



Community
Foundation
of Warren County



2018

Report To The Community



Our Mission — sustaining and enhancing the quality of life in Warren County through philanthropy

The Community Foundation of Warren County grew from a seed of an idea, when a small group of citizens believed the county should have an organization dedicated to supporting the charitable needs of our area. That was in 1949.

Today, the Foundation is thriving, managing funds for the benefit of non-profit organizations throughout the county and supporting needs in so many areas: education, the arts, health and community.

We chose the pinecone as the central image of our logo, because it symbolizes the work of the Community Foundation -- planting seeds so future generations can thrive. Thanks to the cooperation and foresight of our founders, as well as the trust of the donors who have joined our mission to sustain and enrich the quality of life in Warren County, the Foundation can work for good...forever.



Letter from the Chairman

Dear Donors and Friends of the Foundation:

Throughout its history, the Community Foundation of Warren County has provided many ways for generous individuals to support the needs of the community and the numerous non-profit organizations that serve our citizens with dedication. Supported by its generous donors and guided by its sound investment policies, the Foundation has grown from its modest beginnings in 1949 into a multimillion-dollar organization with total assets over \$75,000,000 as of December 31, 2018.

While reviewing the Foundation's Financial Report, you will note that after recognizing an outstanding growth of over 14% in its investment portfolio in 2017, a sudden downturn in the financial markets in the fourth quarter of 2018 caused the Foundation to record a \$6,181,274 (9%) loss in the market value of its investment portfolio for the year. However I am pleased to report that, as of the date of this writing, the market has responded favorably in early 2019 and over \$4.5 million or 73% of the 2018 decline has been recovered. The Foundation's conservative investment policies have proved to serve it well through the many turbulent times we have encountered in the economy. We intend to continue to rely on these policies for the foreseeable future.

Over the years the income generated by its assets has enabled the Foundation's Board of Directors to focus on the areas identified in its Resolution and Declaration of Trust: Education, the Arts, Religion, Health, and our Community, which includes support for children and youth; all have been well served.

Our success in fulfilling our mission continued in 2018. The Foundation made 496 grants and disbursements totaling \$3,068,970, including 311 scholarship awards of \$911,000. I congratulate all involved, the Donors, Staff, and Directors on these achievements.

Generous donations from contributors with connections to Warren County enabled us to continue to expand our work on behalf of the many charitable organizations that serve the people of our area. For the year just ended, the Community Foundation received 274 contributions totaling \$2,366,834. These gifts ranged in size from under one hundred dollars to one very generous gift of over \$1,000,000. They will all serve the philanthropic wishes of the donors, and support the work of the Community Foundation.

As we approach our 70th Anniversary, we remain committed to honoring the wishes of our donors, past, present, and future. This report contains a few examples of the work we do with the funds left in our trust; sustaining and enhancing the quality of life in Warren County through philanthropy. We hope these stories will inspire you to become a philanthropist. No gift is too small, there is a need for every dollar you donate. The seeds you plant with your gift today will help continue to make Warren County a better place to live tomorrow.

With commitment to our founding principles and hope for the future
we continue on... For Good – Forever



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From the Executive Director

I am grateful to the Community Foundation Board of Directors for the opportunities to work with our important constituencies – our donors, our non-profit partners, and our grant recipients. Every day brings new opportunities to help those in need. Those opportunities and the successes we create together make my days rewarding.

The Community Foundation of Warren County is fortunate to be surrounded by caring people dedicated to helping others. Their care and concern is expressed in so many ways.

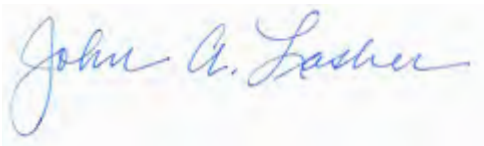
Most of the trusts now held by the Foundation were established through wills and estate plans. Other donors wanted to enjoy seeing the benefits their gifts would provide and to control how the organizations were supported by their gifts. At year-end the Foundation had 221 funds, most of them designated for specific purposes.

Scholarship, donor-advised, and donor-designated funds allow the donor a measure of control over how the income generated by the investment portfolio will be used. Unrestricted Funds, which play a key role in the work of the Foundation, provide investment income to be used at the discretion of the Foundation Board of Directors. The income from unrestricted funds is used for scholarships, and to make grants to deserving non-profit organizations. All gifts to the Foundation are important; however unrestricted gifts provide maximum flexibility in meeting the changing and growing needs of our communities.

