



Community Foundation of Warren County

1949 – 2019

2019 Report To The Community



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Letter from the Chairman & Executive Director

On December 13, 2019 the Foundation celebrated its 70th Anniversary. In 1949, a group of community leaders in Warren had the wisdom and foresight to realize that in the years ahead there would be times that the churches, hospitals, libraries, theatres, and other non-profit organizations that were providing valuable services to the people living throughout Warren County would need a source for additional financial assistance.

Dedicated to this mission and with the \$36,600 they had raised in initial gifts, the Warren Foundation, as it was originally known, was founded. Thanks to many gifts, large and small, from philanthropic citizens of Warren County, as well as sound investment policies, that original \$36,600 has grown to a total of \$88,622,300 as of December 31, 2019. This is a real success story and a wonderful tribute to the generous and caring people that live in the Warren area.

For the year ending December 31, 2019, the Foundation's investment portfolio produced impressive returns of over 20%. The income from these assets permitted the Foundation to continue making meaningful grants to our charitable non-profit organizations and our students seeking to take advantage of educational opportunities after high school graduation.

Although events have shaken the financial markets in 2020, they have rebounded and we remain optimistic about the long-term prospects for financial success and the ability to continue to do our work on behalf of Warren County and its citizens through support for non-profit organizations that serve us all. Classified as an essential operation, the Foundation has remained open for business throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, with staff and visitors encouraged to follow recommended procedures for safety.

Our listing of Directors includes a new member of the Board, Daniel R. Blair. Dan was elected upon the resignation of Murray K. McComas who served the Foundation faithfully for over 20 years. In recognition of his service to the Community, the Board unanimously elected Murray Director Emeritus. Thank you, Murray, for your dedication to the Foundation and to Warren County. Welcome aboard, Dan!

We invite you to join us in our mission – sustaining and improving the quality of life in Warren County through philanthropy. Contact our office to learn how you can be a part of it. We will be glad to help you help Warren County continue to be a special place to work and live.

The Community Foundation of Warren County – For Good... Forever.

Cordially,

John O. Hanna
Chairman

John A. Lasher
Executive Director

Financial Report

Statements of Activities

January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Support & Revenue

New Contributions	\$841,403
Investment Income	\$2,109,970
Refund -- Scholarships	\$29,653
Refund -- Charities	\$8,535
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$9,701,782
Realized Gain/Loss on Investments	\$4,277,641
Total Support & Revenue	\$16,968,984

Disbursements

Grants to Charitable Organizations & Scholarships	\$2,740,936
Administrative & Operating Costs	\$241,211
Investment Management Fees	\$377,389
Total Disbursements	\$3,359,536

Change in Net Assets \$13,609,448

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2019

Assets

	Year 2019	Year 2018
Cash & Equivalents	\$2,504,358	\$2,153,022
Investments at Market Value	\$85,855,316	\$72,654,730
Other Assets	\$262,626	\$252,726
Total Assets	\$88,622,300	\$75,060,478

Liabilities & Net Assets

Payroll Liabilities	\$(25,345)	\$(21,628)
Other Liabilities	\$(6,286)	\$37,624
Net Assets	\$88,653,931	\$75,044,482
Total Assets & Liabilities	\$88,622,300	\$75,060,478

These are unaudited Financial Statements

Total Dollars Distributed in 2019 \$2,740,936

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 2019, a total of \$2,740,936 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: community, health, education, and the arts.



Community

Since community assets enhance the quality of life in Warren County, they represent one area of focus for the Community Foundation's efforts. From recreational development to providing food and clothing to those in need, the Foundation provides resources to support programs and projects that provide benefits to people across Warren County.



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. As part of our commitment to education, we also support programs for students in the Warren County School District to help them prepare for post-secondary education as well as careers.



The Arts

Helping individuals develop and express their talents, enriches their lives as well as the lives of those who experience the exciting programs in performing and visual arts these artists provide. The Foundation is proud of its support for many organizations and programs dedicated to the Arts and the programs they offer to students of all ages.



Health

Although the population of Warren County is aging, we promote wellness for people of all ages. Quality of life depends on good health throughout life, and the Foundation is committed to supporting those organizations which help our citizens enjoy the best of health at every stage, from pregnancy support to end of life care.

