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Erie Gives August 2!



In celebration of The Erie Community Foundation's 75th Anniversary, The Foundation is hosting an exciting, community-wide day of giving called Erie Gives. On **Tuesday, August 2** from **8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**, you can make an online donation to your favorite nonprofits by visiting www.ErieGives.org. The Foundation will then enhance each gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made. The Foundation will divide a total of \$75,000 among the participating nonprofits. The more a nonprofit raises, the more of the \$75,000 the nonprofit will receive.

"The goals of Erie Gives are to encourage philanthropy to a younger generation of donors, to increase online giving and utilization of social media, to provide added value to The Nonprofit Partnership members and to help celebrate our 75th anniversary," said Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation.

To participate, nonprofits must be members of The Nonprofit Partnership. The minimum gift is \$25. No checks will be accepted. Erie Gives is modeled after similar philanthropic days in Pittsburgh and Seattle.



Lucky winners! As part of The Erie Community Foundation's 75th Anniversary, a handful of envelopes were hidden under the seats in the audience. Lucky winners who were able to make a \$750 grant to their favorite nonprofit included, from left, Sr. Phyllis McCracken, Jill Kahle, Sr. Bernadette Bell, Tom Fuhrman, Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, Tom New, Sr. Anne Wambach, and Robin Washek. (Not pictured is Pat Yahn.) Some chose to distribute their \$750 grant to more than one agency. The winning nonprofits included: Crime Victim Center, Erie City Mission, Erie Dawn, House of Mercy, Humane Society of Northwest PA, Lake Erie Region Conservancy, Neighborhood Art House, Safenet, Second Harvest Food Bank, St. Mary's Home of Erie and WQLN.

ANNUAL MEETING: Record Crowd Celebrates 75 Years of Giving!

For the third consecutive year, attendance at The Erie Community Foundation's annual meeting broke another record with more than 550 guests. Celebrating 75 years of giving, The Foundation unveiled anniversary surprise projects, including Erie Gives and the Bayfront Beautification Project. "This is an exciting year because we are marking 75 years of giving in our community. We can't thank our donors and volunteers enough," said Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation.

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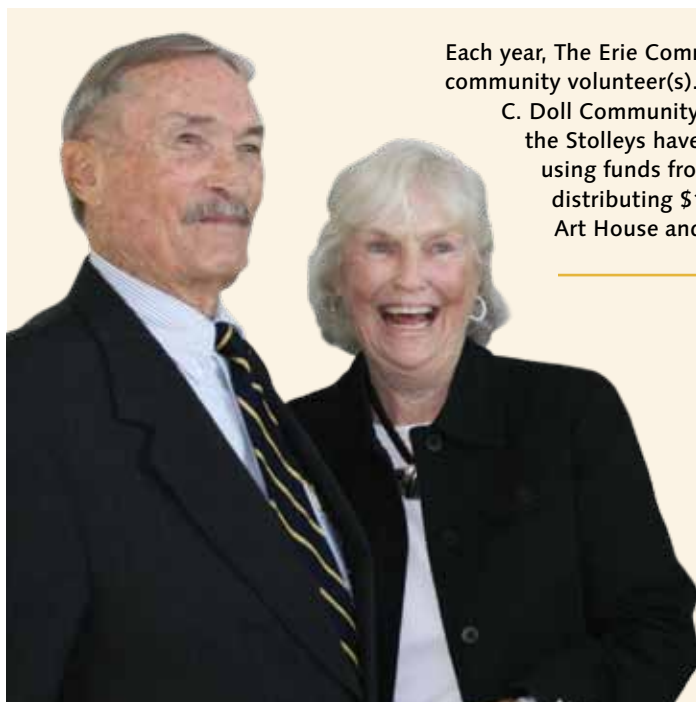
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At the meeting, B.J. Lechner, chairman of the board, gave the audience an update of 2010 and the direction of The Foundation. Terry Cavanaugh, president and CEO of Erie Insurance, discussed how philanthropy is vital to a community, including Erie Insurance's long history of community giving. Tim Shuttleworth, board trustee, presented the progress of Erie Vital Signs, and Anne Sekula, vice president of Programs, discussed the Erie Vital Signs signature project of School Based Health Centers. Maryann Yochim, board trustee, thanked Foundation volunteers and donors. Attorney Bob Dwyer, board trustee, presented the 75th Anniversary Project that

will impact the "look" of the Erie Community by beautifying Erie's Bayfront.



