



Carbon County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

**Improving the quality of life for all
Carbon County residents, now and forever.**

2021 Impact Report

About Us

The Carbon County Community Foundation is a 501c3 organization that serves as an umbrella for many distinct charitable funds:

Community members establish these funds based on their philanthropic goals.



Donor-Advised or Designated Funds:

Recommend grants to the charitable organization(s) of your choice.

Field of Interest Funds:

Target your gifts to support a specific area like animals or creative arts .

Scholarship Funds:

Provide financial aid to students who fit defined criteria.

Organization or Agency Funds:

Provide a steady income stream for a nonprofit's programs and operations.

Unrestricted Funds:

Allow CCCF to remain proactive, flexible, and responsive to Carbon County's most critical needs.

Creating a fund is easy and takes less time than opening a bank account.

Funds are set up as endowments so they exist as legacies of giving addressing local needs now and for generations into the future.

Consider establishing a fund under the Community Foundation umbrella to support the charities and causes of most importance to you.

To learn more about how you can make a difference in Carbon County, now and forever, contact us!



Message from the President



Sharon L. Alexander, CFRE
President & CEO



The Carbon County Community Foundation has experienced an incredible year of growth, thanks very much to the generous people who live and work in our region.

We closed out 2021 with total assets of more than \$1.5 million across nearly forty different funds that have been established by people who are passionate about giving back to Carbon County. And we had a record-breaking grant-making year, distributing \$224,000 to nonprofits, community groups, schools and students.

In the following pages, I invite you to check out the Amazing Impact of some of those grants in action. If you like what you see, please share this Impact Report with your friends and family and tell them about the Carbon County Community Foundation. I am excited to see the positive impact we will continue to have as more and more people become aware of us as a community partner and a vehicle for their philanthropic dreams.

If you share our vision to improve this wonderful place we call home, let's talk about how you can make a lasting difference through the Carbon County Community Foundation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon".

**Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all
Carbon County residents, *now and forever.***



CCCF Grant Awards Celebration, May 2021
Back Row (L-R): Richard Nothstein, Steve Kresge, Louis Vermillion, Richard Forgay II, & Bill Allison
Front Row (L-R): Mike Everett, Darlene Nothstein, Colette Kresge, Sharon Alexander, Tina Dowd, Tom Gerhard

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*We envision a vibrant and sustainable
Carbon County, empowered through
charitable giving.*

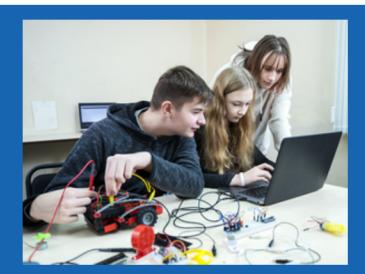
New Funds

2021 was an exciting year for the Carbon County Community Foundation as we worked with donors to launch ten new funds that will benefit our region and the people who live here now and forever.



Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected Fund

A Field of Interest Fund established to support the Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected (BARC) and their mission to empower Bowmanstown residents by increasing community awareness and communication. BARC raises funds, recruits other volunteers, and organizes community events to support improvement projects and programs in Bowmanstown.



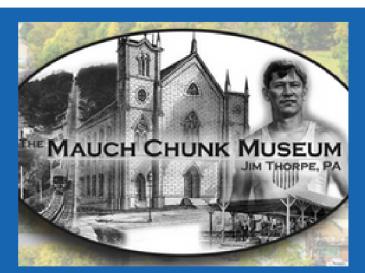
Computer Career Accelerator Fund

A Field of Interest Fund established by Gary and Bobbi Hayward to support students from Carbon County and surrounding areas through grants to organizations offering robust programs that provide career awareness and skills development in the computer and information technology (IT) fields.



Carbon County Imagination Library Fund

A Field of Interest Fund that supports Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Carbon County, a program that provides brand new, age-appropriate books to registered children every month from birth to age five for free.



Drury Mauch Chunk Museum Fund

A Donor Designated Fund established by the founder of the Mauch Chunk Museum, John Drury, the Fund provides future operating funds for the Mauch Chunk Museum and Cultural Center.



Kidder Hike and Bike Trail Fund

A Field of Interest Fund established by the Kidder Hike & Bike Trail Group to support the development and maintenance of a nature trail around the lakes and forests of Kidder Township in the Pocono Mountains, so residents and visitors can safely enjoy hiking, biking, and other activities.



Kids for the Community Fund

A Field of Interest Fund established by Jennifer Hollenbach and her daughter, Zoey, to support the mission and activities of the Kids for the Community volunteer group in the Palmerton area.