A Warren County Day Of Giving

WARRENgives

**2019 Warren Gives \$40,000
Match Pool Sponsors**

2013

Our first year

- 87 organizations
- 1300 donations
- \$129,000 donated
- \$20,000 match
- \$149,000 total

2019

Our seventh year

- 106 organizations
- 4500 donations
- \$451,000 donated
- \$40,000 match
- \$491,000 total

In 2013 the Community Foundation undertook the task of building a donating platform and event that could benefit non-profits serving Warren County. For many organizations, such an event would not be possible for reasons of time and cost. With goals of raising awareness of all the good work non-profit organizations in Warren County were doing and to inspire new giving, Warren Gives was born.

To ensure that 100% of dollars donated go to organizations, the Foundation underwrites the operational costs of the event. To incentivize giving, the Foundation has partnered with Warren County Foundations, funds and leading businesses to sponsor a match dollar pool which increases donations made through the event. Over the first 7 years we've seen the match pool grow from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and dollars donated grow from \$129,000 to more than \$451,000 thanks to the generous giving of donors and match sponsors.

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**Sara Sokolski
Memorial Fund**





Trails at Jakes Rocks

The Trails at Jakes Rocks, a series of mountain bike and hiking trails in the Allegheny National Forest is a valuable long-term asset for the tourism and recreation economies of Warren County. Supported by several grants from the Community Foundation, the Warren County Development Association holds the responsibility for the completion and maintenance of the system.

Popular from its start as the brainchild of a Leadership Warren County class, the Trails at Jakes Rocks has drawn users from states across the east. When complete it will offer 46 miles of professionally-built trails, making it the largest facility of its kind between Boston and Washington.

The project's success led James Decker, WCDA Executive Director, to say, "The Trails at Jakes Rocks project has surpassed all initial projections and expectations about the ability of the trail system to materially change the tourism economy of Warren County. Drawing nearly 15,000 individuals annually, the trails have directly contributed to increased local business activity, employment growth and new business start-up.

It was the leadership of the Community Foundation from the conception, design and construction of the Trails at Jakes Rocks that made this project possible and successful."

Community

Warren County Fair

Who doesn't love the County Fair? For ninety years, the Warren County Fair has presented animals, vendors, and shows, literally something for all ages, to educate us about agriculture in Warren County and to give us a good time.

Success depends on volunteers. From the members of the board to workers at the fair during its seven-day run, volunteers donate thousands of hours annually to make the fair a success, and what a success it is. Last year, over 60,000 people travelled to Pittsfield to enjoy 150 vendors, concerts, rides, animals, contests, exhibits, camping, food and more, all in the most family-friendly atmosphere in northwest Pennsylvania.

The volunteers work to make the fair better every year. Last year, they addressed the need for better access around the ticket booth and vendor area for all visitors, but especially for those with special needs who use wheelchairs and walkers, as well as families with children in strollers.

"It's very important to us that we do everything possible to provide easy access to everyone at the Warren County Fair. Last year, thanks to support from the Community Foundation, we were able to make significant improvements, adding cement around the Barn Gate ticket booth, and we created a hard surface road in our new vending area," explained Steve Carr, member of the Fair Board. Of course, they did it with volunteer labor. See you at the Fair.



Garland Volunteer Fire Department

Cribbing is seldom a topic of conversation outside the world of firefighters and other first responders. Inside that world, though, people know that cribbing saves lives.

Cribbing is one of the most frequently used and essential tools among first responders, like the members of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department. Cribbing, large blocks of hardwood or special plastic, is used to transfer the weight of a load and provide temporary support, for a precariously-perched car containing an injured person, for instance, during rescue operations.

The new cribbing the Garland volunteers now use replaced old, worn-out cribbing that had originally been home made using lumber from a local mill.

"Thanks to the Community Foundation Grant, the new cribbing will be safer to use and provide a better level of protection for our members and those we protect," said Kris Hodak, Assistant Chief of the Garland Volunteer Fire Department. "That includes residents of two townships plus those protected by our five neighboring fire departments, and those traveling through the area."

