply is April 15th each year.

Carrie Martin “We Can Make the World a Better Place” Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Fund was established in 2005 in memory of West Side Vocational-Technical School graduate, Carrie Martin, who was murdered in 2004. The fund was set up by Carrie’s mother, Wendy Cawdler, in recognition of her daughter’s humanitarian spirit and community service. Martin is being remembered as a talented artist, Special Olympics volunteer, and Luzerne County Fair queen, who loved horses and had dreams of starting a riding school for physically challenged individuals.

John Mashinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
This fund was established by John Mashinski’s family and friends as a way to honor his legacy, and to provide scholarship assistance to qualified college bound students in the Wilkes-Barre area. John was a true community servant who gave of his time, talent and treasure to help those in need.

John A. McCoile Campership Trust for Wilkes-Barre YMCA
The John A. McCoile Campership Trust for the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA was established in 1996 in memory of John A. McCoile, a dedicated community member and a Founder’s Board Member of The Luzerne Foundation. The Fund provides financial assistance to needy children and families, throughout the Wyoming Valley, to attend summer camp programs offered by the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA at Camp Kresge.
McGowan Cornerstone Award
This Scholarship Award Fund was established by various nonprofit organizations in honor of the Monsignor's life and charitable legacy. The Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Cornerstone Scholarship is awarded annually to qualified students from Northeastern Pennsylvania high schools and who attend any of the seven Colleges, Universities, and other educational programs the Monsignor supported during his life.

The Joseph A. Moran Scholarship Fund
In 2006, a number of former Coughlin High School athletes established a scholarship in honor of Coach Joe Moran in recognition of his very long and successful career coaching football and track while teaching physics and serving as athletic director at Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre. A scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving scholarship athlete who demonstrates leadership and civic responsibility through service to others.

The Dr. Drue Padem Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund honors the life and legacy of Dr. Drue Padem by providing annual scholarship support to at least one qualified student from both Lackawanna and Luzerne counties who best personify Dr. Padem's zest for life, his community and the game of golf.

Frank Pasdon Memorial Scholarship Fund
This fund was established in loving memory of Frank Pasdon by family and friends to honor his legacy and to provide scholarships to deserving students in the Greater Jim Thorpe Area. This is the Pasdon family's way to say "thank you" to the community for their loyal patronage of Jim Thorpe Market.

Deborah Samko Pearlman Educational Scholarship Award
This fund was established to perpetuate the memory of Deborah Samko Pearlman who passed away in July 2011, after a courageous battle with cancer. Deborah was a beloved wife, friend and a devoted special education teacher. This scholarship award is intended to benefit students graduating from Wyoming Valley West School District with an emphasis on those students attending and or participating in the special education, special needs or other such programs providing any sort of educational assistance.

The Ann Marie Piasecki Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund is in memory of Ann Marie Piasecki, a graduate of Bishop Hoban High School. It was established by the Piasecki Family to support students graduating from the various High Schools in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as well as other schools determined by The Ann Marie Piasecki Scholarship Committee.

Christina Mihalko Rock Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Christina Mihalko Rock Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by Christina's family and friends to make it possible for deserving college bound students from Lake Lehman High school to benefit from Christina's legacy. Eligible students who best exemplify Christina's values of academic excellence, community service and her love for music, piano, dance, and the oboe.

Lawrence W. Roth, Esquire Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund was established through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roth, with other family, friends and colleagues, in loving memory of their son, Larry, who died at age 35 following a brave battle with brain cancer. The Fund will be used for scholarships to students attending or planning to attend Wilkes University, with preference given to candidates who share Larry's spirit and interest in the legal profession, politics and/or community service.

Laura E. Rutkowski Memorial Scholarship Fund
This Fund was created by the Rutkowski Family to honor and perpetuate the memory of their beloved daughter and sister, Laura E. Rutkowski, following her untimely death in 2003. This Fund is designed to be used primarily to assist students as they pursue their Catholic education in Hazleton, PA area. Additionally it provided funds to promote causes that Laura volunteered for and dearly loved.

Michael B. Schecter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Dr. Benjamin and Donna Schecter established this Fund to memorialize their son, Michael, age 28, who lost his courageous battle with a rare form of testicular cancer. A scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student from Stroudsburg High School who exhibits Michael's enthusiasm and joy for life.
Nathan N. Schiowitz Family - VTSC Jr. Membership Fund

This Fund was established in 2004 by the Schiowitz family to assist the financially disadvantaged and underprivileged youth of Luzerne County by providing annual junior memberships at the Valley Tennis & Swim Club, now part of The Rock Recreation Center.

Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari Memorial Scholarship Fund...NEW

The Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari Scholarship Fund was created by the family and friends of Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari in honor and memory of her energy, spirit and desire to succeed in all of her academic pursuits. Dr. Jen led an energetic and vital life fulfilling a life’s dream to graduate as a medical doctor from the first class of The Commonwealth Medical College in May of 2013. Sadly, she died within weeks of her graduation. Qualified students who reside in the Wyoming Area School District are eligible.

Siegel Family Scholarship Fund

Established by friends and family of Paul ‘Chip’ Siegel at the celebration of his 50th birthday, this Fund provides scholarship assistance to qualified students at Misericordia University.

Judith Geer-Spitale Fund

The Judith Geer-Spitale Fund was established by her family and friends in her honor upon her retirement in June, 2004 following 42 years of service to Hospice Community Care and other health-related organizations in NEPA. The primary purpose of the Fund shall be to support community health and/or community health education within Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Taylor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Health and Wellness Fund

The Taylor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center - Health and Wellness Fund is committed to serving the health and wellness needs of the residents of the geographic areas the former Taylor Hospital and nursing facility had served, specifically the boroughs of Avoca, Dupont, Duryea, Moosic, Old Forge and Taylor. Recognizing the unique physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the residents, this endowment fund will provide grants and assistance to students of the Commonwealth Medical School. In addition, this Fund may assist in medical research as well as continuing education, clinical education and other programs and training of skilled nursing and medical professionals who serve this population.

The Charlotte Williams Thomas Award Fund

The Charlotte Williams Thomas Award Fund was established by Charlotte, her family and friends to recognize and honor her 28 years of dedicated service to the Practical Nursing Program of the Wilkes-Barre Area Vocational Technical School in Wilkes-Barre. The Fund is dedicated to preserving and recognizing those human traits of compassion and caring that are essential in the health care profession. This Fund awards scholarship assistance to a qualified full-time student in the Practical Nursing Program at WBCTC who plans to practice a career in nursing in Northeastern PA after graduation.

Wilbur Troy Memorial Scholarship Fund

This Fund was created in honor and memory of Wilbur Troy by his family and friends to provide scholarship assistance to graduating students from G.A.R. and/or Wyoming Valley West High Schools.

Kyle Wega Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jack and Kathy Wega and their family and friends established this Fund in memory of their son Kyle, who was killed in a car accident at the age of 28. Kyle was Director of IT at Dallas Area School District. An annual scholarship will be awarded to a qualified graduate of Dallas Area High School.

Wilkes Barre General Hospital Scholarship Fund...NEW

The Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary Advisors established this Scholarship Fund to assist students from Luzerne County attend local colleges and universities offering degrees in health programs. The eligible schools and specific health programs may vary from year to year.

Fran Williams Head Start Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of Fran Williams, loving wife and mother and devoted friend to many, this fund benefits graduating high school students who attended classes for at least one year in a Luzerne or Wyoming County Head Start programs.

The Leonard “Big Red” Williams Scholarship Fund

The children of “Big Red” Williams established this Fund in honor of the 60th anniversary of his high school graduation and in honor of his 77th birthday. A scholarship will be awarded to progressive-minded students from the Hazleton area.
The mission of The Luzerne Foundation requires its grant making to be as broad as possible. Nearly every type of nonprofit agency within Luzerne County and Northeastern Pennsylvania is eligible for grants— not only in the areas of health, human and social services, but also in the areas of arts and culture, youth activities, historic preservation and the environment, education and scholarships, and neighborhoods and community development. Since its inception, The Luzerne Foundation has provided funding to more than 525 nonprofit organizations throughout Luzerne County, our region and across the United States. For a complete list of grant recipient organizations www.luzfdn.org.

**Cumulative Grants Total**

1994-2014 = $68,329,140

(As of May 5, 2014)
We’re Committed to Excellence

The Luzerne Foundation received notification that it has met the nation’s highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability. The notice comes from the Community Foundations National Standards Board, a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations, a national professional association based in Arlington, VA.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With over 500 community foundations already confirmed in compliance nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

The 41 National Standards address six key areas of community foundation operations: Mission, Structure and Governance; Resource Development; Stewardship and Accountability; Grantmaking and Community Leadership; Donor Relations; and Communications.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy in the United States and hold nearly $50 billion in assets, according to the Foundation Center. Every state in the U.S. is home to at least one community foundation—large and small, urban and rural—that is advancing solutions to a wide range of community and social issues. Although community foundations make up only one percent of all U.S. grantmaking foundations, they account for more than 10 percent of all foundation giving!