The following pages offer a snapshot of our finances and tell some of the stories of the Foundation's recent work. We hope those stories will inspire you to join us and support our efforts in Warren County. Near the end of this report you will find descriptions of the various fund opportunities within the Foundation.

If you are interested in supporting one of the organizations we support, or making a donation to support a charitable cause in Warren County, please contact me. I will work with you to make sure your charitable intentions are met now and for the future. It would be my pleasure to help you achieve your goal of helping others through the work of the Community Foundation of Warren County.

Cordially,



John A. Lasher
Executive Director





**WE BUILD
RELATIONSHIPS**



**TO GROW
ASSETS**



**TO CREATE
IMPACT**

2018 At a Glance

\$75,130,153 Total Assets

\$2,366,834 New Contributions

\$3,068,970 Total Dollars Distributed

221 Funds

274 Contributions

496 Grants/Scholarships

Reasons to partner with the Community Foundation

1. Your gift grows – and goes further

The Community Foundation invests its funds and distributes the earnings to the causes you care about. Your gift will grow over time and your legacy will live on for generations.

2. Our flexible giving options fit you

We accept a variety of assets. Your gift can create tax advantages for you. Our friendly staff will work closely with you to tailor an approach that matches your personal interests and philanthropic desires.

3. You can give with confidence

The Community Foundation has a diverse investment portfolio, managed by professionals who are experts in their field. We provide a secure investment of your charitable dollars.

4. You'll make a difference

The Foundation works closely with area non-profit organizations to gain insight into the needs of each community in Warren County enabling us to respond most effectively to those needs.

5. Our leadership works for you

Our Board of Directors is comprised of respected individuals with diverse professional skills. Each member provides thoughtful, strategic oversight of the Community Foundation to help make your gift do more for Warren County.

**Make a difference
For Good...Forever**



Financial Report

Statements of Activities

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018

Support & Revenue

New Contributions	\$2,366,834
Investment Income	\$1,517,570
Refund – Scholarships	\$26,621
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$(10,816,857)
Realized Gain/Loss in Investments	\$4,384,076

Total Support & Revenue	\$(2,521,756)
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Disbursements

Grants to Charitable Organizations & Scholarships	\$3,068,970
Administrative & Operating Costs	\$246,600
Investment Management Fees	\$348,782

Total Disbursements	\$3,664,352
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Change in Net Assets	\$(6,186,108)
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Statements of Financial Position

	Year 2018	Year 2017
Assets		
Cash & Equivalents	\$2,153,122	\$2,155,056
Investments at Market Value	\$72,729,305	\$78,910,579
Other Assets	\$247,726	\$247,651
Total Assets	\$75,130,153	\$81,313,286
Liabilities & Net Assets		
Payroll Liabilities	\$(21,628)	\$(12,079)
Other Liabilities	\$37,624	\$25,100
Net Assets	\$75,114,157	\$81,300,265
Total Assets & Liabilities	\$75,130,153	\$81,313,286

NOTE: Difficult market conditions resulted in weaker investment performance for the year 2018.

These are unaudited Financial Statements

Total Dollars Distributed in 2018

\$3,068,970

The Community Foundation strives to improve and enhance the quality of life in Warren County by providing grants to area non-profit organizations. Because the needs of our communities are wide-ranging, so is the support that we offer.

In 2018, a total of \$3,068,970 was given back to your communities from Foundation funds, including scholarships to area students. We provided grants in fields of interest that touch the lives of all residents on our county: the arts, community, health, and education.

The Arts



Warren County is blessed to have many organizations and programs dedicated to the Arts. The Foundation is proud of its support for a number of these organizations and the programs they provide.

Helping individuals develop and express their talents enriches their lives, as well as the lives of those who experience exciting programs in performing and visual arts.

Community



Since community assets enhance the quality of life in Warren County, the Foundation focuses on elements that contribute to the quality of life in our communities.

From recreational development to supplying food and clothing for those in need, the Community Foundation provides support for projects that benefit people all across Warren County.

Health



It is a fact of life that the population of Warren County is aging. However we promote wellness for people of all ages with our funding for programs ranging from pregnancy support to end of life care.

Quality of life depends on good health throughout life, and the Foundation is committed to supporting those organizations and programs which help our citizens enjoy the best of health at every stage.

Education



We build the foundation of our future by providing scholarships to local students attending colleges and universities as well as technical schools.

Our scholarship program is one of the Foundation's largest expenses. However we also support programs for students in the Warren County School District to help them prepare for post-secondary education and rewarding careers.