Warren County YMCA

The Warren YMCA is celebrating 150 years of service to the Warren community by preparing to expand its services. If you grew up in Warren or if you live here, the Y is or probably has been a large part of your life, as well as the lives of your family members. Over 150 years, it's become woven into Warren life.



And it has grown, thanks to the way it serves its members and its home town. It served 200,000 users last year over the 354 days it was open; and the list of programs, activities, games, classes, and services it offers would fill pages.

Now, as it enters its sixteenth decade, the YMCA has launched “Y We Care, 150 Years of Commitment Renewed.” A \$1.3 million renewal campaign, “Y We Care” has set three goals:

- Rehabilitating the YMCA’s infrastructure for current and future use,
- Expanding its service area to new parts of the county with satellite facilities in Sheffield and Youngsville, and
- Purchasing handicapped-accessible strength training equipment.

In speaking of the Community Foundation of Warren County’s role in the Y We Care Campaign, Thad Turner, Executive Director of the YMCA, stated, “The Community Foundation of Warren County has been essential in creating the YMCA’s ability to reach out and meet the needs of the folks of this area. Without the Foundation’s funding there would be whole elements of our society that would be neglected. The Warren County YMCA is the Keystone of this Community and the Community Foundation has chiseled that stone.”

Lacy Sensory Playground

When the Rotary Club of Warren was charged with finding a project that would have a direct, positive impact on our community, members found a glaring, unmet need. Warren County has the second highest rate of individuals with autism receiving services in Pennsylvania. They learned too, that the vast majority of Americans think communities should provide playgrounds with inclusive play options for all, including those with disabilities.

The Rotary Club acted. When the City of Warren decided to renew Lacy Playground, Rotary stepped up to partner with the City to develop a specially-designed, multi-sensory, all-inclusive, fully handicapped-accessible playground. A grant from the Community Foundation helped bring the project to fruition.

According to Adam Meneo, who heads the playground project, this playground will benefit the Warren community by providing a safe, fun environment that helps develop creative solutions to new situations while it bolsters confidence and self-assuredness in all children.

Playgrounds of this type help children learn how to experience and express emotions, as well as how to cultivate empathy and develop social skills. Rotarians believe that having access to a modern facility of this type will foster the growth and development of all children; provide an opportunity for social interactions beyond school; and offer a safe wholesome environment in which to play, learn, and flourish.



Rouse Children’s Center

One of the operating arms of The Rouse Estate, The Rouse Children’s Center, like all operations of the Rouse, exists to improve the quality of life for those who cannot fully care for themselves. Rouse Children’s Center takes care of children, an average of almost fifty a day last year. The Center always looks for ways to improve its services and enhance activities of its children; in the same way, it always looks to improve safety.

Most playground-related injuries do not come from playground equipment; over 70% come from falls to the underlying surface of the playground. Too often, playground surfacing is an afterthought, but, when properly done, it can be crucial to reducing serious head injuries.

Staff quickly realized, therefore, that a poured rubber surface on the Center’s toddler playground would increase the safety of their charges and exceed government regulations.

Penny Sampson, Administrator of the Rouse Children’s Center, said, “With today’s rise of sedentary activity such as video game and social media usage by our children, outdoor physical activity has become more important than ever. Of course we want our youngest children to be safe and secure while doing so. Our new, safe, playground surface at the Rouse Children’s Center allows our smallest kids to actively play outside without fear of significant injury or harm from the play yard surface. We at the Rouse are thrilled that, thanks to the Community Foundation, we can offer kids attending the Children’s Center this wonderful upgrade to their outdoor experience.”

Education

Northern Pennsylvania Regional College

When the Regional College of Northern Pennsylvania was founded in 2017, it needed a home. It found one in Warren County at the corner of Liberty Street and Second Avenue in Warren with the help of the Community Foundation and the Warren County Development Association. According to James Decker, Executive Director of the WCDA, “We undertook the purchase and redevelopment of 300 Second Ave for two primary reasons: First to provide a home for the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College and second to save a cornerstone historic anchor building in the center of Warren’s business district.”



Both goals have been achieved. The college now provides low-cost, high quality learning opportunities to students in nine counties in northern Pennsylvania, primarily rural and lacking a secondary education institution. Today, the college uses real-time television technology to offer students associate degrees, workforce development, and dual enrollment.

