



**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.

*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

## CCCF Founders and Board of Directors (\*):

Bill Allison*	Richard Forgay II*
Chris* & Sheri Anthony	Dr. Grace Emanuel Gilkeson
Joe* & Debra Kay Bennett	Steve* & Colette Kresge
Michael & Marian Carty	Joseph Mastriani, CPA*
Jim* & Tiffani Christman	Richard* & Darlene Nothstein
John & Tina* Dowd	Steve Ohl*
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Michael Everett	Louis & Maxine Vermillion
Mark* & Pam Fludgate	Marshall Walters

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

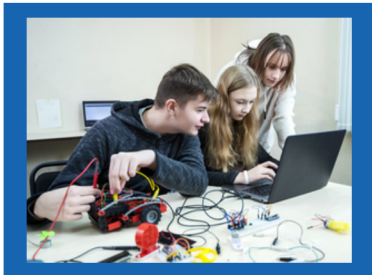
# New Funds

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.



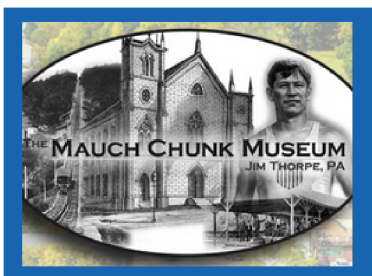
## **Computer Career Accelerator Fund**

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**

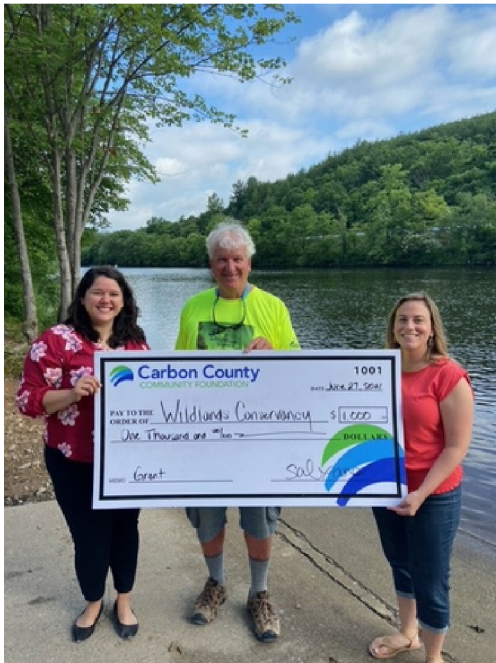
A Field of Interest Fund established by St. Luke's Lehigh and Carbon campuses to provide grants to organizations in Carbon County that serve older adults in the community.

# 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*

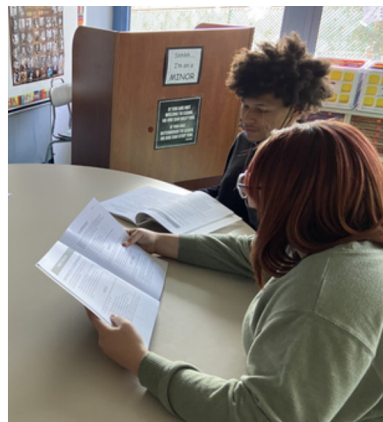
Six area students received tuition scholarships to attend Catholic School. The scholarships were presented in memory of Mary Meier.

