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MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING BOARD CHAIR

I am pleased to present the 2023 annual report of Greater Pike Community Foundation.

It has been a great year, a busy year, and we have been able to provide more grants than ever before. Soon we will be passing the \$2 million milestone and none of it would be possible without the generous support of local businesses and individuals. Whether it is establishment of a new fund, sponsorship of our annual dinner or a \$25 check, I appreciate all who have supported this community and placed their trust in Greater Pike.

Most people donate to charity because they want to give back to society, to reduce inequality by using their good fortune to help others less fortunate. But the specific causes a person chooses to support reflect that person's passions, background and goals. Jean Hoff designated the Pike County Public Library as the beneficiary of the Hoff Fund and Richard Snyder specified five areas he wanted to support including cultural festivals and improvements to the town of Milford. You may want to support housing, education, arts or emergency services – we have a fund for that. If there is an area where help is needed, we can create a new fund to provide support.

One notable fund established this year is the Pike Medical Foundation Fund. This fund, initially established by the county with \$2 million in public funds, will support medical services within Pike County with a goal of bringing desperately needed urgent care and hospital services to our community. I am proud that we are part of this partnership with local government and regional healthcare providers.

Because of you, our generous donors and the professionals and volunteers who work with our local nonprofits every day, we are creating a lasting legacy in our community. I love living in Pike County and am so excited to see what the next years will bring!

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Gail Shuttleworth

PEOPLE WHO CARE... CAUSES THAT MATTER

YOUR GIFT WILL SUPPORT THOSE LOCAL PROGRAMS AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As I step into the role of leading the Greater Pike Community Foundation, I'm simultaneously humbled and inspired by the incredible work the board, donors, fund holders, staff, and our grantees have achieved in our community.

The impact this organization has had over the past year -- as detailed in this report -- and since its inception 11 years ago has created a legacy of positive change, and I look forward to working alongside our Board of Directors to chart the course for the foundation's future, building on our past successes and exploring innovative ways to address the evolving needs of the greater Pike community.

Over the course of my 20+ year career in the nonprofit sector, I've witnessed the transformative power of community foundations, and I hope to leverage Greater Pike's unique position to connect residents, businesses, and nonprofits to create synergies that transcend challenges, promote sustainable growth, and ensure a brighter future for Pike County and its residents.

As we embark on this journey together, I'm excited to get to know each of you, hear your stories, insights, and aspirations for the foundation and our community, and to work collaboratively to ensure the Greater Pike Community Foundation continues to be a force for good, forever.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received thus far – here's to a year of growth, collaboration, and meaningful impact!

Warm regards,



Rick Little Executive Director Greater Pike Community Foundation



MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING BOARD CHAIR

Before I joined the Greater Pike board in 2021, the Foundation was nascent, having started out with funds of \$10,000 in 2012. Under the terrific leadership of our founding board chair Jim Pedranti and his successor Gail Shuttleworth, assets have grown to more than \$6,000,000; we now manage 38 funds, have an Executive Director and several part-time staff, and have distributed nearly \$2,000,000 in grants and scholarships since our founding. This is a spectacular record of accomplishment for a community foundation that began as an idea.

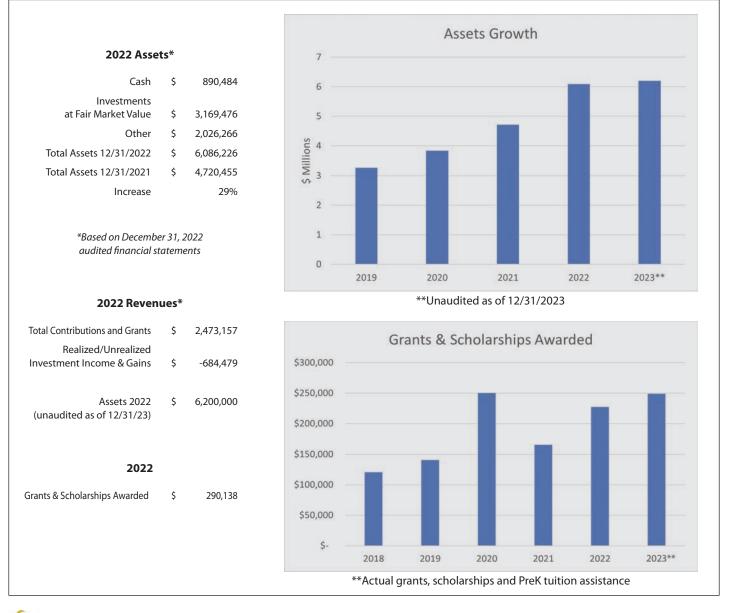
As Greater Pike's new Board Chair, I am lucky to work with a fantastic and committed Board of Directors and staff. I want to wish a warm welcome to our new Executive Director, Rick Little, whom I know you'll enjoy getting to know; together, we're going to do great things. If you want to help, I hope you'll reach out and consider creating a fund at Greater Pike, supporting our annual dinner, joining our Legacy Society, or donating to one of the many funds we serve.