"Our annual meeting is information-packed and always a celebration of the many community partnerships and good nonprofit work supported by generous donors seeking a better quality of life for all," Batchelor said.



Each year, The Erie Community Foundation recognizes philanthropy by honoring a community volunteer(s). This year, board trustee Phil Tredway presented the Edward C. Doll Community Service Award to Jim and Maggie Stolley. As part of the honor, the Stolleys have the opportunity to make grants to their favorite nonprofits using funds from the Edward C. Doll Endowment. They made three grants by distributing \$14,100 among Hamot Second Century Foundation, Neighborhood Art House and the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Edward C. Doll Community Services Honorees:

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| 1992 Laura Wallerstein | 2002 Dr. George D'Angelo |
| 1993 Jack Quinn | 2003 Cheryl and Tom Vicary |
| 1994 Virginia McGarvey | 2004 Al Duval |
| 1995 William F. Grant | 2005 F. Brady Louis |
| 1996 William C. Bloomstine | 2006 James Spiegel |
| 1997 William A. Schuster | 2007 Donald S. Leslie, Jr. |
| 1998 Cochran Sisters | 2008 Ray L. McGarvey |
| 1999 Dr. Vincent Jenco | 2009 Susan Hirt Hagen |
| 2000 Charles H. Bracken | 2010 William M. Hilbert, Sr. |
| 2001 Del A. Caryl | 2011 Maggie and Jim Stolley |

In 2010, your Erie Community Foundation:

- Disbursed 1,589 grants totaling over \$7.7 million
- Received 1,532 gifts totaling \$11.99 million

Special thanks to our lead sponsor, Erie Insurance, and our sponsors Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and GE Transportation. The following vendors shared their talents by providing a discount for their services: Dale Evanoff Videography, Haines Printing, Icing on the Lake, Larese Floral Design, McCarty Printing, Tim Rohrbach Photography and Tungsten Creative Group.



Over 200 people enjoyed the Business After Hours Chamber event, which was jointly sponsored by United Way of Erie County and The Erie Community Foundation. Mike Batchelor and Bill Jackson welcomed the crowd.

Conference Takes on Brain Gain, Drain and Higher Education in Erie



Convinced that the Erie region is hemorrhaging young professionals? The results of a recent study might prove otherwise. Dr. James Kurre, associate professor of economics at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, will release his findings at this year's Economic Research Institute of Erie (E.R.I.E) Conference. The conference, "*Brain Gain and Brain Drain: The Importance of Higher Education and Erie's Creative Class*," will be held **Monday, July 25**, beginning at 8 a.m at Penn State Behrend.

"This is the institute's ninth conference dedicated to the economic health of the Erie region, and due to the nature of the topic, Vital Signs partners are sponsors," said Anne Sekula, vice president of Programs. "Not only will good dialogue take place, but action items will be implemented."

Vital Signs is a collaboration of The Erie Community Foundation, The Nonprofit Partnership, United Way of Erie County and the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership. Brain gain is one of eight key indicators Erie Vital Signs plans to monitor in the next decade.

Details of the Day:

Dr. Kurre, director of E.R.I.E., conducted the Brain Gain/Brain Drain study using 10 years of data (2000-2009) on 17,000 graduates of Penn State Behrend, Gannon University and Edinboro University—students' hometowns, where they are now, and how those geographical choices relate to their educational and demographic characteristics. Results compare graduates' majors, GPA, gender and race, offering a snapshot of which demographics are more likely to stay or leave. Dr. Kurre will also report on the current state of Erie's economy and higher education in the Erie area.