*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*



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

*Fund for Carbon County*

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

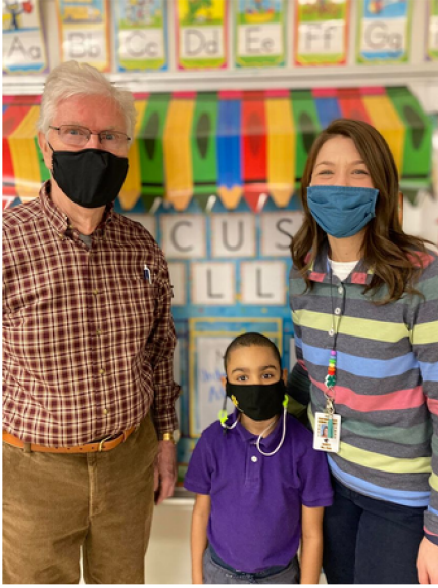
*Fund for Carbon County*



# 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.

*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*



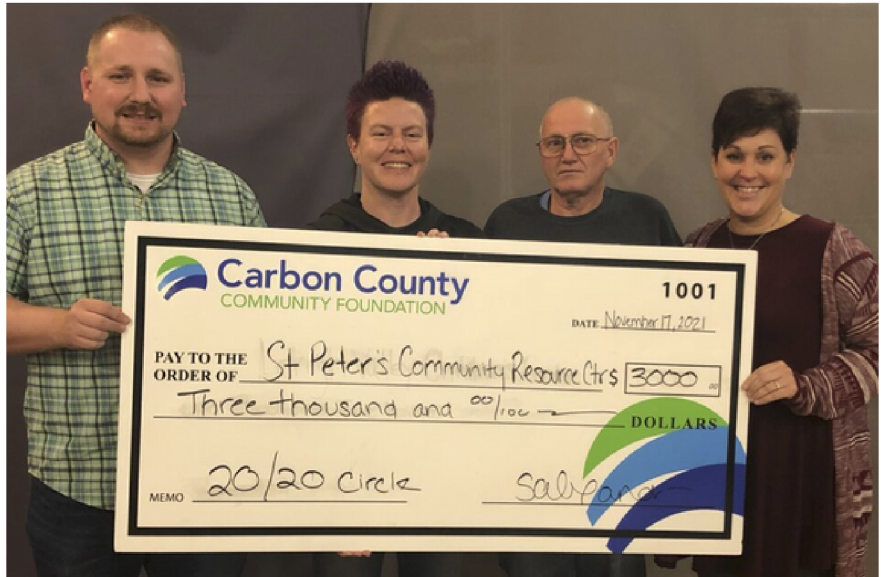
Cancer Support Center of Greater Lehigh Valley offered support programming and group activities, like crafting and holistic medicine classes, for Carbon County families who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis.

*Fund for Carbon County*



# 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

**0**

# 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.



# Our Supporters

## Fund for Carbon County

Louis & Stephanie Alexander  
Carlene Andress  
Anonymous  
Chris & Sheri Anthony  
Charles Dinofrio  
John & Tina Dowd  
Stephen Chuckra &  
Carol Etheridge  
Mark & Pam Fludgate  
Elissa Garofalo  
Audrey Larvey  
Jean Oswald  
Patrick & Pam Reilly

## CCCF Operating Fund

Zach & Sharon Alexander ^  
Buckno Lisicky & Company ^  
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Michael Everett, DDS  
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Joseph Mastriani, CPA  
Richard & Darlene Nothstein  
R. F. Ohl ^  
Curtis Spear

## CCCF Events Fund

Blue Mountain Resort ^  
Buckno Lisicky & Company  
Stephen Chuckra &  
Carol Etheridge  
EBC Printing  
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Lehigh Carbon Community  
College  
Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Melissa Mohr  
Coaching + Development ^  
The Neffs National Bank  
NEPA Alliance  
Nonprofit & Community  
Assistance Center  
PPL Foundation  
St. Luke's University  
Health Network  
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## 20/20 Circle (All Members)

Zach & Sharon Alexander  
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Stephen Chuckra &  
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Mark & Pam Fludgate  
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Barbara Franzosa  
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Elissa Garofalo  
Cynthia Gasper  
Leon & Danielle George  
Richard & Yvette Getz  
Ami Gruber  
Midge Heiser  
Mark & Lois Holloper  
Gene Huttie  
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Dave Artman  
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Peter & Carol Kern  
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Bob & Jill Kostenbader  
Maya Kowalczyk  
Steve & Colette Kresge  
Christi Kuhn  
Lehigh Valley Health Network  
Sue Ann Lewine  
James & Vikki Mann  
Michael & Melissa Martinez  
Joseph Mastriani, CPA  
Clem & Sophie McGinley  
Russell & Rebecca Mehnert  
Jaime & Sharon Mendes  
William & Heather Mullen  
The Neffs National Bank  
Richard & Darlene Nothstein  
Steve & Kim Ohl  
Christopher & Janelle Ondrus

## 20/20 Circle (continued)

Fraternal Order of Orioles,  
Lehighton  
Packer Commandery No. 23 –  
Knights Templar  
Lou & Cyndi Pantages  
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Troy & Mary Ellen Phifer  
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Patrick & Pam Reilly  
Cindy Reinhard  
Greg & Kim Rodrigues  
Jennifer Rowden  
Wyatt & Sharon Shipwash  
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Mike & Trish Spillman  
Louis Sportelli  
Rebecca Steigerwalt  
Mark & Anne Svercheck  
Tom Tirpak  
Mark Wagstaff & Robin Grohotolski

