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Annual Report 2025

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In Their Own Words

Reflections from Outgoing Board Members

As they conclude their service on the Greater Pike Board, Maggie Niles and Edson Whitney share a few reflections on the mission, the community, and the work they have been honored to support.



Maggie Niles

Being part of Greater Pike Community Foundation for nine years has been both an honor and a delight. I have had the pleasure of getting to know fellow board members and staff who have proven to be a grand group of people, both as hard workers and as friends. In addition, I've learned a great deal about the nonprofit community in our region.

My first time attending Greater Pike's annual nonprofit workshop was an eye-opener. It turned out that I didn't have a clue about the wide-ranging social, educational, wellness, historical, environmental and cultural organizations which make the county such a wonderful place to live. Along the way, I have discovered that community foundations are multiplying around the United States because they successfully help solve community problems. I am eager to see how our foundation continues to grow along with Pike County.



Edson Whitney

My nine years as a board member of the Greater Pike Community Foundation have been a rewarding and enlightening experience. I was invited to join by board member Sean Strub and attended my first meeting in January 2017, when the endowment was just over \$2 million and the foundation had hired its first part-time executive director, Jenni Hamill.

I was tasked to create the Branding and Marketing Committee, and we were able to achieve a number of milestones over these nine years: creating a logo, enhancing the website, updating the brochure and other materials, systematizing and tracking our social media presence, producing our first annual report and, with the initiative of our current executive director, Rick Little, producing a compelling and consistent quarterly newsletter.

I have learned a lot about boards and philanthropy in my years working with the talented members of this board, including the early founders of the organization.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve and to watch the growth of this organization and all that it has achieved.

With over \$2 million in grants distributed to date, Greater Pike serves and supports so many important initiatives in the greater Pike County region. The dynamic board of directors, under the able leadership of Luke Turano, will continue to grow and create new initiatives while holding true to the slogan, "For Good. Forever." I wish everyone all the best and continued success.

Message from the Executive Director

As I reflect on another inspiring year for Greater Pike Community Foundation, I am filled with both gratitude and pride—gratitude for each of you who gives so generously, and pride in what we have accomplished together.

In 2025 alone, thanks to you, Greater Pike awarded more than \$477,000 in grants and scholarships, funding which has touched every corner of the greater Pike County region. It has sent children to pre-K programs, empowered students to pursue their college dreams, and supported dozens of nonprofits providing critical services—from fire departments to arts programs, animal welfare, emergency services training, support for our LGBTQ+ community, and critical services for veterans and their families.

Recognizing the urgent food insecurity crisis facing our community this past fall, we launched the Community Harvest Fund, raising more than \$26,000 to support Pike County food pantries and the families who rely on them. Through this fund, the generosity of our community ensured that our neighbors have access to essential resources during these challenging times.

These are not just programs. They are lives changed—because of you.

This year, Greater Pike's total assets surpassed \$8 million across more than 50 funds, including new scholarship funds; funds for community enhancement projects; funds created in memory of lost loved ones, and donor advised funds supporting organizations and projects across Pike and neighboring counties.

We also strengthened our foundation for the future, launching a new fund management platform, expanding our online presence with an enhanced website, and deepening our partnerships with regional foundations.

In the year ahead, we're committed to growing our endowment to surpass \$10 million by the end of 2026, providing enhanced support to local nonprofits, and strengthening partnerships to better meet our region's most pressing challenges.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Your support and generosity truly change lives—*For Good. Forever.*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Little".

Rick Little
Executive Director

Message from the Board Chair

2025 was another year of real growth for Greater Pike, and I'm struck by how much we accomplished together and how much stronger our foundation has become.

We expanded our organizational capacity and systems, deepened our partnerships with community leaders and community organizations across—and beyond—Pike County, and continued building our community's endowment, expanding our ability to serve Pike County's needs for years to come.