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NVESTMENTS

All of Greater Pike Community Foundation's invested assets are in a single co-mingled pool. The invested assets in the pool are managed by Vanguard Institutional Investment Advisors using diversified low-cost fixed-income and equity mutual funds, primarily index funds but some actively managed funds as well. Vanguard acts as co-fiduciary with GPCF on the portfolio. GPCF's investment strategy is designed to maximize returns while limiting risk with a long-term (5-10 year) investment horizon.

Performance data is provided by Vanguard Institutional Investment Advisors.

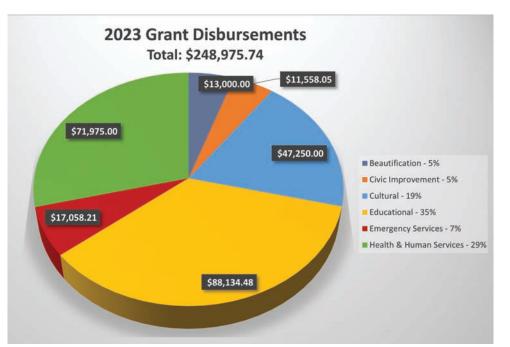


GPCF's Audited Financial Statements for the year including the auditor's report, notes to the financial statements and the most recent filed IRS Form 990 are available for review by contacting Greater Pike Community Foundation at info@greaterpike.org or calling 570.832.4686.



Granted Organizations for 2023

Barryville Area Arts Association Black Bear Film Festival Center for Developmental Disabilities **Central Volunteer Fire Department** Delaware Dancers/Hanna O **Delaware Valley Youth Sports League Dingmans Ferry Theatre Epilepsy Foundation Eastern PA** Fair Hill Therapeutic Riding Family Promise of the Poconos Forest Volunteer Fire Department **GAIT Therapeutic Riding Center Greater Pike Community Foundation** Green Trees Early Learning Center **Grey Towers Heritage Association Kindred Spirits Arts Programs** Milford Enhancement Committee Milford Garden Club Milford Musicfest Milford Readers and Writers Festival Peter's Valley School of Craft **Pike Autism Support Services Pike County Commissioners Pike County Human Services Pike County Public Library Pike Historical Society Pike Opera** Pocono Arts Council Pocono Environmental Education Center Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center SERO Project Special Olympics PA Special Olympics of PA St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Tri-State Chorale **Tunnel to Towers Foundation** Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition Veterans Memorial Park Victims Intervention Fund Westfall Township Fire Department



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"The Milford Readers and Writers Festival is grateful to Greater Pike for its continued support. The grant is critical in fulfilling our mission to bring the highest quality talent to the stage and the richest experience to our audience. — Carol McManus, Milford Readers and Writers Festival Co-chair

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"The Delaware Valley Youth Sports League and Milford Borough are thrilled to be able to use this grant funding to make the much-needed changes that will improve the structural integrity, safety, and appearance of the Catherine Street ballfield and its surrounding area." — Maria Farrell, Vice President of Milford Borough Council and Chair of the Milford Borough Parks and Recreation Committee.



A gathering of some grantees from the 2023 Richard L. Snyder Fund

For a complete list of nonprofits we support, please visit our website at www.greaterpike.org/1grant-recipients



*Austin Prey Memorial Fund – Created in memory of 23-year old Austin Prey to establish a local Fishing Derby event as Austin was an avid fisherman.

Barbara J. Buchanan Fund – Supports an annual mini-grant program that funds local non-profit community organizations in the arts and culture, basic human needs, health, families, education, and the environment.

Edson D. Mosher, Jr. Fund – Supports various local causes addressing food insecurity, health and welfare and children, as well as the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Edward and Gertrude Schneider Memorial Fund – Supports the Milford Enhancement Committee, which works to make Milford a better place to live, visit, and do business.

