Looking to the Future of our community

The Luzerne Foundation 2018 Annual Report
Celebrating 24 Years of Being... Here for Good.

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Dear Community Friends,

The Luzerne Foundation is “Looking to the Future” of our community! We’re excited, we’re humbled and we’re honored!

Rather than send each of you a change-of-address card, consider this a blanket announcement about The Luzerne Foundation’s exciting news: We’re moving! The Foundation will relocate its headquarters this summer to the historic Baltimore Building at 34 South River Street in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Fittingly, the move will help The Foundation to mark a major milestone, our silver anniversary – that’s 25 years in operation as a promoter of local philanthropy and a partner in improving the quality of life for Luzerne County residents.

We intend to be settled in our new location sometime this summer. The site, located just off the Market Street Bridge, is only a short stroll from “The Ribbon” sculpture at the Millennium Circle portal of the River Common, a public art project made possible through The Luzerne Foundation.

This prime location poises The Foundation to forge new partnerships, strengthen existing ones and continue to advance its mission of enhancing the county, and our region for the benefit of today’s residents and generations yet to come.

Looking to the Future, we are...

Here for good.™

Michael Weaver
Board Chairman
Looking to the Future of our Community

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 to invest strategically in causes they care about. Unlike other organizations, a community foundation is focused on developing funds that will live on into perpetuity providing support to our community for generations to come. That is why we are, Here for Good.™

Our Leadership: 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 knowledgeable about the various and diverse programs and services provided by nonprofit organizations throughout our region and has access to national and regional associations through which almost any donor question can be addressed. Our Board of Directors takes their role seriously and provide strong fiduciary oversight of The Foundation.

Our Grantmaking: Since our inception in 1994, we have awarded more than $130,000,000 in grants from more than 360 charitable funds characterizing seven distinct fields of interest. All of these components work in concert to create a healthy, vibrant community. Without Social Services, Education & Scholarships, Arts & Culture, Health & Wellness, Youth Issues, Historic Preservation & the Environment, and Neighborhoods and Community Development, our community would not be sustainable and opportunities for growth and development would cease.

Our Commitment to Growth: The Luzerne Foundation has always acted as a catalyst to bring together diverse groups to address local needs and foster greater collaboration. The Foundation is in a unique position to deepen its collaborative efforts across our community and is a logical clearing house to promote efficient use of resources and effective communication. Together we can do so much more. With nearly $40 million in assets, The Foundation is uniquely positioned to do good today and tomorrow. That is why we are...Here for Good.™
Val & Gus Genetti 2018 Mary Bevevino Community Service Award Recipients

From the earliest days of their marriage, Val and Gus Genetti set aside part of their income to help the community. They split their approximately $75-a-week earnings into separate jars: one earmarked for expenses such as groceries, one for baby-sitting services and one for charitable giving. “We have agreed on every gift since the beginning,” said Gus Genetti, president of Genetti Hospitality Group. The couple’s over 50 year’s long pattern of locally targeted philanthropy has benefitted dozens of this area’s nonprofit organizations and life-enhancing projects.

Gus and Val Genetti – who are parents, hotel operators and proud Wilkes-Barre residents – are the recipients of The Luzerne Foundation’s 2018 Mary Bevevino Community Service Award. As The Foundation’s highest tribute, the award annually spotlights people whose “unwavering dedication” has made “a significant positive impact on our community.”

A former nurse, Hazleton native Val Genetti, gravitates to health-related causes. She formerly volunteered with the Red Cross Blood Center and had been on the board of the Catholic Youth Center. She continues to serve on a committee directing funds for Women and Children’s Health Initiatives.

Gus Genetti, also born in Hazleton, repeatedly answers the call to serve. Through the years, he has accepted leadership roles with a range of organizations, including The Luzerne Foundation, the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, the Osterhout Free Library, the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts, the Northeast Pennsylvania Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the local council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Collectively, the duo’s generosity with their time and “treasure” have enriched lives. That was true when they donated to the area’s United Way precursor; and it remains the case with their support of Wyoming Valley newcomers such as the Volunteers in Medicine clinic and CASA of Luzerne County.

The Genettis are the parents of six; they have eight grandchildren. Val and Gus Genetti intend for their family’s philanthropic legacy to continue. They have established two funds administered by The Luzerne Foundation. They also count themselves among the estate planners who belong to The Foundation’s Rusty Flack Society, ensuring their tradition of giving will go on and on.