None of this work happens without dedicated leadership, and I want to take a moment to thank two exceptional board members who completed their service at the end of last year: Maggie Niles and Edson Whitney have each given nine years to Greater Pike. Nine years of wisdom, vision, and commitment to our county and community. Their leadership has been instrumental in shaping the foundation we are today, and while they'll be missed at the board table, their impact will continue to be felt throughout our community.

I also want to thank all of Greater Pike's board members for their wisdom, dedication, and leadership. And I'm excited we'll be welcoming four new board members in 2026, bringing fresh perspectives and energy to our mission.

And to our community: thank you for your support of our work. Your generosity, trust, and engagement are what make Greater Pike possible.

Looking ahead, I'm energized by what's possible. The needs in our community remain urgent, but so does our commitment to meeting them. With your continued support, we'll keep building a foundation that's ready to respond, ready to grow, and ready to serve.
For Good. Forever.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luke Turano".

Luke Turano
Board Chair

Financial Report

2024 Total Assets*

Cash	\$404,417
Investments at Fair Market Value	\$6,878,488
Other	\$11,601
Total Assets 12/31/24	\$7,294,506
Total Assets 12/31/23	\$6,646,466
Increase	10%

Total Revenues*

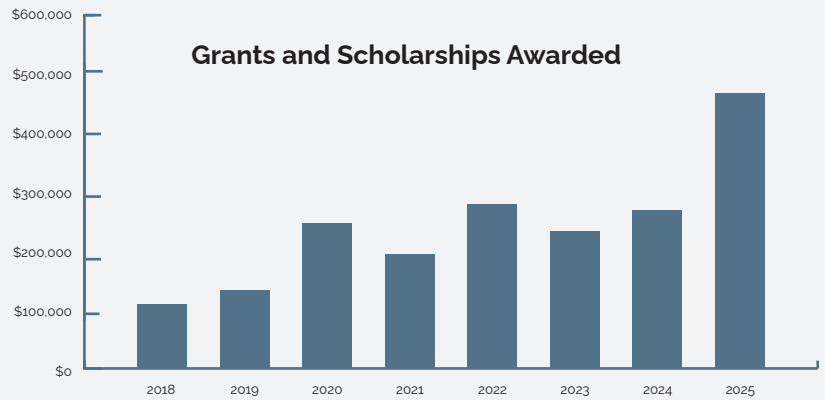
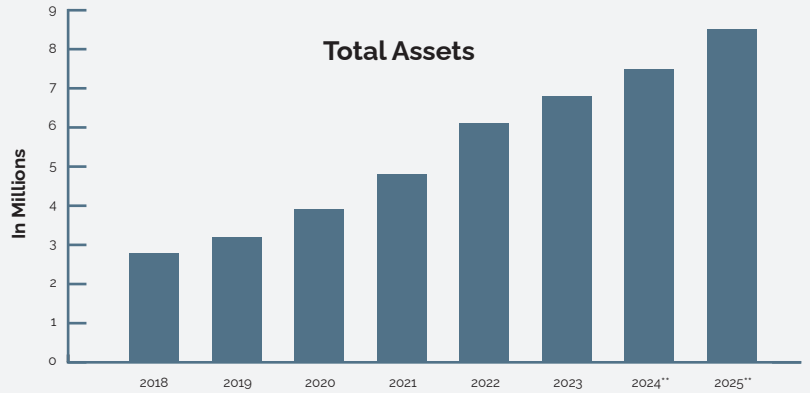
	2024 Revenues*	2023 Revenues
Total Contributions and Grants	\$389,765	\$245,419
Realized/Unrealized Investment Income & Gains	\$715,349	\$632,592

Total Assets 2025* \$8,662,735

Grants and Scholarships Awarded

2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
\$210,353	\$290,138	\$248,976	\$282,138	\$477,121

*unaudited as of 12/31/2025



Investments

Greater Pike Community Foundation's assets are managed by Mercer Investments using diversified low-cost, fixed-income and equity mutual funds, primarily index funds but some actively managed funds as well. Mercer Investments acts as co-fiduciary with Greater Pike on the portfolio. Greater Pike's investment strategy is designed to maximize returns while limiting risk with a long-term (5 to 10-year) investment horizon.