*Davis R. Chant Fund – Created to continue the giving legacy of Davis R. Chant and Chant Realtors, which includes support for festivals in Milford, PA.

*The Promise of a Better Future Organizational Endowment Fund Established for support of the charitable or educational purposes of Family Promise of the Poconos, Inc.

Fund for Greater Pike – Provides support, as directed by Greater Pike's Board of Directors, for urgent or unexpected needs and for Greater Pike's administrative requirements and for needs that fall outside of the usual grant cycle or funding parameters of any specific fund.

GAIT Advisory Council Endowment Fund – Established for the benefit of GAIT Therapeutic Riding Center to improve the quality of life of children and adults with special needs through equine activities and therapies. ACE's primary purpose is to provide financial assistance to participants in GAIT's programs, enabling them to have a more independent life in society.

Green Trees Strong Roots Fund – Established to support the purposes of Green Trees Early Learning Center, Inc. (GTELC) and its affiliated agencies.

I Care About Autism Fund – Established for the support of the charitable, scientific, or educational purposes of Pike Autism Support Services (PASS) and its affiliated agencies.

Kontizas Fund – Supports arts and culture, animal welfare, public safety, and emergency services, environmental stewardship/education, child victims of domestic violence, and specifically Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Milford, PA.

Lillian and Harvey M. Bessonett Sr. Fund – Supports charities recommended by fund's donor advisor. Charities and causes include (but are not limited to) human services, food security, housing needs and animal welfare organizations.

Milford Covid Relief Fund – Established to address the health and economic effects of the coronavirus. The fund has provided support to nonprofits that are trying to meet the urgent needs arising out of the Covid pandemic affecting Milford's residents, business owners, and those who work in Milford.

Milford Enhancement Committee Maintenance Endowment – Established for the exclusive benefit of the Milford Enhancement Committee with the purpose to preserve and enhance Milford, Pennsylvania's invaluable heritage and special character for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors alike. Donate online to this fund here.

The O'Neil Family Fund was created by Charles and Celeste O'Neil to support various local causes and organizations including historic preservation in Milford PA, autism support services and food insecurity in the Greater Pike area and elsewhere as recommended by the donors.

Pedranti Family Charitable Fund – Supports community enhancement, health and welfare, medical research and education, historic preservation, arts and culture with an emphasis on the Greater Pike area.

The Peter and Kathy Maio Fund – Supports environmental issues as well as organizations addressing housing and food insecurity in the Greater Pike area and elsewhere as recommended by the donors.

Petersheim Fund – Supports donor-recommended local entities across the nonprofit, religious, and community-building spectrum.

Pike County Emergency Services Initiative Fund – Established to provide funding to support training programs for Pike County emergency services, agencies and organizations.

*Pike Medical Foundation Fund – Established to provide funding needed to support, sustain, and enhance existing and future medical services within Pike County.

Ralph F. Berry Memorial Fund – Supports charities of the donor advisor's choice in memory of Ralph Berry and the causes he held near to his heart during his lifetime.

Richard L. Snyder Chair of Conservation Studies Fund – Established to honor the memory of Richard L. Snyder, a community benefactor and great conservationist, this fund will provide a yearly stipend to the Delaware Valley School District to create and maintain a Richard L. Snyder Chair of Conservation Studies.

Richard L. Snyder Fund – Supports an annual open grant program which funds non-profit organizations conducting work in the following areas: maintaining and enhancing the public areas of the Borough of Milford; sponsorship of local arts, culture, festivals, and events; and medical research in the fields of multiple sclerosis, HIV, LGBT issues and domestic violence.

Richard Rhodes River Rescue Fund – Income from the "RRRR" fund is allocated to the National Canoe Safety Patrol for the purchase of equipment, training, and other necessary items to fulfill their mission to provide rescue and assistance, as well as safety education.

Safe Haven Legacy Fund – Established by Safe Haven of Pike County, Inc. to provide grant awards to nonprofit organizations in Pike County helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault find and relocate to permanent (as opposed to emergency) safe housing.

Schneider Family Fund – Created by John "Duke" and Joan Schneider to provide meaningful support for causes and charities they recommend.

Shuttleworth Fund – Created to support various local causes and organizations in the Greater Pike area and elsewhere as recommended by the donor.

Thomas and Jean Hoff Fund – Established to primarily benefit the community of Pike County, PA, specifically the Pike County Public Library.