“The giving effort has always been the same (as when we were newly married),” said Gus Genetti. “Only the amounts have changed. We’re able in the autumn of our lives to have the opportunity to give at a higher level.”
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 2018 Mary Bevevino Community Service Award is presented to Val & Gus Genetti.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”
~ Margaret Mead

Award Recipients
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 Sloot
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
2014  Founding Board Members of The Luzerne Foundation
2015  Kathleen Button
2016  Lorine Angelo Ogurkis
2017  Atty. Allan Kluger
2018  Gus & Val Genetti

*Deceased

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.”
~ Winston S. Churchill

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Each March, The Luzerne Foundation hosts a Nonprofit Forum in which eligible Luzerne County 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are invited to make a five-minute presentation on their current needs and challenges to The Foundation’s Grants Distribution Committee, Foundation leadership, multiple donors and friends, and other foundations and guests. This gives a chance for nonprofits to explain, from their perspective, their most pressing needs and how they are planning to address them. In selecting each presenter, The Grants Distribution Committee evaluates each of the RFP’s (Request for Proposal) received, then, if chosen, invites the selected nonprofit to make a presentation at the Forum. After subsequent and careful deliberation, grants are awarded. This year, more than $70,000 was earmarked for nonprofit organizations that represent one of seven fields of interest: Arts & Culture; Education; Neighborhoods & Community Development; Social Service; Health & Wellness; Historic Preservation & the Environment and Youth Issues.

On March 29, 2018, 33 charities each had 5 minutes to “tell us their story”

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Grantmaking Funds of The Luzerne Foundation...

These Funds provide the grantmaking dollars awarded to Luzerne County nonprofits who participate in our Forum. Donations to any of these funds are encouraged and will “help us help the nonprofits” as they address the everchanging and most significant needs across our county. You can visit www.luzfdn.org to make a donation online or call The Luzerne Foundation at 570.714.1570 for more information.

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 portion of the “Ben Franklin Trust” predominantly 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. Since the program’s closure, grants provide continued support to education, environmental preservation, economic development, and encouragement of the Arts in Wilkes-Barre, Scranton and Hazleton areas.

The Fund for Luzerne County...
This was the very first fund of The Luzerne Foundation. 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, ever-changing and urgent needs within Luzerne County.

The Health Fund...
This Fund grew out of a collaborative effort by area hospitals and health care providers to improve the health of persons in our broad community. 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...
The Historic and Landscape Preservation Fund provides grants to support activities within this field of interest. This Fund is specifically dedicated to historic and land preservation within the entire county. Contributions are always encouraged.

Maslow Fund for the Arts...
The Maslow family provided initial funding to create The Fund which encourages and develops 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, types, and abilities - thereby enriching the community and homegrown creative endeavors.

McGowan Fund...
This Fund was established by Msgr. Andrew J. McGowan during his life to support a multitude of organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania. 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 across Luzerne County.

2019 Nonprofit Forum Facts

An email notification will be sent to all Luzerne County Nonprofits in January 2019 announcing the date and location of the 2019 Forum.

Email diane@luzfdn.org to make sure we have your contact information. Please include “2019 Nonprofit Forum” in the subject line.

Collaboration among our nonprofit organizations is highly encouraged by The Luzerne Foundation’s Grants Distribution Committee. We believe nonprofit missions can complement one another without competing against one another. Watch as we announce details of a Collaborative Challenge Grant in conjunction with our 2019 Forum.
$16,000 was awarded collectively on April 29, 2018 to four deserving organizations

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

Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center
Beyza Akinci, Wyoming Seminary
Derek Ambrosino, Wyoming Area
Ryan Anderson, Wyoming Seminary
Joseph Balay, Hazleton Academy of Sciences
Adrianna Bohman, Hazleton Academy of Sciences
Reese Butcher, Wyoming Seminary
Luke Coolbaugh, Wyoming Area
Madison Dixon, Dallas High School
Ethan Dutko, Coughlin High School
Haley Fennell, Dallas High School
Elena Fenster, Wyoming Seminary
Brett Gemmell, Hazleton Academy of Sciences
Rebecca Hammerman, Wyoming Seminary
Marissa Jason, Holy Redeemer
Abby Jerome, Rock Solid Academy
Halle Kehl, Dallas High School
Andrew Kovalick, Dallas High School
Mary Madeline Lewis, Holy Redeemer
Morgan MacNeely, Dallas High School
Bianca Mazzarella, Holy Redeemer
Ben O’Connell, Dallas High School
Zachary Palfey, Dallas High School
Megan Panaway, Coughlin High School
Sophia Polgar, Wyoming Seminary
Luigi Romano, Holy Redeemer
Katherine Sklarosky, Crestwood High School
Isabella Sobejano, Scranton Preparatory
Stephen Sokach-Minnick, Wyoming Area
John Toussaint, Jr., Dallas High School
Hannah Wolfe, Dallas High School

