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It has been an honor for me to serve these last two years as Board Chair of the Community Foundation of Fayette County. I have been privileged to work with a wonderful board of directors and dedicated staff who are committed to maintaining and growing the CFFC. Please join me in welcoming the next Board Chair, Jim Foutz. All of us believe in the mission of the CFFC, which is to help define charitable needs, connect donors with causes that matter to them, support nonprofit organizations, and invest charitable assets to make the community a better place to live. Funds create scholarships, award grants, and provide opportunities to give to people and/or organizations that are important to donors.

My husband and I began a fund when our younger son, Nathan, died four years ago. It gave us a way, during a time of terrible grief, to honor his memory. It allowed us to give to a cause, Imagination Library, which was important to our son. He often spoke of having children of his own and of reading his Dr. Seuss books to them.

Becoming a donor is a way to honor and remember the people who are, and always will be, a part of our lives. It gives us all a way to give back to the community in which we live. As we continue into our second decade, we can do more for the community where we live, work and raise our children by directing charitable investments for pooling and management by our Community Foundation. The Community Foundation accepts gifts of all amounts and has developed a basis for starting a new named fund at a level that makes it accessible to even persons of modest income and wealth.

I invite the community of Fayette County to become involved by contacting the CFFC to find out more about becoming a donor. It is a way for all of us to give back to the people and organizations that matter most and to improve the lives of all who live in Fayette County.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bacharach
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The Idea Fund: to be used for grants for teachers at St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School and Geibel Jr. Sr. High School.
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The Charity Fund: to be used for grant awards to Fayette County non-profits serving basic human needs as recommended by the donor.

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The Connellsville Rotary Club
The Connellsville Rotary Club: to be used for scholarships for the Connellsville Area School District.

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Brownsville Central Park Project Fund
Brownsville Central Park Project Fund: is to raise $75,000 to support the Jefferson team and other authorized participants and is limited to design and construction of the Brownsville Central Park.

Brownsville Free Public Library Permanent Fund
Brownsville Free Public Library Permanent Fund: to be used for the support of The Brownsville Free Public Library, and any charitable purpose consistent with the purpose of the Fund.

The Procyk Family Fund
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Types of Funds Offered

Advised Funds/Donor Directed Funds
Grants from Donor-Advised Funds account for the majority of the grants CFFC awards each year.
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Scholarship/ Educational Awards

Scholarship funds can be designated to recognize academic achievement and/or to assist those with financial need. Funds are often created to honor a specific individual, award academic accomplishments or community service. They may also be directed to benefit those attending a specific school or schools.

Tylar Andaloro Memorial Endowment Fund
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Allen Craft Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Alfred E. Jones, Jr. and Anna B. Jones Charitable Fund
Melvin J. and Beatrice Vance Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund

Laurel Business Institute Scholarship Fund in Memory of Ruth and Milton Decker
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Laurel Highlands Mustang Academic Scholarship Fund
Debra A. Mascia Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Mary T. Page Memorial Endowment
The Procyk Family Fund
St. Peter’s Anglican Church Capital Advised Fund
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Uniontown Public Library Permanent Fund by Mary E. and the late Charles B. Cluss
Uniontown Public Library Permanent Fund by Harry Esbenshade Family

Agency Funds

Funds are created by nonprofits to support their work in perpetuity. CFFC holds and invests these funds and provides an annual return to the organization.

This type of fund allows the organization to securely plan annual budgets.

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of the Laurel Region Permanent Fund
Steve and Helen Blazeck Memorial Educational Endowment Fund of St. Peters Lutheran Church
Bridgeport Cemetery Fund
Brownsville Free Public Library Permanent Fund
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Touchstone Center for Crafts Endowment
Uniontown Public Library - Eberly Endowment Fund
United Way Permanent Fund
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Field of Interest Funds

Donors decide the interest area of the fund, such as education, arts, animal welfare or scientific research, and the Foundation awards grants to effective organizations and programs in the selected field.

Community Beautification Fund
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Unrestricted Funds

Designed for donors without a specific designation for their giving.

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CFFC Capacity Fund

For donors not ready to create a fund, or who want to join forces with other donors, the CFFC Capacity Fund helps us achieve the greatest possible impact.

These gifts power our competitive grantmaking program allowing CFFC to invest in the most effective organizations in the County, respond to emergencies, and provide for changing needs over time.