Walt Edwards Ashenfelter Fund for Performing Arts – Established in memory of Walt Edwards Ashenfelter to support the musical entertainment in Milford that Walt loved.

William and Deborah Hookway Fund – Supports various local charitable entities in the Sussex County, NJ, area and elsewhere, as recommended by the Donors. Charities and causes include but are not limited to the Sussex County YMCA and animal welfare organizations.

Xavisean Fund – Designed to promote civic engagement, historic preservation, social justice, healthcare, and cultural endeavors in the Greater Pike region.

*Denotes new in 2023

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"This Fund is going to help ensure that what we start today will continue to address the evolving needs of at-risk and homeless children and their families in the future."

— Enid Logan, Executive Director of Family Promise



Designated Funds: This type of fund provides you with a wonderful way to give back to one or more specific nonprofit organizations. Distributions will be made to the organization(s) you designate.

Donor Advised Funds: Charitable grants from these funds are made to a variety of nonprofit organizations, which can change each year. You make tax-deductible charitable contributions immediately, without having to identify nonprofit beneficiaries right away.

Field of Interest Funds: Grants are made to organizations in a specific area of community interest to support a broad charitable goal, such as improving education, the region's cultural life or eliminating hunger.

Organizational Funds: Any nonprofit can benefit from this type of fund in which GPCF will assist with administering an endowment for long term profit that will give the organization a strategy to fulfill its mission in perpetuity.

Scholarship Funds: These funds are established to assist students with their education and career goals. You can create a scholarship as a memorial to someone, specifying eligibility criteria, and the grant can support any area of academic need, including tuition, books or dorm expenses.

With all Funds, the donor receives a tax-deductible charitable contribution, without having to immediately identify the nonprofit beneficiaries. For complete descriptions and to make secure online donations to any of these funds, please visit our website at https://greaterpike.org/fund_list/ and scroll down to the fund name for the link.

Endowment Funds

The object of an endowed fund is to sustain a nonprofit into the future with an income stream even through unstable times. Any size nonprofit organization can establish an endowment fund at Greater Pike using an endowment gift from a donor or a portion of an organization's funds.

In 2023, Family Promise of the Poconos set up an endowment fund with Greater Pike Community Foundation. The Promise of a Better Future Organizational Endowment Fund supports emergency help for those facing temporary homelessness—a growing need in Pike County. The fund will help strengthen Family Promise's long-term sustainability, financial stability and future success.

Enid Logan, Executive Director of Family Promise said, "We can't predict the future and an endowment fund with Greater Pike will help Family Promise be better poised to change with the evolving needs of the community."

Online donations to the Promise of a Better Future Organizational Endowment Fund can be made at https://greaterpike.Org/fund_list/ Scroll down to the fund name for the link.

These endowment funds established at Greater Pike help the following nonprofits gain financial stability For Good. Forever

- Green Trees Strong Roots Fund
- GAIT Advisory Council Endowment Fund
- Pike Autism Support Services I Care About Autism Fund
- Pike County Emergency Services Initiative (transitioned into a Permanent Fund)
- The Promise of a Better Future Organizational Endowment
 Fund



Pike Medical Foundation Fund

In 2023, The Pike Medical Foundation Fund of Greater Pike Community Foundation was created by the Pike County Commissioners. The fund's goal is to support and enhance existing and future medical services within Pike County. The Commissioners allocated \$2 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to establish the Foundation Fund through Greater Pike Community Foundation. Establishing the fund with Greater Pike creates financial stability for an initiative that can address the growing medical needs of the region into the future.

Greater Pike's Board Chair, Gail Shuttleworth said, "Access to healthcare is one of the biggest challenges facing many communities and it is particularly difficult in Pike County where we currently have no hospital or urgent care facility. The Commissioners are working hard to bring an urgent care center to the county in 2023, and Greater Pike is proud to partner with them in establishing the Pike Medical Foundation Fund. This new Fund can support a range of related services including community health programs, emergency services and transportation."