## Anastasia Susko Memorial Scholarship Fund

Jonathan Acevedo  
Louis & Stephanie Alexander  
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Kelley Andrade  
Anonymous  
Clayton & Dana Ayers  
Carrie Baines  
Brandon Benner  
Matt Bierman  
Karen Blackwell  
Sarah Blodgett  
Joshua Finsel &  
Amber Breiner  
Erin Bucci  
Jenni Bush  
Margaret Capper  
Barbara Cerimele  
Jennifer Christman  
Kris Cuneo  
Colleen Davis  
Brian & Katie Decker  
Danielle DiGuglielmo  
Cheryl Doyle  
Damon & Becky Edwards  
Stephen Chuckra &  
Carol Etheridge

# Our Supporters

## **Susko Scholarship (continued)**

Michael Everett, DDS  
Vivian Foulke  
Elissa Garofalo  
Amy Gilstad  
Glenn Goldberg  
Jessica Gould  
Ilse Granados Lerma  
Chris Grudzinski  
Katie Guyer  
Sarah Hartman  
Charles Hatton  
Tom Highland  
Raymond Hudack  
Bob Jacobs &  
Dave Artman  
Sara Jacobs Carter  
Kiya Jenkins  
Katie Keller  
Diane Keller  
Lori Knox  
Emily Korn  
Lauren Ladd  
Kevin LaDuke  
Chris Loggia  
Mark Mahal  
Lyle Mantz  
Kevin & Louise McClafferty  
Julie McDonald  
Pete & Kelly McElmoyle  
Patrick & Rosemary McGeehan  
Shannon Meglathery  
Russell & Rebecca Mehnert  
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Emmy Montgomery  
Jocelyn O'Neil &  
Todd Morris  
Marge Mulligan  
Lindsey O'Donnell  
Kyle O'Brien  
Melanie Oliver  
Jean Oswald  
Ryley Pavlawk  
Alexa Pinsker  
Mark Pinsker  
Tom & Allison Priore  
Nick Ramish  
Patrick & Pam Reilly  
Marie Rosahac  
Keith Rossi  
Kimberly Sampson  
Rebecca Sanker  
Valerie Saveri  
Lee Schiller

## **Susko Scholarship (continued)**

Cathy Seachrist  
Alex Seder  
Randall Sellers  
Marie Shigo  
Adam Siak  
Trish Spillman  
James Sterba  
Gretchen Stianche  
Kayla Susko  
Esma Talu  
Corey & Angie Tapper  
Ryan Vincent  
Jennifer West  
Melissa Whitford  
Lisa Wildoner  
Jeanette Wiley  
Dave Williams  
Sarah Young

## **Bowmanstown Area Residents Connected (BARC) Fund**

Barbara Eastland  
Bowmanstown Area Residents  
Connected\*  
John W. Stemler

## **Carbon Computer Career Accelerator Fund**

Gary & Bobbi Hayward\*

## **Carbon County Catholic Worker Fund**

Anonymous  
Nancy Berchtold  
Father Matthew-Peter Butrie  
John M Clayton  
Russ Eidson  
Joseph & Abbie Guardiani  
Donna McGarry  
Lisa Morales  
Peter Perry  
DeSalle Reuther  
Curtis Spear  
Bernard Survil  
Jeanetta Twardzik  
Erika Williams-Rodriguez\*

## **Carbon County Creative Arts Fund**

David & Dorothy Carpenter  
Roy & Linda Christman  
Michael Everett, DDS  
Audrey Larvey  
Elisabeth Leshock  
Carol O'Brien

## **Drury Mauch Chunk Museum Fund**

John Drury\*

## **Educational Improvement Tax Credit Fund**

The Neffs National Bank  
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## **Imagination Library Carbon County Fund**

Anonymous  
Viki DeMarco  
John & Tina Dowd\*  
Sierra Fogal  
Tiffani George  
Lisa Kulp  
Elisha Turner  
Samantha Wolf

## **Joseph & Debra Kay Bennett Charitable Fund**

Joseph & Debra Kay Bennett  
Bennett Family Properties

## **Kidder Hike & Bike Trail Fund**

Barbara Franzosa  
Kidder Hike & Bike Trail Group\*

## **Kids for the Community Fund**

Jennifer & Zoey Hollenbach\*

## **Lehigh Canal Park Fund**

Dennis & Suzi DeMara\*  
Rod & Jennifer Mann\*  
Kathy Ruff\*

**Lehigh River Watershed Fund**

Dennis & Suzi DeMara  
Stephen Chuckra &  
Carol Etheridge  
Kenneth Lukens

**Louis & Maxine  
Vermillion Fund**

Louis & Maxine Vermillion

**Mary Meier Catholic  
Education Fund**

Gloria Bowman  
John & Juliann Longhi  
John & Esther Meier\*

**Ohl Family Fund**

Steve & Kim Ohl

**Penny Allison Early  
Childhood Fund**

Anonymous  
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Helen Adamchak  
Bill & Carol Allison  
William F Allison  
Peter Allison &  
Rebekah Jaramillo  
Angela Allison  
Howard & Trudy Dolgin  
Susan Hand  
Ross Kardon  
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Pete & Jeanne Miller  
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Helen Pacchione  
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Diane Temples  
Stanley & Susan Weintraub  
Robert & Linda White

