



The North East
Community
Foundation



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY

"Nothing happens until the pain of remaining the same outweighs the pain of change." - Arthur Burt





Representatives from North East area non-profits gather to celebrate at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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



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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.

2016 LAKE & SMITH AWARD WINNERS

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 long-time 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

2007	Ernest Lake & Geraldine Smith	2012	Mercyhurst University, North East campus
2008	Robert & Janet Miller	2013	Ted Miller
2009	Vicki Stetson	2014	The Orris C. and Beatrice Dewey Hirtzel Memorial Foundation
2010	Community Nursing Services of North East	2015	McCord Memorial Library
2011	North East Food Pantry		

DONOR FUNDS

As of December 31, 2016

The 4 N.I.N.E Endowment	14,547.80
Advance North East Fund.....	2,573.77
Edith K. Pierce-Archer Fund	2,360,635.56
Charles Barton Scholarship Fund	12,572.46
Dorothy Bertges-Thornton Endowment	148,408.00
Jared Matthew Bifulco Scholarship Fund	299.98
Charles & Elinor Burkhard Fund	23,408.49
Donald Campbell Designated Fund	6,064.45
Currie Family Donor Designated Fund	65,837.59
First Presbyterian Church of NE, Knepp Endowment	20,182.95
Vernon and Sara Frye Fund	10,832.43
Nancy Anderson GE Chairman's Award Endowment	37,796.10
Richard C. Gorzynski Memorial Scholarship	12,265.11
Ralph L. Hartley Fund	787,241.64
Ron & Elsie Holl CGA	7,253.77
William & Beth Lewis Family Fund	96,024.64
McCord Memorial Library Fund	24,198.17
The James R. Meehl Memorial Scholarship	10,054.39
Robert & Janet Miller Fund	28,843.55
NECF Board of Directors Fund	23,591.99

North East Community Foundation General Fund	47,399.64
NECF Endowment Fund	170,704.37
The North East Food Pantry Endowment	40,973.37
North East Community Chest Campaign Fund	5,017.31
The North East Community Chest Endowment	31,507.40
Community Nursing Services of North East	26,233.30
Park Church BSA Troop 57	14,393.80
Park United Methodist Church General Fund	123,552.80
Park United Methodist Church Missions Fund	50,830.45
Park United Methodist Church Music Fund	42,879.50
Park United Methodist Church Programs Fund	44,873.18
Park United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund	76,356.82
Geraldine Smith Memorial Fund	515,031.30
Walczak Family Fund	56,604.61
Albert Walz CGA	16,355.77
Beverly Walz CGA	14,617.43
The Robert Whitney Erie County Farm Bureau	15,390.88
Agricultural Scholarship	

Total Value of North East Funds.....\$4,985,354.77

OUR GRANTS

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

Charles Barton Scholarship Fund

Mikaela Yori-Scholarship	500.00
Total Distribution	500.00

Dorothy Bertes Thornton Fund

First Baptist Church of North East	1,177.80
Fuller Hose Company	588.90
Crescent Hose Company	588.90
North East School District	1,177.80
United Neighborhood Facilities Health Care Company	1,177.80
North East Food Pantry	1,177.80
Total Distribution	5,889.00

Jared Matthew Bifulco Scholarship Fund

Andrew Foster Scholarship	500.00
Total Distribution	500.00

Charles & Elinor Burkhard Fund

McCord Memorial Library	500.00
Total Distribution	500.00

Currie Family Fund

North East Community Foundation	558.50
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross	1,117.00
McCord Memorial Library	558.50
Total Distribution	2,234.00

First Presbyterian Church of North East, Knepp Endowment

General Funds	808.00
Total Distribution	808.00

Nancy Anderson Fund

Community Nursing Services of North East	694.00
North East School Scholarship Fund	694.00
Total Distribution	1,388.00

Richard C. Gorzynski Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kevin Cooney Scholarship	250.00
Total Distribution	250.00

Geraldine Smith Fund

Mercyhurst University North East	2,051.43
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross	2,051.43
North East Historical Society	2,051.43
McCord Memorial Library	2,051.43
Community Nursing Services of North East	2,051.43
Total Distribution	10,257.15

Ralph L. Hartley Fund

North East Arts Council	6,400.00
McCord Memorial Library	6,407.60
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College	6,407.60
Penn State University	6,407.60
Crescent Hose Company	4,272.00
Fuller Hose Company	2,135.60
Total Distribution	32,030.40

William & Beth Lewis Family Fund

Mercyhurst University	10,543.27
Total Distribution	10,543.27

McCord Memorial Library Fund

General Funds	951.00
Total Distribution	951.00

North East Community Chest Campaign Fund

Pattie's Pink Warriors	500.00
North East Community Foundation	23,064.48
Total Distribution	23,564.48

North East Community Foundation General Fund

4 N.I.N.E. Thrift Shop	17,409.81
Advance North East	460.92
Boy Scout Troop 82	2,600.00
Common Ground Youth Center	11,316.41
Community Nursing Services of North East	264.62
Crescent Hose Co.	500.00
Cub Scout Pack 57	2,100.00
Cub Scout Pack 82	2,500.00
Downtown North East, Inc.	22,693.42
First Baptist Church of North East	539.64
First Presbyterian Church of North East	309.85
Fuller Hose Company	500.00
Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania	3,000.00
Lake Shore Railway Historical Society Inc.	9,125.09
McCord Memorial Library	746.72
Mercyhurst University North East	20,596.04
North East Arts Council	1,967.51
North East Food Pantry	264.62
North East Historical Society	5,337.64
North East in Bloom	8,871.28
North East Little League	120.28
North East Recreation Commission	3,000.00
Park United Methodist Church	18,007.81
Project Love, Inc.	48.11
United Way of Erie County	4,732.00
Write On!	500.00
Total Distribution	137,511.77

Park United Methodist Church Funds

General Funds	7,345.00
Total Distribution	7,345.00

Walczak Family Fund

St. Gregory School	2,246.00
Total Distribution	2,246.00

Total Grants Distributed in 2016 \$236,518.07



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
Nancy & Gareth J. Anderson
Theresa A. Archer
Cynthia Bamberger
Bay Valley Foods
Marion & George S. Bennett
BNY Mellon Wealth Management
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