Consequently, employment projections for the college have doubled. Soon, their growing staff will occupy two full floors of the property. As improvements continue, the building is returning to its former beauty and once again serves our community. The Community Foundation gladly played a part in this important project that serves Warren County and the Northwest Pennsylvania region.

Audubon Community Nature Center

Nature surrounds and supports us all, and the Audubon Community Nature Center helps school kids from Warren County learn about it. Thanks in part to grants from the Community Foundation, students from the Warren County School District schools in grades 2 and 4 take field trips to visit the Center just north of the New York/Pennsylvania border.

Audubon naturalists visit Warren County schools to meet students in grades 1 and 3 to teach about nature around them and their schools on walking tours and in school yards and classrooms. Jennifer Schlick, Program Director, explains, “When children go outside, especially as part of school, classroom topics come alive. Audubon Community Nature Center coordinates with the district to reinforce the concepts students learn in the classroom – from predator-prey relationships to adaptations, erosion control to the differences between plants and animals”.

This innovative program has taken first through fourth graders in Warren County schools outside every year since 2015. Students are amazed at what they find in their schoolyards and at Audubon, and are more deeply connected to the natural world. “Often when we go into classrooms the next year and ask what they remember from Audubon the year before, it is the outdoor portions they recall. By instilling a fascination with nature, and combining it with knowledge learned in the classroom and out, Audubon is pleased to be able to nurture the next generation.”



Robotics Camp

What do you think of when you hear the word “robot”? Whatever it is, if it doesn’t involve the wildly popular LEGO toy systems, you might want to think again.

Every summer, the School to Work Partnership at the Warren/Forest County Higher Education Council presents a LEGO Robotics Camp. It’s their most popular summer camp and fills quickly with 6th to 8th grade students eager to have fun while learning engineering and computer programming. The skills and the fun come from LEGO Robotics Kits, standard LEGOs with a big difference: programmable engines and processors that students can use to create almost anything they can conceive.

Teams of two students, tutored by an instructor, create, build and program a robot during the first three days of the week-long camp. On Thursday, the camp takes a field trip to Betts Industries and Targeted Pet Treats to see real industrial robots work in the real world. On Friday the students and their robots face the Obstacle Course Challenge.

When asked about the impact that Robotics Camp has on attending students and the benefits they receive, Jesse DeLoof, School to Work Coordinator, said, “The kids get more from this camp than the engineering, computer, and STEM skills you’d expect. They learn skills like teamwork and how to communicate, and they learn about careers and get to see how the things they learn work in real life. And, of course, they have fun. I certainly have to say a very loud ‘thank you’ to the Community Foundation of Warren County for allowing us to get all new kits this year. The Foundation certainly helped a lot of kids learn about robotics and put a lot of smiles on a lot of faces.”

The Arts

Warren County Summer Music School

Denise Pearson, Director of the Warren County Summer Music School, says that the Warren County Summer Music School immersed its students last summer as it has for the past thirty years. Students from across the county ranging from grade 5 to adult met at Beaty Warren Middle School for a three-week term to attend five classes daily. Classes cover all the arts from theatre to visual arts to dance, but at least one of the five must be musical in nature. Musical classes range from introduction classes in singing and instrument playing to full orchestra, jazz, and rock, and include virtually all instruments.

The term culminates with a joint concert with the Warren Philharmonic at “The Fountain” in downtown Warren. The school offers its entire curriculum at extremely affordable rates with scholarships available, and students attend via school district buses if needed.

The school not only educates, it inspires. Students are not only enthusiastic about what they learn, they also become dedicated. Several of the approximately 20 art educators and 30 interns—high school and college students—attended during summers in their youth, and many students’ alumnae parents serve as cheerleaders when their children attend summer music school.



Allegheny Center For The Arts

A creative person with a desire to share knowledge is sure to find a home at the Allegheny Center for the Arts. Anyone with an idea for a new course has merely to propose it and, in all likelihood, will soon be instructing students in anything from Digital Photography to Building and Playing Your Own Ukulele, to Acting and Stagecraft.

