WE ARE ON A MISSION
to build a vibrant future for everyone
ON A MISSION

... to invest in the county through grantmaking
... to inspire and facilitate philanthropy
... to advance public health
... to serve as a convener and catalyst
... to ensure your legacy lives forever
... to expand channels of community engagement

... and so much more

The Foundation for Delaware County invites you to share our commitment to building a vibrant future for everyone by making us your philanthropic home. Our donors support nonprofit organizations in Delaware County, across Pennsylvania and beyond. They are families and individuals, faith communities and corporations, and groups large and small. While interests, passions and investments differ, our donors are all rooted in the core value of generosity.

In fiscal year 2020, The Foundation for Delaware County awarded a total of $1,980,257 in grants, scholarships and charitable support thanks to the many generous contributions we received from residents and businesses. We are grateful to all our donors and look forward to continuing our partnership.

We are here to help you make an impact now and forever. We hope that you will join us in our mission. Together, we are a greater force for good.
Dear Delaware County Supporter and Partner,

It is with optimism and gratitude that we share the work of The Foundation for Delaware County during this year of unprecedented challenges. The foundation is on a mission to meet these challenges head on, building a philanthropic engine powered by you and generous individuals of every giving level. Thank you for inspiring us each day, caring for others so generously at a time when it truly makes a difference.

We began the fiscal year by creating a strategic plan that set ambitious goals and clear direction. We:
- Launched the Center for Nonprofit Excellence to help strengthen our nonprofit sector,
- Created the Housing Stability Program with the generous support of five area companies to address the need for safe and healthy housing for our Healthy Start and Nurse-Family Partnership clients,
- Partnered with the United Way and others to establish, fundraise for, and administer the Delaware County Complete Count Fund for the 2020 census, and
- Worked closely with our county government to establish a county public health department.

And then mid-March arrived with a global pandemic. They say that fortune favors the prepared, and certainly the groundwork we’d laid during our first four years helped us respond immediately. We knew that many Delaware County residents would face tremendous needs as a result of this virus and that our county’s nonprofits would be called on to respond in ways they’d never had to before. Knowing that many nonprofits were already operating with thin financial margins, we launched the Delaware County COVID-19 Response Fund the very day our operations went virtual on March 13.

As this report goes to press, we have raised more than $750,000 for the Response Fund and deployed over $600,000 in grants. Your generosity has made it possible for the many deserving nonprofits listed on page five to respond to the immediate needs of our vulnerable neighbors during the pandemic.

The pandemic isn’t the only virus we must confront. If we are truly to be a community foundation serving our entire county, we need to address the virus of racism. Our strategic plan states clearly that we will “engage fearlessly in open discussions about social and racial inequities that prevent Delaware County from building a brighter future for all.” Our board and staff are committed to serving as leaders and taking action in this effort where we can play a uniquely helpful role.

While it’s easy to feel discouraged at this moment, we encourage you to take a careful look around. We promise that you’ll find inspiration right in your own backyard and in the work we are doing at the foundation.

Help us spread the word. When you encounter others who care about Delaware County, tell them about this community foundation and how we can help them realize their charitable goals. We’re on a mission to help them, to help you and to move Delaware County forward.

Dominic F. Pileggi
Chair, Board of Directors
July 2020–Present

Robert N. Speare
Chair, Board of Directors
July 2018–June 2020

Frances M. Sheehan
President

*As of June 30, 2020

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**Nonprofits Face Unprecedented Challenges**

As the onset of the pandemic, we knew immediately that there would be serious challenges for our Delaware County residents, particularly for senior citizens, Indigenous and people of color, and low-income individuals.

By June, we saw the unemployment rate skyrocket to 14%, up from 4% in February.

Nonprofit organizations serving Delaware County residents stepped up to respond in ways they’d never had to before — and many that did were already under-resourced and stretched by very thin financial margins. The Delaware County COVID-19 Response Fund Advisory Committee deployed grants as quickly as possible to support these nonprofits. Through 13 rounds of funding, the foundation distributed a total of $472,034 to 58 front-line nonprofit organizations (as of June 30, 2020).

These grants helped provide food-insecure families with food boxes and gift cards as well as diapers and essential supplies such as cleaning and basic hygiene products. Funding allowed nonprofits to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for their front-line workers so they could reopen safely. The Response Fund awarded grants to support testing, to distribute important public health information, to acquire the technology needed to service clients virtually, and to conduct healthcare worker support groups.