Performance data is provided by Mercer Investments.

Financial Information

Greater Pike's Audited Financial Statements for the year, including the auditor's report, notes to the financial statements and the most recently filed IRS Form 990, are available for review by emailing Greater Pike Community Foundation at info@greaterpike.org or calling (570) 832-4686.

2025 GRANT RECIPIENTS

More than 125 organizations have received funding through Greater Pike since our founding. Below is the list of organizations receiving funding in 2025:

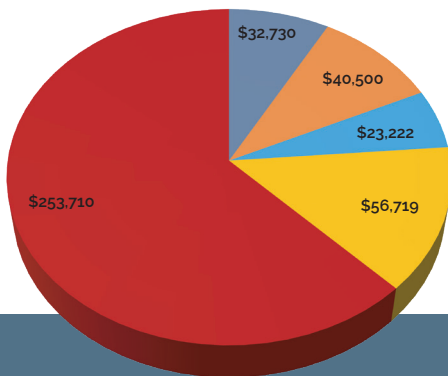
American Readers Theatre, Inc.
 Black Bear Film Festival
 Bushkill Outreach Program, Inc.
 Center for Developmental Disabilities (CDD)
 Central Volunteer Fire Department
 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
 Choosing Integrity
 Church at Hemlock Farms
 Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan
 Delaware Dancers/Hanna Q Dance Company
 Delaware Valley Choral Society
 Delaware Valley School District
 Dingmans Ferry Theatre
 DV 2000 Education Foundation
 Ecumenical Food Pantry of Pike County
 Family Promise of the Poconos
 GAIT Equine Assisted Services
 Good Cheer Food Pantry at St. Luke's Lutheran
 Green Trees Early Learning Center
 Grey Towers Heritage Association
 Growing Lackawaxen
 Holy Trinity Food Pantry
 Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice
 Kindred Spirits Arts Programs
 Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation
 Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation
 Loaves & Fishes/Paupack United Methodist Church
 Milford Borough
 Milford Enhancement Committee
 Milford Fire Department Relief Association
 Milford Garden Club

Milford Presents
 Milford Readers & Writers Festival
 Paw Packs Program
 People Helping People
 Peters Valley School of Craft
 Pike Autism Support Services of NEPA
 Pike County Community Food Pantry/Newfoundland Food Pantry
 Pike County Historical Society & Museum
 Pike County Human Services
 Pike County Humane Society
 Pike County Public Library
 Pike County Training Facility
 Pike Opera
 Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC)
 Progressive Rehab of PA
 Saint Ann's Bridgepoint Food Pantry
 SERO Project
 Serving Seniors, Inc.
 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
 Stage Craft Performing Arts Scholarship Fund
 Tri-State Chorale
 TriVersity - Upper Delaware GLBT Center
 Tunnel to Towers Foundation
 Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition
 West Point Association of Graduates
 Westfall Township Volunteer Fire Department



From preserving our cultural heritage and enhancing our public spaces to addressing critical health and wellness needs, these organizations embody the spirit of service that Greater Pike represents.

— Carol Witschel, Chair of Greater Pike's Grants Committee



2025 Grant Disbursements

- Civic Improvement - 8%
- Cultural - 10%
- Educational - 6%
- Emergency Services - 14%
- Health & Human Services - 62%



The 2025 Richard L. Snyder Fund grantees.

New Funds

Every fund tells a story of generosity, purpose, and belief in the future of Pike County. In the past year, seven new funds were established at Greater Pike Community Foundation, broadening our collective impact and strengthening our ability to serve the community. Discover the newest additions below, and scan the QR code to see all of the funds working to make a difference.

Ann Street Park Reimagined Fund – Supports the capital costs associated with the planned renovations and improvements of Ann Street Park, a public park in the borough of Milford, PA.

