



The North East  
Community  
Foundation

"WE MUST USE TIME WISELY  
AND FOREVER REALIZE THAT THE TIME  
IS ALWAYS RIPE TO DO RIGHT."  
~ NELSON MANDELA



**2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

OUR TIME  
*is Now!*



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The North East Community Foundation has been sharing its gifts with the North East community for 26 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 \$225,510 to 74 non-profits organizations and individuals in 2017! 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 Robert Mazza, owner of Mazza Vineyards in North East, PA and Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing in Westfield, NY. Please join the Foundation in thanking Bob 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

Representatives from North East area non-profits gather to celebrate at the 2017 Annual Meeting.



DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

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.

2017 LAKE & SMITH AWARD WINNERS

Nick Mobilia was the recipient of the Lake & Smith Award for Excellence in Community Service presented at the 2017 annual meeting of the North East Community Foundation. Nick has served the community in many capacities over the years, providing help and leadership to the North East School District Board of Directors, to the Erie County Farm Bureau, to the Boy Scouts, and to the North East Community Foundation.

Nick is a native to North East and the third generation owner of Mobilia Fruit Farms. Growing up in the family business of farming, Nick has always been a part of the farm. It wasn’t until 1970 when Nick became full-time farm operator that he began to grow Mobilia Fruit Farms into the 225 acres it is today.

Of the 225 acres, 120 acres are 14 varieties of grapes, the rest consists of cherry, peach and apple trees, and a vegetable garden. Business, family and community work hand in hand, and Nick and his family and employees have built Arrowhead Wine Cellars from a farm market into a successful winery and major supplier to the wine industry. The Arrowhead family offers support to local organizations with fundraising activities throughout the year.

The Lake & Smith Award for Excellence in Community Service is named in honor of long-time North East residents, the late Gerrie 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.



DONOR FUNDS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Advance North East Fund.....	\$2,969.30	Miller Family Fund .....	\$31,991.89
Archer Fund .....	\$2,613,260.39	NE Community Chest-Campaign Fund .....	\$5,001.74
Barton Fund .....	\$13,901.69	NE Community Chest-Endowment Fund .....	\$36,260.98
Bertges-Thornton Fund .....	\$164,257.81	NE Food Pantry.....	\$47,270.84
Bifulco Scholarship Fund.....	\$343.83	4 Nine Fund .....	\$17,991.34
Burkhard Fund .....	\$26,425.47	NECF General Fund.....	\$13,436.37
Campbell Fund (Designated).....	\$6,979.41	NECF Board of Directors Fund.....	\$37,169.96
Community Nurses Fund .....	\$30,265.28	NECF Endowment Fund.....	\$188,932.36
Currie Fund .....	\$73,115.65	Park Church BSA Troop 57 .....	\$22,168.20
1ST Presbyterian Fund.....	\$22,403.35	Park United General Fund .....	\$174,901.42
Vernon & Sara Frye Fund.....	\$12,466.71	Park United Missions Fund.....	\$58,642.93
Anderson GE Chairman’s Fund .....	\$41,872.09	Park United Music Fund .....	\$48,329.33
Gorzynski Scholarship .....	\$14,335.29	Park United Programs Fund.....	\$51,769.32
George & Alice Gourgoutis Fund .....	\$20,368.43	Park United Scholarship Fund .....	\$85,503.72
Gerri Smith Fund.....	\$576,719.22	Lenora Jane Perdue Scholarship.....	\$10,443.23
Hartley Fund.....	\$872,848.49	Robert Whitney ECFB AG Scholarship .....	\$17,163.70
Holl Fund .....	\$9,402.69	Walczak Family Fund .....	\$62,685.98
Lake Shore Railway Historical Society.....	\$61,268.04	Albert Walz CGA .....	\$18,734.31
Lewis Family Fund.....	\$100,289.35	Beverly Walz CGA.....	\$17,241.28
McCord Memorial Library .....	\$26,911.20		
Meehl Memorial Scholarship.....	\$13,471.83		
		Total.....	\$5,649,427.27

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2007 Ernest Lake & Geraldine Smith
- 2008 Robert & Janet Miller
- 2009 Vicki Stetson
- 2010 Community Nursing Services of North East
- 2011 North East Food Pantry
- 2012 Mercyhurst University, North East campus
- 2013 Ted Miller
- 2014 The Orris C. and Beatrice Dewey Hirtzel Memorial Foundation
- 2015 McCord Memorial Library
- 2016 Crescent Hose Co. No. 2 & Fuller Hose Co. No. 1



