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Your Investments Pay Community Dividends

EVERY QUARTER, on behalf of our generous donors, The Erie Community Foundation makes grants to the tune of around \$2 million into our community. Either a nonprofit applies for grant money through a competitive grant process or a donor makes grants from his or her endowment, but ultimately our community is just that much better.



This past July, The Erie Community Foundation gave 250 students more than \$400,000 worth of scholarships! We hosted a special reception at Gannon University when donors met the winning student applicants. Senior Judge John Bozza was our keynote speaker.

"The interaction between the students and donors is very special," said Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation. "Many students would not have the opportunity to attain higher education

if it wasn't for the thoughtfulness of our donors."

You can visit www.ErieCommunityFoundation.org to see a listing of all our scholarships. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship fund in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please call Kevin Moore, vice president of Stewardship at (814) 454-0843.

Also this past July, The Foundation distributed more than \$2 million to 19 nonprofits that focus on human services and community development; 127 donor directed grants; 41 agency endowment grants; 11 ReTool Erie grants and six strategic and collaborative grants. The collaborative grants included a patient care assistance apprenticeship program with Hamot and School-based Health Center proposals for Wayne Middle School, the Girard School District and the Union City School

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Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation, and Pastor Rick Crocker of Erie City Mission, check out the new beds for the homeless men in our community. The City Mission used grant dollars to purchase the beds and bedding.



Hank and Betty Graygo established a memorial fund in honor of their daughter, Lindsey. Each year the endowment produces enough money to give scholarships to students who follow in their daughters footsteps by graduating from McDowell High School and attending Penn State. Pictured with the Graygos are the students and their parents.

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District. "These projects will eventually lead to jobs in the medical field as well as provide students with better health care," Batchelor added.

In October, The Erie Community Foundation divided nearly \$2 million among 12 health nonprofits, seven environment nonprofits, five collaborative projects and 485 donor directed requests. "One of the largest grants of \$60,000 went to the Erie City Mission as part of its capital campaign. They plan to rebuild the 100-year-old building that will give shelter to 106 men every evening," Batchelor added. "This is just one story of how our donors' dollars make a difference."

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Special Thanks

The Erie Community Foundation would like to thank **Shiloh Turner** for her service as our vice president of programs. She has accepted the position of vice president of community investment at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. While this was a difficult decision for her, she was motivated by pursuit of a tremendous professional opportunity and the ability to be near her family. We wish her well in her new endeavors. The Foundation has retained a professional firm, Dewey and Kaye, to assist with the search for our new vice president of programs.



NPP Day Marks Ten Years!

Two Nonprofits Honored

The Nonprofit Partnership recently hosted its 10th annual Nonprofit Day when nearly 400 nonprofit executives and board trustees gathered for an exciting and rejuvenating day of professional development and education.

As part of the day, the Nonprofit Partnership honored **Asbury Woods Nature Center** with the Charles H. Bracken Excellence in Nonprofit Award. The award is supported by an endowment that provides a grant to the winning nonprofit. This year, Asbury Woods Nature Center will use the \$5,000 grant for capacity building including a marketing plan and donor database updates.

The Nonprofit Partnership also created a contest among the nonprofit community for the best annual report based on the size of the organization. **Saint Mary's Home of Erie** won the first place prize of \$2,500 in the large nonprofit organizations category.



Above: Representing the Asbury Woods Partnership and Asbury Woods Nature Center are: Peggy Richardson, president, Attorney Mark Shaw, president-elect, and Brian Winslow, director. They accepted the Bracken Award from Bob Wooler.



Left: Bob Wooler, center, director of The Nonprofit Partnership, presented the award to Anthony Allegretto, left, Saint Mary's director of Marketing and Kim McCaslin, right, Saint Mary's Director of Development.

Christmas 2010 will be Brighter Thanks to the Erie Women's Fund

On the morning of Dec. 25, 2010, less-fortunate children will have a fortunate Christmas thanks to the efforts of the Erie Women's Fund. "We decided to make a gift to the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network at our upcoming holiday gathering on Dec. 9 at the Plymouth, when we will present Sr. Mary Hermann with a check," said Janet Peters, chairperson of The Erie Women's Fund. "Sr. Hermann and her committee will identify the neediest families, purchase gifts and distribute them to the children in their network."