**Quiet Hills Lavender Farm  
Arts & Agriculture Fund**

Chris & Sheri Anthony\*

**St. Luke's Carbon Older Adult  
Compassionate Care Fund**

St. Luke's Carbon & Leighton  
Campus\*

**Tyler Strong Memorial  
Scholarship Fund**

Anonymous  
Helena McDonnell

**Vahnne's Piggy Bank Fund**

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Tammy Faenza  
Amy Goida  
Don & Gail Handwerk  
Wayne & Kathryn Troxell  
David & Karen Wallace


## 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

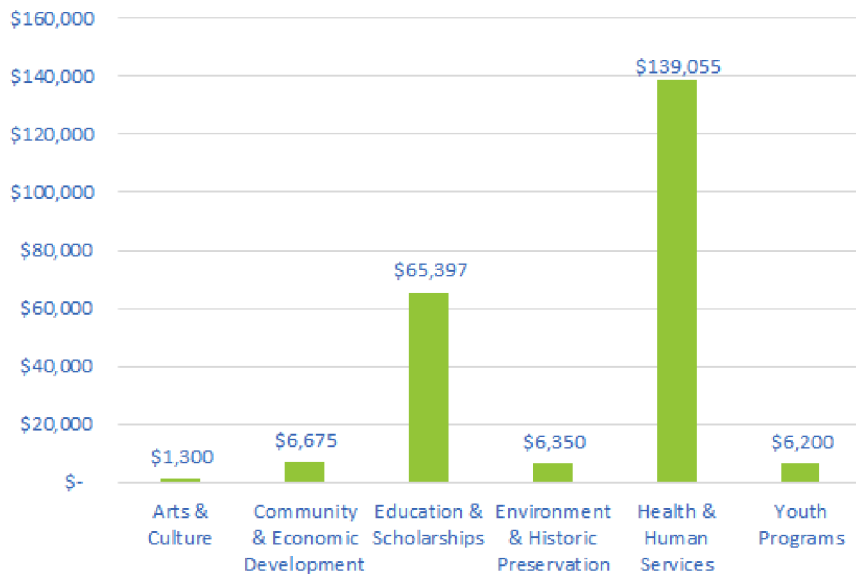
Donors may opt for recognition or anonymity and can arrange to make a gift now or beyond their lifetime as part of a will or estate plan.

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

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# Financials

**2021 Grant Distribution**



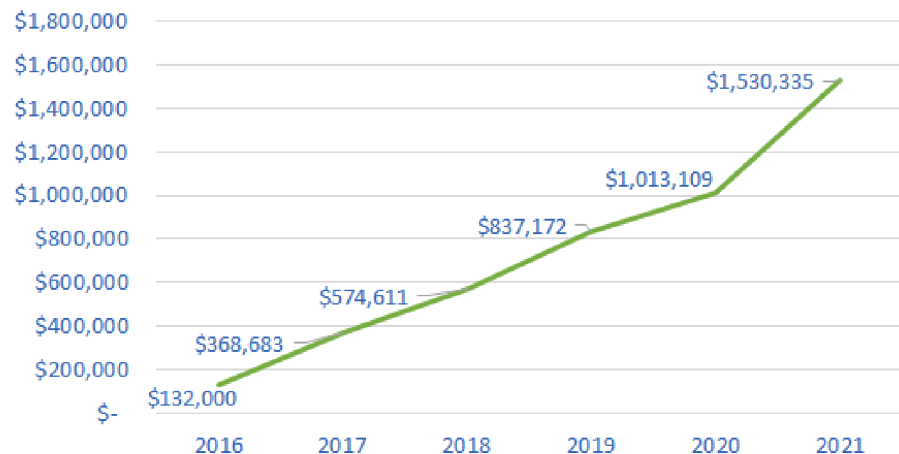
Carbon County Community Foundation is increasing its impact on the region more and more every year!

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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