



The North East Community Foundation

2006 Annual Report

Helping Donors Realize Their Dreams

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Dear Friends:

2006 was an exciting year for the North East Community Foundation (NECF). We have completed the planning and execution of our new logo and a new look for our publications. We have also added a new Board member and ask you to join us in welcoming Don Damon.

Due to the philanthropic nature of many individuals in our community, the NECF was able to grant more than \$66,000 this year—a 38-percent increase over last year’s grants. A new endowment, the Charles & Elinor Burkhard Fund was established, bringing our total number of endowments to 12. In addition, we have added a new scholarship which will benefit North East High School students.

Perhaps the most exciting news from the Foundation is the creation of the Lake & Smith Award for Excellence in Community Service. This award was created in honor of two of our long-standing Board Members—Mr. Ernest Lake and Mrs. Geraldine Smith. These two individuals have given tirelessly of themselves for the betterment of our community and were very instrumental in growing the Foundation to its present size. Please join us in congratulating Ernie and Gerri on this wonderful award!

As your Foundation strives to fulfill its Mission to improve the quality of life in and around the North East area, we invite you to join us in this worthwhile course. Please contact us at 814-725-9617, ex. 107, to obtain more information. Thank you!

William G. Lewis, Chair
 North East Community Foundation
 Board of Directors



Billy Lewis (right), Chairman of the NECF Board of Directors, presents a check for \$1,520 to Bob Brown, Board President of the First Baptist Church. The grant was made possible by the Dorothy Bertges Thornton Fund.

North East Community Foundation Funds

As of December 31, 2006:

Ralph L. Hartley Fund.....	\$1,004,238.16
Dorothy Bertges Thornton Fund.....	\$189,040.14
Jared Matthew Bifulco Scholarship Fund	\$7,432.25
Charles & Elinor Burkhard Fund.....	\$19,923.60
Richard C. Gorzynski Scholarship Fund	\$12,413.72
William G. Lewis Family Fund	\$1,868.23
Robert & Janet Miller Fund	\$23,708.48
NECF General Fund	\$14,788.78
NECF Board of Directors Fund	\$20,774.38
NECF	\$198,296.51
Walczak Family Fund.....	\$55,516.44
Total value of North East Funds	\$1,540,568.44

Many Ways to Give

The North East Community Foundation is an independent 501(c) 3 organization and is not classified as a private foundation. This enables donors to receive the highest tax deduction permitted by federal law, without the restrictions and excise taxes imposed upon private foundations. We administer nine different types of named endowment funds that can help you accomplish your philanthropic goals.

Our partnership with the Erie Community Foundation ensures that hard-earned charitable endowments are managed effectively and efficiently.

Unrestricted funds give future trustees maximum flexibility to respond to changing needs.

Donor advised funds are a good alternative to the creation of a private foundation. A donor advised fund allows donors to change their charitable interests. You determine who gets the grants, how much and when to distribute them.

Agency endowments are established when a local non-profit organization entrusts all or part of their endowment to the foundation for management.

Field-of-interest funds empower the foundation to seek out worthy projects within the donor's specified area of interest.

Scholarships can be established to benefit students planning to enroll in a specific college, or to encourage students pursuing a favored subject area.

Geographic funds benefit charities in a specific city or geographic region.

Donor designated funds benefit specific charities named by the donor.

Annuities and trusts pay income to a named beneficiary with the remainder used to establish a charitable endowment.

Pass-through funds give the donor the ability to immediately benefit several charities with a single gift of appreciated securities.

The North East Community Foundation makes it easy for you to start your own fund. A suggested minimum for opening a fund is \$10,000, but you can begin to establish a fund in any amount. A representative is available to meet with your and/or your financial advisor to discuss the establishment of a fund or any other aspect of your charitable gift planning. Please call (814) 725-9617, ext. 107, for an appointment, or call Mike Batchelor at the Erie Community Foundation, (814) 454-0843.



The Erie
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Foundation

Helping today... Shaping tomorrow.

New Pension Law Has Charitable Provision

Thanks to decades of deliberate savings, many of today's retirees have significant investments in their IRAs. It is now easier than ever to share some of that wealth with your favorite charity.

In August 2006, a federal law was enacted allowing certain IRA owners to contribute a portion of their retirement savings directly to charity without first declaring the withdrawal as income. This is good news because sheltered retirement funds are often the most highly taxed asset in an estate. The pension protection act can definitely help donors who want to gift a portion of their retirement funds to charity.

In 2006 and 2007, holders of traditional and Roth IRAs who are at least 70 _ years old can make direct charitable transfers up to \$100,000 per year. This new law makes it easier for certain donors to transform their charitable intent into action now, rather than wait for a bequest or estate gift.

As with any complex gift, donors are encouraged to contact their personal professional advisors. Donors can also contact Ken Slaney, Chairman of the NECF Asset Development Committee, at 461-6954 for more information.

The Ralph L. Hartley Fund

Before his death in 1993, North East benefactor Ralph L. Hartley established an endowment fund through the Erie Community Foundation to benefit the youth of North East. The original fund, totaled at \$380,000, had a market value of nearly \$1,004,238.16 on December 31, 2006.

