The Fuller Hose Company was established on December 31 of 1885 as a volunteer fire company serving the citizens of North East and beyond. The fund was established to ensure the future public safety needs of the growing North East community can be met. Specifically the fund addresses future apparatus replacement costs, as fire departments are encouraged to replace front line fire engines every 20 years from the date of manufacture. Fuller Hose Company #1 currently operates two engines, one tanker, one utility truck, one brush truck and two boats.

The Fuller Hose Co. #1 Fund

The Fuller Hose Company #1 Fund is the oldest continuous operating local fire company endowment in the state of Pennsylvania. The fund provides additional funds to support purchases of new equipment — an F550 multipurpose truck that will assist in brush fires and water rescue.

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Dear members of the North East community,

When I joined the board of The North East Community Foundation it was 2001, I was 38 and the Foundation felt blessed to have $150,000.

Recently, NECF celebrated two significant milestones – our 30th year impacting the quality of life in North East and an endowment that has grown to more than $10 million.

Thinking of all that has been done over the last 30 years and all who have contributed their time, talents and resources to leave a lasting legacy on our community is humbling.

It’s been said: with great power comes great responsibility. Which is why, in 2021 NECF began its own strategic visioning process. We now have the funds to make meaningful and transformational change. Therefore, we needed a vision, board structure and strategic direction to support it.

Because collaboration is key to the success of any community or initiative, we started the process by listening. Over the course of several months, the task force committee sat down with members of local government, nonprofits and agencies to gauge our community’s strengths, weaknesses, needs and opportunities.

After nearly a year of introspection and planning, NECF is happy to release our new strategic direction. You may view the document on our website [www.necommunityfoundation.org](http://www.necommunityfoundation.org), but here are a few highlights:

- To be recognized as a valued stakeholder in the future of North East
- To create transformational grants in support of our non-profits
- To actively promote community leadership, civic awareness and public engagement

Additionally our vision includes:

- Supporting schools and communities, providing college scholarships and funds for summer camp experiences in the arts and nature
- More than $92,000 to basic health and safety needs
- More than $78,000 to education
- More than $70,000 to enrich our community and preserve our unique history and downtown
- Over $92,000 to offer backpacks to bridge the gap when kids get hungry over the weekend

Improving the quality of life for North East residents can take many forms.

In 2021, with the help of our donors, NECF was able to grant nearly $285,000 including:

- Nearly $284,110.16 was honored to fund scholarships, specified gifts and Erie Gives matches to the following:
  - First Baptist Church of North East
  - The Holy Cross Episcopal Church of North East
  - Edinboro University
  - Downtown North East, Inc.
  - Advance North East
  - North East School District
  - First Presbyterian Church of North East
  - Mack Memorial Library
  - North East Arts Council
  - North East Band Boosters
  - North East Food Pantry
  - North East Historical Society
  - North East in Bloom
  - North East Little League
  - North East School District Foundation
  - The North East Community Foundation
  - United Neighborhood Health Care Co
  - United Way of Erie County
  - Powerful Erie Warriors Project Love, Inc.
  - St. Gregory School
  - North East in Bloom
  - 4 N.I.N.E. Place
  - North East Historical Society
  - Cambria County Development Corporation
  - The North East Community Foundation
  - Allegheny College
  - Academy of Cathedral U
  - Behrend College
  - Boy Scout Troop #57
  - Boy Scout Troop #42
  - Community Nursing Services of North East
  - Comprehensive Eye Care
  - Cub Scout Pack #47
  - Cub Scout Pack #82
  - Door Student Services, Inc.
  - Downtown North East, Inc
  - Edinboro University
  - Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
  - First Baptist Church of North East
  - Fuller Hose Company
  - Girls Scouts of America
  - Greater North East Community Foundation
  - Gannon University
  - G functioning in Gibson Park, entertainment for P but also the Saturday Open Market, July 4 fireworks and an expanded annual holiday light up celebration.

Funds provided to North East in Bloom brought new planters and flowers to beauty downtown, along with a new mural.

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Sincerely,

Billy Lewis, Chairman
Vernon Frye, Vice Chairman
Jennifer Ey Q, Secretary
Melissa Fischer, Executive Asst.

Don Adams  David Mohr
Joseph Cancilla  Deborah Phillips
Jim Borzynski  Jennifer Smith
Chris Miller

Highlights from grants given by NECF in 2021

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A letter from the Chairman

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