Hope Center of Wyoming Valley

Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley

Camp Orchard Hill

30 students from 9 area schools = one awesome YAC!
The Millennium Circle Fund of The Luzerne Foundation

The Millennium Circle Fund of The Luzerne Foundation is a special group of donors whose one-time gift or multi-year pledge of $2,000 play a pivotal role in helping The Luzerne Foundation identify significant unmet or underserved community needs. The ultimate goal is to have 2,000 members and a fund that will 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 and annually recommends areas of need by nominating causes and programs. All of the many nominations are reviewed by the Millennium Circle Advisory Committee which chooses finalists 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 to make additional contributions to the Millennium Circle, but we do encourage you to invite others to join. To join the Millennium Circle or to see a current list of members visit our website at www.luzfdn.org.

LOCAL PEOPLE, LOCAL NEEDS, LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Lorne Ogurkis
Executive Director/Founder of Brandon’s Forever Home making her presentation to the Millennium Circle Membership

Since its inception The Millennium Circle has awarded $339,000 in grants to address community needs

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Join us for our Annual Luncheon on Thursday, October 25, 2018 beginning at 11:30 PM at Genetti Hotel & Conference Center in Wilkes-Barre.
Ruckno Family Charitable Fund

Growing up in the Ruckno house, Beth and John routinely saw their father scoot out the door, bound for another board meeting: Knights of Columbus, Mercy Hospital in Wilkes-Barre, Wyoming National Bank or King’s College, to name a few.

Their mother also squeezed in time for civic-minded activities; she served, for instance, on the board of the Catholic Youth Center. “It seemed to be part of (our parents’) lives,” says Dallas Township resident John Ruckno, one of seven siblings raised in what he calls “a culture of community service.”

The siblings carry on their parents’ tradition of service today, decades later, as seen in their individual participation with Wyoming Valley charities – and in their collective philanthropy. Together, they regularly disburse grants to local nonprofit organizations through The Ruckno Family Charitable Fund.

The fund is one of about 70 “donor-advised funds” administered by The Luzerne Foundation. A sort of charitable savings account, the fund allows the Rucknos to jointly decide when and where to target financial gifts. They primarily have used it to sustain a scholarship fund established at King’s College in their father’s memory and enlarged in recent years by proceeds from a family-run golf tournament. The 2018 Ruckno Family Golf Tournament is set for June 8 at the Irem Temple Country Club, near Dallas. (For details and registration, visit rucknogolf.com.)

Family patriarch George L. Ruckno, who died in 1982, was a community leader and businessman, especially well known on the Wyoming Valley’s West Side. His construction company built more than 2,000 homes and a smattering of light commercial properties. The Rucknos also ran the former Forty Fort Lumber Co.

Perhaps as a result of their parents’ blueprint, the Ruckno siblings became involved through the years in many community-enhancing projects. Mary (Ruckno) Siegel, for example, helped to guide The Luzerne Foundation in its early days; The Foundation has been doing good throughout the county for 24 years – and counting.

For Beth (Ruckno) Black, of Dallas Township, the notion of “giving back” is a natural one. She believes lending your time and expertise, or donating money, to a worthy cause doesn’t end up aiding only the recipient. “I think helping one person helps the whole,” she says. “It’s improving our whole society and the environment that we live in.”

In that regard, all the Ruckno siblings can take pride in knowing their family name will long be remembered in Luzerne County not only for constructing houses, but also for building a stronger community.
A donor advised fund, or DAF, is a philanthropic vehicle that an individual or family may establish at The Luzerne Foundation. It allows donors to make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax benefit and then recommend grants from the fund over time. An easy way to think about a donor advised fund is like a charitable savings account: a donor contributes to the fund as frequently as they like and then recommends grants to their favorite charity when they are ready. Many donor advised funds appoint a successor advisor so that the original intents of the donor are carried through successive generations.