Scholarships

\$911,111
awarded to 311
county students

Hundreds of students have been able to achieve their goals, thanks to the generosity of donors who have specified named scholarships or have provided unrestricted funds to the Foundation to distribute. Many of these scholarships are named for their donors or as memorials. Many are designated for specific fields of study, for students from specific geographic areas of the county, or as awards for academic achievement for high school graduates.

Six new scholarship programs were established in 2018. They are:

Allen and Martha Sampson Scholarship – for students studying Elementary Education

Hayden Salapek Football Lineman Scholarship – for a graduating Warren High Dragon Football lineman

Jack and Rosemary Angove Scholarship – for students studying Agriculture or Animal Husbandry, with preference given to Eisenhower graduates

Lt. Jack L. Pedersen Scholarship – for a Career Center student entering the Electronics Field

Mary Edwards Conarro Nursing Scholarship – for a student studying Nursing

Richard L. Baker Scholarship – for a student studying for a career in the medical field

You, too, could leave your legacy
and help local students succeed by establishing a fund that reflects your wishes. A scholarship fund may be started with as little as \$5,000 depending on your goals and plans for the program.

For more information, contact the Community Foundation of Warren County.



"The financial assistance I received with this scholarship was instrumental in giving me a great start in furthering my education, enabling me to afford to pursue my goal in the occupational therapy assistant field."

Lexie Grubbs,
Penn State University



"I'd like to thank the Foundation for supporting my education and helping me to continue my educational career. With the scholarship I received from the Foundation, I was able to have more financial stability that allowed me to worry less about how to pay for college."

Adam Irwin,
Saint Bonaventure University



Hayden Salapek

The Hayden Salapek Football Lineman Scholarship

One of the 6 new scholarship funds established in 2018 honors the memory of Hayden Salapek, a 2017 Warren Area High School graduate who died in an ATV accident.

It is designated specifically for WAHS football players – to celebrate Hayden’s love of the game.

Family and friends chose to establish this scholarship through the Community Foundation to ensure the fund’s growth and to make it accessible for anyone who would like to contribute. Now Hayden’s memory and team spirit will live in perpetuity.

“He was always willing to help others, and this is a way for him to continue to do that even though he is not physically with us.”

Stacy Salapek, Hayden’s mother

Current Scholarships

Below is a list of the scholarships currently available. We hope to grow this list to better help deserving students from the community and inspire even more success stories.

- * Allen and Martha Sampson Scholarship
- Agnes V. Baker Scholarships
- Annabelle Bollinger Scholarship
- Association of College Women Scholarships
- Barbara DeFrees Music Scholarships
- Blair and Janice Logan Scholarships
- Blair Employee Family Scholarships
- Chapin Reese Academic Scholarship
- Community Foundation of Warren County Scholarships
- Cornelius & Marguerite Pelletreau Scholarships
- Dr. Albert B. Cecchini Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Charles E. MacKenzie Scholarship
- *Hayden Salapek Football Lineman Scholarship
- Health Career Scholarships
- *Jack and Rosemary Angove Scholarship
- Jacob Levinson Scholarships
- Jane G. Masters Scholarships
- James Barrett Scholarships
- John Check Memorial Scholarships
- *Lt. Jack L. Pedersen Memorial Scholarship
- *Mary Edwards Conarro Scholarship
- Mary Dutter Scholarships
- Nursing Careers Scholarships
- Paul & Andrew Keverline Scholarships
- Paul & Linda Keverline Scholarships
- Paula Southwell Memorial Scholarship
- Quinn Smith Scholarship
- *Richard L. Baker Scholarship
- Richard and Edith Metzgar Scholarships
- Robert P. North Memorial Scholarship
- Soderberg Nursing Scholarship
- Stacey Lindsey Memorial Scholarship
- W. Genevieve Carter Scholarship
- Warren County Career Center Scholarships
- Whirley Drinkworks Scholarships
- William Falconer Henry Scholarships
- * New Scholarships

The Arts



“We couldn’t have made any of these upgrades without the help of the Community Foundation.”

**-Wendy McCain,
*Struthers Library Theatre Executive Director***



Struthers Library Theatre

Warren is home to the nation’s 2018 Outstanding Historic Theatre Award winner. This prestigious award is given each year by the League of Historic American Theatres to a theatre that has demonstrated excellence in community impact, quality of programs and services, and quality of physical restoration.

Now the 1883 Struthers Library Theatre features a new elevator, seating, a new roof, and other improvements to ensure that it is safe, fully accessible to all, and can be enjoyed by local theatre goers for generations. Programming includes a film series, and plays by amateur and professional troupes, as well as live musical performances.

