

# Elk County Community Foundation

## What Does a Community Foundation Do?

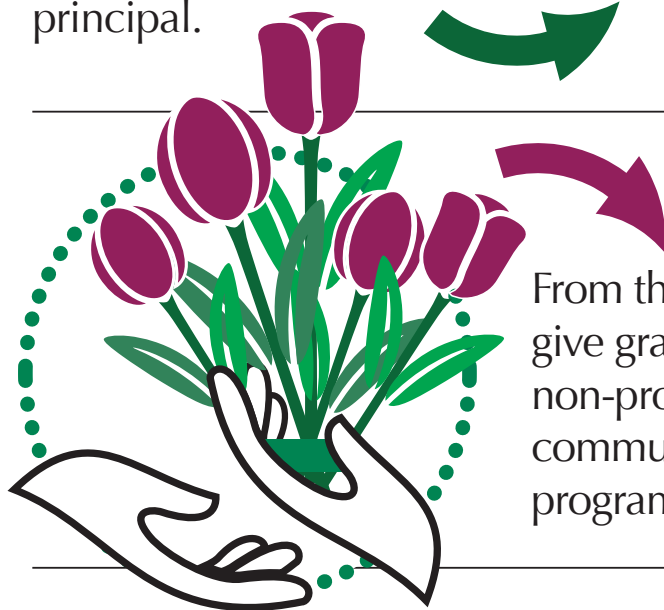
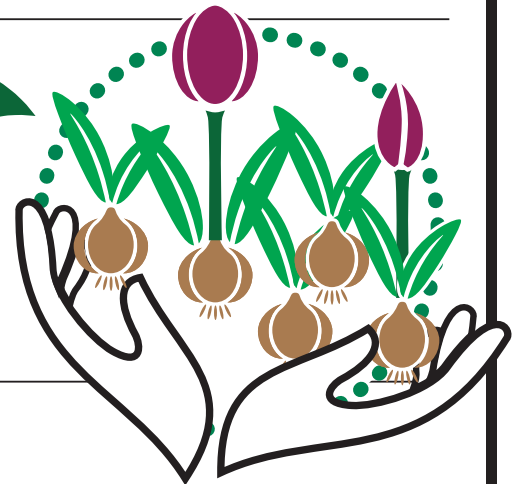
### Gather



We gather dollars from donors and build permanent community savings funds.

We grow these funds by sound investment policies that protect the principal.

### Grow



From these funds, we give grants to area non-profits to support community needs and programs.

### Give



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## Do You Have A Dream To Give Back To Your Community?



### Gather

It's easier than you think to establish a Community Foundation fund. Over the years, **145 DONORS** just like you have started a fund in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or in tribute to a family name. **EACH FUND TELLS A STORY.**

- You can tell your own story by starting a donor advised, scholarship, endowment, or field of interest fund by giving cash, stock, or other assets. 
- With minimum donations a fund can be established. Once it **GROWS** to \$5,000 your fund can begin to **GIVE**.
- We will work with you or your professional advisor to **TELL YOUR STORY**. Simply tell us what kind of gift you'd like to make, and we'll do the rest.
- Do you have a **STORY** to tell? When you are ready, we'll help you create something special that will make a lasting impact in your community.



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# You Have a Spirit of Generosity.

We enable you to easily and effectively support the causes you care about.



## Grow a Fund

The Community Foundation invites you to **TELL YOUR STORY**. There are four main types of funds you can create:

### DONOR ADVISED

You are in charge. Your fund can be used to support your own charitable interests. Grant recipients are recommended by you, the donor.



### FIELD OF INTEREST/ DESIGNATED

Your fund is used to support your defined interests. The Foundation will award grants to charities designated by you, following guidelines you establish.



### AGENCY ENDOWMENT

A fund established by an agency or charity for the purpose of sustainability. Future donations from the public help the endowed fund grow. The agency receives annual grants from the fund.

### SCHOLARSHIP

Your fund is created to provide student scholarships. You can designate a committee to choose the recipient, or make the choice yourself. The Foundation provides oversight.

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We **GROW** these funds by using sound investment policies that protect the principal, using both local and national managers to provide strong, steady growth.