Donor Advised Funds

The Jamie Baker Memorial Fund
Charles & Denny Barber Family Fund
Stuart & Carolyn Bell Family Fund
Bella Grazia Fund
The Ignaz, Tekla & Leonard M. Bielski Family Fund
The Berkshire Asset Management Fund
Bevevino Family Fund
Joe & Jeanne Butcher Family Fund
Marvin Carkhuff Memorial Fund
Brandon J. Case Memorial Fund
Celtic Hospice Community Care Fund
The Constellation Fund
Crisci Family Fund
Darte-Darling Fund
The Dawe Consulting Fund
The Dowd Family Charitable Fund
Allen & Mary Erwine Family Hospice Fund
Flack Family Fund
Harold & Jean Flack Family Fund
The Friedman Family Charitable Fund
Gus & Val Genetti Fund
Lou Goeringer Family Fund
Omar D. Hamilton Fund
The Stewart & Sharon Harry Fund
Brian Hoppel Memorial Fund...NEW!
The Sean P. Kane Memorial Fund...NEW!
Hazleton Kiwanis Club Charitable Fund
Frank M. Henry Family Fund
Michael & Kathleen Hirthler Fund
Insalaco Family Fund
The Allan S. Karaffa Memorial Fund
Clayton & Theresa Karambelas Fund
Ron Knouse Fund
Ken & Ann Krogulski Family Fund
Lefkowitz Family Fund
Logos Fund
The John F. Magagna Family Charitable Fund
The Makarios Fund
The Shawn C. Malone Memorial Fund
The Millennium Circle Fund
The Miner-Shoemaker Fund
The Kristopher David Moules Memorial Fund
The Libby K. Morris Remick Fund
The Robert A. Mugford Family Fund
The Palko Family Fund
The Corrine Pawling Family Fund
Mary F. Pennachioli Memorial Fund...NEW!
The Pepperjam Community Fund
John Glenn Popple Memorial Fund
RJACK Fund
The Ruckno Family Charitable Fund
Paul & Mary Jo Rushin Fund
Jason Schilling Memorial Fund
The Nancy & Edward Shafer Family Fund
The Shafer Family Fund
Security Savings Charitable Fund
The Dr. Jen’s Hope Fund
The Don J. Shaw Memorial Fund
Shekinah Fund
John & Barbara Sobeck Charitable Fund
Solid Cactus Cares Fund
The Straub Family Fund
The Robert S. Tippett Family Fund
The Weinstock Family Fund
Wyoming/West Wyoming Lions Club
The Bill & Sandi Williams Fund
James and Regina Yates Fund
The YAC (Youth Advisory Committee) Fund
Yudichak Family Endowment Fund
Yudichak Family Lighthouse Annual Fund

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Designated Funds

Designated Funds are component funds whose beneficiaries have been specified by the donor when the fund is established. The Luzerne Foundation assumes the oversight responsibility for ensuring that these funds are distributed as the donor intends. Many designated funds name a number of specific organizations. Designated Funds can be established by an individual or couple, a family, a business or any other group of people with shared charitable interests. Designated Funds allow you to personally receive a tax deduction, and at the same time benefit your community by advising The Foundation of your charitable intents in perpetuity.

Back Mountain Police Association
Concerned Parents of Hazleton Area Fund
Coughlin Blue-Red Fund
CSC/Joe DeVizia Family Fund
CYC/ Parente Family Fund
The Dallas Days Bicentennial Fund
Daylene Burnside Administrative Endowment
Rusty Flack Memorial Garden at Grace Episcopal Church
The Friends of Wintersteen Carousel Fund
FunFest Fund of Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce
Georgetown Settlement Camp Fund
Hazleton Integration Project
Irem Temple Restoration & Preservation Fund
Loyal Patriots of America Fund for Pittston
LCCEA Food & Facts Fund
Luzerne County Historical Society Funds
   LCHS – Elma C. & Bessie B. Bishop Book Fund
   LCHS – Elma C. & Bessie B. Bishop Fund
   LCHS – Dorothy D. Darte Fund - Swetland House
Leadership Wilkes-Barre Funds
   LWB - Kline Scholarship Fund of Leadership Wilkes-Barre
   LWB - Sue Kline Kluger Leadership Excellence Fund
   LWB - McGowan Leadership Fund
Lions of 14W Fund

Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 Funds
   The LIU 18 - Education Fund
   The LIU 18 - Special Education Fund
   The LIU 18 - Behavioral Health Fund
   The LIU 18 - Student Activities Fund

Meadows Nursing Center – Ecumenical Enterprises
E. L. Meyers Blue-Gold Fund
NEPA Chapter of AIA Lecture Pass-Through Fund
NEPA Philharmonic/Flack Family Fund
Reverend Joseph Streit Fund
Shickshinny Forward Fund
Stoddartsville Preservation Society Fund
Tri-Centennial Fund of 2076