Featured speaker **Dr. Jaison Abel**, a senior economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, will discuss how higher education and human capital impact a region's economic development. The lunch speaker, **Steven Pedigo**, director of research for Richard Florida's The Creative Class Group, will present "Why Place Matters for Erie." Pedigo will discuss the concept of a creative class—the diverse mix of people and occupations in a particular area—and how that creative class impacts the local economy, with an emphasis on the importance of higher education.

New to this year's conference are voluntary afternoon breakout sessions to discuss The Creative Class Group's concept of the Four T's—talent, technology, tolerance and territorial assets. The sessions will focus on Erie's circumstances relative to brain gain, brain drain, higher education, and what our community can do.

To register, call **(814) 898-7149** or visit www.ERIEdata.org. Cost includes conference materials, the latest edition of The E.R.I.E. Guide to the Erie Economy, plus breakfast and lunch.



Pictured are: Karen Euliano, Sue Weber, Amy Gierlak and Nedra Lehrian

Summer Sparks Golf Fundraising

In the spirit of giving back and the summer, various golf events take place benefiting local nonprofits. In June, the Ladies Member Guest at Kahkwa hosted a golf tournament raising \$6,000 for Erie Dawn, Emmaus Soup Kitchen and Erie City Mission.

In July, two fundraising tournaments took place at the J.C. Martin Course to benefit the J.C. Martin Restoration Fund at The Erie Community Foundation.



Officers of the Young Erie Professionals (YEP) presented a \$1,000 check to The Erie Community Foundation for the Next Gen Endowment Fund which encourages the next generation of community philanthropists to become more educated and involved in the needs of our community. Pictured with Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation are YEP officers Katie Pool, Jason Wiczorek and Jeff Evans, Jr.

Social Capital Study Results Revealed

One of the eight topical Vital Signs areas is Community and Civic Engagement, which measures voter turnout, crime, family and social supports, volunteerism and social capital. Social capital is a community's set of trust, norms, and networks upon which members of a community may draw to solve social problems. "We benchmarked our community's social capital in order to track progress of Vital Signs," said Anne Sekula, vice president of Programs. "We commissioned the Mercyhurst Center for Applied Politics to survey Erie County residents and compare results to other surveyed communities of the Harvard Social Capital Benchmark Study."

A brief summary of the report shows Erie County measures of social capital across the board are higher or comparable with peer counties and the U.S. as a whole. Erie County residents are exceptionally social. More than half (58 percent) have visited or been visited by a relative at least twice per month during the past 12 months, while 60 percent had friends to their home at least once a month. Forty-two percent get together at least once per month to play cards or board games, and 28 percent socialize with coworkers at least once per month. Not surprisingly, faith-based engagement among Erie County residents is high. More than two-thirds (69 percent) of respondents indicated they were a member of a church, synagogue or other religious/spiritual community, and

52 percent have taken part in some activity, such as bible study, associated with a church during the past 12 months.

"Civic and political engagement has long been recognized as a key indicator of the civic health of a community, and this is one area where we can improve," said Sekula. While Erie has relatively high voter registration and turnout, the unconventional forms of full democratic participation, such as signing petitions, attending rallies, working on a community project, and attending a march, are practiced by far fewer Erie County residents. Two-thirds of survey respondents never attended a public meeting involving town or school affairs.

"The signs are telling us Erie County has many of the right elements to be able to capitalize on an engaged community: a healthy level of current volunteer activity, high levels of social capital, many opportunities offered by an abundance of civic organizations, nonprofits, and churches, and a healthy mix of civic spirit and pride," said Sekula. "Vital Signs will help us maintain focus on key community issues, and objective data clearly demonstrates where we succeed and where we can improve and focus our grantmaking to make a difference." To view full study results, visit www.ErieVitalSigns.org.

