The Mission of the Foundation is:
To create a vibrant future for Delaware County by promoting generosity in and for the people of our county, improving the well-being of our residents, and energizing participation and partnership across our communities.

The Foundation for Delaware County is one of more than 800 community foundations across the United States. A community foundation is a charitable organization created by and for a community of people. Community foundations are leaders in promoting and encouraging philanthropy and in addressing issues that improve the quality of life in a specific geographic area. We are here for the long term, working with people like you who want to make a difference in Delaware County now and forever. We are a driving force in philanthropy, creating opportunities for you and your charitable neighbors by:

INVESTING AND MANAGING
charitable funds created by local individuals, families and organizations

HELPING DONORS
bring their philanthropic vision to life, creating a legacy for years to come

STRENGTHENING NONPROFITS
through charitable grants, training and other resources

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP
and insight on important issues in our region

What Can the Foundation Do for You?
No matter what your role is in our community, we are here to help you make an impact. Together, we are a greater force for good.

DONOR
ADVISOR
NONPROFIT
COMMUNITY

LOCAL EXPERTISE
PERSONAL SERVICE
COMMUNITY CONVENER

DEEP ROOTS
EXPERT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
INSPIRING CREATIVITY

FLEXIBLE GIVING OPTIONS
TAX BENEFITS
LASTING IMPACT
Dear Delaware County Supporter and Partner,

A recent Delaware County financial report states that the county’s unemployment rate is below the state average, and yet there are 17,000 children living in abject poverty. Several promising economic projects are in development around the county, but more than 1,000 Delaware County teens (17 percent) will not graduate from high school in four years — if at all. We’re a vibrant, diverse county with tremendous opportunities, but inequities inhibit us from moving forward.

Mindful of these realities, this year was an ambitious one for The Foundation for Delaware County. In addition to operating several public health programs that serve over 10,000 Delaware County residents each year, we awarded more than $1.5 million in grants, scholarships and charitable care. Our review of the funding requests served as a reminder of the impact and when we bring different community partners together that impact can be exponential.

With an eye to do more than investing grant dollars in FY19, we commissioned a study of the training needs of our county’s nonprofits. Nonprofit representatives expressed a desire for management training, business development and peer support. A program tailored to these needs is now in the works. Stay tuned!

We’ve also explored a variety of cooperative relationships with other funders, including county government and other area foundations. To promote collaboration and share information, we convened the Delaware County Funders Group. Meeting topics have included the 2020 Census, improving college access services in Delaware County, and how philanthropy can best strengthen local nonprofits.

Through our efforts to learn more and increase our impact in Delaware County, we’ve looked for every opportunity to make our donors’ philanthropic efforts as meaningful as possible. If you, a friend, family member, colleague or client plan to set up a charitable fund, trust or private foundation, or revise an estate plan to include charitable giving, please contact us. We can help you find an efficient and affordable way to do so. The foundation is here to assist donors of every size.

Let’s move Delaware County forward together.

Robert N. Speare, Esq.  
Chair, Board of Directors

Frances M. Sheehan  
President

Delaware County by the Numbers

Delaware County, a suburb of Philadelphia with a population of 560,000, consists of 49 municipalities with residents who have a strong sense of community pride. It is a county of towns, suburbs and countryside immediately adjacent to — and intimately connected with — the nation’s sixth largest city, Philadelphia. The county is densely settled, the fifth most populous in the Commonwealth, yet the third smallest in land area.

It is also a county with residents who face serious challenges. While the county is ranked fourth-highest in the Commonwealth in per capita income, it is home to more than 50,000 people living in poverty and to neighborhoods where multigenerational poverty is endemic. Although the county compares well with peers nationally on many measures — from educational attainment to primary care access — it ranks unfavorably on a range of others, including certain crimes, teen pregnancy, low birth weight, death from HIV, heart disease and stroke.

For Delaware County’s 560,000 residents:

These numbers are just a few of the statistics that have been guiding the foundation’s grantmaking priorities. We’re here to help generous Delaware County residents, nonprofits and other philanthropists and funders address the needs of the county.

*Quality of life measures include those living in poor or fair health, the number of poor physical and mental health days, and the number of babies born with low birthweight.
Charity Begins at Home: Mary and Harry LeFever Family Fund

Children in Delaware County are enjoying opportunities they wouldn’t have had without the generosity of Mary LeFever.

