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The newsletter for friends of the Perry County Community Foundation



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A LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Hello everyone,

As we are nearing the end of our terms as Co-Chairs of the Perry County Community Foundation Advisory Committee (PCCF), we want to take a moment to thank you all for your support, partnership, and hard work that has made 2024 a great year.



This year, PCCF was able to award grants to 10 organizations, totaling \$26,160. The advisory committee is honored to have the privilege to play a part in awarding these grants to our local nonprofit organizations.

As 2024 comes to a close, we urge you to please consider making a year-end contribution to the Perry County Community Foundation's Year End Season of Giving campaign. All contributions received will help support nonprofit organizations serving Perry County. Even better, all contributions will be matched up to \$5,000.

Thank you again for the support in 2024. We look forward to accomplishing great things in 2025.

Warm regards,
Marel King and Gwen Soult, PCCF Advisory Committee Co-Chairs

CURRENT GRANTEE IMPACT



Christ Lutheran Church

Awarded grant in 2024, work completed 2024-2025

Project and Community Need:

“Everyone deserves clean clothes. Loads of Love (LOL) is a free laundry service for those in our community who are unable to complete their laundry at home due to access (no washer or dryer in the home) or financial hardship. Loads of Love meets two evenings per month (the first Tuesday and third Thursday) at Trail Laundry in Duncannon and is generously sponsored by Duncannon Council of Churches. Anyone in Duncannon or the surrounding communities is welcome to join us on Loads of Love nights. Just bring your laundry - quarters and detergent provided!

Success:

Loads of Love launched in October of 2019. Since that time, we have served over 100 families in the Duncannon area and have provided over \$10,000 in dignity and respect via clean clothes. Yes, Loads of Love relieves a financial burden but, most importantly, it has allowed us to build bridges of relationship and hope in our community one load of laundry at a time. “ Sandra Martz, Loads of Love Outreach Lead

“To me Loads of Love means friendship and clean clothes. I’m struggling with a lot of things, but nothing says things are looking up better than clean clothes. It’s also nice to get out of the house and talk to people who understand what you’re going through.” -a LOL guest

DONOR TESTIMONIAL

The Perry County Community Fair began its connection with TFEC through a scholarship fund set up several years ago for Perry County graduates. Through this relationship, the Perry County Community Fair saw the benefit of using TFEC to accomplish its goals. The Agency Endowment Fund was established to make the fairgrounds self-sustaining.



“The grounds are used by community members as well as 4-H, FFA, and youth sports groups. With this fund the Fair hopes to have the fairgrounds available in perpetuity even if there would be no fair. The Perry County Community Fair Fund through TFEC is hoping to accomplish this goal.”- Paul Britcher Jr., Vice President, Perry County Community Fair

PREVIOUS GRANTEE IMPACT



RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA
Awarded grant in 2023, work completed 2023-2024

Project and Community Need:

"Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA keeps families together by providing essential services that remove barriers, strengthen families, and promote healing when children need healthcare. Thanks to a generous grant from the Perry County Community Foundation, 6 Perry County families were accommodated for 108 overnight stays during the grant period keeping them close to their children as they received essential medical care at Penn State Health Children's Hospital." - Amy Leonard, Development Director, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA

Success:

"We are very grateful for the Perry County Community Foundation's continued support of Perry County families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Hershey. At Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA, we strive to remove barriers for families as their children receive essential medical care and that wouldn't be possible without the community's support." - Karla Mitchell, Executive Director, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA

Thank you for joining us at our Meet the President: Perry County Event



NEWS FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Saying Goodbye

PCCF would like to thank Co-Chair Marel King for her service on the Perry County Community Foundation Advisory Committee. The work you did to make Perry County a better place for its citizens has been deeply cherished by many.

Looking Towards the Future

Perry County Community Foundation welcomes Matthew Herren, Dennis Shambaugh, Linda Kutz, Jessica Burkholder, Leigh Ann Urban, and Derek Whitsel to the Advisory Committee. We are excited to see the amazing things you will do to better our community through your service.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING A TFEC COMMITTEE OR KNOW SOMEBODY WHO HAS?

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THE SEASON OF GIVING IS ALMOST HERE!



Mark your calendars for TFEC's Season of Giving Campaign. When you donate to any of the six designated funds (including PCCF), TFEC will match your gift up to \$5,000 per fund. This means your generosity can help us support more local initiatives and neighbors in need. Information will be on our website starting Tuesday, December 3rd.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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