At the first quarter grant reception hosted by the Erie Art Museum, The Erie Community Foundation distributed 265 grants totaling more than \$1.4 million on behalf of local donors as follows:

- 22 Cultural Vitality and Community & Civic Engagement nonprofits: \$311,976
- 5 urgent grants: \$49,390
- 3 Shaping Tomorrow grants: \$204,000
- 235 donor-directed grants: \$852,300

The funded projects line up with Erie Vital Signs. One of the largest grants was made to the Erie Art Museum for its capital campaign building expansion. Pictured at the Erie Art Museum are: Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation, John Vanco, director of the Erie Art Museum and Anne Sekula, vice president of Programs. To see a complete listing of grant recipients, please visit www.ErieCommunityFoundation.org.



Foundation awards \$543,000 in scholarships to 420 students

This past June, The Erie Community Foundation presented scholarships in the amount of \$543,000 to 420 students at a special scholarship reception. The keynote speaker, Judge Susan Paradise Baxter, inspired the young students by presenting them with brand new dollar bills which symbolized the jumpstart of their college and professional careers.

"We are very proud to partner with our donors to create and support the higher education goals of our young people," said Kevin Moore, vice president of Stewardship. As of today, 56 different scholarship funds are housed within The Foundation, 22 within the Corry Community Foundation and two at both The North East Community Foundation and The Union City Community Foundation, for a total of 82 scholarships. All can be viewed at www.ErieCommunityFoundation.org.

Each scholarship is distinct and recipients are selected in accordance with criteria established by the donor. "By coordinating donors' preferences, investing funds and administering the selection process, we are able to maximize the impact of our donors' scholarship funds," Moore said.



At the scholarship event, The Foundation recognizes and thanks the donors for choosing to build a scholarship fund at The Foundation and provides an opportunity for them to meet the scholarship recipients and their parents. "When you see the donors connect with their scholars, it's rewarding," Moore added. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, please contact Kevin Moore at (814) 454-0843.

Have You Considered Your Legacy?

Few of us are as far-sighted as Ben Franklin, but most of us do want to leave a legacy, either to our children, to our favorite nonprofits or to both. You simply have to choose what works best for you. One option is to set up an endowment within The Erie Community Foundation, which lets you distribute your money according to your guidelines... forever. You receive the tax deductions in the years you make donations. The Foundation is responsible for administrative details.

Start with the following questions when thinking about your legacy:

1. What is my most important long-term goal?
2. What should I know about taxes?
3. What will I do with my estate?

To learn more, please visit www.ErieCommunityFoundation.org or call Kevin Moore at (814) 454-0843.



FOUNDATION HELPS DONOR REACH GOAL

Spending warm summer days sailing on Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay is a favorite pastime of many in the Erie area. Yet, not all Erieites have the ability to enjoy the waters, something that Dr. Douglas Nagle, Jr. wanted to change.

In 2001, Dr. Nagle, Jr. created the Dr. Douglas B. Nagle, Jr. Sailing Fund at The Erie Community Foundation. This fund provides scholarships to Erie area children to participate in sailing camps and learn how to sail at the Bayfront Maritime Center. The fund also helps those with special needs participate in the Erie Adaptive Sailing Experience (EASE). "We have been very grateful that this fund was established by the Nagle Family," said Rich Eisenberg, director of the Bayfront Maritime Center. "The kids love to experience the thrill of adventure on Presque Isle Bay."

"Even though Dr. Nagle, Jr. passed away, his interest and love of sailing and the desire to open up that world to others inspired the creation of the Sailing Fund, which will be here forever," said Mike Batchelor, president of The Erie Community Foundation. "That is the power and perpetuity of an endowment."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 21** Erie Women's Fund
Membership Appreciation Evening
- July 21** Second Quarter Grant Reception
- Aug. 2** Erie Gives!
- Aug. 3** Early Childhood Education
CAP Meeting
- Aug. 12** Day for You at the Zoo
- Aug. 17** Workforce CAP Meeting
- Aug. 31** Grantwriting Workshop
- Sept. 7** Healthcare CAP Meeting
- Sept. 30** Pre K-12 Education & Brain Gain online
grant applications due
- Oct. 3** Health & Environment Grants
announced
- Oct. 5** Erie Women's Fund Annual Meeting
- Oct. 12** Nonprofit Partnership Day
- Oct. 18** Third Quarter Grant Reception