Carol Witschel and Howard Breindel Family Fund – Supports the Pike County Public Library and organizations that help alleviate food insecurity in the Greater Pike area and elsewhere as recommended by the donor.

Community Harvest Fund – An emergency pass-through fund that funnels donations to Pike County food pantries, providing financial support to ensure that no neighbor goes hungry.

Moulton-Snodgrass Scholarship Fund – Awards one scholarship annually to a graduating high school student at Delaware Valley High School in Milford, PA or Wallenpaupack Area High School in Hawley, PA planning to attend an accredited four-year college or university in pursuit of a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Pike Cares Fund – Supports various causes and organizations in the greater Pike County, PA area through charitable distributions made to deserving and qualified organizations.

Reagan C. May Memorial Fund – Created in loving memory of Reagan May.

Restore the Star Fund – Supports the costs associated with the restoration of the beloved star on the Milford Knob, including new lighting, solar power, and maintenance.



Scan to See
Full List of Funds

Types of Funds

Funds established at Greater Pike Community Foundation provide a tax-deductible charitable contribution and a meaningful way for donors to turn their charitable aspirations into lasting community impact.

The following fund types offer flexible pathways for giving.

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 Greater Pike will assist with administering an endowment for long-term growth 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.

Responding to Community Need

The Community Harvest Fund is an ongoing initiative created to support food pantries serving Pike County. Launched in November 2025, the fund responds to a critical community need by providing direct, flexible support to organizations addressing food insecurity.

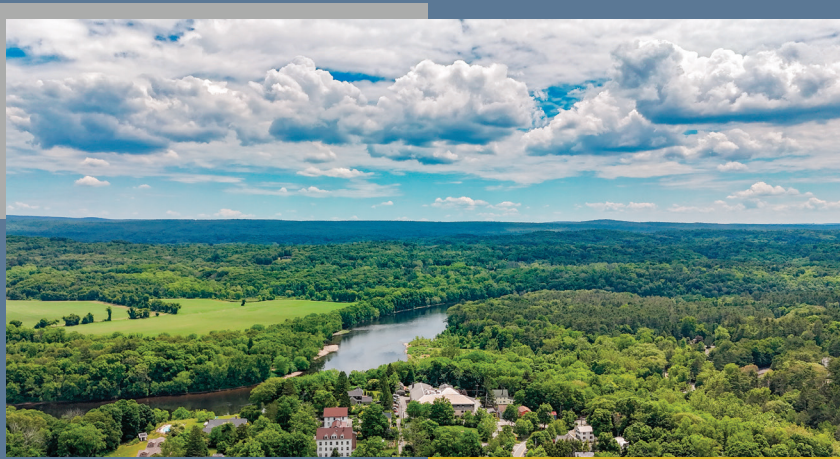
To date, the Community Harvest Fund has raised more than **\$26,000**, strengthening local food pantries and helping ensure access to essential resources for individuals and families throughout Pike County.

The Community Harvest Fund reflects Greater Pike's ability to respond quickly and thoughtfully when community needs arise.



Community
Harvest
Fund

A Local Emergency
Response to
Food Insecurity



Scholarships

Post-Secondary Scholarship Recipients

In 2025, graduating seniors from our four area high schools received \$70,240 in aid through scholarship funds administered by Greater Pike Community Foundation, including recurring awards to past recipients on their higher education journeys. Two Greater Pike scholarship funds issued their first awards: the Walt Edwards Ashenfelter Music Scholarship and the Charlie & Allyson Gillinder Scholarship.

Greater Pike also established the Moulton-Snodgrass Scholarship Fund, bringing the total to 11 scholarship funds that help graduating seniors attain higher education degrees.