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## Together, We Have Made An Impact In Our Community.



In 2017, ECCF:

**CREATED:** **13** new charitable funds

**RECEIVED:** Nearly **\$2** million in gifts, with funds now totaling **\$12.3** million.

**AWARDED:** **76** grants,  
**153** first year scholarships and  
**36** renewed scholarships totaling over

**\$484,000.**

**PARTICIPATED IN:** The Pennsylvania matching dollars scholarship program, with an additional **\$70,000** in matching dollars **distributed to 67** students.

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# It's Simple To Start a Fund

With Benefits for Both You and Our Community



## Grow

It's easier than you think to establish a fund with the Elk County Community Foundation. Over the years, **145 DONORS** from our own Elk County have started a fund in honor of someone, in memory of a loved one, or in tribute to a family name.

Giving through the Elk County Community Foundation can benefit you and the community that we all call home.

- We will help you create something special that will make a lasting impact.
- You will have control over where your money goes. Match your giving to causes that interest you.
- The seamless giving process is easy with personal service from the Foundation.
- You get the additional benefit of tax advantages.
- When you are ready, we'll help you create something special by connecting you with causes that matter to you.



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## Anyone Can Be a Philanthropist



### Give

*You Don't Need to Be a Gates, Buffet, or a Rockefeller to Make a Difference*

- A minimum donation can establish a named fund. Once it grows to \$5,000, your fund can begin to give out a grant.
- Currently, 28% of our funds have a value of less than \$10,000.
- Elk County Community Foundation manages funds of all sizes. With only 16% of our funds over \$100,000, the majority of our donors' funds are much less.
- The Foundation staff, based right here in Elk County, wants to hear about your story. Whether you are ready to start a fund now or in the future, we welcome you to make an appointment to see how you can help your community.
- No matter the amount you have to give... Let us help you make a difference.



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## Donor Advised Funds: A Smarter Way to Give

What if you could support all your favorite charities with just one donation? That's the power of a donor-advised fund.

### The Benefits of a Donor Advised Fund Are:

- With minimum donations, a fund can be established. Once it GROWS to \$5,000, your fund can begin to GIVE.
- You can make contributions to your fund and recommend grants whenever you wish.
- You receive a charitable income tax deduction whenever you add assets to your fund.
- The Community Foundation verifies the charitable status and mission of the organizations you support.
- The Community Foundation will handle all the investment and administrative details.

When Doug Dobson's wife passed, he and his daughters established a **donor advised fund**. Doug and Charlotte moved to Ridgway in the early 60's, and soon fell in love with their community. Char was active as a volunteer for numerous organizations that contributed to the quality of life of families. As an active volunteer, Doug believed in giving back to his community and was instrumental in establishing our local Community Foundation. Since Doug's passing, his daughters continue to advise the Foundation to make grants to organizations and programs that were important to their parents. The Doug and Charlotte Dobson Advised Fund is one of the Elk County Community Foundation's many stories. Do you have a story to tell?



Charlotte and Doug Dobson

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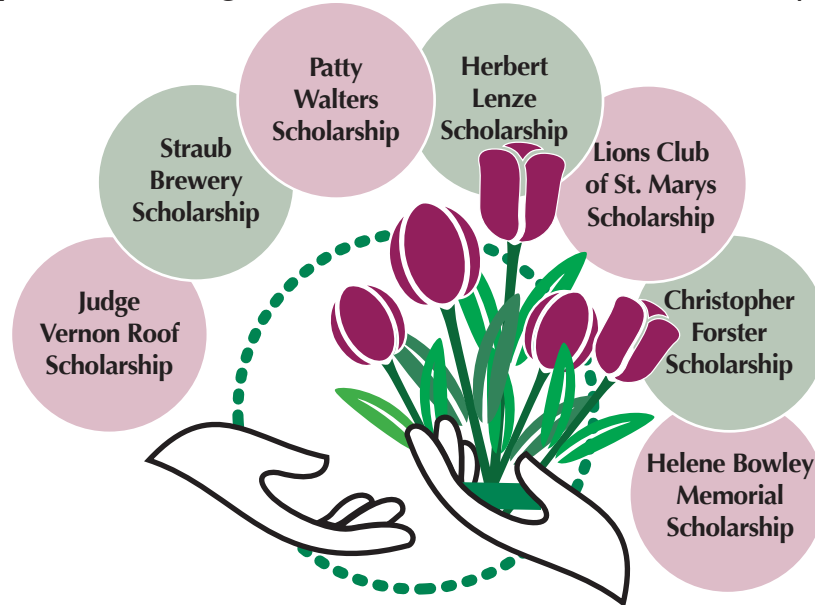
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## Educational Support Can Change a Life!

