



DID YOU KNOW?

You Don't Have to Be Wealthy to Be a Philanthropist

When many people hear the word philanthropy, they often think of large donations or wealthy benefactors. But true philanthropy is simply about caring for others and giving back to your community — and you don't have to be wealthy to make a meaningful impact.

Every gift, no matter the size, plays a role in strengthening our community. When individuals come together to give what they can, collective generosity creates powerful change. Small donations combine to fund scholarships for local students, provide grants to nonprofits, and support programs that improve the quality of life throughout the region.

Community foundations make it easy for anyone to participate in local philanthropy. Whether it's a one-time gift, a monthly contribution, or supporting an existing charitable fund, each act of giving becomes part of something larger. Together, these gifts build permanent resources that continue to serve the community for years to come. Philanthropy is not defined by the size of a donation, but by the spirit of generosity behind it. When neighbors support neighbors, and community members invest in causes they care about, the result is a stronger, more connected community for everyone.

You don't have to be wealthy to make a difference — you simply have to care.



Fun & Surprising Facts About Philanthropists

Here are a few fun and surprising facts:

You don't have to be wealthy to be a philanthropist.

Many funds are started with modest gifts and grow over time through continued giving and investment.

Local impact is the top priority.

Most donors choose community foundations because they want to make a difference right where they live and work.

Scholarships are a favorite way to give back.

Supporting students and future leaders is one of the most popular philanthropic goals.

Philanthropy is often a family tradition.

Many donors involve children and grandchildren in charitable giving to teach the value of generosity.

Legacy gifts tell powerful stories.

Some of the most meaningful funds are created in honor or memory of loved ones, keeping their passions alive for generations.

Small gifts add up to big change.

When pooled together, individual donations can create lasting, transformative impact across an entire community.

Philanthropists give for deeply personal reasons.

From gratitude to honoring hometown roots, every gift has a story behind it.

Together, community philanthropists are building stronger futures — one meaningful gift at a time.

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What is a Community Foundation?



A community foundation is a public charity that supports a geographical area by facilitating and pooling donations used to address community needs and support local nonprofits. It is a tax-exempt charitable organization that provides support primarily for the needs of the geographic community or region where it is based. Community foundations (CFs) are instruments of civil society designed to pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant private foundations are typically endowed by an individual or a single family.

Community foundations are independent registered philanthropic institutions serving geographically defined territory, typically a city, county or administrative area. The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers serves five counties: Bradford, Potter, Sullivan, Tioga County, PA, and Tioga County, New York. The Foundation is committed to building philanthropic resources that will sustain healthy and vital communities now and into the future. The Foundation currently manages over 170 funds valued at over \$17 million and has awarded over \$3.5 million in grants and scholarships since its inception, positively impacting hundreds of lives in the region.

Families, individuals, businesses, and nonprofit groups establish funds within community foundations into which they can contribute a variety of assets to be used for charitable purposes. The people or organizations that establish the funds can then recommend that grants be distributed, in the name of the fund or anonymously, to qualified nonprofit groups and schools.

In the USA, the donor receives a charitable tax deduction in the year that gifts are made into their funds, but not all countries where community foundations currently operate provide such incentives for donors. Increasingly, community foundations are hosting giving circles as a way to further support giving in their communities.

WHAT'S NEW @ CFTT?

CFTT's First Non-Traditional Scholarship Alan H. Walker and Deborah A. Walker Scholarship

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) announces the establishment of the Alan H. Walker and Deborah A. Walker Scholarship, a new initiative celebrating the values of compassion, dedication, and service in the medical field.

The scholarship was created to honor the deep respect and gratitude Alan Walker had for the nurses who cared for him. He relied on their tireless mental, physical, and emotional efforts, and he and Deborah believed that such caregivers are extraordinary individuals. The scholarship reflects their commitment to supporting students who share that same sense of empathy and devotion in their work.

Designed for healthcare professionals at Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital pursuing advanced degrees or specialized certifications, the scholarship recognizes individuals who have demonstrated determination, grit, and a genuine dedication to caring for others. By highlighting these qualities, the Walker Scholarship not only supports educational advancement but also serves as a tribute to the close and compassionate relationships that define quality patient care.

The Alan H. Walker and Deborah A. Walker scholarship underscores the Walkers' belief that acts of care and kindness in healthcare have a lasting impact, and it ensures that their legacy continues by inspiring the next generation of medical professionals.

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Letter from the President



"Through meaningful collaborations, philanthropic leadership, and a shared commitment to our communities, the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers continues to grow and invest in a brighter future for the entire region."

- Charity Field,
President, CFTT

Dear Friends and Community Partners,

As we begin a new year, I am pleased to share exciting updates and continued momentum from the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT). Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our board, and the strength of our community partnerships, 2025 was an incredible year of growth and impact.