On another note, the Erie Women's Fund hosted their fourth annual meeting this past October, where the keynote speaker, Claire Gaudiani, Ph.D., discussed the long history of women and philanthropy. PNC Wealth Management and The Erie Community Foundation sponsored the event at the Sheraton Hotel. More than 75 women enjoyed her lecture and Ms. Gaudiani gave every woman a copy of her book entitled *The Greater Good, How Philanthropy Drives the American Economy and Can Save Capitalism*. If you are interested in learning more about the Erie Women's Fund, please call Donna Buseck at (814) 454-0843.



At the recent Erie Women's Fund Annual Meeting are: Vickie Lampe of PNC Bank, Janet Peters, Erie Women's Fund Chairperson, and in the back row: recording secretary Donna Buseck, keynote speaker Claire Gaudiani, Ph.D., and Erie Women's Fund member Penny Austin. Dr. Gaudiani spoke to a group of more than 75 philanthropic women.



Kevin Moore, vice president of stewardship and donor Chuck Rapp at Asbury Woods, one of Rapp's favorite nonprofits that he remembered in his estate plans.

A Donor's Story

Our condolences to the family of Chuck Rapp, who was featured in our annual report and suddenly passed away on Sept. 9.

Mr. Rapp first became friends of the Foundation in October 2009. At the suggestion of his professional advisor, he worked with the Foundation on his estate planning because he had never married, had no children and wanted to leave a community legacy. Using the Foundation to manage his estate gift, Mr. Rapp chose to perpetually support two of his favorite nonprofits: French Creek Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Asbury Woods Partnership.

"We were saddened to learn about Chuck, and we have planted a sugar maple tree in his memory and for his generosity to our organization," said Brian Winslow, executive director of Asbury Woods Nature Center. "I had many conversations with Chuck about what he wanted to accomplish with his wealth. Although all his wishes will be fulfilled, we regret that he left us far too soon," said Kevin Moore, vice president of stewardship. "His vision and thoughtfulness mean that his favored nonprofits will benefit from a permanent funding stream in perpetuity. It just goes to show you that any one of us can make a difference with effective estate planning."

Looking for something fun to do with your family? Enjoy *The Ultimate Gift*.

Join us on **Nov. 10** to see the movie *The Ultimate Gift*, which is a wonderful film that your whole family can enjoy.

As part of the Guelcher Film Festival, The Erie Community Foundation is partnering with the Estate Planning Council of Erie to host a free film viewing of *The Ultimate Gift* on **Nov. 10**. The film will play at **2:15 p.m.** and **7:15 p.m.** at Mercyhurst College's Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center. After the film, please join us for a reception in the art gallery.

The Ultimate Gift is a story about a wealthy grandfather, played by James Garner, who teaches his grandson, played by Drew Fuller, the important things in life such as giving back. The spoiled grandson's life is transformed when he meets a young girl with cancer, played by Abigail Breslin. After the film, we invite you to a reception in the art gallery where you can learn more about effective estate planning.



While the event is free and open to the public, reservations are required by calling the Foundation at (814) 454-0843. We hope you can attend!

Over Two Dozen & Growing

Twenty-five new funds now reside at The Erie Community Foundation thanks to thoughtful donors and smart nonprofits. These new funds impact your community and make a difference where you live, work and play FOREVER.

Thirteen are donor advised funds and 12 are Agency endowment funds as follows:

- ArtsErie United Fund
- Asbury Woods Partnership
- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association
- Community College Fund
- Community Shelter Services
- Drug & Alcohol Coalition
- Edinboro Area Historical Society
- JC Martin Golf Course Restoration Fund
- Multicultural Community Resource Center
- New Hope Fund
- Pay It Forward
- Salvation Army Fund

You can add to the endowment funds that our agency partners have established with us simply by sending a gift to the Foundation for their fund, or you can establish your own named fund by calling Kevin Moore at (814) 454-0843. Visit www.ErieCommunityFoundation.org to see a complete listing of funds housed at The Erie Community Foundation.

Foundation Named Partner of the Year!

For online directory resource project

The Regional Center for Workforce Excellence and the Northwest PA Workforce Investment Board (WIB) recently presented The Erie Community Foundation with the "Partner of the Year Award." This award was given for the Erie Community Foundation's dedication to workforce development, resulting in collaboration with a diversity of partners to plan, implement, and carefully evaluate innovative, strategic solutions to challenges in the Region.