The Turri Funds
   The Joseph A. Turri ’45 Library and Learning Center Fund
   The Barbara L. Sowers & Joseph A. Turri ’45 Music, Drama, and Fine Arts Fund
   The Benjamin P. Turri Athletic Endowment Fund
   Benjaminino & Ernesta Turri Sr. Faculty Chair Language Fund
   Matilda A. Turri Brown & Adele Turri Hanna Senior Faculty Chair Fund

William J. & Constance K. Umphred Fund
Vital House Fund – HASD Fund
Wyoming Valley West School District
   WVW - Athletic Fund
   WVW - Facilities Fund
   WVW - Special Education Fund
   WVW - Technology Fund
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
Anti-Bullying Coalition of Luzerne County Fund
The ATHENA Fund
Autism Awareness NEPA
Addiction & Recovery Members Ending Drug Abuse Fund(AARMED)
The Debbie Darling Belenski Memorial Fund
1LT Lieutenant Michael J. Cleary Memorial Fund
Peter Degnan Memorial Endowment Fund
1LT Jeffrey F. DePrimo Memorial Fund
The District A Fund
Disaster Recovery Coalition Fund
Diversity Partnership Fund
Down Syndrome Network Fund
Earthly Angels Autism Fund
Eye Care Specialists Charitable Fund
Generation to Generation Fund
The Lou Goeringer Family Fund for the Visually Impaired
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
HKQ Fund for Children’s Advocacy
Hunts for Healing, Inc.
In Concert With the Arts
The Kevin Karl Music Foundation Fund
Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Elder Abuse Task Force Fund

Luzerne County Keystone Active Zone Alliance
Making A Difference Fund
Max & Lorraine Fund
Gene & Lois McKeown Endowment
Miles for Michael Fund
The Phyllis Mundy Fund for Children
The Mural Fund
Patriots Cove of Hunts for Healing Fund...NEW!
The Pounce and Dewey Fund
Rainbow Fund for Northeastern Pennsylvania
Remembering Jane Fund
The Responsibility Fund
Schiowitz Grass Roots Housing Initiative Fund
Libby Schomas Fund
Louis Claude de St. Martin Fund
The Times Leader - Book of Dreams Funds
UPS Drivers Campaign Fund...NEW!
Valley With A Heart Benefits Fund
The WBGH Auxiliary Grants Fund
We Got Your Back Fund...NEW!
Wilkes-Barre Preservation Society Fund

For more detailed information about our Field of Interest Funds visit www.luzfdn.org
A charitable agency or nonprofit organization creates an endowment fund to provide ongoing income and support 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, accounting and audit as well as gift records, distributions, filing reports and tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

Organizational Endowments

Back Mountain Recreation Fund Endowment
Bear Creek Historical Society Dam Fund
The Constance L. Bell Library Fund Endowment
Junior League of Wilkes-Barre Fund Endowment
The William G. McGowan Charitable Fund
Osterhout Free Library Fund Endowment
SPCA Jade Memorial Fund Endowment
SPCA Spay/Neuter Endowment
Stewardship Endowment Fund of the North Branch Land Trust
Westmoreland Club Charitable Fund Endowment
Wyoming/West Wyoming Little League Fund Endowment
Young Men’s Christian Association of Pittston Fund Endowment

Key Benefits of Organizational Endowment Funds

EASY...
Our professional, experienced staff provides technical assistance with planned gifts to the fund and offers oversight of the investment function of your fund.

EFFICIENT...
We handle the administrative tasks of philanthropy—from keeping track of your gifts, to acknowledgement letters, tax reporting, audits and sending you quarterly statements of activity—all for a nominal administrative fee.

FLEXIBLE...
Additions can be made to your fund at any time. The Luzerne Foundation can accept gifts of many types of assets, including stock, real property, and closely-held assets. You can also grow your fund through fundraising such as special events and donor cultivation for planned or current gifts.

PERSONAL...
Your fund is all about your organization and its goals for the fund, whether that’s long-range savings or funding for specific, mission-oriented events, scholarships, or programs.
River guide Kerron Barnes realized some of his younger coworkers were struggling with turbulence, not on the water, but in daily life.

One woman employed by Whitewater Challengers – a company known for its rafting excursions on the Lehigh River and two New York waterways – wanted to enroll at a Colorado university but lacked the funds, Barnes says. Other teen and twenty-something workers also appeared adrift, briefly attending colleges, then dropping out for financial reasons. Barnes grew determined to help and, after brainstorming a few years ago, enlisted the support of his boss.

He and Whitewater Challengers owner Ken Powley, of Rice Township, collaborated to offer qualified employees of the outdoor adventure company with financial assistance for higher education. Each man initially chipped in about $5,000 to create the Kerron Barnes-Whitewater Challengers Scholarship Fund.