Over the past 12 years, the fund has made grants of more than \$377,000, an amazing tribute to the legacy of Mr. Hartley's philanthropic plan. In 2006 alone, \$40,810 was distributed in grants to Crescent Hose, Fuller Hose, McCord Memorial Library, and Penn State Erie/The Behrend College, Penn State/Main Campus, and various local Boy Scout troops.

With the partnership created between the Erie Community Foundation and the North East Community Foundation, North East foundation trustees advise the Erie foundation on Hartley Fund disbursements to North East organizations. This connection allows the North East Community Foundation to have an even greater impact on our community by supporting the needs of non-profit youth organizations.

The Dorothy Bertges Thornton Fund

Dorothy Bertges Thornton had a goal in mind when she created a donor designated fund with the North East Community Foundation. She wanted to see the continued success of a number of local charities she believed in. Upon her death in 1997, Mrs. Thornton's gift of \$136,000 planted the seed of giving; and as of December 31, 2006, her original gift of \$136,000 had a value of \$189,000.

Income generated from the Dorothy Bertges Thornton Fund has enabled the North East Community Foundation to distribute nearly \$49,000 to local organizations since 1998.

Upon the establishment of the fund, Mrs. Thornton designated specific North East organizations to receive money each year. In this way, she guaranteed funding to worthy organizations for many years to come. In 2006, grants totaled \$7,600 to the following organizations: Crescent Hose, Fuller Hose, First Baptist Church of North East, North East Food Pantry, North East Scholarship Fund, and the United Neighborhoods Facilities Health Care Corp. to fund WIC programs in North East.

Scholarship Funds Memorialize Local Men

In a lasting tribute to two local men, the North East Community Foundation is honored to serve as administrator of the new Jared Matthew Bifulco Scholarship Fund and the Richard Gorzynski Scholarship Fund.

In 2006, the family of Jared Bifulco established the scholarship fund in Jared's memory following his tragic death in an automobile accident. This legacy will allow the Bifulco family to award college scholarships to deserving students for many years to come.

The Richard Gorzynski Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 to honor his memory. In 2006, three graduating high school seniors received \$250 college scholarships. These young men displayed the same competitive traits, spirit, athleticism and leadership qualities that Mr. Gorzynski displayed throughout his life. The scholarship winners included Mike Fitzpatrick, Kyle Kirsch, and Jordan Fargio.

Website Offers Grant Application

The North East Community Foundation now offers an on-line service to make the grant application process easier for local organizations. North East non-profit organizations can submit applications to the Foundation via it's website at www.necommunityfoundation.com, or mail applications to P.O. Box 327, North East, PA 16428. The website also offers information on the foundation, including history, foundation news and events.

More than 50 children participated in Missoula Children's Theatre Summer Camp in July 2006, an event funded by the North East Community Foundation.



\$66,000 in Local Grants Keeps the Dream Alive for North East Charitable Organizations

The North East Community Foundation was honored to fund more than \$66,000 in grants during 2006. Twenty-three local organizations and individuals received funding or scholarships, including those listed below.

Ralph L. Hartley Fund

Boy Scout Troup #82	\$1,450
Cub Scout Pack #82.....	\$1,500
Boy Scout Troup #57	\$1,500
Cub Scout Pack #57.....	\$1,000
Crescent Hose Company	\$5,893
Fuller Hose.....	\$2,947
McCord Memorial Library.....	\$8,840
Penn State Erie/ The Behrend College	\$8,840
Penn State/Main Campus	\$8,840
Total Distribution	\$40,810

Dorothy Bertges Thornton Fund

Fuller Hose Company.....	\$760
Crescent Hose Company	\$760
North East School Scholarship Fund	\$1,520
United Neighborhood Facilities	\$1,520
(Funds WIC Programs in North East)	
North East Food Pantry	\$1,520
First Baptist Church of North East	\$1,520
Total Distribution	\$7,600

Richard C. Gorzynski Scholarship Fund

Mike Fitzpatrick	\$250
Kyle Kirsch.....	\$250
Jordan Fargiorgio.....	\$250
Total Distribution	\$750

NECF General Fund

Common Ground Youth Center	\$3,000
Community Nursing Services of North East.....	\$4,000
North East Community Fair	\$1,800
North East Arts Council Picnic in the Park	\$2,500
Missoula Children's Theatre.....	\$1,200
North East Girl Scout Unit #3	\$1,500
North East Historical Society	\$2,020
Total Distribution	\$16,020

Walczak Family Fund

Saint Gregory School.....	\$833
Total Distribution	\$833

Total grants distributed in 2006: \$57,173



The North East Community Foundation distributed \$66,000 in grants to 23 charities in 2006.

Thank You, Donors!

The North East Community Foundation would like to thank the following people who made contributions in 2006 to one or more of the following funds: Jared Matthew Bifulco Scholarship Fund; Charles & Elinor Burkhard Fund; Richard C. Gorzynski Memorial Scholarship Fund; William G. Lewis Family Fund; North East Community Foundation General Fund; North East Community Foundation Board of Directors Fund.

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Elizabeth Brooks (left), Executive Director of Community Nursing Services of North East, and Charles Moore, CNS Board President, receive a grant for \$4,000 from NECF board member Sonia Fails. The grant was for a major upgrade to the nursing agency's software program.



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Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Nagosky, North Coast Leadership Inc.

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