Mary LeFever has lived in Delaware County all her life. She and her husband, Harry, who were both teachers, lived on a modest income. After attending a workshop about Maria Montessori and her approach to education, Mary was inspired to establish The Walden School, which opened in 1967 and continues to serve students from pre-school through grade 8 in its current location on Providence Road in Media. Mary was supported in her efforts by a friend who believed in her vision and shared her philanthropic spirit.

Mary has always felt that charity begins at home and is devoted to giving back to Delaware County where she can see how her favorite charities are having an impact. Approaching her 90th birthday, Mary recently decided it was time to involve her three daughters — Denyse, Michele and Colette — in planning her legacy and passing her generous spirit on to her children and grandchildren.

Discussions first focused on establishing a family foundation. However, after some thorough research, Mary and her daughters decided that starting a fund at a community foundation would be the best option for their family, leaving legal and administrative tasks to the foundation. When Mary and her daughter Michele learned about the foundation, they knew it would be the ideal partner to fulfill Mary’s philanthropic goals and dreams now and in the future. Mary decided to establish a donor-advised fund to support the causes most important to her, including the longevity of the Walden School, Delaware County Community College where Harry worked, the Alzheimer’s Association (Harry passed from Alzheimer’s in 2008), Untours Foundation and more.

Mary is grateful that she has three daughters who want to support her wishes and continue her legacy. With our donor-advised fund, our family can support other families who haven’t been blessed with the same opportunities as my family.”

How You Can Partner With Us to Create Opportunities for Delaware County

The foundation is dedicated to helping you support the causes you care about. We offer several types of funds and can help you establish one that will allow you to choose when to give, how much to give and for what purpose.

For example, a donor-advised fund (DAF) is a flexible vehicle that allows you to take an active part in grantmaking. If your interests change over time, your grantmaking can, too. You can make recommendations about grants to any qualified nonprofits in Delaware County or throughout the country. You can partner with us to focus on the causes and projects you care about, tapping into our expertise in the local nonprofit community.

If you wish to involve your children in your philanthropy, like Mary LeFever, a DAF offers a less expensive alternative than creating a private family foundation, and it demonstrates the importance of providing for the future of our community. Because you recommend grants to the organizations most meaningful to you, a DAF is an especially personal way to make an impact on our community and people in need — now and in the future.

Whether you care deeply about the arts, health care, education, human services, the environment, or another cause, we have flexible giving options that can help you do good in the communities you love. To learn more about the funds we offer, please see the inside back cover and call us to learn about giving opportunities in Delaware County. Contact Ellen Grill at egrill@delcofoundation.org or 610.744.1015.

Giving Now and for the Future: Creating Your Legacy for Delaware County

The foundation was created to promote and facilitate charitable giving and to build a permanent endowment for the community. While our community grantmaking is focused on Delaware County, charitable funds created by donors may support nonprofit organizations anywhere in Pennsylvania or the country.

Bequests are among the most popular forms of planned giving. A bequest allows you to make a provision in your will or living trust for a gift to the foundation. This gift may be a specified dollar amount or percentage of your estate. It can be unrestricted or established as a named fund of your choice. Bequests enable you to reduce your estate taxes while supporting your community.
Creating Opportunities for Impact With Strategic Grantmaking

The foundation supports its grantmaking partnerships with a growing, permanent charitable endowment for Delaware County. We invest that endowment wisely for the long term, and each year we use a portion of the endowment, supplemented by generous charitable contributions from people like you, to make gifts to nonprofits serving our community.

A Request for Proposals in April 2018 launched the foundation’s first competitive grantmaking effort. The grants awarded in October 2018 helped advance the foundation’s goal to improve the well-being of residents in Delaware County. In all, we awarded $1,165,000 to 42 nonprofit organizations through the competitive grantmaking cycle. An additional $335,000 was awarded through grants, scholarships and charitable support from other restricted funds at the foundation.