Flow Through Funds

This fund works for donors planning a short term, non-permanent charitable distribution or are hosting a fundraiser or special event. The CFFC Staff assists with back-office support and administration. Funds are then distributed directly to the identified charities.

Brownsville Central Park Project Fund
Community Reinvestment Fund – Buy Local Project
Fayette County Colon Cancer Network Fund
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Community Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarships

From 2009 to 2012, The Community Foundation of Fayette County has awarded over $200,000 post-secondary scholarships to over 250 students!

Fayette County residents may apply for a variety of CFFC scholarships based on criteria, which may include academic accomplishments, community service, financial need, etc. Scholarship applications are available on-line in December and in local high school guidance counselor offices. Applications must be post-marked between January 2 and April 1. For more information and complete list of scholarships available, please visit www.cffayettepa.org.

The Community Foundation of Fayette County is approved for participation in the PA Higher Education Assistance Program, PATH (Partnership for Access to Higher Education). If a student receives a scholarship through CFFC they may be eligible to receive a matching scholarship through PATH. This extends and adds to the benefit of our donors’ awards for deserving students.

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Career, Technical Education Scholarship Fund Promotes Skilled Workforce

Ron Sheba and his wife, Pat, believe that technical education and technical careers are undervalued in Fayette County, and their scholarship through the Community Foundation of Fayette County, the Career and Technical Education Scholarship Fund aims to remedy that. Even though skilled technicians provide society with lifesaving requirements, such as heat in the winter and effective brakes in vehicles, Ron Sheba said high school graduates often overlook careers as technicians when deciding what to do with their futures.

“It’s very evident for me and my wife that we need skilled people in this county. It makes it run. It makes it go. And I want to try to attract more talented students to attend career and technical schools.”

Ron Sheba, who worked at a career and technical school himself for 10 years.

Ron Sheba said the need for a skilled workforce is more pressing than ever in Fayette County. As baby boomers retire, and more and more talented young people are going into jobs in business and related fields that require college degrees instead of technical training, there will be what he called a “skills gap” between the jobs that must be done and the workers who are trained to do them. The scholarship, he hopes, will bridge the gap.

He said the choice to work with the CFFC to develop the Career and Technical Education Scholarship Fund was an easy one, thanks to the faith he and his wife have in its abilities and its credibility within the community.
Competitive Grants:
Throughout the year, the Community Foundation requests proposals from nonprofits, sometimes in broad focus areas and other times within specific areas. A grant-review committee evaluates the proposals and makes recommendations for funding.

As grant opportunities become available, they are posted on our website at www.cffayettepa.org, the CFFC e-Newsletter, and local newspapers.

Post-Secondary Education Scholarships:
Applicants must be Fayette County residents. In 2012, CFFC awarded over 80 students more than $74,000 to attend the school of their choice. In addition, because of CFFC’s partnership with the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) and the Partnerships for Access to Higher Education (PATH), students planning to attend a college in Pennsylvania may be eligible to receive an additional matching grant through the PATH program.

For details on the scholarships available, please visit our website at www.cffayettepa.org. Applications will be available on our website in December and must be post-marked from January 2 through April 1.

EITC Tuition Assistance:
Business contributions to EITC support Fayette County children through Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. The EITC program provides tuition assistance for Fayette County students in grades Pre K and K-12 attending a participating/eligible private or parochial school.

Donor Advised Grants:
These grants are made possible by donors who create a Donor Advised Fund at the Community Foundation. For more information on how to create a Donor Advised Fund, please contact the CFFC Office at (724) 437-8600.

EITC contribution from First Niagara

Business contributions to EITC support Fayette County children through Pennsylvania’s Educational Improvement Tax Credit program. Making such a contribution is Lisa Brown (left), manager at First Niagara Bank, Uniontown. Receiving the contribution is Marilyn J. McDaniel, former CEO, Community Foundation of Fayette County.
Scholarship Helps Scholar Athletes Advance Their Education

When local business owner Allen Craft died eight years ago, his daughters, son-in-law Jim John and Craft’s widow, Tessie, wanted to do something to honor his memory.

“He’d always been very generous. He was always giving donations, mainly to try to help underprivileged kids and local high school students,” said John.

The family decided to begin with an annual Allen Craft Memorial Golf Outing and use the remaining proceeds to fund the Allen Craft Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is awarded annually through the Community Foundation of Fayette County to a scholar/athlete from Laurel Highlands High School seeking a college education. Craft’s own daughters were actively involved in Laurel Highlands sports, and by extension, their father was as well.