Lehigh Canal Park Fund

A Field of Interest Fund established to support the Lehigh Canal Recreation Commission's projects related to the conservation of the Lehigh Canal Park and Trail in Carbon County, as well as education and outdoor recreation activities in the park.



Mary Meier Catholic Education Fund

A Scholarship Fund established by John Meier in memory of his mother, Mary Meier, to provide tuition aid to K-12 students enrolled in a Catholic Education institution in Carbon County or surrounding areas.



Palmerton Area School District Fund

An Organization Endowment Fund established to enhance existing programs and launch new initiatives at the Palmerton Area School District, including access to field trips, summer programs, or after-school clubs and activities.



Quiet Hills Lavender Farm Arts & Agriculture Fund

A Donor-Advised Fund established by Chris and Sheri Anthony, owners of the Quiet Hills Lavender Farm in Palmerton, to support organizations and programs involving arts and/or agriculture.



St. Luke's Carbon Older Adult Compassionate Care Fund

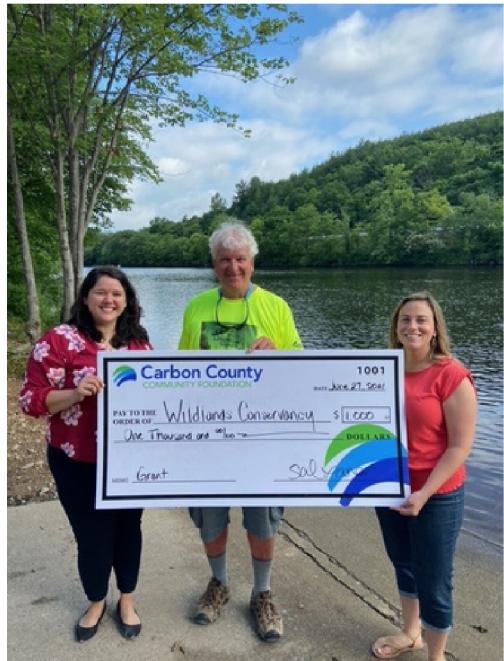
A Field of Interest Fund established by St. Luke's Lehighton and Carbon campuses to provide grants to organizations in Carbon County that serve older adults in the community.

Amazing Impact: Grants in Action



At our annual grants celebration, we presented nearly \$70,000 in grants and scholarships to 34 nonprofit organizations, community groups, educators, and students.

May 2021



The statues in Weissport Park and the Colonel Jacob Weiss Monument at Bunker Hill Cemetery in Weissport were cleaned and beautified.

Nothstein Hometown Proud Support Fund



Wildlands Conservancy completed the Lehigh River Water Trail Access & Stewardship Plan, which identifies the highest priority acquisition and infrastructure projects to improve access to the Lehigh River, a treasured resource for Carbon County.

Joseph & Debra Kay Bennett Charitable Fund



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides a brand-new, age-appropriate book every month to registered children from birth to age five. Nearly 1,000 Carbon County children have enrolled in this program for free.

Imagination Library Carbon County Fund,



Boy Scout Troop 790 - Anthracite received campership support so their scouts could attend Summer Camp at the Trexler Scout Reservation where they earned a total of 30 merit badges.

Scouting Support Fund

Six area students received tuition scholarships to attend Catholic School. The scholarships were presented in memory of Mary Meier.

Mary Meier Catholic Education Fund

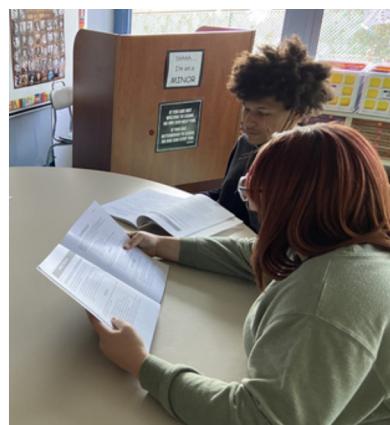


Erica Chapman, a kindergarten teacher at LB Morris in Jim Thorpe, expanded flexible seating in her classroom. This helps students feel comfortable in the classroom so they can complete their best work.

Penny Allison Early Childhood Fund

St. Peter's Community Resource Center restocked its Bare Necessities Pantry to provide paper goods and hygiene products to those in need.

Fund for Carbon County



Behavioral Health Associates purchased workbooks to bring the 12-week Project Toward No Drug Abuse curriculum to three of its school programs.