FY19 Grants Awarded / Investing in Partnerships for Exponential Impact

To improve physical and behavioral health services for Delaware County’s children:

- Chester Arts and Cultural Center Corporation $20,000
- UAC/Chester Community Coalition $47,500
  - 3-year grant
- From the Estate of Frances Dunn Cherry $30,000
- Chester Eastside, Inc. $10,000
  - 2-year grant
- Chester Upland Youth Soccer $15,000
- Child Guidance Resource Centers $25,000
  - From the Estate of Frances Dunn Cherry $32,000
- Delaware County Board of Fire and Life Safety $32,000
  - From the Thomas Wolther EMS Training Fund and Restricted Funds for Burn Treatment and Education

- Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc. $45,000
- EasterSeals of Southeastern Pennsylvania $20,000
- The Elwyn Foundation $20,000
- Family Support Line of Delaware County $45,000
  - 3-year grant
- J. Lewis Crozer Library $20,000
- Kids Smiles $25,000
- Public Citizens for Children and Youth $7,500
- Vetri Foundation for Children (Vetri Community Partnership) $10,000

Give Kids a Smile

Nearly 11 percent of Delaware County children did not receive a dental exam in the last year, the highest rate in the five-county region. Many children don’t see a dentist because they do not have health insurance. Students with poor oral health are three times more likely to miss school because of dental pain. Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY) is trying to close this gap. During the week of April 15, they enlisted nine dentists from the region to provide free dental care to at least 170 Delaware County children at the 2019 Give Kids a Smile event with funds provided by the foundation.

To support preventive health services for vulnerable and low-income Delaware County residents:

- ChsPenn Health Services $60,000
- Community Volunteers in Medicine $20,000
- Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA $25,000
  - Restricted Funds for Cancer Related Care
- Unite For Her $35,000
  - Funded from Girls’ Night Out and Restricted Funds for Cancer Related Care
- Widener University $20,000

To support advocacy and systems change for improved health service delivery for Delaware County’s children:

- CASA Youth Advocates, Inc. $100,000
  - 2-year grant
- Pennsylvania Health Law Project $35,000
- Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children $20,000
- Public Citizens for Children and Youth $25,000
  - Partially Funded by the Emergency Medicine-Toxicology Fund

To address Delaware County’s substance use including the opioid epidemic:

- Be Proud Foundation $60,000
  - 3-year grant
- City Team $15,000
- Mid-Atlantic Mothers’ Milk Bank $10,000

Driving Delaware County forward:

- WHYY Underwriting reporting on Delaware County $25,000

Preparing Delaware County’s students for success in college:

- Chester Education Foundation $50,000
- Delaware County Community College $20,000
- CCSA Foundation (formerly The Chester Fund for Education and the Arts) $40,000

Partnering with Delco Arts and WHYY

Delco Arts Week

A gift made to the Greater Philadelphia Culture Alliance helped launch the first ever inaugural Delco Arts Week in Sept. 2019 with over 70 events at more than 30 venues throughout the county.

WHYY

It’s not so easy to get local news these days. To provide additional news reporting in Delaware County, the foundation initiated a new relationship this year with WHYY Public Radio. We underwrite their Delaware County reporting and inform listeners about the many opportunities offered by the foundation to invest in our community.
Community Volunteers in Medicine and Surrey Services
Partner to Invest in Seniors

Three years ago, Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) identified low fixed-income, uninsured/under-insured senior citizens as having the greatest unmet need for access to affordable dental care in our region. To increase access to preventative and restorative dental services for seniors, CVIM leveraged a community partnership with Surrey Services to create a satellite dental office at one of the Surrey locations. All seniors have free, convenient access to a dental hygienist and dentist in a place the seniors frequent for meals, programs and learning.

With a grant from the foundation, CVIM at Surrey Senior Services was able to expand their outreach and extend the hours of the dental hygiene program to serve additional at-risk seniors in Delaware County.

To support and improve access to hospice and homecare services in Delaware County:

- With funding from Restricted Funds for Hospice and Home Care, including The Philadelphia Foundation’s Delaware County Home Care Fund: Main Line Health Homecare & Hospice Foundation - $20,000
- Mercy Home Health - $30,000
- Pennsylvania Health Access Network - $20,000
- Surrey Senior Services - $40,000
- Senior Community Services - $48,000
- Wayne Senior Center - $10,000

Strengthening Delaware County’s nonprofit community:

- Boys and Girls Club of Chester - $10,000
- Chester Community Improvement Project - $10,000
- Delaware County Literacy Council - $15,000
- Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia d/b/a Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania - $15,000
- Family Support Line of Delaware County - $10,000
- Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance - $15,000
- Underwriting Delco Arts Week - $15,000
- Media Fellowship House - $15,000
- Riverfront Alliance of Delaware County - $20,000
- The Salvation Army - $15,000