We are most grateful for the generosity of many donors who dug deep to support our essential nonprofits. Your contributions and encouragement allowed us to provide these grants. Thank you.
Making Sure No One Goes Hungry

Ruth Bennett Community Farm is dedicated to providing access to nutrient-dense foods at affordable prices with the goal of reducing food insecurity in its immediate Chester Housing Authority community and the surrounding neighborhoods. During the summer, six high school students work at the farm. In addition to learning about growing organic produce, the students gain job development skills and entrepreneurial training.

On Thursdays during the summer, the farm hosts a farmers market that sells greens, eggs, fruits and vegetables, flowers and more for neighbors and the public. Because of the pandemic, the farmers market did not open in summer 2020. Thanks to a $30,800 Response Fund grant, Ruth Bennett Farm provided free biweekly boxes of food to residents of the Chester Housing Authority from March through October.

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Supporting Testing and Important Public Health Information

The Urban League of Philadelphia received a $20,000 grant to partner with the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium to provide two testing events in Black neighborhoods in Delaware County, distribute emergency personal protective equipment kits to the community, and provide important fact-based public health information, such as how to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Foundation for Delaware County was aware of how the COVID-19 pandemic was disproportionately impacting the Black community. Testing, care and fact-based resources provided by two Black-led organizations served as a critically important component in closing gaps in access to testing and accurate information.

COVID-19 Response Fund Grant Recipients*

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH $30,800
- Philadelphia Medical Society

COVID-19 TESTING $20,000
- The Urban League of Philadelphia

FOOD AND ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES $257,360
- Andrew L. Hicks Jr. Foundation
- Anna’s Place
- Boys and Girls Club of Chester
- Breathing Room Foundation
- Bringing Hope Home
- Bywood Community Association
- CASA Youth Advocates
- Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Centro de Apoyo Comunitario
- Chester Arts and Cultural Center Corporation
- Chester Eastside
- Cityteam
- Community Options, Inc.
- Drexel Neumann Academy
- Family and Community Service of Delaware County
- Grace Court, Inc., a community of HumanGood East
- Irish Immigration Center
- Jewish Relief Agency
- Keystone Human Services
- Kisses for Kyle Foundation
- Making a Change Group
- Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance (MANNA)
- Mizath Circle
- Multicultural Community Family Services
- Neighbor to Neighbor Community Development Corporation
- Nutritional Development Services
- The Reggie & Paul Shevin Family Foundation
- Philabundance
- Ridley School District
- Salvation Army
- Saint Katherine Drexel Food Pantry
- Senior Community Services
- Valley Youth House
- Wayne Senior Center
- Women’s Resource Center of the Delaware Valley

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL COUNSELING $45,000
- Chester Community Improvement Project
- Clarifi
- Media Fellowship House
- Nationalities Service Center
- SeniorLAW Center
- Service Corps of Retired Executives Association (SCORE)

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) / CLEANING SUPPLIES $76,234
- Boys and Girls Club of Chester
- Child Guidance Resource Centers
- The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence
- Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County
- Clery
- Individuals Aiding in Emergency Foundation
- Mental Health Partnerships
- The Nile Swim Club of Yeadon

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES $30,000
- ALS Association Greater Philadelphia Chapter
- Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Inc.
- Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County
- Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA

TECHNOLOGY $12,640
- Chester Community Coalition
- Family Support Line of Delaware County, Inc.
- Peaceful Living

*As of June 30, 2020

Helping Nonprofits Reopen Safely

The Nile Swim Club of Yeadon

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Investing in Delaware County Through Grantmaking

The foundation invests in Delaware County by supporting nonprofits with missions that align with our own, making grants where we see the greatest unmet need and can have the greatest measurable impact.

Our fiscal year 2020 Impact Grants targeted the root factors influencing health and well-being — treating causes, not just symptoms. These factors include economic stability, education, healthcare and the built environment. By targeting root factors influencing health, we can not only improve individual and population health but also advance health equity.

In total, the foundation distributed $1,157,779 to 50 organizations through our second competitive Impact Grant cycle. An additional $822,478 were awarded through other grants (including grants for the census and from the Response Fund), scholarships, and charitable care support from other restricted funds at the foundation.

2020 IMPACT GRANTS

HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

**Behavioral Health**
- Child Guidance Resource Centers $30,628 to support the professional development of behavioral health clinicians serving children and teens throughout Delaware County.
- Family and Community Service of Delaware County $30,628 to increase the capacity of, access to, and sustainability of behavioral health services for vulnerable clients in Delaware County.
- Transformation Yoga Project $12,000 to support behavioral health services for youth in the Lima Detention Center.