Barnes recalls the moment he electronically transferred money to establish the scholarship fund administered by The Luzerne Foundation. “I hit ‘send,’ and that’s the best thing I’ve done in years,” he says.

“It seemed to fill a hole, something missing for me,” Barnes explains. “(The scholarship) supports education. It will make a difference in people’s lives.”

This spring, Barnes intends to start his 43rd year as a seasonal river guide with Weatherly-based Whitewater Challengers. He drives more than two hours from his Walden, N.Y., home to the Lehigh River’s banks each Friday, then devotes the weekend to coaxing novice and more experienced rafters safely through the rapids.

A beneficiary of scholarships in his younger years, Barnes spent much of his career as a community developer. He understands the patience required to build something useful. He appreciates permanence. That’s one reason he asked that his name be attached to the Whitewater Challengers scholarship.

“I wanted people to know I existed, and to leave something behind,” he says. Thanks to donors’ generosity and The Luzerne Foundation’s guidance, the Kerron Barnes-Whitewater Challengers Scholarship Fund will last. And long after Barnes hangs up his paddles for the final time, his life’s work will continue to impact others, leaving a legacy of beautiful, ever-expanding ripples.
Scholarship Funds

Scholarship Funds are designed to 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 and institutions.

Kerron Barnes-Whitewater Challengers Scholarship Fund
Leanne Bedwick Scholarship Fund
The Jamie Baker Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lisa Ann Marie Blaum Brighter Future Award Fund
The Debbie Darling Belenski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Joan Blockus Nursing Scholarship Fund
Thelma K. & Samuel Bosch Scholarship Award Fund
Jeanne R. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Butterfly Scholarship Fund
The Michael Carlo Book Scholarship Fund
The Brian Cashmere Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert J. Clark Scholarship Fund
1LT Michael J. Cleary Memorial Scholarship Fund
James Cortegerone Memorial Scholarship Fund
Michael Daniel Memorial Scholarship Fund
1LT Jeffrey F. DePrimo Memorial Scholarship Fund
The James M. Desiderio, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Daniel J. Distasio Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Corey A. Ehret Scholarship Fund
Herbert L. Facher Award Fund
The Fallen Swan Scholarship
The Dr. Guy V. & D. Keith Ferrell Scholarship Fund
The J. J. Ferrara/Phil. Society Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Steven P. Geraci & Paul W. Penkala Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Ronald E. Hontz Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Virginia M. & Robert C. Hopkins Scholarship Fund
The Lila & Darnell Howard Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Kelci Ever After Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mickey Gorham Memorial Blue & Gold Fund
The Robyn Jones Scholarship Fund...NEW!
The Kevin Karl Music Foundation Scholarship
FFCF - Alice Kender Honorary Scholarship
Mary Ann Malinics Kaminski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Edward Raymond Kenzakoski, III Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Thomas P. Kilduff Memorial Scholarship
Dr. David W. Kistler Scholarship Fund
Knecht Scholarship Fund
Logue Family Scholarship Award Fund
Luzerne County Catholic School Education Scholarship Fund
LCCC Scholarship Fund
Carrie Martin “We Can Make the World a Better Place” Memorial Scholarship Fund
John Mashinski Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Officer Robert E. Mack WSCTC Law Enforcement Police Science Program Scholarship Fund
The Kenneth L. Malkemes, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund
John A. McCole Campership Trust for Wilkes-Barre YMCA
McGowan Cornerstone Award
The Joseph A. Moran Scholarship Fund
NEPA AIA Chapter Scholarship Fund
The Dr. Drue Paden Memorial Scholarship Fund
Frank Pasdon Memorial Scholarship Fund
Deborah Samko Pearlman Educational Scholarship
The Ann Marie Piascik Memorial Scholarship Fund
Christina Mihalko Rock Memorial Scholarship Fund
Lawrence W. Roth, Esquire Memorial Scholarship Fund
Laura E. Rutkowski Memorial Scholarship Fund
Michael B. Schecter Memorial Scholarship Fund
Nathan N. Schiowitz Family - VTSC Jr. Membership Fund
Dr. Jennifer A. Sidari Memorial Scholarship Fund
Siegel Family Scholarship Fund
The Adam B. Slamas Memorial Scholarship Fund
Judith Geer-Spitale Fund
Taylor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center – Health and Wellness Fund
The Charlotte Williams Thomas Award Fund
Wilbur Troy Memorial Scholarship Fund
The Walsh Family Scholarship Fund
Kyle Wega Memorial Scholarship Fund
WBGH Auxiliary Scholarship Fund
Fran Williams Head Start Scholarship Fund
The Leonard ‘Big Red’ Williams Scholarship Fund
Joseph Yudichak Career Pathway Scholarship... NEW!
Memorial Funds

When a loved one passes away many families and friends wish to create a lasting legacy in honor of his or her life. Making the decision of which charity or charities should receive donations can be daunting during this highly emotional time. A Memorial Fund at The Luzerne Foundation gives you time to consider how best to represent your loved one’s passions and interests.