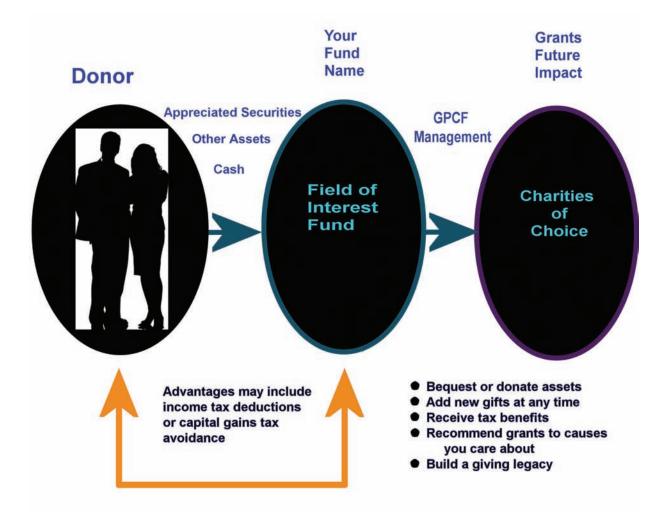


Family Promise in Pike County

Erika Ambrose, Case Manager for Family Promise in Pike County, and Enid Logan, Executive Director, examine one of several historic pieces that will be preserved in the renovation of the building recently purchased to serve a growing Pike County population.



FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS DIRECT SUPPORT TO WHAT MATTERS TO YOU



Consider a Field of Interest Fund. Benefits include:

- PERSONAL: You decide the area of interest your fund will support and Greater Pike will distribute those funds on your behalf
- COMMUNITY: Greater Pike will make sure your fund grants have the most impact based on changing community needs
- FUTURE IMPACT: A field of interest fund can make a difference in your community for generations to come
- FINANCIAL: Greater Pike can help you establish a field of interest fund to meet your goals with maximum financial and charitable giving benefits
- TAX BENEFITS: The fund can be established with a variety of assets, such as life insurance, appreciated securities, real estate, and other tangible assets. This can work to complement your personal financial plan.



2023 DINNER HONOREES

Every year, Greater Pike awards the Barbara J. Buchanan Community Service Award and the Richard L. Snyder Business Leadership Award to outstanding individuals who reflect the civic and business leadership exemplified by the late Barbara Buchanan and Richard Snyder, both founding members of the Greater Pike Community Foundation Board of Directors.

This year, a longstanding community supporter, an enterprising family-based hospitality business team and a nonprofit organization that focuses on helping veterans were honored at Greater Pike's 8th Annual Dinner Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 8th at Cedar Lakes Estate in Port Jervis.



PHOTO (from left): Davis R. Chant, who was honored posthumously; Justin, Jeanne and Grant Genzlinger of Settlers Hospitality; and Thomas Ryan of Vetstock.

Davis R. Chant was awarded the Barbara J. Buchanan Community Service Award posthumously, for his long list of contributions to the betterment of the greater Pike region, including his help in establishing the Black Bear Film Festival and Greater Pike Community Foundation.

The Genzlinger Family/Settlers Hospitality was awarded the Richard L. Snyder Business Leadership Award, for the vision and fortitude to grow the hospitality industry in this region while utilizing sustainable practices to protect the environment and serving the community with support for numerous area nonprofit organizations.

VetStock received the Nonprofit Excellence Award for its 10-plus years serving northeast Pennsylvania building the financial strength of organizations providing services to veterans, disabled veterans, and active military men and women, and their families.

"As we move forward into our second decade of community service, Greater Pike is working hard to advance philanthropy and help address the evolving and emerging needs in our community," said Gail Shuttleworth, Greater Pike Board Chair. "We are grateful for the continued support of the greater Pike County region and the outstanding work of community members such as those selected to be our 2023 honorees."

GREATER PIKE LEGACY SOCIETY

A legacy established at Greater Pike Community Foundation is a commitment to support your community in perpetuity and an expression of gratitude.

Legacy Society members name Greater Pike Community Foundation as a beneficiary of a planned gift. This could be as simple as a bequest in their will and/or future charitable income in the form of annuities, charitable remainder trusts, or gifts of life insurance or retirement plan assets.

Launched in 2021, the Legacy Society continues to grow and includes members

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of our community who believe in giving back in perpetuity. Legacy gifts can support the donor's preferred charitable causes long after the original donor is gone. This is a powerful and meaningful gesture.

Legacy Society members can be an inspiration to others. Introductions are made at garden party receptions and Legacy Society members, except those who prefer anonymity, are recognized in Greater Pike publications. Consider becoming a member and join like-minded individuals dedicated to the future well-being of our region and of future generations.

LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Harvey M. Bessonett William & Deborah Hookway Rosann B. Kalish **Richard & Rebecca Lindsey** Kirk C. Mackey Peter & Kathy Maio Sean Strub & Javier Morales Edson D. Mosher, Jr. Nicholas H. & Margaretta G. Niles James Pedranti Nancy & Peter Pinchot Gail Shuttleworth & Jeff Rosalsky Joan & John "Duke" Schneider Edson and Barbara Whitney

Kathy Maio, **Barbara Whitney** and Jennifer Liu



Rosann Kalish and Pam Gregory



Greater Pike helped establish a new scholarship fund this year! The Edson and Barbara Whitney International Studies Scholarship Fund plans to award one or more annual scholarships to students from Delaware Valley or Port Jervis High School who plan to pursue a degree in International Studies and/or related fields.

In 2023, a total of **\$59,830.48** in scholarship awards was distributed to students from Delaware Valley, Port Jervis, Kittatinny Regional and Wallenpaupack Area high schools. The scholarships to 13 colleges or universities include more than **\$26,000** in recurring awards to 4 past recipients. Without the generous support of donors, the career goals of these promising young students may be out of reach.

Post-Secondary Scholarship Fund Recipients

Ann Intili Morey Art Scholarship Fund

Kyndal Alderman — Purchase College Ava Nienstadt — Dickinson College (multi-year recipient) Madeline Mallon — Massachusetts College of Art & Design (multi-year recipient)

Amanda Nicole Thoenig Memorial Scholarship Fund Juliana Anderson —Eastern Gateway Community College Brady Anderson —Millersville University Taylor Curren —Muhlenburg University

Art Ridley Spirit of Kindness Memorial Scholarship Fund Haley Troup — Lebanon Valley College

Kyle James Pascoe Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sophia Ball — Penn State/University Park Paulie Weinrich — Rochester Institute of Technology Haley Troup — Lebanon Valley College Lucas Pauley — Emmanuel College

Pike County Chamber of Commerce Memorial Gouse-Krawitz Scholarship Fund Miles Nienstadt — Lafayette College Gabriella Mancino — Penn State University Carter Brown — Ohio State University

Randy Auman Memorial Scholarship Fund Juliana Anderson — Eastern Gateway Community College

Reggie Cheong-Leen & Peter Spielhagen Scholarship Fund *Hugo Huerta-Alcaide* — Penn State University (multi-year recipient) *Yoshikatsu Sumitomo* — Penn State University (multi-year recipient)

Sydney Fluck "Syd's Kids" Scholarship Fund *Vanessa Dunne* — Lynn University



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"We are so pleased to be able to provide these deserving students with a little bit of financial help as they pursue their academic interests."

> — Gail Shuttleworth, Greater Pike Board Chair

Online donations to these Scholarship Funds can be made at https://greaterpike.org/fund_list/ Scroll down to the fund name for the link to the Scholarship of your choosing.

Far-Reaching Effects

Scholarship funding supported students at the following colleges or universities in 2023: Dickinson College Eastern Gateway Community College Emmanuel College Lebanon Valley College Lafayette College Lynn University Massachusetts College of Art & Design Millersville University Muhlenberg College Ohio State University Penn State University Purchase College Rochester Institute of Technology



Detailed eligibility requirements and links to donate to any of these funds can be found on our website: https://greaterpike.org/prek-scholarship/



2023 Annual Dinner

A record number of attendees came out for Greater Pike Community Foundation's 8th annual dinner held at a new venue, Cedar Lakes Estate in Port Jervis. The crowd enjoyed a cocktail hour at the fire pit and then gathered indoors for a sit-down dinner, an awards presentation and speeches delivered by Greater Pike's 2023 honorees. The on-site photographer took special photographs of all the attendees, which they were given at the end of the dinner. A good time was had by all!

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship Organizations – Full or partial tuition scholarships for local children attending summer or school-year programs at eligible nonprofit pre-kindergarten scholar-ship organizations. From a partnership among Greater Pike Community Foundation, the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), and eligible and approved businesses that receive tax credits for contributions.





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Greater Pike Community Foundation is nearing the 2 million dollar mark in philanthropy in the form of grants and scholarships since its founding 11 years ago.

In 2023, we helped our nonprofit community address food and housing insecurity, education, arts and cultural events, emergency services, historical preservation, health and welfare and more.

To help Greater Pike continue its mission FOR GOOD. FOREVER. please consider making a donation to the Fund for Greater Pike. Donations can be made online at https://greaterpike.org/fund_list/ and scroll down to the fund name, or a check made out to Fund for Greater Pike may be mailed to P.O. Box 992, Milford, PA 18337