The Community Foundation of Warren County helped cover costs of the facility updates and continues to administer endowment funds and support programming with grants. The Foundation is also one of the proud sponsors of the celebrity series, which attracts patrons of all ages from around the region.

Wendy McCain, Executive Director of the Theatre, stated that these shows could not happen without this support. “Our sponsors make it possible to attract big-name acts, yet offer tickets at reasonable prices.” The Theatre continues its evolution to ensure that the arts thrive in Warren County. To find out how you can help, contact the Community Foundation.

Children's Advocacy Center

The Children's Advocacy Center, which officially opened its doors in July 2018, offers children affected by child abuse a safe place to tell their stories. Pennsylvania sees an average of 27,000 child abuse cases each year. Approximately 130 of those occur in Warren County.

Years of work and planning have gone into the Center's creation. The Community Foundation of Warren County has been involved throughout the process, providing funds for setup and initial interview training and pledging additional support to cover costs of accreditation and other startup needs.

The children of the community benefit by having a comfortable place to go after the trauma of abuse. Previously, they may have been interviewed multiple times at police stations, hospitals, or the courthouse. Now they will be interviewed only once in a local child-friendly environment by a trained non-threatening interviewer.

The Community Foundation continues to support the Children's Advocacy Center and accept donations toward this cause. While the hope is that more awareness of child abuse locally will lead to better prevention, the reality is that many children of Warren County will need the help of the Center.

"It's very significant that the Foundation provided the money for the interviewer training.

A skilled non-threatening interviewer is the focal point of the Children's Advocacy Center, and we couldn't exist without that person."

**Cameron Skelton,
President of the Center's
Board of Directors**



Warren County K-9 Officer Program

After the loss of Warren County's first K-9 officer, Choper, a fund was created in 2018 to support the K-9 program in the county. The Community Foundation of Warren County made an initial \$10,000 donation to establish this fund.

District Attorney Rob Greene praised the program, "The K-9 Officer is a resource for all of Warren County and the surrounding area. We are fortunate to have the Conewango Police Department and Officer Neiswonger dedicated to this program."

The new K-9 Officer, Nic, will be an integral part of the Warren County Drug Task Force. He is already a willing participant in all his duties and great representative of law enforcement in the community.

"We have been pleased by the outpouring of support for this important aspect of our law enforcement team and feel this is a program we should perpetuate."

Rob Greene, District Attorney

Health

Women's Care Center

In May 2018, the Warren County office of the Women's Care Center opened its doors, offering confidential and compassionate pregnancy care to Warren County women and families in need. "Without initial funding from the Community Foundation of Warren County, we would not have been able to open the office in Warren," noted Brenda Newport, Executive Director of Women's Care Center of Erie County.

The Warren Center has already served more than 200 clients with free pregnancy testing and sonograms, childbirth classes and newborn courses. The Center works directly with practitioners in the area to ensure the best possible care throughout each pregnancy.

Clients also have the opportunity to participate in the Center's Learn to Earn program, which educates young mothers and couples in personal development and parenting skills. As they learn, they earn credits to spend on needed baby items. The Warren facility plans to expand the space in order to offer group sessions for this popular program.

"We do all the things the doctors' offices don't have time to do – offering compassionate help before, during and after pregnancy."

Brenda Newport,
Erie County Women's Care Center Executive Director



Warren General Hospital

Warren County is fortunate to have a full-service local hospital with a board-certified staff, offering innovative technology in cancer care, diagnostic imaging, and patient-centered services. Many communities of our size do not have a hospital, forcing residents to travel for healthcare.

The Community Foundation of Warren County has long supported the hospital by purchasing state-of-the-art equipment and funding facility upgrades that benefit the entire community.

In 2018, the Hospital entered into a partnership with Allegheny Health Network, LECOM Health and Highmark Health to improve services and deliver advanced medical care in Warren County.

As the Hospital enters this new era, the Community Foundation pledges continued support for every project that will help our hospital grow and thrive.

"We are grateful for the strong financial support the Community Foundation has provided for Warren General Hospital's programs and facilities."

Rick Allen,
CEO, Warren General Hospital





Education

Audubon Community Nature Center

Every spring and fall, Warren County students in pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade are treated to special classroom visits from Audubon Community Nature Center educators. Schools win, because their science classes are supplemented with programming that meets state standards. Students win, because they learn from guest speakers in a fun, interactive environment.