**Services for Cancer Survivors**
- Bringing Hope Home $10,000 to improve the well-being of those impacted by cancer in Delaware County.
- Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA $25,000 to support the LiveStrong cancer survivor program at the YMCA Rocky Run site in Media, PA.

**Children’s Health and Nutrition**
- Boys and Girls Club of Chester $10,000 to support the Healthy Choice-Healthy You program (HC-HY) promoting healthy nutrition and exercise as alternatives to drugs.
- Chester Upland Youth Soccer $15,000 to develop healthy activity habits for over 450+ students living in the Chester-Upland School District.
- Girls on the Run $5,000 to support the emotional and physical health of girls ages 8-14 in Delaware County.
- Kids Smiles $25,000 to provide outreach to over 5,000 Delaware County children in need of dental care.
- Pennsylvania Health Access Network $10,000 to advocate for and improve the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) for children and parents on Medicaid.

**EDUCATION**

**Vocational and Job Training**
- Career Wardrobe $15,000 to provide free professional attire for residents to obtain and maintain employment.
- CCISA Foundation (Chester Charter Scholars Academy) $25,000 to offer intensive early literacy intervention and to provide educational experiences to ensure success beyond high school for Chester students.
- Chester Education Foundation $50,000 to support The Marie and Cynthia Jetter Center for College Access and Career Services for students in the Chester Upland School District.
- College Possible Philadelphia $35,000 for college access services for high school juniors and seniors in the Penn Wood and Upper Darby School Districts.
- Delaware County Literacy Council $25,000 for integrated education and training for immigrants in Delaware County.

**Children’s Health and Nutrition, continued**
- Pennsylvania Health Law Project $30,000 to increase access to medically necessary healthcare for children in Delaware County.
- Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children $25,000 to advocate for increased state funding for evidence-based home visiting and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition services that improve children’s health and development from pregnancy through the early years.
- Public Citizens for Children and Youth $42,523 to advocate for lead screening and oral care for low-income children in Delaware County.
- Partial funding provided by the foundation’s Toxology Fund established by Dr. Dorian Jacobs.

**ON A MISSION to Help Students Thrive**

Education is not just about what is learned in the classroom, it is also about the doors it unlocks to future well-being. Research has shown that a lack of education has a direct correlation with lack of employment, which can lead to long-term economic hardship, social isolation, and poor health.

College Possible and the Chester Education Foundation, two organizations that are preparing young students for the future, were both awarded 2020 Impact Grants to fund college access and career services for students.

College Possible received a $35,000 Impact Grant that will provide students in the Penn Wood and Upper Darby School Districts with personalized coaching and support to find their best-fit colleges and ways to pay for those colleges. Students will be given an opportunity to participate in after-school sessions that include SAT preparation, financial aid consulting, college transition guidance, and financial literacy training. In addition, students commit to attending college campus visits to help them envision themselves on campus and begin the college search process.

Chester Education Foundation (CEF) will use their $50,000 Impact Grant to support The Marie and Cynthia Jetter Center for College Access and Career Services for students in the Chester Upland School District. CEF works with students to increase their academic achievement, on-time graduation rates and post-secondary enrollment rates. CEF has begun to recruit student cohorts in middle school to build relationships and create opportunities so that the students are fully engaged by junior and senior year of high school.
Early Childhood Education

- Delaware County YMCA of Eastern Delaware County
  $25,000 to support early childhood education.
- Easter Seals of Southeastern Pennsylvania
  $20,000 to support early childhood education and therapeutic services for children and families with disabilities or who are at risk for developmental delays.
- Elwyn
  $20,000 to build the capacity of early childhood education in after school programming at Park Lane Elementary School in Darby.
- Episcopal Community Services
  $15,000 to provide high-quality early childhood education in after school programming.
- First Up
  $15,000 to support the early childhood education apprenticeship program to train childcare workers in Delaware County.
- J. Lewis Crozer Library
  $20,000 to improve reading levels and provide direct support for early childhood learners in Chester.
- Neighbor to Neighbor Community Development Corporation
  $10,000 to expand their focus on education, literacy and early childhood development in Delaware County.
- Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation
  $25,000 to strengthen early childhood development and English as a second language for adult immigrants.

First Up works closely with Delaware County Community College to ensure that on-the-job training complements the classroom-based learning portion of the associate's degree coursework.