We are proud to launch our second year partnering with seven fellow community foundations across Northeast Pennsylvania for NEPA Gives 2026, a dynamic 24-hour celebration of generosity that connects people with the causes closest to their hearts. This regional partnership amplifies the power of local philanthropy, broadens support for nonprofit organizations, and deepens the impact we can achieve together. By uniting our efforts, we are creating new opportunities to engage donors, strengthen community organizations, and build a more vibrant future for Northeast Pennsylvania.

In addition, the 2026 scholarship season is now open, and we encourage all graduating seniors to visit our website for the most up-to-date information on available scholarships. Supporting students and investing in the future of our region remains one of our highest priorities. Each year, we are inspired by the achievements, resilience, and promise of our scholarship recipients.

Our growth in 2025 reflects the trust our donors place in us and our shared commitment to community improvement. We are proud to report that CFTT now stewards more than \$17 million in assets, enabling us to continue building permanent charitable resources for the Twin Tiers. Over the past year, we also established nine new funds, each representing a lasting investment in the causes and communities our donors care deeply about.

We are equally grateful for the support of our funding partners. This year, CFTT received three significant grants that will help us strengthen our work and broaden our reach:

- A grant from Ready ARC, funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission
- Support from the Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation
- A grant from the Kenneth and Carol Taylor Family Foundation

These investments allow us to continue enhancing programs, building capacity, and responding to emerging community needs across the region we proudly serve.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to transparency, stewardship, and collaboration. The continued success of the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers is made possible by the generosity of our donors, the passion of our nonprofit partners, and the shared vision of a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we are building a legacy of giving that will benefit our region for generations to come.

With sincere appreciation,

Charity Field, President, CFTT



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NEPA Gives 2026

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) is proud to once again partner with the Scranton Area Community Foundation for NEPA Gives 2026, a powerful 24-hour online giving event that celebrates and supports nonprofit organizations throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

NEPA Gives brings together communities across the region to raise critical funding and awareness for local nonprofits, strengthening the organizations that serve and uplift our neighbors every day. Through this continued partnership, CFTT is excited to help expand the reach and impact of this regional day of giving, ensuring that more organizations in the Twin Tiers have the opportunity to participate and benefit.

Last year's event demonstrated the incredible generosity and community spirit that define our region, and we look forward to building on that success in 2026. By working together with the Scranton Area Community Foundation and participating nonprofits, NEPA Gives continues to highlight the importance of philanthropy and the meaningful difference it can make when communities unite around a common purpose.

More details about participating organizations and how to give will be announced as NEPA Gives 2026 approaches.



CFTT Receives \$10,000 Grant from Tioga Downs Regional Foundation

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) is proud to announce it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation to support its ongoing mission of strengthening communities across the Twin Tiers.

The grant was awarded as part of Tioga Downs Foundation's annual distribution to regional nonprofit organizations working to improve quality of life, address community needs, and support local initiatives. Each year, Tioga Downs provides significant funding to nonprofits throughout Bradford, Tioga, Chemung, and Broome counties, recognizing the important work being done to combat poverty, enhance public services, and build stronger communities.

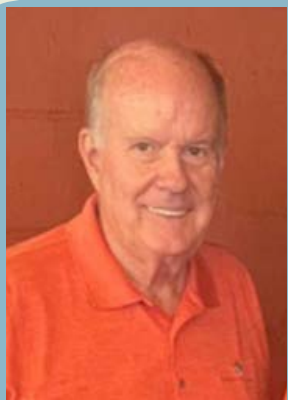
Funding from this grant will help the Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers continue its efforts to support charitable programs, scholarships, and community initiatives that benefit residents throughout the region. Through partnerships with donors and organizations, CFTT works to invest in projects that create lasting impact and opportunity across the Twin Tiers.

"We are incredibly grateful to the Tioga Downs Foundation for their generous support," said Joselyn Allen-Elford, Resource Development Associate. "This grant strengthens our ability to respond to local needs, support nonprofit organizations, and enhance the quality of life for individuals and families throughout our communities."

The Tioga Downs Foundation annually awards millions of dollars in grants to nonprofit organizations across the Twin Tiers region, helping to advance missions that address community challenges and improve the well-being of local residents.

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers remains committed to connecting donors with causes that matter and ensuring resources are directed where they can make the greatest impact. Support from community partners like the Tioga Downs Foundation plays a vital role in sustaining this work and creating a stronger future for the region.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Dave R. Carson

Board Chairman | Experience-Driven | Community Advocate

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers is proud to shine this month's Volunteer spotlight on David R. Carson, Chairman of the Board of Directors, whose leadership and lifelong commitment to community service continue to strengthen the Foundation's impact across our region.

"When individuals, families, and organizations come together with a common goal, remarkable things happen. Together, we are building momentum today that will carry our community forward for years to come."

Dave is currently in his fourth year of service on the CFTT Board and brings a wealth of professional and volunteer experience to his role. A graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor's degree in Management and a Master of Business Administration in Health Care Administration from Temple University, Dave enjoyed a distinguished career as a hospital administrator and later as a legal administrator and manager for a large firm. In retirement, he operated a group antique shop for several years, served as Manager of Eagles Mere Borough for four years, and now channels his creativity into woodworking, crafting bowls, boards, and fine wood objects under the name ScatterWoods.