Donor-advised fund grants:

- Girls Night Out - $10,000
- Crozer-Chester Hospitals Medical Staff Fund and Delaware County Memorial Hospital Medical Staff Fund
- Natural Lands - $10,000
- Albright Family Charity Fund

The Pennsylvania Ballet - $5,000
Alice and Walter Strine Fund
Saint John Fisher - $10,000
Catholic Church
Albright Family Charity Fund
Saved Me - $5,000
Albright Family Charity Fund

Other grants and charitable care provided from restricted funds:

- Burn Treatment and Education - $10,696
- Cancer Related Care - $118,839
- Medical and Health Education - $51,643
- Hospice and Home Care - $10,000
- Hospice and Home Care - $21,993

Scholarships:

- Kevin Tighe Memorial Scholarship Awards
  - Hala Abdelmessih
  - Charron Thompson
  - Widerer-Crozer Allied Health Program for Radiologic Technology
  - $1,500

Eva Miller - $10,000
Nursing Scholarships
- Ijesha Innocentia Mduuguwu
- Alyssa ChristineRAFTOWICH
- Delaware County Community College’s Nursing Program
- Mai Lin Chen-Lim
- Wider University School of Nursing

Other charitable and nonprofit support: $14,945

Grand Total Grants, Scholarships and Charitable Care: $1,499,617

For more details about these grants, visit us online: delcofoundation.org

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Partnering to Give Our Neighbors With Cancer the Best Possible Care

With funds provided by generous individuals at events like Girls Night Out, or with the support of other charitable entities like the B.A.C. Cancer Transportation Fund, the foundation helps our neighbors who are living with cancer in a variety of ways. We provide funding for mammograms and screenings for low-income patients, and grants to life-changing nonprofits like Unite for HER.

Since its establishment as a nonprofit organization in 2009, Unite for HER has bridged a gap for breast cancer patients, focusing on wellness initiatives that positively impact their health.

When Unite for HER founder Sue Weldon was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2004, she began searching for information on therapies that would complement the medical treatments she was receiving. Sue recognized an opportunity to provide fully funded support services to women suffering from debilitating side effects and to address their emotional, spiritual and physical needs.

Through the Unite for HER Wellness Day program, breast cancer and ovarian cancer patients learn about the benefits of complementary therapies. The program creates a personal plan for incorporating these services into treatment and recovery. In a small group setting, trained professionals lead discussions on the uses and benefits of acupuncture, massage, Reiki, yoga, meditation, nutrition, professional counseling (including sexual health) and caregiver support. This year, Unite for Her will treat more than 1,800 women in 30 cancer centers, including sites at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital in Darby and Crozer-Keystone Health System in Broomall and Chester.

We are honored to support Unite for Her through our restricted cancer funds and through the Girls’ Night Out (GNO) Women Helping Women with Cancer Fund. Last year in Delaware County, we were able to support 175 women participating in the Unite for Her wellness program.

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Last year’s Girls’ Night Out, a volunteer organization, distributed $55,976 to assist Delaware County women living with cancer.

The foundation is proud to receive support from the Barbara A. Colameco Cancer Transportation Fund, which allows us to provide transportation for cancer patients.

Over the past year, this fund provided 648 rides to help 41 patients in Delaware County get to their needed cancer treatment. The B.A.C. Cancer Transportation Fund was started by Barbara A. Colameco after she learned during her own cancer treatment that some patients were unable to get to their appointments.

If you would like to start a fund to support people with cancer or another important issue close to your heart, please contact Ellen Grill at 610-744-1015.
Opportunities for You to Partner With Us

1. Stay informed and use your voice.

2. Subscribe to our e-newsletter. Sign up at delcofoundation.org or email us at info@delcofoundation.org.

3. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn @delcofdn.

4. Support the foundation and the nonprofits we serve by donating online at delcofoundation.org.

5. Make an impact by investing in Delaware County with your charitable giving. Establish a charitable fund, such as a donor-advised, field of interest, designated or endowment fund with a tax-deductible donation of cash, stock, or other instrument and give to the nonprofits you care about at your own pace. We manage the rest. Contact Ellen Grill at 610-744-1015.

6. Invite us to speak to your organization or community group by contacting Katy Lichtenstein at 610-744-1017.

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