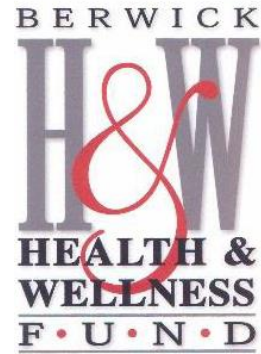


Berwick Health and Wellness Fund 2016 Grant Investments

December 21, 2016

Berwick – The Central Susquehanna Community Foundation is pleased to announce the 2016 grant investments made from the Berwick Health and Wellness Fund. The Berwick Health and Wellness Fund (BHWF) made multi-year grant payments this year to the Central Columbia School District for the athletic facility project in the amount of \$50,000, the Northern Columbia Community and Cultural Center for the program coordinator in the amount of \$18,388, and the Berwick Area Swimming Pool Inc. in the amount of \$81,500.



Pictured above: BHWF 2016 grantee representatives gathered with BHWF advisory committee members and Central Susquehanna Community Foundation staff on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the CSCF office in Berwick. (photo credit StudioD)

Grants to support the 18 fire companies in the Fund's service area totaled \$54,000. Each fire company is awarded \$3,000 to purchase items from the Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations list of authorized equipment. In the last thirteen years, fire companies have received more than \$700,000 in grants. BHWF also awarded over \$8,000 in health profession scholarships and committed to \$100,000 in agency endowment matches. The Fund continues to support the Youth in Philanthropy program with approximately \$25,000 annually for students from Berwick, Benton, Central Columbia, Northwest and Columbia-Montour Vo-Tech to award grants that benefit youth issues.

All together this year, BHWF invested over \$1.2 million in programs and projects that promote overall health and wellness within the geographic boundaries of the Fund. All grants serve residents of the BHWF service area. The following new grants were awarded through a competitive grant round,

strategic review, urgent discretionary review, sponsorships and organization endowment matches in 2016:

AGAPE, Life's Challenges, \$10,000
AGAPE, Backpack Meals for Food Insecure Elementary Students, \$15,000
AGAPE: Love From Above to Our Community Agency Fund, Agency Endow Match Program, \$500
Benton Area School District, Camp Ophelia 2016, \$800
Benton Area School District, Stability Balls for Elementary Classroom, \$1,002
Benton Area School District, Kindergarten Kickoff, \$3,000
Benton AYSO, Benton Connections Project, \$5,000
Benton Council of Churches, Supplemental Fuel Assistance Program, \$8,000
Benton Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Berwick Area Ambulance Association, Advanced Life Support Equipment, \$8,000
Berwick Area Ministerium, Berwick Ministerium Heating Assistance, \$4,000
Berwick Area School District, Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Albertson, \$200
Berwick Area School District, Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Davis, \$500
Berwick Area School District, Strengthening Families Program, \$1,000
Berwick Area School District, High School AED, \$1,425
Berwick Area School District, B.A.R.K. (Building Achievement through Reading for Kindergarten), \$16,637
Berwick Area School District, BASD Summer & After School Program 2016-2017, \$18,880
Berwick Area School District, Students Overcome and Achieve Through Running (S.O.A.R.), \$21,395
Berwick Area Swimming Pool Association Agency Fund, Organization Endowment Match Program, \$35,000
Berwick Area Swimming Pool Inc., Berwick Area Community Dog Park, \$500
Berwick Area Swimming Pool Inc., AED, \$1478
Berwick Area United Way, Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Albertson, \$200
Berwick Area United Way, Susquehanna Virtual Academy, \$8,000
Berwick Area YMCA, Board/Staff Matching Program - F. Soberick Krothe, \$500
Berwick Area YMCA, Senior Water Exercise Program, \$10,000
Berwick Borough Police Department, Drug Rehabilitation Program, \$3,500
Berwick Borough Police Department, Intox DMT, \$9,250
Berwick Boulevard Association, 2016 Boulevard Sponsorship, \$1,000
Berwick Historical Society, Berwick Historical Society Heating Restoration, \$5,000
Berwick Marathon Association, Inc., Board/Staff Matching Program - R. Davis, \$500
Stuart Tank Campaign Pass Through Fund, Berwick Stuart Tank Memorial, \$10,000
Berwick Test Track Disc Golf Fund, Sponsorship, \$4,000
Beyond Violence, Inc., Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Harter, \$300
Beyond Violence, Inc., 5K Fun Run/Walk Sponsorship, \$500
Beyond Violence, Inc., Roof Replacement Project, \$4,000
Beyond Violence, Inc., Non-Offending Parent Counselor 2016-2017, \$11,600
Beyond Violence, Inc., Breaking the Cycle, \$27,000
Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Board/Staff Matching Program - F. Soberick Krothe, \$500
Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble, Theatre in the Classroom, \$4,252
Bloomsburg University Community Racial Equity, High School Conference on Diversity, \$1,750
Borough of Berwick, Summer Concert Series 2016, \$3,000
Borough of Berwick, Riverfest Sponsorship, \$4,000
Bower United Methodist Church, Helping Hands Holiday Food Distribution, \$500
Briar Creek Township Police, Body Cameras, \$3,200