Dave's connection to the Community Foundation began when a friend and past Chair encouraged him to get involved. Inspired by the Foundation's broad reach and meaningful work, he quickly saw the value of its mission. Throughout his time with CFTT, Dave has served on the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, Investment Committee, and Sullivan County Advisory Committee, generously sharing his expertise in finance and administration. As Chairman, Dave hopes to continue growing the Foundation's activities and assets so its positive impact across the five-county region can expand even further.

Dave's dedication to service extends far beyond the Community Foundation. He has previously served as a board member of the Eagles Mere Lake Association, President of the Eagles Mere Athletic Association, President and currently Treasurer and Trustee of the Eagles Mere Presbyterian Church, board member of the Eagles Mere Museum, and a member of both the Board and Foundation of the Eagles Mere-Laporte Lions. Today, he continues to volunteer through Lions activities and by assisting with facilities and garden maintenance for both the Eagles Mere Museum and Eagles Mere Presbyterian Church.

Dave has been a seasonal resident of Eagles Mere for over 60 years and a full-time resident for the past seven years. He and his wife of 56 years have built a life deeply rooted in community. Together, they have two adult children and are proud grandparents to three grandchildren. When asked about a moment he is most proud of during his time with the Foundation, Dave humbly replies, "Yet to be!" With his steady leadership and forward-thinking vision, there is no doubt that many proud moments still lie ahead.

The Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers is grateful for Dave's service, dedication, and passion for strengthening the communities we serve.

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Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers Announces

New Scholarships for 2026

Community Foundation for the Twin Tiers (CFTT) is pleased to announce the establishment of three new scholarship funds for local students, further advancing its commitment to educational access and student success throughout the region.

The newly established scholarships include:

Cheryl Higley Rohrer Scholarship for the Trades

- Must be a graduating senior of the Sullivan County School District.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited technical school, university, or college in the United States with a major in the trades, referring specifically to skilled hands-on occupations such as electrical, plumbing, HVAC, construction, mechanics, and other technical fields.
- Preference will be given to Automotive, Farming, or Lumber.
- Write an essay (200-250 words, double-spaced). Describe an experience that influenced your decision to pursue a career in the trades. What did you learn from it, and how has it shaped your future plans?
- Please provide a list of school-based activities (including leadership positions, clubs, and athletics) as well as community volunteer activities, and the number of months or years.



Daniel F. Glassmire VI Love & Literacy Laurel Scholarship Fund

- Must be a graduating senior of Coudersport Jr./Sr. High School
- Must be enrolled in an accredited technical school, university, or college in the United States.
- Must submit a creative writing entry incorporating a theme of kindness, compassion, inclusion, and/or love. Entry can be a poem, essay, vignette, or short story
- Writing major preferred but not required.
- Please provide a list of school-based activities (including leadership positions, clubs, and athletics) as well as community volunteer activities, and the number of months or years.



Nanette Good Music Education Scholarship

- Must be a graduating senior and resident of Bradford or Sullivan County, PA.
- Must be accepted and enrolled in an accredited technical school, university, or college in the United States.
- Must be pursuing a degree in education, with a preference in music education.
- Write an essay (200-250 words, double-spaced). Why have you chosen to pursue a degree in education, and what motivates you to become an educator? If you plan to pursue a degree in music education, how has music influenced your decision to choose this field of study?
- Please provide a list of school-based activities (including leadership positions, clubs, and athletics) as well as community volunteer activities, and the number of months or years.



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2025 Grant Recipients

Bill and Sarah Ransom Community Service Award Fund

Recipients:

Sandy Campbell - Salvation Army of Sayre

David & Carol Keefe Youth Fund

Recipients:

Abuse and Rape Crisis Center

Northern Tier Unified Arts Association

Supporting Area Families Everyday (SAFE)

Floyd "Vic" Hooker Youth Fund

Recipients:

Coburn Free Library

Corning-Elmira Musical Arts, Inc., dba. Orchestra of the

Southern Finger Lakes

Regional Science & Discovery Center

Salvation Army of Sayre

Scouting America Troops 38 & 638 - Owego

Tioga County Rural Ministry Inc.

Winter Sky Independent Inc.

Knoxville Fund

Recipients:

Child Hunger Outreach-CHOP

Knoxville Food Pantry

Northeastern Potter Economic Development Fund

(NEPEDA)

Recipients:

Child Hunger Outreach-CHOP

Potter Youth Educational Council

Robert J. Sullivan Fund for Bradford County

Recipients:

Child Hunger Outreach-CHOP

Family Services Assoc. of Northeastern PA

Northeast Bradford School District

Northern Tier Unified Arts

Salvation Army of Sayre

Supporting Area Families Everyday (SAFE)



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