The mission of the ACA is to provide a creative, educational hub for arts and culture that offers opportunities for the growth, development, and partnership of arts-related programs and small businesses in the region.

The ACA was formed by a community-minded group who felt artists, writers, performers, and culture lovers needed the means to connect, and a venue to share their art in Warren County, Pennsylvania. The group creates this intersection of artistic genres at its center in downtown Warren.

The ACA helps promote opportunities for artistic growth and development for all ages. Supported by the Community Foundation, the core objective of the ACA is to offer holistic, multicultural, historical, and inter-generational perspectives of the arts.

Warren County Schools Art Clubs

Where do young artists develop their talents? For many of them Art Club is the place where talent blossoms. The Warren County School District has an Art Club in each of its high school buildings as well as one in Beaty Warren Middle School. These clubs allow students to explore new ideas.

Working on a project often takes much longer than what is provided in art classes. The Art Club is a way for students to dedicate more time to a project, whether it is in ceramics, drawing, painting, or some other form of visual arts.

Perfecting techniques through the extra time available in Art Club results in fine art renditions that make their way to student art shows, onto local billboards, and into college and professional careers for students who pursue their passion to express themselves through various media.

Art Clubs serve an important purpose in supporting student goals to achieve beyond what can be accomplished in the classroom during class time. Community Foundation grants help make this possible.



Struthers Library Theatre

Where is the cultural center of Warren County? It's the Struthers Library Theatre, of course. Over its storied history, the Theatre has grown and changed from a 19th century opera house and vaudeville venue, to a 20th century movie theatre, to a 21st century center for the performing arts that includes concerts, plays, a film series, and many other forms of entertainment. In 2018 this local gem received the nation's Outstanding Historic Theatre Award, from the League of Historic American Theatres.

The theatre also hosts special events including the inauguration of the first President of the Northern Pennsylvania Regional College, the Warren County United Fund's annual kickoff event, and other important community gatherings.

The Struthers Library Theatre is also home to Warren Players, Warren County's amateur theatre troupe; as well as the Allegheny Regional Theatre Experience, and other educational programs designed to develop future thespians and theatre technicians.

With major support from the Community Foundation, this beautiful old building received a much needed update over the last few years including a new roof, an elevator to make all levels of the facility accessible, comfortable new seats, and many other visible and invisible improvements. These improvements will guarantee that future generations enjoy all the theatre has to offer.

Wendy McCain, Executive Director of the Theatre, promises, “The Theatre continues its evolution to ensure that the arts continue to thrive in Warren County!”

The award-winning Struthers Library Theatre is truly the grand dame of performing arts in Warren County.

Health



WARREN GENERAL HOSPITAL: 3-D Mammography

When Warren General Hospital decided to upgrade its mammography equipment from 2-D to 3-D, it turned to the Community Foundation of Warren County to help fund the improvement. Since its founding, Warren General has worked to give its patients and the communities they share the absolute best in service, and 3-D mammography represents exactly that.

Also known as digital breast tomosynthesis, 3-D mammography represents the top of the line in mammography equipment; it gives fewer false positives than 2-D mammography and it finds cancer more effectively. Warren General wanted it because their patients needed it. The Community Foundation helped supply it.

