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Philanthropy:

active effort to
promote human
welfare

goodwill to
fellow members of
the human race

Lincoln
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2021 in Review: Connecting People Who Care with Causes That Matter... In A Year of Social Distancing

2021 was not a regular year, due to COVID-19. Yet it was a successful year in terms of connecting people who care with causes that matter. With no in-person gatherings, COVID-19 accelerated everyone's use of digital technology: remote work, telemedicine, digital classroom schooling...the list goes on and on. People and organizations were pushed to expand and deepen their technology expertise to stay in touch and be productive in the new norm.

Two Community Foundation programs pivoted during COVID, with remarkable results: Food for Thought Community Conversations and Grant Panels.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



Food for Thought began as monthly in-person discussions for nonprofit leadership. The program turned virtual and shifted to COVID-focused sessions on donor relations, virtual fundraising, communications, financing, and more. In 2021, Food for Thought evolved into online gatherings to enlighten and engage the community on social justice issues.

The vision of the Community Foundation is to be a philanthropic catalyst for positive change, strategically and intentionally engaging donors and partners to address the common good, while transforming our region into a better place for all. Food for Thought aims to guide Chester County towards a healthier, happier, and more equitable future by engaging the community in social justice conversations. Our Food for Thought topics include racism, disabilities, and LGBTQ+ discrimination.



With the shift to social justice issues, the Community Foundation was unsure of whether such sensitive topics would be well-received via Zoom. Chambers of commerce, funders, and the West Chester NAACP help promote the series on social media. The turnout has been impressive, with hundreds of community members zooming in. "Food for Thought provides a safe space to have these difficult but much-needed conversations," notes Timmy Nelson, a retired Senior Vice President for UPS and an active community volunteer. "These programs help educate about systematic issues and encourage community members to adopt more inclusive values and viewpoints."

The series is ongoing and will continue to cover important topics including antisemitism, the rapid increase in anti-Asian hate, and the cyber divide. We have also modified the Food for Thought format for arts, culture, and heritage nonprofits dealing with re-attracting audiences post-COVID. Even Sweet Charity a la COVID morphed into a Food for Thought Zoom series, discussing food security, hunger, growing local, and sustainable agriculture, as well as tasting desserts created by Carlino's of West Chester. As the needs of the community change, so too will Food for Thought.



Karen Simmons, *President/CEO*
Michael DeHaven CPA, *Board Chair*

GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP PANELS: ANYONE CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST



The Community Foundation is well-known for being a great place to have a charitable legacy fund, and now, for our grant panels.

You might be wondering, "What is a grant panel?" Grant panels are small groups of individuals who meet to review grant applications and decide grant funding. We have been holding in-person grant panels for many

years. Since the onset of COVID-19, our grant panels have become more frequent via Zoom and expanded to include new people in the process. The grant panels represent an important value: anyone can be a philanthropist.



As Chair of the Grants & Scholarship Policy Committee at the Community Foundation, Erik Gudmundson observes, "The grant and scholarship panels have been a great way for me and many others to deal with the shock of the pandemic and make a positive impact. We were socially distanced from home, but together with others virtually, we are funding Chester County's most worthwhile charitable causes."

To help make well-informed grant decisions, grant panelists are guided by Community Foundation staff through a due diligence deliberation process. Panelists discern, analyze, and compare nonprofit program, management, governance, and finance issues and trends. Grant decisions are made based on logic, balanced with generosity of spirit.

Grant panels, as well as scholarship panels, are organized monthly. To continue to promote easy accessibility and efficient decision-making, most will be held via Zoom, though some may be in person. Panels are in a variety of fields of interest and/or geographic focus, depending upon the original donor's intent. Grant panel volunteers can indicate their interest by emailing grants@chescof.org.

During 2021, COVID-19 presented many challenges for our community. But it has also proven the generosity of the people of Chester County. We are eager for community members to continue to join us on this journey to bring about positive change for Chester County,

Now & Forever.

Door Opener Award

David Elderkin, Technology Advocate

Connecting people who care with causes that matter



Luckily for the Community Foundation, several years before COVID struck, Dave Elderkin struck. Retired IT professional Dave has always been a cheerleader for Community Foundation technology enhancements. Over the years, especially while he was a Board member from 2012 to 2017, with Dave's urging and support, various hardware, software, reporting systems, and IT consulting/training have been upgraded.

