

Clearfield County Charitable Foundation Awards Local Grants

The Clearfield County Charitable Foundation recently awarded grants to 27 local community agencies and organizations.

This year the Foundation gave out over \$18,000. The grant recipients were selected through a competitive review process from all applications submitted from throughout Clearfield County.

According to Kevin McMillen, Foundation President, "the Foundation has reached an asset size that allows us to continue to increase the amount of money we distribute, through our competitive grant program, to Clearfield County charities. Thanks to all who have generously given (donations) to the Foundation."

This year's recipients are:

- Agape Community Services in DuBois got \$500 for a Fresh Start program to teach money management skills.
- The Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund in State College got \$500 to provide gift cards for food to Clearfield County cancer patients.
- Bucktail Council, Boy Scouts of America, DuBois got \$500 for a nutritional and exercise program to combat childhood obesity.
- Catholic Charities Adoption Services in DuBois got \$500 for a pregnancy and parent support program.
- Children's Aid Society, Clearfield, received \$500 to help them repair their playground.
- Clearfield Arts Studio Theatre (CAST), Clearfield, got \$500 for their Seeds of Art Summer Camp.
- Clearfield County League on Social Services received \$500 for professional development classes for the public.
- The Clearfield County Cancer Support Group received \$500 to provide support to area cancer patients.
- Curwensville High School Local History Class got \$500 to create local history signs about the Pennsylvania Bucktails for Rails to Trails.
- Curwensville-Pike Township Historical Society got \$500 to help with the renovations of their museum at the Korb House.
- DuBois Area Historical Society got \$400 to build shelving to store large books, manuscripts and maps.
- DuBois Concert Association received \$500 for a student outreach program.
- DuBois Nursing Home Auxiliary received \$500 to provide gifts and a Christmas party for residents.
- Friends of Curwensville Lake got \$500 to repair their pavilions and restrooms.
- Glen Richey Fireman's Recreational Park got \$500 to create another baseball field at their park.
- Grampian Lions Club received \$500 to provide hearing aids and glasses to people without insurance.

- Greater Clearfield Area Chamber of Commerce will get \$500 for a program to help educate 8th grade students in the Clearfield School District about employment opportunities in the area.
- Haven House, DuBois, got \$500 to help build a gazebo at their facility.
- Living Bread Ministries in Clearfield received \$500 for a refrigerator for their facility.
- Orphans of the Storm in Curwensville received \$500 for their pet spay and neuter program.
- Penn Highlands Clearfield got \$500 for a clinical simulation center for healthcare students.
- The Salvation Army posts in Clearfield and DuBois will each receive \$500 for their Ark of Learning programs.
- Serving Hands Ministry in DuBois got \$350 to provide support for elderly residents who need help with lawn work and maintenance for their home.
- Susquehanna River Arts Center of Clearfield County (SRACC) received \$385 for Clearfield School District students to paint murals in Downtown Clearfield.
- West Branch Elementary School was awarded \$500 for their Summer READ Challenge program.

These grants were made possible from money held by the foundation in its Community Fund and the CCL Donor Designated Fund for organizations in Clearfield Borough/Curwensville Borough/Lawrence Township.

These funds were established for the specific purpose of making grants to worthwhile projects benefiting Clearfield County communities.

The total amount given this year includes \$5,300 for four groups in Osceola Mills from the Sara Jane Mattern Fund. Each year the Osceola Mills United Methodist Church, the Columbia Fire Company, the Osceola Mills Historical Society and Library are eligible to apply for these funds.

The CCCF itself is a local charitable endowment that funds charities within Clearfield County allowing them to grow and benefit the local community forever. It provides a simple way to fulfill multiple charitable interests while keeping administrative expenses to a minimum. All funds go to the local charities.

Currently the Foundation has 44 different funds including many local charitable groups and 12 scholarship funds. As of December 2017, the Foundation's assets have a market value close to \$4 million.

Contributions to the Community Fund, the CCL Donor Designated Fund, the Mattern Fund or any of the foundation's endowment funds may be made at the website www.clearfieldcharitablefoundation.org through Paypal or can be mailed to: P.O. Box 1442, Clearfield PA 16830.

Anyone interested in starting a fund can call 592-7331.