"Now more than ever, we understand that even our youngest children need high-quality learning," reports First Up Executive Director Carol Austin. "The first five years are critical to development. First Up helps to ensure teachers are qualified and equipped with all the resources they need to support children, and children have teachers that are prepared to support them. It is a win for teachers and children."

The foundation distributed $500,000 through Impact Grants to eight nonprofits providing early childhood education in Delaware County. One of the grantees is First Up, an organization that offers a registered apprenticeship program for early childhood education teachers who are also enrolled in an associate's degree program at an accredited institution. This program supports more than 40 apprentices in Delaware County through a cohort model that helps each apprentice balance the demands of full-time work with their studies, while providing them job training and support.

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Many immigrant seniors face greater health risks because they do not have adequate access to available preventive health and wellness services that could give them a better chance of living longer and enjoying a healthier life.

Multicultural Community Family Services (MCFS) received an $18,000 Impact Grant in support of the new Community Health Connectors Program — a comprehensive initiative that addresses inequalities and access to community healthcare services for immigrant seniors. As part of this program, community health workers provide preventive health outreach, education, care coordination and other support services (including food, housing and financial services) directly to low-income immigrant seniors. With this funding, MCFS will also facilitate community-based conversations and collaborative partnerships to develop creative and effective pathways for culturally and linguistically diverse people to receive equitable access to preventive healthcare services.

MCFS will better support seniors while continuing to remove barriers to accessing the community services they so desperately need, including preventive health, literacy, English as a second language, public transportation and housing services. The grant was awarded to MCFS at a critical time for immigrant seniors whose need for services increased significantly this year.

The following grants were made possible thanks to a $116,000 grant from the Delaware County Home Care Association Fund of the Philadelphia Foundation.

- Community Volunteers in Medicine
  $20,000 to provide dental services at Surrey for Delaware County seniors.
- Multicultural Community Family Services
  $18,000 to support the Community Health Connectors program serving low-income and disengaged immigrant seniors in Delaware County with a multi-level and cross-sector approach.
- Main Line Health HomeCare & Hospice Foundation
  $20,000 to support and improve access to hospice and homecare services in Delaware County.
- Mercy Home Health
  $30,000 to support and improve access to hospice and homecare services in Delaware County.
- Senior Community Services
  $40,000 to provide home-delivered meals, helping to address food insecurity among elderly people in Delaware County.
- Surrey
  $30,000 to support health and wellness activities at their senior centers in Broomall, Havertown and Media.
- Wayne Senior Center
  $10,000 to ensure that vulnerable seniors have access to the information and resources necessary to maintain their health and independence.
ChesPenn Health Services
$60,000 to support the Federally Qualified Health Center’s Complex Care Program, which works to prevent health deterioration and multiple inpatient or emergency room visits.

CASA Youth Advocates, Inc.
$100,000 over two years to launch Delaware County’s Voices for Children, a coalition of human service, government, philanthropic and individual advocates building a comprehensive safety net of services to ensure children’s healthy and safe development.

Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc.
$30,000 to support an IT capacity-building project in order to serve additional domestic violence victims.

Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania
$24,000 to provide high-quality reproductive health services to low-income residents in Delaware County.

The School of Parent Education
$10,000 over two years to support FoodMatters! KIDS, a healthy meal and nutrition education program.
During fiscal year 2020, The Foundation for Delaware County partnered with Philanthropy Network Greater Philadelphia, the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, and the Delaware County Complete Count Committee to form the Delco Counts 2020 Census Action Fund. This partnership was created to support Delaware County organizations in promoting a complete and accurate count of all residents in the 2020 census — a number that’s critical for informing the distribution of millions of dollars in federal funds to Delaware County each year for various programs, including healthcare, education, transportation and more. The Census Action Fund distributed $100,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations working in under-counted communities and neighborhoods to help ensure an accurate count.

**Grants Awarded in January 2020**

- Chester Housing Initiative
- Delaware County Literacy Council
- The Library Foundation of Delaware County
- Multicultural Community Family Services
- The Urban League of Philadelphia
- Widener University

**Grants Awarded in March 2020**

- Centro de Apoyo Comunitario
- Chester Community Improvement Project
- Lansdowne Economic Development Corp. (LEDC)
- The Library Foundation of Delaware County
- Movement of Immigrant Leaders in Pennsylvania (MILPA)
- NAACP Media Area Branch
- Philip Jaisohn Memorial Foundation
- WHYY

Note: A third round of $41,804 was awarded in August 2020.