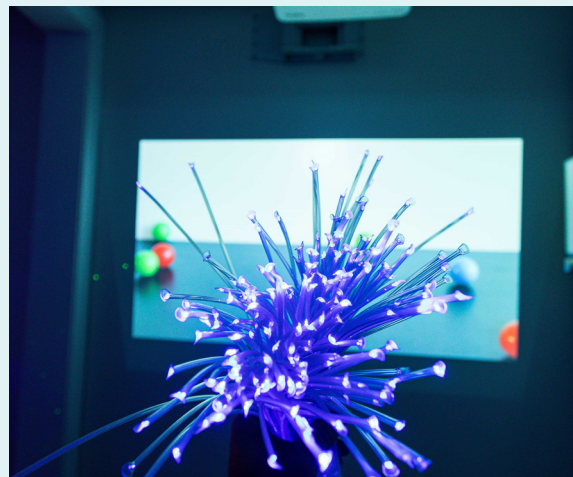
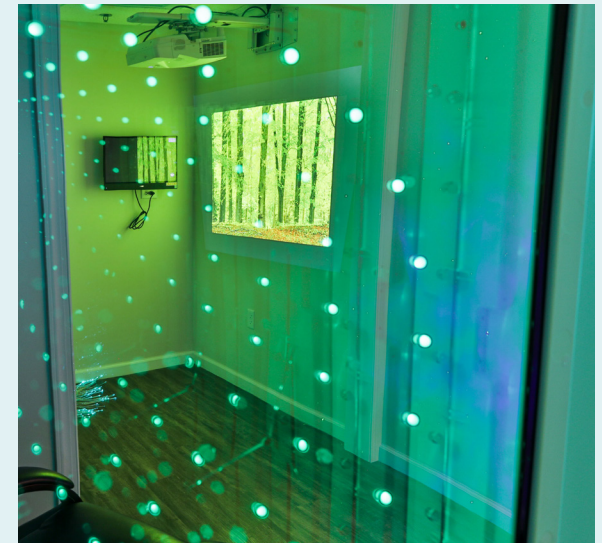
Richard Allen, Chief Executive Officer of Warren General Hospital, said, "Digital breast tomosynthesis is, simply, the best available, especially when we can combine it with Warren General's outstanding Radiologists. Thanks to the Community Foundation, we can now provide our local patients with the absolute standard of care in mammography services."

The Suites at Rouse

Recognizing our county's need for expanded dementia care for seniors, The Suites at Rouse established a new Memory Care Community that treats its residents in a new way. Support from the Community Foundation helped make the project a reality.

Ashley Moski, Administrator, Suites at Rouse, explains, "Those with dementia are prone to confusion, isolation, and occasionally aggression. As a result, they are often given anti-psychotic medications which just mask the problem and contribute to a downward spiral. The Sensory Magic™ system at our new, state-of-the-art Memory Care Community allows us to calm, re-focus, and engage with our residents with dementia without the use of these medications. It truly is a tremendous asset in dementia care."

The ultimate multi-sensory experience, Sensory Magic™ creates fully-immersive environments designed for each person to use the system, integrating vision, sound, smell, taste, touch and movement. While dementia conditions present problems with thinking, mood, behavior and the ability to take part in daily activities, Sensory Magic™ can stimulate users to increase awareness and attention, help them take part, relax and improve their mood.



Organizations Supported by Community Foundation Funds

Through the years creative philanthropists have set aside funds designated to support causes and organizations that were important to them. These designated charities receive income from the Foundation twice a year. That income provides operating funds for many organizations that survive on limited budgets. The foresight of donors over the years has produced income for these non-profits that will last forever. That echoes the philosophy of the Foundation. For Good... Forever!

A Safe Place
American Red Cross
Bollinger Enterprises
Calvary Baptist Church
CASA of Warren/Forest Counties
Caring for Life
Chautauqua Institution
Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA
Clare & Gene Crary Home
Covenant United Methodist Church
(First Salem UM Church)
Crary Art Gallery
Don Mills Center
Experience Inc.
Family Services of Warren County
Farah Grotto
First Church of the Nazarene
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Friends of Library Theatre
Gen. Pendleton Detachment, US Marine Corps
Girl Scouts of Western PA
Grace United Methodist Church
Henry Rouse Society
Hospice of Warren County

Inter Faith Center, Warren State Hospital
Irvine Presbyterian Church
Jefferson DeFrees Family Center
John & Orpha Blair Hospice House of Warren County
Joseph Warren Lodge #726
Kinzua Power Squadron
Northern Allegheny Conservation Association
North Warren Volunteer Fire Department
PAWS Along the River Humane Society
Pleasant Community Church
(Bethlehem Covenant & 1st Baptist)
Russell Volunteer Fire Dept.
Ruth M. Smith Center
Rouse Warren County Home
Salvation Army
Second Harvest Food Bank
Second Harvest Food Bank Back Pack Program
Sheffield Area Hospitality Center
Sheffield Medical Center
Sheffield United Methodist Church
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
United Methodist Women, First UM Church
Tidioute Area Health and Dental Clinic
Tidioute Community Charter School
Tidioute Public Library

