



The North East
Community
Foundation

2022
**ANNUAL
REPORT**
TO THE COMMUNITY

What sparks the light in you?
BE THE SPARK

Dear members of the North East community,

Each year it's my distinct pleasure to say thank you to all those who have partnered with the North East Community Foundation in the previous year.

Acknowledging someone's kindness or contribution is so important – and it's becoming a lost art.

Without those who step up to share their gifts of time, talent and resources, the North East Community Foundation couldn't function.

In 2022, many people did just that – making a donation, establishing a fund, or creating a scholarship. And for that we are so grateful.

Inside this report you'll find highlights of grants given in 2022, along with new funds that were established. Back this year is the Lake & Smith Award, named after founding members of the North East Community Foundation, Gerri Smith and Ernie Lake. John Hallenburg and Roger and Kathy Schultz, longtime leaders and volunteers with the local Boy Scout troops, will join a storied list of Lake & Smith recipients who embody the spirit of generosity and dedication to community that make North East so wonderful.

Last but not least, this annual report marks the first year since COVID that we will once again gather together to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous year – and we can't wait to see you.

Much of our work is done behind the scenes to create transformational grants in support of our nonprofits, to be a valued stakeholder in the future of North East, to be a trusted custodian of resources and to actively promote community leadership, civic awareness and public engagement.

But we are always better when we work together. So thank you for joining us – and being the spark that ignites the initiatives in our town.

We can't wait to see what the next year brings.

Sincerely,

Billy Lewis, Chairman | **Vernon Frye**, Vice Chairman
Robert Jeffery, Esq., Treasurer | **Deborah Phillips**, Secretary
Melissa Fisher, Executive Assistant

Dan Adamus | **Jim Gorzynski** | **David Meehl** | **Chris Miller**
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NEW FUNDS

ESTABLISHED IN 2022



SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know each year the North East Community Foundation offers more than \$73,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and adults furthering their education?

There are more than a dozen named scholarship funds coordinated through the North East Community Foundation. Some have been providing support to residents for decades, while others were established more recently. Each scholarship is distinct and recipients are selected based on criteria established by the donor.



FUNDS ESTABLISHED IN 2022 INCLUDE:

The Gunther Edelmann Scholarship Fund was established in honor of the former North East High School teacher and World War II veteran. Edelmann also coached NEHS wrestling and football and was inducted into the North East Athletic Hall of Fame. This scholarship is awarded to NEHS graduating seniors who plan to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary college or university, and who have demonstrated academic success, a strong work ethic, and a willingness to sacrifice for others and the greater good.

The Ethan K. Kalosky Scholarship was established in 2022 and is offered to current and former members of North East's Scout Troop 57 who have achieved the Eagle Scout designation. Candidates should be of good character and must demonstrate the same leadership, intellectual curiosity and love of community that Ethan Kalosky did.

DID YOU KNOW?

North East Community Foundation provides its own match to local non-profits during Erie Gives!

This is on top of funds donated by residents on Aug. 8 and matched by The Erie Community Foundation.

This year NECF was proud to contribute an additional \$30,000 in matching funds to support the mission of 20 local organizations that work to make life better for the people of North East.



DONATE: Mail a gift of any amount to The North East Community Foundation, P.O. Box 327, North East, PA 16428.



START A FUND: Funds can be established in any amount. Call Melissa Fisher at 814.882.5594 to learn more.



501(c)(3) organizations can request a grant at any time.

LAKE & SMITH A W A R D



Roger and Kathy Schultz

In recognition of their decades of service to the community and its youth, and countless hours volunteering with North East's Boy Scout Troop 57 and Troop 86, John Hallenburg and Roger and Kathy Schultz have been named the recipients of the 2022 Lake & Smith Award.



John Hallenburg

2022 NECF GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

In 2022, with the help of our donors, NECF was able to grant nearly \$368,000 including:

MORE THAN \$182,000 TO EDUCATION

Supporting libraries and schools, providing college scholarships and funds for summer camp experiences in the arts and nature, we partnered with Boy Scout/Cub Scout Troops 57 & 86 to send kids to camps; The Door Student Services to send at-risk teens for a week-long summer camp and helped install a basketball court at their facility; McCord Library for ongoing programming; and North East Arts Council to help fund Missoula Summer Theatre camp for kids, Picnic in the Park featuring free weekly entertainment and crafts for children, and an Art Immersion program for adults.

A \$52,500 multiyear grant from NECF helped bring The Stem & Vine program to the North East School District offering yearlong after school programming and summer enrichment in science, technology, engineering and math, with a special focus on local agriculture to grades kindergarten through 5.

In addition, more than \$73,000 in scholarships were awarded to assist local high school seniors and students of all ages who are pursuing higher education.

MORE THAN \$76,000 TO BASIC HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS

Grants and funds distributed helped bring food, health care, clothing and basics to our area's most at risk through partnerships with Community Nursing Services of North East for nursing and hospice care; Crescent and Fuller Hose Companies for ongoing service; and Project Love for holiday gifts.

A \$10,000 grant to 4 NINE Place helped bring the Group Cares program to North East over the summer, assisting senior citizens with needed home improvements.

Meanwhile two \$5,000 grants to the North East School District Foundation helped stock backpacks with weekly

food distributions to get students through the weekend without going hungry.

New boots and coats were distributed to those in need through 4 NINE Place and the Lions Club with a \$1,500 grant while the United Way provided free tax assistance with a nearly \$7,000 grant.

A collaborative grant of \$1,000 to the Northwest PA K-9 Search and Rescue team brought new equipment to help dogs and their handlers find lost loved ones faster.

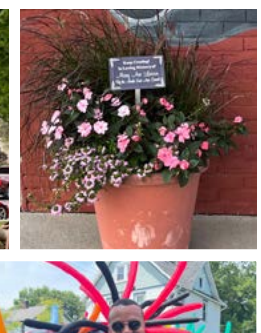
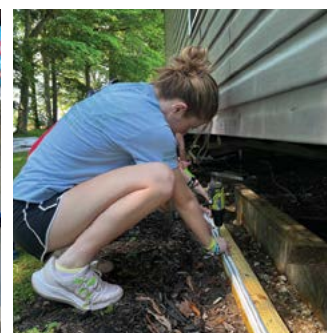
MORE THAN \$69,000 TO ENRICH OUR COMMUNITY AND PRESERVE OUR UNIQUE HISTORY AND DOWNTOWN

Offering arts and culture and family fun through the Erie Philharmonic's free outdoor summer concert series, the July 4 fireworks and an expanded annual holiday light up celebration.

A \$10,000 grant to Downtown North East Inc. helped bring a new sound system to Gibson Park, while funds provided to North East in Bloom and the North East

Historical Society brought new planters and flowers to beautify downtown, along with historic postcard murals.

4 N.I.N.E. Place	McCord Memorial Library
Boy Scout Troop 57	North East Arts Council
Boy Scout Troop 82	North East in Bloom
Community Nursing Services of North East	North East Food Pantry
Crescent Hose Co.	North East Historical Society
Cub Scout Pack 57	North East Recreation Commission
Door Student Services Inc.	North East School District Foundation
Downtown North East Inc.	Northwest PA K-9 Search and Rescue
Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross	Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
Erie Philharmonic	Penn State University
First Baptist Church of North East	Powerful Pink Warriors
Foundation for Christian Counseling	St. Gregory School
Fuller Hose Co.	United Way of Erie County
Girl Scouts	





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