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**Centro de Apoyo Comunitario**

The team at Centro de Apoyo Comunitario, an organization founded by local Latinx immigrants to serve the Upper Darby immigrant community, knew that ensuring a complete and accurate census count for Upper Darby’s immigrant population would be a challenge. And with the pandemic, their outreach had to shift.

With a $4,400 grant from the foundation, the all-volunteer organization spent time identifying and educating community leaders in under-counted areas of Upper Darby to serve as census ambassadors. Each leader then identified an additional five to 10 families to call and educate on the importance of being counted. The ambassadors helped families fill out the census form if literacy was a barrier. Through this grassroots effort, Centro de Apoyo reached more than 265 households.

**The Library Foundation of Delaware County**

Awarded two grants for census outreach, the Library Foundation provided yard signs, bookmarks, posters and information sheets to 28 libraries in Delaware County. A social media campaign helped to inform Delaware County residents that the census is safe, easy and important to complete and offered special “Delco Counts Day @ the Library” events in the hardest to count areas.

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**Center for Nonprofit Excellence Launches**

Your generous support makes our investment in the strength and impact of Delaware County’s nonprofits possible and will help us grow the Center in the future.

In 2019, the foundation commissioned a study of the training needs of our county’s nonprofit organizations. Participants expressed a desire for management training, business development and peer support. As a result, the foundation established the Center for Nonprofit Excellence to build strong and productive partnerships with Delaware County nonprofits and to address their capacity-building needs.

The foundation launched two peer-learning circles in April 2020, one for executive directors and one for emerging leaders. The circles provide nonprofit leaders in Delaware County with a space for reflective learning, problem-solving, peer connections and individual leadership growth with support from seasoned facilitators and speakers for one year.

This has been a critical resource during the pandemic. In addition, the foundation sponsored two consulting projects that provided each selected nonprofit with six months of strategic guidance from the organization Compass Pro Bono.

In 2020-21, the Center will offer a certificate program in nonprofit management with the Nonprofit Center at LaSalle University’s School of Business for Delaware County nonprofit leaders, as well as convenings for development professionals.

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“I have been a real privilege to gather with such inspiring emerging leaders from across the nonprofit sector for our peer learning circle. Each participant brings a different perspective, a different skillset and a different job description to the group, while offering tremendous insight and perspective. The COVID-19 pandemic has put many of us in survival mode as each of us tries to keep our missions going, our virtual doors open, and our finances secure. Having this outlet to use as a brain trust and a support system has helped me stay hopeful, determined, and focused on the future. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity.”

— Ti Lutter

Director of Development
Child Guidance Resource Centers

“I am grateful to The Foundation for Delaware County for acknowledging the crucial need of capacity-building support for executive directors in Delaware County. The Peer Learning circles have provided a safe space and a strong forum for leaders to share their successes and challenges as we lead our organizations during this challenging time. As a new executive director in Delaware County it has also expanded my network and helped me build relationships with other leaders across the county.”

— Julie Avalos

Executive Director
Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County
Through our public health programs, foundation staff ensure that clients and their families are physically and mentally healthy and that they have access to the services they need to be self-sufficient.

Our clients may face a variety of challenges, including mental health concerns and housing insecurity. This year, the coronavirus pandemic brought many new challenges and struggles.

Even prior to the pandemic, our staff saw a need in the community to not only treat perinatal depression, but to try to prevent it. As a result, our federally-funded Healthy Start program now offers a new service for pregnant women to help prevent postpartum depression. Named ROSE, this evidence-based preventative program provides moms with resources to help manage their stress during and after pregnancy — facilitating successful pregnancies and entry into the next stage of their lives.

With doctor visits decreasing during the pandemic and families experiencing increased isolation, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) has been supporting moms who are pregnant, postpartum, or parenting infants and toddlers with increased telehealth visits from our nurse-home visitors to ensure that physical and mental health needs are being met. The NFP National Service Office has assisted local NFP programs by providing smartphones for clients so they can stay in touch with their case managers and nurse-home visitors and connect to community resources and medical providers.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) staff have been very active during the pandemic, ensuring that our 9,000+ clients receive nutrition counseling and breastfeeding support as well as access to other important WIC benefits. The WIC benefit card covers essential items for mothers and children up to age five, including fruits and vegetables, whole grains, peanut butter, cheese, yogurt, eggs, canned or dried beans, cereal, iron-fortified infant formula, infant foods, canned fish and, when medically necessary, special formulas.