The Erie Community Foundation, in conjunction with NWPA WIB, the Black Family Foundation, Mercyhurst College, and United Way, has spearheaded a new project to create a dynamic mapping system of nonprofit and education providers across the six counties. This online directory will enable both the public and staff in agencies such as PA CareerLink to gain access to comprehensive, up-to-date information on local service providers and nonprofits. This project will be a substantial benefit for our region's efforts to leverage resources and ensure job seekers, youth, nonprofits, and businesses can connect with the resources they need most.

The NWPA WIB also cited other Erie Community Foundation efforts, such as the Foundation's commitment to "Helping Today...Shaping Tomorrow," Erie Vital Signs, Erie Together, ReTool Erie, the Workforce Community Advisory Panel investment in several pivotal WIB pilot programs, the establishment of the Work Certified™ work readiness program and many community workshops.

Foundation Hosts Successful 20th Annual Meeting and Day for You at the Zoo

At Erie Community Foundation's annual meeting, Mike Batchelor gave a report to the community, Shiloh Turner explained our grantmaking strategy and results, Board Trustee Attorney Bob Dwyer unveiled Erie Vital Signs and Board Trustee Attorney Russ Warner recognized our volunteers. Monica Patten, president and CEO of the Community Foundations of Canada was the keynote speaker. Tien Nguyen,



Concertmaster of Young Artists Debut Orchestra performed for the audience.

Congratulations to Bill Hilbert, Sr., who The Erie Community Foundation honored with the Edward C. Doll Community Service Award at the August annual meeting. As part of the honor, Doll's son wanted an endowment created to

provide grants to chosen nonprofits. Hilbert chose to divide the grant between Junior Achievement and Sisters of Saint Joseph Network. Pictured are: Bill Hilbert, Jr., Bill Hilbert, Sr., Sandi Carangi, vice chair of fundraising for Junior Achievement and Mike Batchelor, president, The Erie Community Foundation.

The day after the foundation's annual meeting, more than 800 kids from various nonprofits were treated to a Day for You at the Zoo. The Corry Community Foundation brought a busload of children, many of whom had never been to the Zoo. Right: Chip Colwell, vice chairman of Corry Community Foundation and Kevin Moore served lunch to the kids.



Click and Check Your Statement 24/7

Right this very second, you can access your fund at The Erie Community Foundation through our website. You can check your fund 24 hours a day and seven days a week! Through a few simple clicks, you can take advantage of our user-friendly technology. By the 20th of each month, we update your fund statement so you can have the most current information to make your philanthropic gifts.

Also, by now, if you have a fund with The Erie Community Foundation, you should have received a User ID and password for your account. Only one "primary" ID and password was issued per fund. You may choose to share your user ID and password with others in your family or you may request a second ID for an annual fee of \$25.

As a value-add, you can also now make online credit card gifts to any agency endowment fund at the Foundation via the Donate Today portion of our website. You can make grant recommendations online and see a history of grants and gifts to the agency fund any time of day or night. Best of all 100 percent of your gift goes directly to your favorite nonprofit.

If you have any questions or if you would like to establish a fund, please call Kevin Moore at (814) 454-0843. We hope that our online access is intuitive and easy to use.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 10

Ultimate Gift Film, 2:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.
Mercyhurst College's Mary D'Angelo
Performing Arts Center
*Sponsored by the Estate Planning Council of Erie
and The Erie Community Foundation as part of the
Guelcher Film Festival*

Nov. 18

NPP Event: Building Your Online Community
9 a.m.–Noon
For more information call (814) 454-8800

Nov. 19

"B & B" Breakfast and Briefing, 7:45 a.m.,
Reservations required, (814) 454-8800

Dec. 9

NPP Event: By-laws: The Board's Framework
for Action, 8:30–10:30 a.m.
For more information call (814) 454-8800

Dec. 9

Erie Women's Fund Holiday Gathering at
the Plymouth

Dec. 14

NEW! Online Grant Applications Due and Grant
Writing Workshop
To RSVP call (814) 454-0843

Dec. 15

NPP Event: Cash and Capital: A Looming Crisis
for the Nonprofit Community, 9 a.m.–Noon
For more information call (814) 454-8800

Dec. 31

Last chance to have your charitable gifts
submitted for 2010. The Erie Community
Foundation will be open on New Year's Eve.