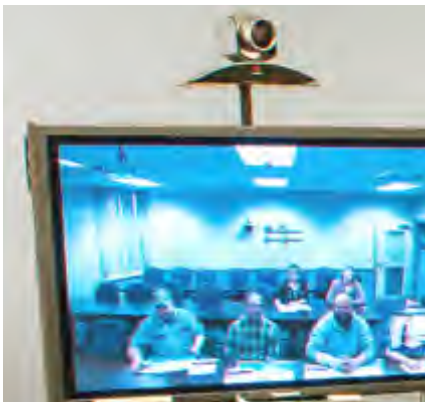
Thanks to funds provided by the Community Foundation of Warren County, classes also enjoy a schoolyard visit from one of the Nature Center staff members or a field trip to the Audubon Center. According to Sarah Hatfield, Education Coordinator, these visits and trips are the most important part of the program. “This is where the kids’ interest is really sparked. They see that nature is right outside their door. They learn how nature affects them, and how they affect nature.”

“Schoolyard visits and trips to the Audubon Center make nature real for the students.

We thank the Community Foundation for funding these essential programs.”

Sarah Hatfield,
Audubon Center Education Coordinator

**For more information
about how you can help
these programs thrive,
contact the Foundation
office at 814-726-9553**



Northern Pennsylvania Regional College

In 2017, the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College was established to serve Warren County, as well as eight surrounding counties. Now residents of our area have the opportunity to pursue higher education close to home.

The College utilizes cutting-edge equipment to broadcast classes from one location to any or all 20 of its classrooms throughout the region. That allows students to enjoy real-time, interactive classes taught by qualified instructors from northern Pennsylvania – without the cost and difficulty of traveling long distances. Warren County’s classroom site is located at the Warren Forest Higher Education Council Center.

The College relies on grants from the state and from local organizations, such as the Community Foundation of Warren County, to fund many of its programs. One such Foundation grant went to the renovation of the administrative offices of the college. Another funded the purchase of classroom equipment, which allows the College to deliver three classes to the same location at the same time, expanding the available course offerings and serving more students in Warren County.

“The Community Foundation of Warren County has helped us achieve our mission of bringing quality, affordable education to these rural communities.”

Dr. Joseph Nairn,
*Founding President of
the NPRC*

Establishing a Fund at the Community Foundation

Leaving your mark for good...forever

Since 1949 local philanthropists have relied on the Community Foundation of Warren County to help provide lasting support to local charitable organizations. Funds established through the Foundation can be tailored to honor donors' wishes, with the goals of long-term growth and the most effective use of the proceeds. Donors receive a tax deduction for the original and any subsequent gifts made.

Unrestricted Funds

These funds offer current and future Directors of the Foundation maximum flexibility to respond to changing needs of the community and to emergencies; as well as to support the creation of innovative solutions to community challenges.

Donor-Advised Funds

Using the income of these funds, donors recommend grants to specific organizations, which are approved by the Foundation Board of Directors.

Donor-Designated Funds

These funds perpetually benefit the charity or charities the donor chooses. Semi-annual grants are made to the designated organization or organizations.

Community Funds

Community leaders, who are most aware of the needs in their areas of Warren County, provide direction for use of these funds by making grants to local organizations.

Scholarship Funds

Donors may create a scholarship program named for themselves or in honor or memory of someone else; as well as defining guidelines for candidate selection, such as academic achievement, field of study, or a geographical area of the county.

Estate Gifts

These may be established during one's lifetime or by bequest and are a "win-win" for the donor and the benefitting organization or organizations.

There are many ways to express your charitable intentions through the Foundation. Our staff will help you design a program that will honor your wishes now, and for future generations.

Create your own legacy

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WARREN gives

Everyone can be a philanthropist

2018 support for Warren County non-profits by the numbers

103

Number Of Participating
Non-profits

\$448,330

Total Amount Raised in 2018

4,094

Donations

\$4,395

Average Distribution
Per Organization

\$40,000

Match Sponsor
Dollars

1,252

Donors

\$327

Average Donation
Per Donor

3.27

Donations Per
Donor

Warren Gives has grown every year thanks to the incredible generosity of donors and match pool sponsors!

Each year, the Community Foundation hosts Warren Gives, a sixteen-hour online fundraising event that allows everyone in the county to be a philanthropist, with donations from \$10 to thousands of dollars happily accepted. More than 1200 donors gave during the 2018 event, and over 100 community organizations benefitted.

All money donated grows, thanks to \$40,000 in match pool money from generous sponsors. Match dollars are distributed proportionally among organizations based on the donations they receive. And 100% of donations and match dollars go directly to the organizations – all administrative and processing fees are paid by the Community Foundation of Warren County.

2018 Warren Gives \$40,000 Match Pool Sponsors

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