Help make a college education affordable for our local youth!



The Elk County Community Foundation has awarded \$1.4 million in scholarship money to deserving students since our beginning in 2000. The Foundation will award \$173,000 from 91 scholarships to hard-working students in 2017. With every scholarship fund created, we can help students better afford their education. These students want to succeed, and with your support, we can send them down the right path.

Many scholarships are in honor of or in memory of someone. You, the donor, can choose the criteria of what type of student you want to help and the Foundation will do the rest. Donors are always welcome to be part of the selection process.

One of the biggest benefits of bringing your scholarship fund to the Foundation is their partnership with PHEAA and the PATH program. The PATH program provides matching dollars to students attending PA post-secondary institutions who have received a scholarship from the Foundation. These students must also qualify for additional PHEAA funding.



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## How Will You Be Remembered?

By planning your estate, you can take care of the people and causes that are most important to you.

Including a gift to the Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF) through your estate plan is a simple way to make a lasting gift to your community.



Using wills, trusts, insurance policies and other estate planning tools, donors can create a lasting legacy.



Estate planning includes the goals of providing for your loved ones, reducing taxes, and remembering worthy causes.



ECCF is a resource that allows you to give to any and every charitable organization you care about. We can help you make a difference.



### Harold and Midge Are Still Making a Difference

Harold C. Lenze and his wife, Marguerite “Midge”, were longtime supporters of Catholic education in our community. Midge once said, “Harold was a planner with his head and a giver with his heart.” Harold made provisions in his estate plan to establish a fund for the purpose of supporting Catholic education after his death. This fund will provide tuition assistance for generations to come. The Lenze fund is one of many established through estate planning that the Foundation manages, with each fund supporting our community in different ways.



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# Create a Lasting Legacy

*You are cordially invited to become a member of  
The Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF)  
Sara-Jane Stackpole Legacy Society*

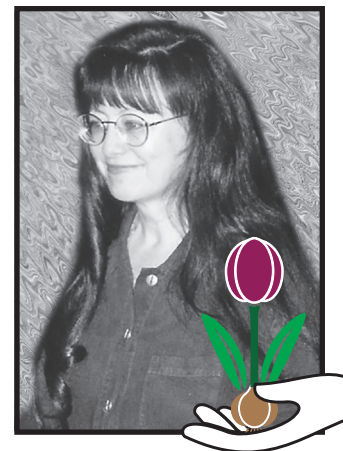
## Legacy Society Members

Paul & Patti Bierley\*  
Dennis & Deborah Bonanno\*  
William & Veronica Conrad\*  
Mr. Douglas Dobson\*  
Richard & Paula Eddy\*  
Mr. Albert Filano\*  
Francis & Carolyn Grandinetti  
Madeline Guthrie  
Hamlin & Sally Johnson  
Tom & Dottie Kane\*  
Harold and Marguerite Lenze  
Mr. Ramsey Llewellyn\*  
Jake & Mary Meyer\*  
Christine C. Muroski  
Michael & Susan Renaud\*  
Robert & Elizabeth Roberts\*  
Dr. John E. Schloder\*  
Mr. Dauer Stackpole\*  
Mrs. Doris Stackpole\*  
Larry and Donna Suglia  
George & Bea Terbovich\*  
Ms. Laurey Stackpole Turner\*  
Tom and Rita Mary Valentine  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Whiteman\*  
Mr. Gus Wolf

\* Indicates Charter Membership

## The History

The late Sara-Jane Stackpole was a true philanthropist who left a lasting impact on her community by creating several charitable funds. Because of her strong belief in the ECCF and its mission, the Board of Directors created a Legacy Society in her name.