In 2019, growing weary of vague answers about the Community Foundation's website impact, Dave kickstarted an initiative at the Community Foundation to better understand and utilize website analytics. Always a proponent for best practice research, Dave introduced the Community Foundation Marketing & Communication staff to the Philadelphia Museum of Art IT staff, where Dave serves as a Board IT Committee member. Learning from their model of excellence, Dave then designed a template for the Community Foundation team to track key website analytics using Google Data Studio. Furthermore, he made sure the template was applied, analyzed on a regular basis, and that organizational learnings accrued.

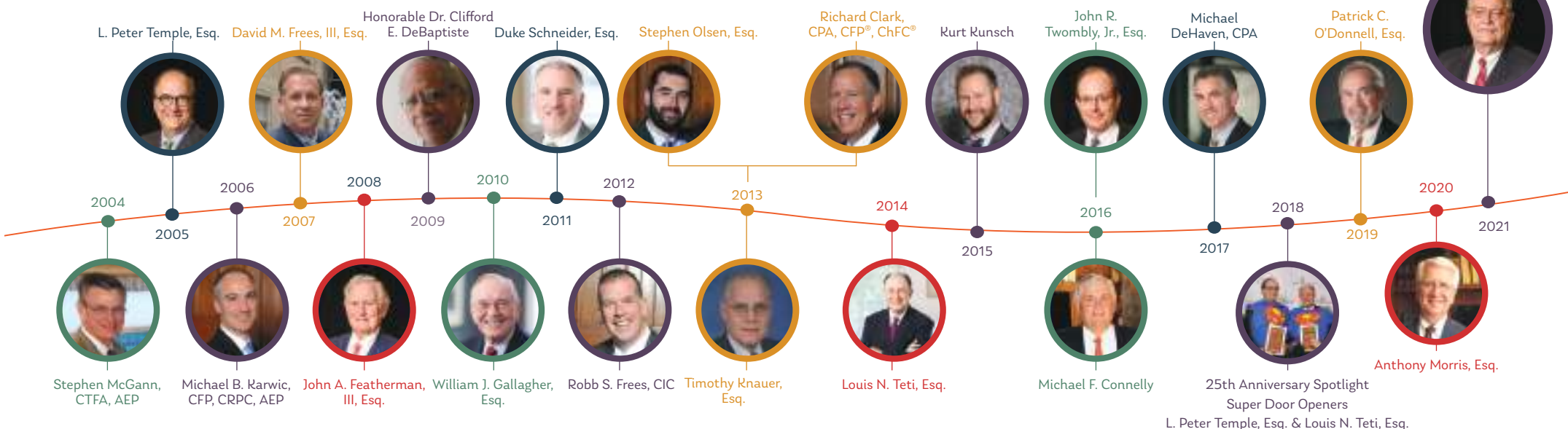
Since the 2020 onset of the pandemic, the Community Foundation's website hits have expanded in the thousands and continue to grow each month. We can see which content is getting the most hits and focus on pages that get the most eyeballs. We can also track how users find our website, whether they visit from Google or social media or MailChimp. This is critical to understanding who is visiting the Community Foundation online and what they came to find.

Chair Mike DeHaven CPA explains, "Our Door Opener award typically spotlights stellar professional advisors who bring legacy philanthropy to the attention of their clients and colleagues. During this COVID year, we found another crucial philanthropy connector: technology. A longtime friend, fund advisor, and past Board member of the Community Foundation, Dave has constantly prodded us to get more techno-savvy. And this year, all the doors he has opened to technology paid off big-time."

Dave's service is not limited to the Community Foundation. He has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and taught IT Networking and Project Management at Penn State Brandywine. Dave has served on the Board and/or also voluntarily developed IT software solutions for Art-Reach, CultureWorks Greater Philadelphia, Fleisher Art Memorial, Kennett Symphony, and Settlement Music School. And for over a decade, he has volunteered as a tutor at the RIPP DuBois Collegiate Academy, a public charter school in West Philadelphia—some of the most enlightening, eye-opening experiences that Dave has ever witnessed.

Dave is clear and succinct: "Nonprofits play a vital role in building healthy communities. I am pleased that my IT background helps the Community Foundation expand its reach. In this year of physical distance, our connections continue to matter."

David Elderkin



Marjorie L. & Arthur P. Miller, Jr. Charitable Fund



What do you get when you combine an administrator for the American Red Cross with a public relations director for the National Park Service? You get Marge and Art Miller: a couple devoted to saving the environment.

As actively engaged, hands-on learners who have authored seven books on wildlife, trails, and historic landmarks, the Millers are passionate about the protection and enjoyment of natural resources. The Millers frequently lecture about the national scenic and historic trail system. They also founded the Main Line School Night Hiking Club and led hikes along Delaware Valley trails for many years.