# OUR GRANTS

THE NORTH EAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WAS HONORED TO FUND \$225,510.32 IN GRANTS DURING 2017

## Charles Barton Scholarship Fund

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College .....	500.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>500.00</b>

## Dorothy Bertges-Thornton Endowment

First Baptist Church of North East.....	1,182.40
Fuller Hose Company .....	591.20
Crescent Hose Co. ....	591.20
North East School District .....	1,182.40
United Neighborhood Facilities Health Care Co....	1,182.40
North East Food Pantry.....	1,182.40
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>5,912.00</b>

## Charles & Elinor Burkhard Fund

McCord Memorial Library.....	500.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>500.00</b>

## Currie Family Fund

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross .....	1,230.50
McCord Memorial Library.....	615.25
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>1,845.75</b>

## The Robert Whitney Erie County Farm Bureau Agricultural Scholarship

Case-Western Reserve University .....	500.00
Syracuse University.....	500.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>

## First Presbyterian Church of North East, Knepp Endowment

General Funds.....	803.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>803.00</b>

## Nancy Anderson GE Chairman's Award Endowment

Community Nursing Services of North East .....	735.00
North East School Scholarship Fund.....	735.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>1,470.00</b>

## Richard C. Gorzynski Memorial Scholarship Fund

LaRoche College .....	250.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>250.00</b>

## Geraldine Smith Fund

Mercyhurst University North East.....	2,281.51
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross.....	2,281.51
North East Historical Society.....	2,281.51
McCord Memorial Library.....	2,281.51
Community Nursing Services of North East .....	2,281.51
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>11,407.55</b>

## Ralph L. Hartley Fund

Boy Scout Troop # 82 .....	2,800.00
Cub Scout Pack #57 .....	2,200.00
North East Arts Council.....	1,300.00
McCord Memorial Library.....	6,423.20
Penn State University .....	6,423.20
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College .....	6,423.20
Crescent Hose Co. ....	4,282.13
Fuller Hose Company .....	2,141.07
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>31,992.80</b>

## William & Beth Lewis Family Fund

Mercyhurst University .....	10,035.87
Mercyhurst University.....	15,323.94
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>25,359.81</b>

## McCord Memorial Library Fund

General Funds.....	951.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>951.00</b>

## The James R. Meehl Memorial Scholarship

Colgate University .....	500.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>500.00</b>

## North East Community Foundation General Fund

Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania.....	3,000.00
North East Arts Council.....	1,885.00
North East Arts Council.....	4,000.00
Boy Scout Troop 57 .....	1,800.00
Cub Scout Pack 82.....	2,800.00
4 N.I.N.E. Thrift Shop .....	4,500.00
North East Little League.....	5,350.00
Downtown North East, Inc. ....	15,000.00
North East Recreation Commission .....	8,795.00

American Cancer Society.....	1,000.00
North East in Bloom .....	6,000.00
McCord Memorial Library.....	8,400.00
North East Historical Society.....	2,280.00
Group Workcamps .....	9,000.00
Mercyhurst University North East .....	10,000.00
Fuller Hose Company .....	500.00
McCord Memorial Library.....	500.00
Downtown North East, Inc. ....	9,125.00
4 N.I.N.E. Thrift Shop .....	576.12
Advance North East .....	947.98
Community Nursing Services of North East .....	906.08
Downtown North East, Inc. ....	392.81
First Baptist Church of North East.....	4,820.05
First Presbyterian Church of North East.....	864.18
Lake Shore Railway Historical Society Inc.....	1,969.29
McCord Memorial Library.....	1,922.15
North East Arts Council.....	1,359.13
North East Food Pantry.....	583.98
North East Education Foundation .....	144.03
North East Historical Society.....	576.12
North East in Bloom .....	421.62
North East Little League.....	261.87
Park United Methodist Church .....	5,000.00
Pattie's Pink Warriors.....	500.00
North East Little League.....	4,827.00
United Way of Erie County.....	7,433.00
North East Community Fair .....	4,800.00
4 N.I.N.E. Thrift Shop .....	5,000.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>137,240.41</b>

## Park United Methodist Church Funds

General Funds.....	1,120.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>1,120.00</b>

## Park United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund

Park United Methodist Church .....	2,388.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>2,388.00</b>

## Walczak Family Fund

St. Gregory School.....	2,270.00
<b>Total Distribution .....</b>	<b>2,270.00</b>

# 2017 DONORS

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS AND/OR ESTABLISHED NEW FUNDS DURING 2017

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