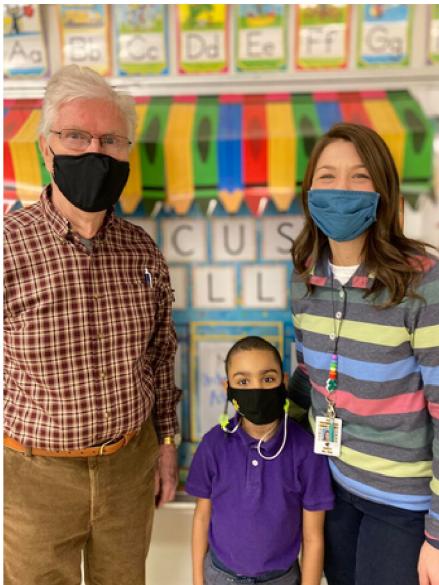
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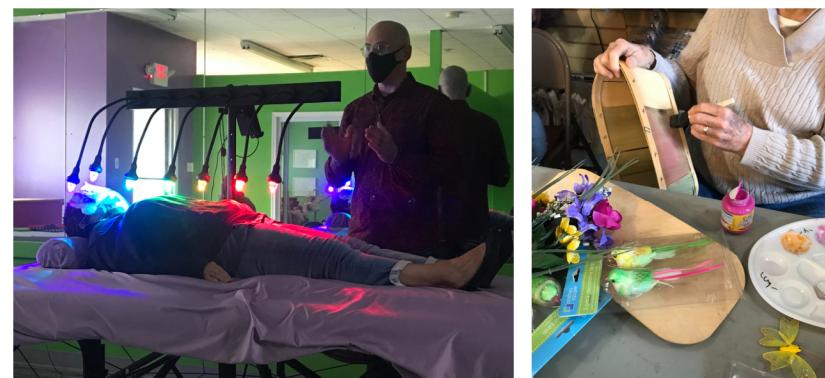
Amazing Impact: Grants in Action

Students at Panther Valley Elementary school developed their phonemic awareness skills.

*Penny Allison
Early Childhood Fund*



Carbon County Fair was able to have an ambulance on site every day of the 2021 Fair, ensuring the health and safety of all visitors.



Cancer Support Center of Greater Lehigh Valley offered support programming and group activities, like crafting and holistic medicine classes, for Carbon County families who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis.

Fund for Carbon County

Miller-Keystone Blood Center purchased personal protective equipment (PPE) like masks and gloves to keep volunteers and blood donors safe. For every unit of blood collected, three lives are impacted or saved!

COVID Community Response Fund

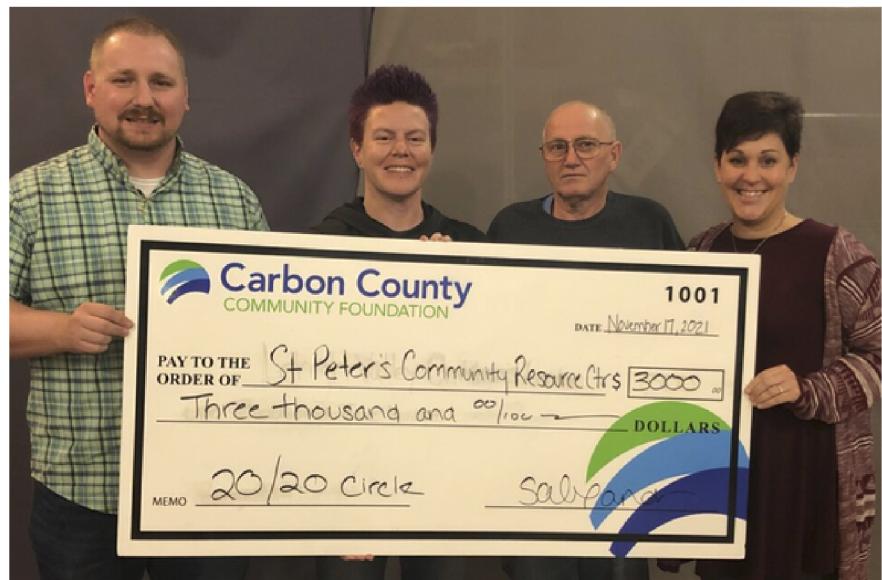
Lehigh Carbon Community College and the SHINE Program partnered to host STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) summer camps for 144 children in Carbon County.

Fund for Carbon County



Collective Impact: 20/20 Circle

In November, the 20/20 Circle held its annual meeting and grants program to hear from area nonprofits and vote to award a \$3,000 grant from the 20/20 Circle Fund. Members voted to support St. Peter's Community Resource Center, a nonprofit in Weissport that assists people in need through referral services. The grant from the 20/20 Circle supported the organization's first paid staff person, D'Ache Zelrick, who serves as part-time Community Resource Specialist and works dedicated office hours to provide referrals to people seeking assistance.