In addition to the American Red Cross Retiree Association, Marge has served on many boards including Chester County Parks and Recreation, Chester County 2020, Green Valleys Watershed Association and Maysie's Farm. Art has served on the board of Delaware County Press Club and Lower Providence Community Library.

For the Millers, environmental conservation goes hand and hand with philanthropy. In 1998, Marge and Art established their Community Foundation charitable fund to award grants in perpetuity. Their grants enable communities to conserve and protect natural resources such as streams, wetlands, woodlands, and wildlife areas.

The Millers have awarded grants for school-based environmental education initiatives, environmental research, and the creation of community parks. Miller Charitable Funds enabled the Willistown Conservation Trust to complete a bird-banding station and the Kennett Township Land Trust to complete a wildlife sanctuary. Camphill Village Kimberton Hills used Miller Charitable Funds to clear debris polluting an overgrown tributary to French Creek and then plant native vegetation to establish a free-flowing stream.

As frequent philanthropists, when the Millers received their COVID-19 stimulus check, they donated it to the Community Foundation's COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund.



Especially throughout the COVID pandemic, open space has been crucial. Isolated, homebound friends and families flocked to outdoor parks and nature centers. People readily realized that outdoor recreation builds healthier minds and bodies, inspires and rejuvenates our spirits, enhances bonds between friends and family, and contributes to the resiliency of local communities. Usage of Chester County parks, trails, and open spaces has been at an all-time high, bringing together people from all walks of life to connect with nature safely, and at a distance.

Yet, it is a delicate balance to protect natural trails, wetlands and open spaces while also providing high quality visitor experiences. Increased usage results in new service demands, operational challenges and new impacts on natural resources.

As Marge explains, "Through environmental conservation, we are ensuring that future generations can enjoy our natural lands and the incredible species that live within them." The Millers recognize that a good planet is hard to find.



Legacy Fund Benefits

- **Permanence:** The Foundation's trusteeship ensures that your Charitable Fund will perpetually meet relevant needs.
- **Commemoration:** Your name, the name of loved ones, and/or your family values live on through your Fund.
- **Grantmaking Expertise:** Immersed in ongoing community needs research and charitable impact, the Foundation discerns charities throughout the U.S. that address your particular interests and core values.
- **Stewardship:** The Foundation closely monitors financial investments, and fully accounts to the community through its annual report, audit, and IRS Form 990.

Choose any of these time horizons for your Charitable Fund:

- **Endowed Funds** grant out up to 5% annually for perpetuity, so you can help strengthen community charities forever.
- **Quasi-Endowed Funds** grant out up to 20% annually, which means the principal will be diminished after several years.
- **Provisional Funds** can be granted out up to 100% at any time.

Community Foundation Core Charitable Funds

- **Social Justice Fund** supports work to obtain equitable economic, political & social opportunities for all
- **Fund for Chester County** awards grants to Chester County charities selected by our Grant Panels
- **Operating Endowment** supports our core mission to grow legacy philanthropy throughout the region
- **Lincoln Building Fund** supports renovations and repairs of the Foundation's historic 1833 headquarters

To create your legacy fund, contact Karen Simmons, President/CEO (610) 696-8845
Jason Arbacheski, CAP®, Gift Planning & Stewardship Director (610) 696-2628
Beth Harper Briglia, CPA, CAP®, Senior Philanthropic Advisor (610) 696-8045

\$25,000 — minimum to create endowed fund \$175,000 — average fund size
Any gift amount can be added to existing funds

TYPES OF FUNDS

Field of Interest Funds

- Impact a targeted issue area (arts, education, environment, health, human service, religion) or specific geographic region
- Flexibility exists to meet ever-evolving community needs

Donor Advised Funds

- Establish a Foundation without incurring administrative operating and compliance filing burdens
- Capitalize on the Community Foundation's philanthropy expertise and nonprofit field research
- Enable individuals, families, community groups, and businesses to maximize their philanthropic impact

Nonprofit-Designated Organizational Endowments

- Select specific nonprofits you care about, and establish Endowments for them
- The Community Foundation manages the investments, helps the nonprofit grow its endowment by attracting more major and planned gifts, and monitors for accountability

Scholarship Funds

- Support students pursuing education beyond high school
- You determine guidelines for candidate selection (field of study, geographic, income, interests)
- The Community Foundation ensures IRS compliance and student accountability