Tiona United Methodist Church
Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church
Trustees of the Struthers Library Building
United Fund of Warren County
United Methodist Church of Stoneham
Warren Area Student Union
Warren Athletics Fund
Warren Concert Association
Warren County Historical Society
Warren County Probation Association
Warren County Summer Music School
Warren County YMCA
Warren Players
Warren General Hospital
Warren General Hospital Cancer Care Center
Warren General Hospital Dare to Care Program
Warren General Hospital
(Home Healthcare Department)
Warren General Hospital (Pediatrics Dept.)
Warren Library Association
Warren Philharmonic
Warren Rotary Club
Wesbury United Methodist Community

\$749,218 given to support 242 of our county students

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
J. Blair & Janice M. Logan Scholarships
Blair Employee Family Scholarships
Chapin Reese Academic Scholarships
Community Foundation of Warren County Scholarships
Cornelius & Marguerite Pelletreau Scholarships
Dr. Albert B. Cecchini Memorial Scholarships
Dr. Charles E. MacKenzie Scholarships
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

Joseph and Barbara DeFrees Scholarship*
Lt. Jack L. Pedersen Memorial Scholarship
Mary Edwards Conarro Nursing Scholarship
Mary Dutter Scholarships
Michael Curren Memorial Scholarship*
Nursing Careers Scholarships
Paul & Andrew Keverline Scholarships
Paul & Linda Keverline Scholarships
Paula Southwell Memorial Scholarship
Quinn Smith Scholarship
Richard L. Baker Medical 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 for 2019

PATH Grants Increase Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation is a partner of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. Every year we submit the names of all foundation scholarship award recipients attending Pennsylvania schools. PHEAA evaluates every application and awards matching PATH (Partnerships for Access to Higher Education) Scholarship Grants of up to \$2,500 to qualifying students. For the 2019-2020 academic year PATH Grants amounted to \$192,484, bringing the total scholarship awards to Warren County students to \$941,702.

2019 Scholarship Award Recipients Highlights



Emma McKibbin

James Barrett English Scholarship
\$1,000.00

Chapin Reese Scholarship
\$5,000.00

The James Barrett English Scholarship is awarded to a Warren Area High School graduating senior, selection is made by an outside committee.

The Chapin Reese Academic Scholarship is designated for a graduating Warren Area High School seniors with the highest academic performance. This scholarship is renewable as long as the student meets the award criteria.

University of Massachusetts Amherst --
Linguistics

"I have chosen to pursue the field of linguistics because I have always held a passion for language."

Parents--Scott and Kathy McKibbin



Branden Dutchess

J. Blair & Janice M. Logan Scholarship
\$5,000.00

The Blair and Janice Logan Scholarship is designated for graduating seniors studying Music, Fine Arts, Social Work or Liberal Arts.

University of Pittsburgh --
Political Science

"I chose to pursue a career in the field of law, and specifically become a lawyer, because the law and all of its facets have intrigued me for the longest time."