In its eighth year, the golf outing has been a tremendous success so far.

John said, “We’ve had a very good turnout, probably a hundred golfers a year, even after eight years.

“And, in eight short years, we’ve raised around $115,000,” said John.

“It’s amazing how the people support it every year,” Tessie Craft said.

Craft and John say the golf outing is a perfect way to both give back to the community and remember their husband and father.

“It’s a chance to get together one day a year, have a little fun — that’s what he would want — and then know that all the money goes to a good cause.

“Obviously, in Fayette County, every little bit helps, and everyone knows college isn’t getting any cheaper. So anything we can do to help,” said John.

John said working with the Community Foundation for the scholarship fund has been a blessing.

“They have the right end game in mind—helping local students advance their academic careers.” he said.

“It’s nice to know, when you’re doing all this hard work, that we’re putting the money in the hands of capable people.”

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Man Establishes Memorial Scholarship To Honor Sister, Advance Education

Dr. Asa Springer was the youngest of 10 siblings growing up on 999 acres on Coolspring Street outside of Uniontown, and is the last one living, at the age of 88.

In his youth, his older sister, Virginia Springer — he called her Ginger — was his caretaker and friend.

In a poem written for her funeral, Springer described his sister and their childhood this way:

Two kids born up in the hills
Among the many rocks and rails.
One was older and more trustful
I was younger and robustful.
One day going home from school
I waded through a little pool.
Wet shoes, wet socks, oh what a shame
But Ginger always took the blame.
Nursing was her destiny,
Medicine was left to me.
Full of humor, full of love
God receive her up above.

With funds she left to him after her death, Springer established the Virginia Springer Memorial Scholarship Fund to remember her and advance the education of Laurel Highlands High School graduates who wish to pursue a career in a health-care field.

He, along with his daughter Pam Simpson, worked with the Community Foundation of Fayette County to get the Virginia Springer Memorial Scholarship Fund off the ground and collect applications.

After her days caring for the young Asa Springer were over, Virginia Springer was a nurse who served in World War II and received a master’s degree of public health administration at the University of Michigan.

She spent much of her career as a nurse in Richmond, Calif., while Asa Springer, also attended Michigan – practiced medicine in the state of California until his retirement.

Because there’s a strong family background in medicine in the Springer family, it was a logical choice to award a scholarship to students who wish to enter the health-care field.

Springer aims to have the scholarship award go to two students a year – one for the scholastically talented young person with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher, and another for a student facing a financial hardship that might be a barrier to receiving higher education.

Applications and information are available online at www.cffayettepa.org/scholarships.
Parents, Memories of Fayette County Honored With Scholarship

Brothers Morrow and Dan Jones speak warmly of their father, a man of many interests who called himself a “country lawyer and a Sunday painter.”

In addition to his former law practice across from the Fayette County Courthouse, Alfred Jones Jr. painted and sculpted.

It was in his memory—and their mother’s—that the Jones brothers created the Alfred E. Jones Jr. and Anna B. Jones Charitable Fund. “Our parents were both born in Uniontown, and lived most of their lives here. This was always home for them. Even at age 90, our father was talking about moving back here. There’s quite a pull,” said Dan Jones.

The fund, through the Community Foundation of Fayette County, awards scholarship money to students of the arts, to memorialize their father’s love of art, and nursing students, to honor their mother’s tireless hospital volunteer efforts. The Jones brothers are also hoping to use the money to provide grants to community arts organizations in Fayette County.

Though every year brings an abundance of promising applicants for the nursing scholarship, it’s been difficult to garner applicants from budding artists. Morrow Jones, a former high school teacher who taught photography, English and filmmaking, hopes for an increased demand from perspective art students, though he understands why there is a shortage of scholarship applications in the arts.

“Vocationally speaking, it’s a tough choice to say, ‘I’m going to do this. I’m going to be an artist.’ But if there’s anyone out there, we would like to know about it.” Morrow Jones said.

Although the Jones brothers both moved from Fayette County after high school, and now live in Harrisburg and Connecticut, respectively, they feel a tug similar to what their father experienced. Morrow Jones said, “The American experience of community gets harder to maintain as the economy changes. Family scatters for education reasons, job reasons. But we’re still pretty well rooted here. There’s a tug.”