Join the 20/20 Circle!

The 20/20 Circle is made up of individuals and businesses who work together to increase their impact on the community by pooling their philanthropic dollars.

Members make a one-time contribution of \$1,000 to the 20/20 Circle Fund endowment (payable over up to four years, or \$20/month). The 20/20 Circle meets annually to hear from the most promising organizations serving Carbon County and decide as a group which project(s) to fund.

Currently, the 20/20 Circle has 80 members. When we reach 250 members, the 20/20 Circle will be able to award an annual grant of \$10,000!

Contact the Carbon County Community Foundation to pledge your membership and participate in this year's vote.

250
Members

125
Members

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Community Leadership: Events

NEPA Gives - June 4, 2021



Along with other regional foundations, Carbon County Community Foundation hosted NEPA Gives, a 24-hour online giving extravaganza that's all about giving back to the community.

The annual event takes place on the first Friday in June and raises much-needed funds for Northeast PA's nonprofit organizations.

More than 5,000 people donated a total of \$1.3 million to 200 organizations in just one day!

Carbon County Community Forum - September 21, 2021

In September, more than 40 community members met at Blue Mountain Resort for the annual Carbon County Nonprofit Forum, presented by sponsor Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Participants enjoyed a day of networking, professional development, and important conversations about challenges and solutions for the county.

CARBON COUNTY NONPROFIT FORUM

A day of networking, collaboration, and professional development with Carbon County funders, nonprofit representatives, and civic leaders.

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Establish Your Own Fund or Make a Gift to an Existing Fund

The Carbon County Community Foundation is set up to receive gifts of all kinds beyond the traditional cash, check, or credit card:

- One-time or Recurring donations
- ACH or Wire Transfers
- Gifts of Appreciated Stock or Other Real Property
- Charitable Gift Annuities or Trusts
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) from your IRA if you are 70 1/2 or older

Donors may opt for recognition or anonymity and can arrange to make a gift now or beyond their lifetime as part of a will or estate plan.

To discuss your options for establishing a new fund or contributing to an existing fund, contact the Carbon County Community Foundation.



Financials

2021 Grant Distribution



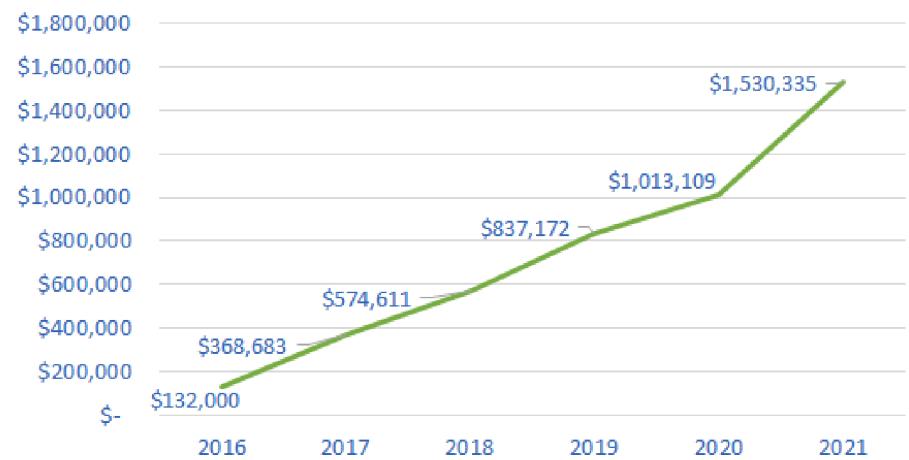
Carbon County Community Foundation is increasing its impact on the region more and more every year!

In 2021, we distributed more than \$224,977 in strategic grants across our community in the areas of:

- Arts & Culture
- Community & Economic Development
- Education & Scholarships
- Environment & Historic Preservation
- Health & Human Services
- Youth Programs

Through the creation of new funds and the careful stewardship of investments, we increased our total assets - the amount of money in all of the funds under our umbrella - to more than \$1,530,334 in 2021. This continued growth ensures we will be able to continue to meet the needs in our area, *now and forever*.

Total Assets



We are proud to display the seal of Platinum Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar, the world's largest source of nonprofit information.

Thank You!



Because of **YOU**, the Carbon County Community Foundation has invested more than **\$500,000** into our region through strategic grants to nonprofits and charitable causes, furthering our mission to ***improve the quality of life for all Carbon County residents, now and forever.***



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