While the foundation’s program staff have encountered many challenges throughout the pandemic, including technology issues and difficulties in providing outreach to clients, they have continued to strive to meet client needs, providing assistance and resources where they are lacking. Nurse-home visitors and case managers have provided education about the health implications of the pandemic, how to stay safe and when to contact medical providers.

Aided by the expertise of our Medical Legal Partnership lawyers, staff have shared important information and referrals related to avoiding evictions and accessing COVID-19-specific benefits. Staff have provided alternative resources such as grocery store gift cards for clients struggling with access to food. When clients have run out of diapers, staff have made emergency diaper runs. In addition, the foundation has connected clients to Response Fund grantees that serve as food sources and organizations that provide diapers, like Mitzvah Circle.

We have seen disproportionate suffering in the county, and we continue to do everything we can to provide resources for our clients in need.
Did you know that you can expand your support by making a gift without parting with any money now?

If you’re curious about how you might further the foundation’s mission through a gift in your will, a living trust, or some other type of estate gift, we can help. There are options you may not have considered that can create a legacy you may never have dreamed possible.

Honoring a Beloved Daughter

After a tragic accident in which their daughter Jenny died at age 19, Rick and Carol Parton wished to honor her legacy. They requested that friends and family give donations in Jenny’s name in lieu of flowers. Jenny, a Garnet Valley graduate who was enrolled at Landmark College in Vermont at the time of the accident, had a learning disability. The Partons felt that the best way they could honor Jenny and her legacy was to provide scholarships for other students with learning disabilities who need financial support.

Today, more than 20 years later, the Partons are on a mission to annually award one graduating Garnet Valley senior with learning disabilities a $2,000 scholarship for each year of college. The student can use those funds to pay for tuition, to purchase textbooks and more. In the future, the Partons would love to be able to provide a full college-tuition scholarship for a student with learning disabilities.

For the Partons, The Foundation for Delaware County was an ideal match for their philanthropic goals. After 23 years of managing the administrative burden of providing yearly scholarships, Rick and Carol decided to look for help. Carol’s background in working with nonprofits helped in her research, and when she and Rick found the foundation, they knew it was the perfect fit for them. Not only could they establish a scholarship fund in memory of Jenny, they could also establish a donor-advised fund with their appreciated stock to manage all their philanthropic activity in one place. All this came without the burden and worry of the back-office tasks.

Rick and Carol have included the foundation in their wills so that both funds may continue in perpetuity. Their daughter Jessica, a special education teacher at Garnet Valley, is a member of the scholarship committee and will help to carry on their legacy. The Partons feel fortunate that they can provide opportunities for others, and they are grateful for the support that the foundation provides to help them fulfill their charitable goals.

Partner With Us to Fulfill Your Philanthropic Mission

The Foundation for Delaware County 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 your funds will be used. 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 also 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 the Partons, a DAF offers a less expensive and less burdensome alternative to 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 — now and in the future. Whether you care deeply about the arts, healthcare, education, human services, the environment, social justice or another cause, we have flexible giving options that can help you do good in the communities you love.

To learn about starting a fund to support a cause close to your heart, please see the inside back cover.

Contact Ellen Grill at egrill@delcofoundation.org or 610-744-1015 for more information about giving opportunities in Delaware County.

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The foundation takes investing your funds very seriously. We seek the best possible risk-adjusted return — maximizing dollars available to fund critical work in Delaware County today, while prudently stewarding and growing those resources to maintain an enduring source of philanthropic capital to meet emerging needs well into the future. We remain committed to responsible stewardship, transparency and public accountability in all that we do.

The performance objective for the investment portfolio is to achieve an average total rate of return that is equal to or greater than the foundation’s expected spending, plus inflation. It is expected that the annual rate of return on investments will be commensurate with the prevailing investment environment. The portfolio yielded a 6.76 percent return this year, beating the blended benchmark. Since its inception, the portfolio has returned 79.1 percent, also outperforming the blended benchmark.

In addition, the Investment Committee has opened an environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) fund and is researching investment strategies to expand those options. It is the goal of the committee to incorporate ESG investing principles into the foundation’s investment strategy in 2021.

Your collective giving helps us transform our region for the better and enrich the quality of life throughout Delaware County. Together we will continue to support many wonderful causes throughout the community.

Ted Peters, Chair, Finance Committee
H. Edward Hanway, Chair, Investment Subcommittee

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