Caring Communities for AIDS, SCORE Conference, \$1,522
Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton Inc., Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge Golf Tournament, \$300
Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton Inc., Bowl for Kids' Sake Sponsorship, \$500
Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, Youth in Philanthropy Program Support 2016/2017, \$26,000
Central Susquehanna Community Foundation - Regional Impact Fund, Board/Staff Match Program - J. Ferentz, \$1,000
Central Susquehanna Opportunities, Inc., Keep Kids Warm Project, \$1,000
Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc., 2016 Preventing Blindness for Children in Our Community, \$4,650
Central Susquehanna Sight Services, Inc., 2016 Supporting Our Community Members Who Are Blind, \$7,500
Columbia Child Development Program, Integrated Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports for Children and Families, \$36,000
Columbia County Commissioners for Columbia County, Prevention Programs for Youth and Families, \$35,000
Columbia County Housing Corporation, Berwick Downtown Revitalization, \$7,500
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Organization Support - In honor of Joy McGinnis, \$50
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. McGinnis, \$1,000
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Thanksgiving Dinner Sponsorship, \$1,000
Columbia County Volunteers in Medicine Clinic, Operating Support 2016, \$120,000
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. DeFinnis, \$200
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Board/Staff Matching Program - H. Woodeshick, \$300
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Board/Staff Matching Program - E. Robinson, \$1,000
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Replacement of Campsite Cots at Camp Lavigne, \$4,370
Columbia-Montour Council No. 504 Boy Scouts of America, Completion of Latrine Shelter Reconstruction Project, \$5,000
Dental Health Clinic, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. Scopelliti, \$500
Eagle Hose Company No. 2, Inc., 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
EOS Therapeutic Riding Center Agency Fund, Agency Endowment Match Program, \$1,000
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Organization Support - In honor of Joseph J. Scopelliti, \$50
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Organization Support - In honor of Kevin Woodeshick, \$100
Eos Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc., Extension of Haymow and New Roof, \$9,500
Family Health Council of Central PA, Inc., Summer Food Service Program, \$10,000
For The Cause, Organization Support - In honor of JoAnn Ferentz, \$50
For The Cause, Run For The Cause Sponsorship, \$1,500
Geisinger - Columbia Montour Home Health Services, Camp Courage, \$5,000
Geisinger Health System, Nurse-Family Partnership 2016-2017 Funding, \$50,000
Geisinger Health System - Psychiatry and Special Clinics, School Based Counselor at Berwick and Benton Schools, \$10,000
Historical & Preservation Society of the Greater Shickshinny Area, Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Hart, \$500
Hobbie Volunteer Fire Company #1, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000