Parents--Scott and Rebecca Dutchess

2019 Scholarship Award Recipients

Program Name	Recipients	Program Name	Recipients
Agnes V. Baker Scholarships	Tyler Haslett Hope Colvin	Student of the Year Scholarship	Lydia Giannini
James Barrett English Scholarships	Emma McKibbin Laura Lucks Emmelina Korb Rebecca Wilson	Paula Southwell Memorial Scholarship	James Lawson
Chapin Reese Academic Scholarships	Stephen Ashbaugh Emma McKibben Kelsey Dilks Rachel Cecco Paige Wilson	Mary Edwards Conarro Nursing Scholarship	Brianna Barton
Paul & Linda Keverline Scholarships	Taylor Lester Jillian Funari Destiny Upton	Soderberg (Roy & Ann) Nursing Scholarship	Taylor Lester
Association of College Women Scholarships	Jacob Williams Grayson Fors Caitlin Strasberg	Dr. Albert Cecchini Memorial Scholarships	Emma Darling Julia Lobdell Adam Irwin Amy Castagnino
Jane G. Masters Scholarship	Cecilia Citro	Robert P. North Memorial Scholarship	Kaide Anderson
Paul O. & Andrew M. Keverline Scholarships	Stephen Ashbaugh Josef Bauer	Stacey Lindsey Family Scholarships	Matthew Dunham
William Falconer Henry (Elks) Scholarships	Nathan Eadie Adam Irwin Devin Nowacki	J. Blair & Janice M. Logan Memorial Scholarships	Isaac Fileger Sheri Lindstrom Branden Duchess
Warren County Career Center Scholarships	Alexa Head Jacob Colander	Lt. Jack L. Pedersen Scholarship	Drake Macormac
Dr. Charles E. MacKenzie Scholarships	Megan Foley - YHS Celia Chase - WAHS Callen Copley - SHS Delaney Nizzi -- EHS	Jack and Rosemary Angove Scholarship	Elizabeth Lucks
		Richard L. Baker Medical Scholarship	Jacob Funari
		Hayden Salapek Football Lineman Scholarship	Andrew Egger
		Alan and Martha Sampson Scholarship	Ellen Lobdell
		Barbara DeFrees Music Scholarships	9 Students
		Blair Employee Family Scholarships	24 Students
		Mary Dutter (Kane HS) Scholarships	10 Students
		Jacob Levinson Scholarships	3 Students
		Richard & Edith Metzgar Scholarships	17 Students
		Cornelius & Marguerite Pelletreau Scholarships	9 Students
		Medical & Health Career Scholarships	6 Students
		Nursing Scholarships	5 Students
		Whirley Industries Scholarships	14 Students
		Community Foundation of Warren County Scholarships	99 Students

Establishing a Fund at the Community Foundation

Leaving your mark for good...forever

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 benefiting 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

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.

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is a gift of \$1,000 meaningful to the Community Foundation?

Yes, the Community Foundation accepts gifts of all sizes. The Executive Director can help you decide how best to direct your gift to support your interests (Scholarships, The Arts, Community, Healthcare, Religion, etc.).

2. May I make a gift to the Foundation even though I do not wish to establish a fund?

Yes, you can add gifts to existing funds. Existing funds you could consider are the Blair Scholarship Fund, United Fund, or a Fund that supports your church. Contact our Executive Director for details.

3. Do I need a trust advisor in order to consider a gift to the Foundation?

We are here to guide you as you consider how to make a gift. Our Executive Director can assist you as to whether you can make a gift directly, or you should consider working with a trust advisor.

4. Does the Community Foundation have the ability to manage the charitable giving program for a business?

The Foundation could take this time-consuming responsibility off your hands, freeing up that time for managing your business.

5. How would we begin to establish a named scholarship program for students?

The Foundation currently manages over 25 scholarship programs that we administer annually. We will work with you to establish a scholarship that fits your interests. Field of Study, Academic Achievement, Citizenship, and Community Service are just a few of the areas of focus you may choose.

6. Does planned giving apply only to wealthy people?

Anyone can make a gift to the Community Foundation. Lifetime gifts can be supplemented by estate gifts, creating a lasting legacy that can support causes that are important to you.

7. How do I apply for a grant?

Grants are made to tax-exempt organizations, typically 501 (c) (3) non-profits. The Foundation requires each grant request be submitted on a standard form available on the Foundation website: cfowc.org.

Grant applications are reviewed by the Foundation Board of Directors and grants are awarded on the basis of meeting Foundation guidelines, quality of the program or project, need, and availability of funds.

8. How will I know if an award is made?

The Foundation typically meets each month. Unless more information is required, decisions should be made within a month of submitting an application.

9. Will multi-year grants be made?

No. The payment of some larger grants may be allocated over several years, but most grants are for a one-time project.

Organizations developing more than one project may submit more than one application.

10. Will the Foundation contribute to our organization's endowment fund?

No. This is not permitted under the Foundation's operating principles. However, we will work with you to establish a fund at the Foundation.

11. How much should we request in a grant application?

Request as much as you need for your project. The Foundation Board will make a decision based on the project needs and availability of funds. It is always important to show that the organization is soliciting other funders.

12. May we request funds for administrative or operating costs?

No, the Foundation supports projects and programs, but it does not make grants to support operating or administrative costs.

13. May any group or individual apply?

Applicants must be confirmed non-profit organizations as defined by and confirmed by the IRS. A copy of the IRS notification letter must accompany the grant application.



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