The scholarship recipients and their chosen colleges are:

Amanda Nicole Thoenig Memorial Scholarship

Emily Decker — Bloomsburg Commonwealth University
Ellia Domaracki — Champlain College

Ann Intili Morey Art Scholarship

Gabrielle Polarski — Syracuse University
Michaela Velez — Rochester Institute of Technology (multi-year recipient)
Youngeun (Eunice) Choi — Rochester Institute of Technology (multi-year recipient)

Art Ridley Spirit of Kindness Memorial Scholarship

Sara Gagnon — Seton Hall University

Charlie & Allyson Gillinder Scholarship

Anna Vogel — Northeastern University
Paige DeCaro — Lehigh University

Kyle James Pascoe Memorial Scholarship

Etain Starr — Syracuse University
Ceanna Williams — University of Pittsburgh
Luke Peereboom — Penn State University

Pike County Chamber of Commerce Memorial Gouse-Krawitz Scholarship

Jenna Zuelch — Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Michael Passenti — St. Thomas University

Reggie Cheong-Leen & Peter Spielhagen Scholarship

Samantha Huerta — Sussex County Community College (multi-year recipient)
Hugo Huerta-Alcaide — Penn State University (multi-year recipient)

Sydney Fluck "Syd's Kids" Scholarship

Jessica Willson — University of Pittsburgh

Walt Edwards Ashenfelter Music Scholarship

Sophie Allen — Penn State University



2025 Delaware Valley Scholarship recipients.

Hats Off to Our First Scholarship Grads!

Two newly minted college graduates who received four-year scholarships through Greater Pike Community Foundation are now starting their careers in earnest – one in art and the other in science. Ava Nienstadt, recipient of the Ann Intili Morey Art Scholarship, and Yoshikatsu Sumitomo, who received the Reggie Cheong-Leen & Peter Spielhagen Scholarship, are the first of Greater Pike's four-year scholarship recipients to graduate. Both grads were members of the Delaware Valley High School Class of 2021.

Ava received a B.A. in art history from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, on May 18, with a minor in French. Her first job out of school was an internship at an art agency in New York City. Yoshi began a job as a database engineer shortly after graduating from Penn State University (State College, PA) on May 9 with a B.S. in computer science and a double minor in cyber security and mathematics.

"I was able to focus on my education instead of working night shifts to make ends meet," said Yoshi. "The scholarship gave me the liberty to enjoy the student life at Penn State that I would not have had otherwise."

Ava said, "I was paying for school on my own, and getting this scholarship every year meant that I left school with significantly less debt than I thought I would."

Ava became fascinated with art history while still in high school. "I then took an intro-level art history course at Dickinson during my freshman fall semester and really enjoyed it, so I stuck with it," she said. Ava worked at the art gallery on the Dickinson campus and loved it.

"I've been thinking I would like to continue working in museums or galleries," she said, "but I am open to exploring different careers within the art history discipline," such as the artists' agency where she has her internship.

Far-Reaching Effects

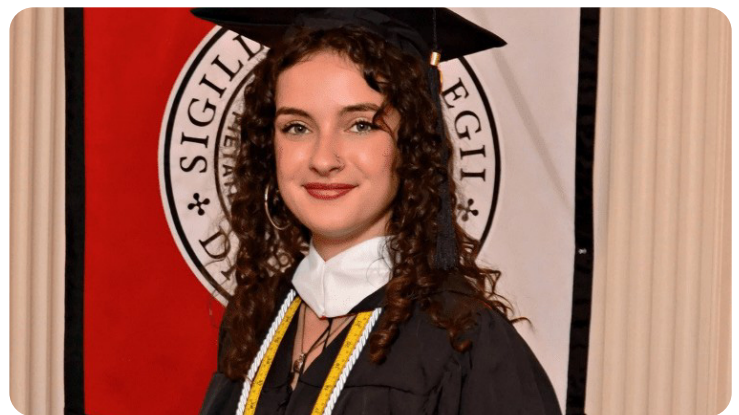
Scholarships granted in 2025 helped support students attending the following institutions:

- Bloomsburg Commonwealth University
- Champlain College
- Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Lehigh University
- Northeastern University
- Penn State University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Seton Hall University
- St. Thomas University
- Sussex County Community College
- Syracuse University
- University of Pittsburgh

Yoshi, for his part, "always had a great interest in engineering. Like many others, I grew up playing with Legos and old computers. I remember my younger self fixing the old family computer when things didn't work properly." At Penn State, Yoshi "participated in the university hackathons and was an executive in the Google developer student club."