## What is the Legacy Society?

This Society is a membership for those who have named the ECCF as a beneficiary or recipient of any type of planned or deferred gift. Simply plan your estate to establish a new fund or to support an existing fund and then advise the foundation of your gift.

## Join Us! No Minimum Required.

Common ways to provide a legacy gift include: will or trust, IRA or 401K, life insurance policy, charitable trust, charitable gift annuity, deferred pledge agreement.

Contact the Elk County Community Foundation to discuss various ways to leave your legacy.



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# You Can Give Where You Live Through Your Community Foundation

*What Type of Grants Do Community Foundations Award?*



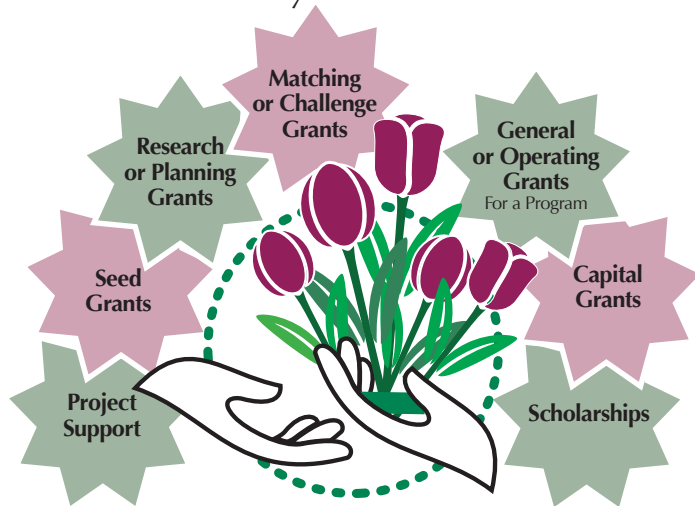
*A grant for the Creative Corner at the Boys & Girls Club.*



*A grant to the Community Nurses helped supply patients with medication dispenser boxes.*



*A grant for this Johnsonburg park provided new equipment.*



## The Foundation Follows These Principles When Awarding Grants:

- ◆ Grants are made primarily to non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organizations.
- ◆ The Foundation seeks to meet the needs of the community rather than the needs of individuals.
- ◆ Grants are made to support programs serving all persons, regardless of race, religion, or creed.
- ◆ Grant applications are accepted as indicated by each fund and can be obtained by calling the Community Foundation office or by visiting [www.elkcountyfoundation.com](http://www.elkcountyfoundation.com).



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# Everyone Has a Story

*There are 150 funds held at the Elk County Community Foundation. Each one has its own unique story.*



## Ruth E. Reed is Still Making a Difference

Because of Ruth Reed's strong belief in education and nursing, her family chose to honor her by establishing the Ruth E. Reed Memorial Nursing Scholarship. With a colorful history of serving her community as a dedicated RN since 1947, Ruth touched many lives in the Ridgway area. Ruth always took advantage of continuing education opportunities and encouraged others to do the same. Her scholarship will support nursing careers for generations to come.



## The Bob and Betsy Roberts Family Fund Keeps on Giving

Retirement hasn't slowed down Betsy and Bob Roberts. They are well known in the community for their countless hours of service as volunteers, founding members, and board members in many organizations. As a birthday present to her husband, Betsy set up the Bob and Betsy Roberts Family Fund to help support causes that are important to them. A Donor Advised Fund like this is a great vehicle offered to individuals to help manage their charitable giving.



## Caring Volunteer Helps CAPSEA Plan For Their Future



A 2005 donation of just \$5,000 from Doris Stackpole, a CAPSEA volunteer, created the CAPSEA Fund, which has continued to grow over the years with the support of various donations. The fund can be used as needed for their shelter or programs. CAPSEA's Board of Directors oversees the use of this Agency Endowment Fund and is grateful that Doris' foresight has helped to build a foundation for their future.

**Do You Have A Story To Tell?** *When you are ready, please contact us:*



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