Why a Memorial Fund?

A Memorial Fund is a charitable account set up at The Luzerne Foundation to accept donations of any amount in memory of a loved one. When you and/or your family is ready, you can use the money that accumulates in the fund to make a grant to a single cause or multiple grants to various organizations as you see fit. Or, if you prefer, you can create an endowment fund in your loved one’s name. By establishing a Memorial Fund you, and your family will have the time to consider all options and decide which community organizations best represent the memory of your loved one.

Will I Know Who Made Gifts in Memory of my Loved One?

Yes. You will receive a list of names and addresses of individuals and families who have made a gift to your Memorial Fund. The Luzerne Foundation will acknowledge every gift by sending a thank you letter to the donor on your behalf. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

What Can I Do With the Donations Made to the Memorial Fund?

You may use the funds to make grants to organizations recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as tax-exempt, not only in Luzerne County, but regionally. Examples include: Places of Worship, Public Libraries, Schools, Human Services Organizations, Fine Arts Organizations, and other Nonprofit Organizations.

How Do I Establish A Memorial Fund?

• Select the name of your fund and include it in the obituary using wording such as, “Memorial contributions may be made to: The John Smith Memorial Fund of The Luzerne Foundation 140 Main Street, 2nd floor Luzerne, PA 18709

• Please contact The Luzerne Foundation at 570.714.1570 (or ask the funeral director to contact us) so that we are prepared to accept donations.

• Complete the paperwork (we will assist you with this) and select a family representative(s) who will advise how the donations to the fund will be distributed.
The Rusty Flack Society...

Named 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 group of charitable individuals who have included The Luzerne Foundation in their will or as the beneficiary of any type of planned or deferred gift, who wish to be listed. There is no minimum amount needed to qualify and, to date, The Foundation has received bequests or other types of planned gifts ranging from $1,000 to $3,000,000 from The Rusty Flack Society members. These generous gifts help support numerous nonprofit organizations that provide much needed programs and services throughout our community.

The importance of creating a lasting legacy that will continue to have impact for generations is the premise that led Rusty and his family to establish The Flack Family Fund at The Luzerne Foundation as well as the NEPA Philharmonic/Flack Family Fund. “Rusty always talked about the importance of doing something today 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 a wonderful man and his family and it serves as a reminder of The Foundation’s mission to support the community far into the future.”

Members:

Charles & Denny Barber
Kerron Barnes
Donna Bedwick
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bevevino
John & Renee Bevevino
Tom & Karen Bevevino
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Blaum
Leonard Bielski
Joseph & Jeanne Butcher
*Marvin Carkhuff
Tom & Millie Cannon
James & Lorraine Cortegerone
Ray & Anne Crisci
John W. Dawe
Ronald & Brenda D’Eliseo
Philip & Judith Decker
Kristin Degnan
Jerome & Vivien Facher
Hal & Jean Flack
Kathi Flack
*Rusty Flack
Gus & Val Genetti
*Omar & Peggy Hamilton
Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Henry
Michael & Kathleen Hirthler
*Ronald Hontz
**Dr. & Mrs. David Kistler
Ken & Ann Krogulski
Audrey Kurz
Sandra G. Lefkowitz
Melanie Maslow Kern
John F. Magagna
Dick and Marilyn Maslow
Walter and Connie Mitchell
Rick & Roseanne Nardone
*Joan Flack Nusbaum
Joseph & Patrice Persico
Eugene & Connie Roth

Mary Jo Rushin
Dr. & Mrs. Benjamin Schecter
Jim & Susan Schilling
Dr. & Mrs. Rudolph Schleich
Blake & Mona Schomas
James & Joan Schonfeld
Chip Siegel
Mary Ruckno Siegel
*Bill and Shelly Smulowitz
Barbara Sowers
*Charles & Judy Spitale
*Joseph Turri
William J. and Constance M. Umphred
**James & Regina Yates
Bob Yocum
John & Heather Yudichak

*Deceased Member
**Deceased Couple
Special Event Highlights ...