The sponsors of the two Greater Pike scholarships have high praise for the recipients. "I am so satisfied to hear Yoshi has found a full-time job," said Reggie Cheong-Leen. "It is encouraging how the younger generation applies their energy and skill into crafting their future."

"Ava is a talented and dedicated person with a very promising career ahead of her," said Ann Morey, who chairs Greater Pike's Scholarship Committee. "She pursued opportunities both at Dickinson and abroad that added to her extraordinary college experience."



Ava Nienstadt



Yoshikatsu Sumitomo

10th Annual Awards Dinner

Greater Pike Community Foundation's 10th Annual Awards Dinner brought together community members, partners, and supporters for an evening of celebration and reflection at Woodloch Resort in Hawley, Pennsylvania.

This annual event recognizes individuals, organizations, and businesses whose leadership and service have made a lasting impact on Pike County.

During the 2025 dinner, Greater Pike honored **James Pedranti and Rosann Kalish** with the Barbara J. Buchanan Community Service Award, **Biondo Investment Advisors** with the Richard L. Snyder Business Leadership Award, and **Pike Autism Support Services of NEPA (PASS)** with the Nonprofit Excellence Award. As part of each award, Greater Pike provided a charitable contribution to a nonprofit organization selected by the honorees.

The Annual Awards Dinner continues to serve as a meaningful opportunity to celebrate community leadership while advancing Greater Pike's mission to strengthen Pike County through philanthropy.



10th Annual Awards Dinner Guests.



Beginning third from left are honorees Jeannemarie Passaro, Executive Director, and John R. Passaro, President, Pike Autism Support Services (PASS) with son, Eric Passaro.

Greater Pike Legacy Society

For Good. Forever.

Launched in 2021, the Legacy Society continues to grow and includes members of our community who believe in giving back in perpetuity. 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.

LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS

Harvey M. Bessonett

Reginald Cheong-Leen

Ryan C. Curtis

Daniel & Linda Fields

William & Deborah Hookway

Rosann B. Kalish

Richard & Rebecca Lindsey

Susan Lyddon

Kirk C. Mackey

Peter & Kathy Maio

Doug Manion

Rob Martin

Edson D. Mosher, Jr.

Nicholas H. & Margaretta G. Niles

James Pedranti

Nancy & Peter Pinchot

John "Duke" Schneider

Gail Shuttleworth & Jeff Rosalsky

Sean Strub & Javier Morales

Lucas Turano

Edson & Barbara Whitney



Members of the Legacy Society at the annual garden party held at the home of Luke and Krista Turano.

Making a Difference

Greater Pike Community Foundation works to strengthen Pike County by connecting people who care with causes that matter. Through charitable funds, grants, and scholarships, Greater Pike helps address local needs today while investing in the community's future.

Support for Greater Pike makes it possible to respond to emerging needs, sustain local nonprofits, and ensure that philanthropy continues to have a lasting impact in Pike County.

In 2025, Greater Pike's total assets surpassed \$8 million across more than 50 funds. At the same time, Greater Pike awarded over \$477,000 in grants and scholarships, funding which has touched every corner of our region.

To learn more about Greater Pike's funds or to make a gift, visit greaterpike.org or scan the QR code below.



Joseph P. Biondo, CEO, CIO & Portfolio Manager of Biondo Investment Advisors (center), recipient of the 2025 Richard L. Snyder Business Leadership Award, pictured with Greater Pike Board Chair Luke Turano (left), and Greater Pike Executive Director Rick Little (right).



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Thank you for being part of Greater Pike Community Foundation's work to strengthen Pike County.

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