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with the help of our
donors, NECF was able to
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including:

- ▶ **\$78,855.98 to education** - supporting libraries and schools, providing college scholarships and summer experiences in the arts and nature
- ▶ **\$28,287.50 to basic health and safety needs**- firefighters and first responders, nursing and hospice care, food, clothing and other essentials
- ▶ **\$39,357.93 to enriching our community and preserving our unique history and downtown** - through organizations such as North East in Bloom, Downtown North East, North East Historical Society and the Lake Shore Railway Historical Society

Our volunteer board is honored to partner with donors and the community to make North East better for today - and tomorrow.

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

For 29 years,
making life better for
the people of North East
has been the mission
of The North East Community
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Highlights from grants given in 2020

A partnership between North East Community Foundation and a number of other local organizations has resulted in two new playgrounds in North East.

The Rolling Meadows playground was installed over the summer and the first phase of the large project at Gravel Pit Park was completed last fall.

Other grants awarded in 2020 were in support of holiday gifts to underprivileged children in North East through Project Love Inc., free tax preparation through the VITA program, new equipment for Scout Troops and additional planters, hanging baskets and equipment to maintain planting beds through North East in Bloom.

In 2020, The North East Community Foundation was honored to fund \$418,644.11 in grants, specified gifts and Erie Gives matches to the following:

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Project Love, Inc.
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New scholarship funds established

In 2020, North East Community Foundation proudly partnered with Ian Malesiewski to create a new scholarship designed to empower, encourage and uplift local students.

The Defiant Scholars Program is a scholarship available to seniors in Erie County, Pennsylvania who have a physical or intellectual disability.

The number of students with disabilities who are able to pursue higher education is disappointing, said Malesiewski, a North East native and athlete who sustained a spinal cord injury in 2016 and is now attending the University of Miami.

There are so many challenges - from physically navigating the new environment, to taking notes and completing assignments. Malesiewski relies on technology, like a special mouse he uses with his mouth to type, along with the support of friends, family and even athletes like NFL player James Conner.

Defiant Scholars aim to make the transition to college less difficult. Its mission is to help aid the disabled community in an attempt to break down barriers, stereotypes and misconceptions inside and outside of the classroom.

Susan Valone, MD scholarship established

The Susan Valone, M.D. Memorial Scholarship was also created in 2020 and recognizes outstanding graduates of North East High School who plan to pursue a career in a medical or health sciences-related field.



"I have a great support system," he said. "But not everyone does."

DID YOU KNOW?

ERIE GIVES 2021 will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. In honor of its 30th anniversary NECF has committed to a \$30,000 match for all funds donated to North East based nonprofits on this day. This is in addition to funds donated by individuals & businesses & matched by The Erie Community Foundation.

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