**Millennium Circle of Friends ~ September 19, 2017**  
*at the Mary Stegmaier Mansion*

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**Rusty Flack Society Event ~ February 15, 2018 at the Westmoreland Club**  
*Friends, Donors, Fundholders and Rusty Flack Society Members*

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For more information about the Rusty Flack Society, please contact The Luzerne Foundation at 570-714-1570 or visit [www.luzfdn.org](http://www.luzfdn.org).
We’re Committed to Excellence

The Luzerne Foundation works diligently to maintain the highest philanthropic standards for operational quality, integrity and accountability.

The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations Program, based in Arlington, VA, requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With over 500 community foundations in 49 states 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 National Standards addresses five key areas of community foundation operations:
Structure and Governance; Resource Development; Accountability; Grantmaking; Community Engagement.

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 12 percent of all foundation giving!

As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and a recognized community foundation, The Luzerne Foundation files an 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.

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**Donor Advised Funds vs. Private Foundations**

When compared to a private foundation, a donor advised fund at The Luzerne Foundation is a smart way to achieve your philanthropic goals with greater tax advantages, fewer administrative hassles, more cost savings and a highly comparable level of grantmaking flexibility.

Private foundations that transfer assets to The Luzerne Foundation enjoy immediate excise tax relief, freedom from reporting requirements and lower administrative costs. This often means that more of the foundation’s assets can be used for true philanthropic purposes.

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<td>Control</td>
<td>• Donor recommends grants to Foundation’s Board for approval&lt;br&gt;• Foundation is responsible for asset management</td>
<td>Board of trustees have complete control of grantmaking distributions and responsibility for asset management</td>
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<td>• Foundation’s Investment Committee oversees investment policies</td>
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<td>Significant costs for legal, accounting and filing fees to establish</td>
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<td>Taxes</td>
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<td>Administration / Reporting</td>
<td>• All record keeping and accounting performed by Foundation staff&lt;br&gt;• Tax exempt status already established&lt;br&gt;• Public reporting performed by staff&lt;br&gt;• Director/Officer liability insurance in place</td>
<td>• Must file annual tax returns including detailed financial schedule (Form 990-PF)&lt;br&gt;• Must establish tax exempt status with IRS&lt;br&gt;• Must prepare reports for general public&lt;br&gt;• Must obtain director/officer liability insurance</td>
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<td>Deductibility of Gifts</td>
<td>• Cash gifts deductible up to 50% of the adjusted gross income (AGI)&lt;br&gt;• Gifts of appreciated property deductible at fair market value (up to 30% of AGI)</td>
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<td>Grantmaking</td>
<td>• Donor has access to Foundation staff for due diligence, research and expertise; recommends grants&lt;br&gt;• Foundation staff oversees evaluation</td>
<td>• Board and staff must do research, due diligence, review and monitor proposals&lt;br&gt;• Board and staff must develop evaluation process</td>
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The Luzerne Foundation stands ready to assist you in your charitable endeavors.

Please contact us at 570.714.1570.
Our Grantmaking...

By Field of Interest:

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

Since Our Inception in 1994 through May 4, 2018:

$138,446,130
Dear Friends,

**Looking to the Future of our Community...**

Our pending relocation to new facilities is very exciting! The additional space and ADA compliant features of the building create many windows of opportunity for our donors, fundholders and nonprofits.

Our theme, **Looking to the Future of our Community** seems fitting as we consider our relocation and approaching 25th Anniversary in 2019. As we plan and prepare for the next 25 years and beyond, we do so with great expectations of community growth and vitality.

**Looking to the Future of our Community**, we envision:

- Expanding our grantmaking efforts to engage more donors, fundholders and private funders.

- More collaborations among our area nonprofits. Our goal is to offer additional challenge grants that focus on any of the seven field of interest areas: arts and culture, health and wellness, neighborhood and community development, historic preservation and the environment, social services, youth issues and education.

- Holding additional seminars for nonprofit agency professionals and board members who want to learn more about grant writing, best practices, compliance and much more.

- College-bound students who are interested in applying for any of dozens of available scholarships.

- Area high school students eager to serve on our Youth Advisory Committee, which helps participants learn how to identify community needs and fosters a desire to “give back” through philanthropy.

- People who want to leave a lasting legacy in Luzerne County by establishing a memorial or other type of fund administered by The Foundation. (Ask us about the tax advantages and other benefits of financial giving through a community foundation such as ours.)

- Professional advisers and others who want information about strategic giving, trends in philanthropy and legislative/tax changes.

The list goes on and the opportunities are great. We’re Looking to the Future of Our Community, and we are...

Here for Good.™

Charles M. Barber, President & CEO