As a 501(c)3 charitable organization and a recognized community foundation, The Luzerne Foundation files annual Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. The Foundation’s filed Form 990’s are available on our website www.luzfdn.org or for public inspection at The Foundation offices. Audited Financial Statements are available upon request.
The Rusty Flack Society

Named in honor of in honor of the late Charles D. Flack, Jr. "Rusty" who was a founding member of The Luzerne Foundation, longtime board member and community philanthropist. The Rusty Flack Society is a membership list of those who have named The Luzerne Foundation as the beneficiary of any type of planned or deferred gift and who choose to be listed.

There is no minimum amount needed to qualify and, to date, The Foundation has received bequests, or is aware of future bequests or other types of planned gifts ranging from $1,000 to $3,000,000 from The Rusty Flack Society members. These gifts support numerous nonprofit organizations throughout the community.

“This is a fitting tribute to our good friend,” noted Tom Kennedy, Esq., The Luzerne Foundation Board Chairman. “We miss his wise counsel and affable nature. We are honored that his name will forever be associated with The Foundation.”

The importance of creating a lasting legacy that will continue to have impact for generations led Rusty and his family to establish The Flack Family Fund at the Luzerne Foundation and the NEPA Philharmonic/Flack Family Fund. "Rusty always talked about the importance of doing something that would grow and last for years to come," said Charles Barber, President and CEO of The Luzerne Foundation. “Associating his name with this legacy society is a fitting tribute to him and his family and it serves as a reminder of The Foundation’s mission to support the community far into the future.”

Rusty Flack was a founding Board Member, past chairman and board member of The Luzerne Foundation. He received the Mary Bevevino Award for Community Service from The Foundation in 2009.

He was Chairman and CEO of Diamond Consolidated Industries, a fourth-generation family-owned business founded in 1915. Rusty’s credo to "always do the right thing" earned the company recognition as one of the Best Places to Work in PA as well as numerous industry awards. Rusty’s contributions to the community were legion and included not only generous financial contributions, but also donations of his time and expertise to many organizations. He served as the Chairman of the Wyoming Valley Health Care System; Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School’s Board Chairman and served on the Boards of Misericordia University, Oak Lawn Cemetery Association, Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, First Liberty Bank and Eastern Insurance Group. He was the chairman of the international World Perforating Conference five times (‘95, ‘98, ‘01, ‘04 and ‘07.)

The Flack Family was named Association of Fundraising Professionals Philanthropists of the Year in 2001. Rusty received the Junior Achievement Entrepreneur of the Year in 2007, the 2005 Susquehanna University Outstanding Alumni as well as the B’nai B’rith Community Service Award in 2004.

For more information about the Rusty Flack Society please contact The Luzerne Foundation at 570-714-1570.

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A Message From the President & CEO

Legendary Business Consultant, author, and educator Peter Drucker once said, “The best way to predict the future is to help create it.” Twenty years ago, our Founding Board Members had the foresight and tenacity to found The Luzerne Foundation. Their care and consideration has brought us together to meet the needs of our community today and into the future. Here are some of our key areas of focus:

**A growing interest in philanthropy among our next generation.** This group’s view of the world is wired, watchful and demanding. Not only do they want to do good by giving, but they also want to do good by doing. This group has a fresh perspective on our community. We need their insights in order to achieve effective philanthropy in this generation. Our newest endeavor, the Youth Advisory Committee of The Luzerne Foundation, also known as “YAC,” is a very active group of high school students who have 20/20 Vision. They see our community’s needs clearly. They are eager to learn responsible philanthropy. Their enthusiasm is contagious. YAC participants and their peers are sure to have a positive impact on future philanthropic efforts.

**Collaborations and Causes.** Collaborations bring the “best of the best” together toward one common goal or theme. The Luzerne Foundation exists to assist this process, providing information, experience and data resources. Thanks to our unique position in the community, we are aware of causes, rich for collaboration, and can provide a forum for people to come together and thus, achieve more.

**Nonprofit Support.** As nonprofits redefine their role in our community and work to remain viable organizations, The Foundation’s role is to assist them by providing education and awareness of trends affecting their existence. We have already fostered this support through our Nonprofit Forums and free seminars during our Annual Meeting day of events, and we intend to offer more sessions and opportunities to learn and share throughout the coming months and years.

As a bonus and through our membership in the Council of Foundations, we have access to the best minds in the country. Through this affiliation, we have resources available to tackle the most complex situations that our nonprofits may face.

Without you, our friends and donors, we cannot accomplish these goals. We are grateful to everyone who has been a part of The Foundation’s growth over the past 20 years. I look forward to maintaining focus on our 20/20 Vision and seeing our community grow.

Celebrating 20 Years of Being ...Here for Good.™

Charles Barber, President & CEO