Hollenback Township, Hollenback Township Community Park Exercise Stations, \$4,600
Hunlock Creek Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Huntington Valley Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Lime Ridge Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Luzerne County Community College, LCCC Berwick Center Utilities Support, \$2,500
McBride Memorial Library, Youth Services Coordinator, \$33,180
Mifflin Township Forest Rangers and Fire Comp, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Mocanaqua Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 Inc., 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Nescopeck Borough, Nescopeck Community Park Reutilization, \$1,000
Nescopeck Borough Fire Company No.1, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Nescopeck Township Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
North Berwick Athletic Association, Inc., Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Tanribilir, \$400
North Centre Township, Township Building AED, \$1,083
North Penn Legal Services, Bloomsburg Office - Support Staff Salary, \$20,000
Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center, Youth Summer Camp Before/After Camp Activity Program, \$6,840
Northern Columbia Community & Cultural Center, Heating and Ventilation System Repair, \$10,000
Northwest Area School District, Summer School, \$9,931
Northwest Area School District, JumpStart, \$18,000
Orange Township Supervisors, Heart Healthy Eating, \$2,000
Pond Hill-Lily Lake Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Ranger Hose Company #2, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Reliance Fire Company, Keeping Kids Warm Program, \$600
Reliance Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Reliance Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Salem Township Park & Recreation Board, AED, \$1,500
Salem Township Volunteer Fire Company Number, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Setebaid Services, Inc., The HDYC and Camp Setebaid 2016 Camperships, \$8,060
Shickshinny Volunteer Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Single Mothers Individually Living Empowered, Inc., Cloth Diaper Training Program, \$620
Single Mothers Individually Living Empowered, Inc., What I Need (W.I.N.), \$1,000
St. John's Lutheran Church, Mission Mall, \$2,000
Summerhill Fire Company, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
Susquehanna Warrior Trail Council, Susquehanna Warrior Trail 5K Race/Fun Walk Sponsor, \$500
Susquehanna Warrior Trail Council, Board/Staff Matching Program - K. Hart, \$500
The Children's Museum, Partners in Education: Classroom Expansion, \$9,488
The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, Golf Outing Sponsorship, \$300
The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, Celebrate Berwick Sponsorship, \$1,000
The Foundation of the Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Central Penn Scholarships, \$1,590
The Hope Center of Nescopeck, PA Inc., Air Conditioning Unit Replacement, \$4,000
The Hope Center of Nescopeck, PA Inc., Facility Repairs, \$20,000
The Nicholas Wolff Foundation, Inc., Camp Victory Camperships, \$17,678
The Salvation Army, Berwick, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. DeFinnis, \$200
The Salvation Army, Berwick, Board/Staff Matching Program - J. Scopelliti, \$500
The Salvation Army, Berwick, New Kitchen for Community Feeding Program, \$10,000
Township of Mifflin, Mifflin Park Improvement and Walking Path, \$7,150

Volunteers in Medicine, Access to Medical Care, \$2,500
Volunteers in Philanthropy Golf Tournament Fund, Hole Sponsorship, \$600
Wesley United Methodist Church, Community Cupboard, \$14,500
West Berwick Hose Company No. 1, 2016 Fire Company Support, \$3,000
WVIA, Clubhouse in the Classroom, \$4,000
Your Loving Choices, Earn While You Learn: Life Skills, \$880

The BHWF advisory committee and Foundation staff held a luncheon on Tuesday, December 13, for 2016 grantees in appreciation of the work they do in our community.

The Foundation invests in programs and projects that promote overall health and wellness for residents living in the geographic boundaries of the BHWF. During the grant review process, priority is given to proposals that respond to one of more of the areas of need identified by a community assessment process:

- Ensuring that children are healthy and ready to learn when they enter school
- Promoting oral health for residents who lack access to regular dental care
- Reducing the risks of cardiovascular disease through nutrition, physical activity and tobacco-free lifestyles
- Improving mental and behavioral health through community awareness, support and treatment.
- General community health and wellness

The Berwick Health and Wellness Fund service area includes the following 23 townships and boroughs: Columbia County Boroughs: Berwick Borough*, Benton Borough, Briar Creek Borough, Stillwater borough. Columbia County Townships: Benton Township, Briar Creek Township, Fishing Creek Township, Mifflin Township, North Centre Township, and South Centre Township. Luzerne County Boroughs: Berwick Borough*, Conyngham Borough, Nescopeck Borough, New Columbus Borough, and Shickshinny Borough. Luzerne County Townships: Butler Township, Nescopeck Township, Salem Township, Sugarloaf Township, and Union Township *Berwick Borough is located in both Columbia and Luzerne Counties.

The BHWF is the original and largest fund at the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (CSCF). The CSCF administers grants and scholarships for over 225 funds throughout the 5 ½ county service area. For more information, please visit www.csgiving.org or contact Christine Pangelinan, CSCF Program Officer, cpangelinan@csgiving.org.