Nothing happens until the pain of remaining the same outweighs the pain of change.” – Arthur Burt
The North East Community Foundation has been sharing its gifts with the North East community for 25 years! As many of you are aware, the original concept for the Foundation was to bring Mercyhurst College to North East and that idea has transformed into a Foundation that has made a difference in the lives of our neighbors. The Foundation granted $236,518 to 52 non-profit organizations and individuals in 2016, an increase of $49,000 over 2015! Those gifts have come in many shapes and sizes and from a variety of places. Some individuals have been able to create large funds or donate large sums, while others have given of their time and expertise, or given smaller sums to favorite organization. However they gave, these past generations have set the stage for building our future.

Every year, the North East Community Foundation awards the Lake & Smith Award for Excellence in Community Service to an organization or individual who embodies the spirit of giving to the North East community. This year’s recipient is Nick Mobilia. Many of you know Nick, as he has served the North East Community in many capacities: for 42 years in various positions for the Erie County Farm Bureau, 18 years on the North East School District, as a Boy Scout Leader for 9 years and most importantly...as a past Board Member of the Foundation. Please join the Foundation in thanking Nick for his wonderful contributions to our community!

As your foundation strives to fulfill its mission to improve the quality of life for everyone in and around the North East community, we invite you to join us in this worthwhile endeavor. Every gift counts and every donor leaves a lasting impression. If you have ever considered leaving a legacy, contact us at (814) 725-7107 to learn how you can create a permanent endowment to ensure the future of your community.

Billy Lewis
Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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 establish a fund in any amount. A representative is available to meet with you and/or your financial advisor to discuss the establishment of a fund or any other aspect of your charitable gift planning. Please call Melissa Fisher at (814) 725-7107.
Representatives of Crescent Hose Company No. 2 and Fuller Hose Company No. 1 were honored at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the North East Community Foundation. The Lake & Smith Award is presented to local individuals or organizations that demonstrate a consistent commitment to the people of North East.

Fuller Hose Company No. 1 is a 100% volunteer department that strives to deliver the highest level of response to the residents of our District and our neighboring communities. The Company responds to roughly 300 fire, rescue and emergency medical calls per year. With a fleet of 3 Engines, 1 Tanker, 1 Brush Control unit, and a complete SCUBA Utility rescue unit.

The Crescent Hose Company No. 2 is staffed by a 40 member, 100% volunteer staff that handles approximately 1,400 calls for assistance a year. To perform this task, the Hose Company is equipped with 2 BLS ambulances, 1 Ladder Truck, 1 Engine and 1 Heavy Rescue. Additionally, the Hose Company maintains a trailer for rehab and wilderness rescue, and a 6 wheeled UTV for wilderness search and rescue.

By utilizing training, proven tactics and appropriate technology, the North East Fire Companies provide professional and effective protection to more than 49 square miles and 12,000 residents.

The Lake & Smith Award for Excellence in Community Service is named in honor of longtime North East residents the late Gerri Smith and the late Ernest Lake. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Lake were instrumental in the establishment of the North East Community Foundation, and served as trustees.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS
2012 Mercyhurst University, North East campus
2013 Ted Miller
2014 The Orris C. and Beatrice Dewey Hirtzel Memorial Foundation
2015 McCord Memorial Library
**OUR GRANTS**

The North East Community Foundation was honored to fund $236,518.07 in grants during 2016.

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**Total Grants Distributed in 2016** $236,518.07

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**2016 DONORS**

A big thank you to the following people and organizations who made contributions and/or established new funds during 2016.

- 4 N.I.N.E. Thrift Shop
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