GIVE NOW & LATER: LIFETIME & FUTURE GIFTS

- Establish a charitable fund now, so you can see the impact of your generosity on community charities
- Arrange in your will to leave a planned gift to your charitable fund later, when you have no further use for money

The Community Foundation accepts a wide variety of gifts including:

- Cash
- Publicly traded securities
- Closely-held and pre-IPO stock
- IRAs
- Real estate
- Life insurance (w/CCCCF as owner &/or beneficiary)
- Remainder of a Charitable Remainder Trust
- Remainder of a Pooled Income Fund
- Lead gift of a Charitable Lead Trust



Faces of Philanthropy

Harold W. & Jessie L. Freeman Fund



"My aim is to honor Jessie's life while I am still here, and when I'm gone...I want the funds to be used to perpetuate Jessie's memory and do the charitable good works she was so devoted to."

-Harold W. Freeman

WHITFORD CHARITABLE FUND



"When we come together as a community, we can have a huge impact."

- Ed Hart, Chair

BELIEVE, PLAY AND HAVE FUN FOUNDATION



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." -- Winston S. Churchill


Alice M. Thomas Scholarship Fund



"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

- Coretta Scott King

BRIAN C. ZWAAN LEGACY FUND



"Propelling young minds forward was Brian's passion. We are committed to honoring his legacy of educational opportunity for all."

-Diane Swaan


Dr. John H. Hewlett, III Scholarship Foundation & Lucinda P. Wallace Memorial Scholarship Fund



"We are responsible for the world in which we find ourselves, if only because we are the only sentient force which can change it."

- James Baldwin

HADLEY



"A delicious thing to learn is sitting in the fire of disagreement because that's where the best juice comes from."

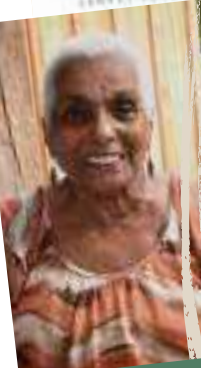
- Jessie Cocks

Patricia C. & John Celi, Jr. Foundation



"We want to give to those who are medically and economically challenged. We each can make a positive community impact by giving and volunteering."

EMILY & GEORGE PURNELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

-Calvin Coolidge


Zelinda LeBoutillier Legacy Fund



"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

- Helen Keller

STANLEY'S DREAM FOUNDATION



"God strengthened you, he strengthened us, we know we'll see you again. But until that day, until we go, your legacy helps ease our pain."

- Stanley's parents, Donna & Stan Edwards

Frees Family Foundation



"Our fund was created to shape the people who shape our communities. We are proud to have a positive impact on the lives of others. Anyone can donate their time or talent. Always bring more to the table than what you take."

- Frees Family Foundation

Funds

The Community Foundation is entrusted with **415** funds

- Minimum to establish an **endowed fund is \$25,000**
- Inception **year** is noted after each fund name
- The **29** newest funds are in **colored print**
- Average fund size is **\$175,000**

CCCF ENTRUSTED FUNDS

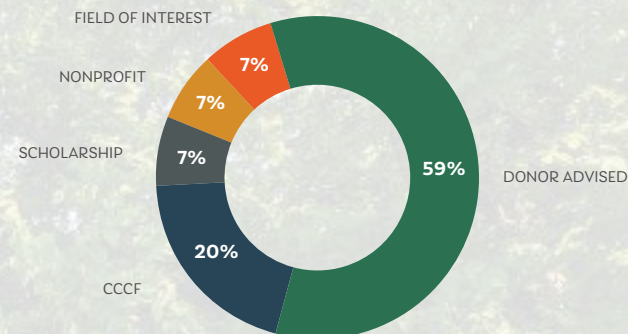
4Kids2C Charitable Fund, 2010
 Adler Legacy Fund Honoring Eva L. Verplanck, Ph.D., 2006
 American Cancer Society Endowment, 1998
 Annuity Fund, 2002
 Benjamin Franklin Trust, 1995
 COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund for Chester County, 2020
ChesCo NPO Innovation & Resiliency Fund, 2020
 Cultural Alliance of Chester County, 2019
 Delno C. Large & Dennis C. Large Memorial Foundation, 2005
 "For the Union" Lincoln Book Fund, 2019
 Frank E. Milliman Fund for West Chester Area Senior Center, 2020
 Fund for ChesCo Environment, 2001
 Fund for ChesCo Honoring Richard I.G. Jones, 2007
 Fund for ChesCo Social Justice, 2020
 Fund for ChesCo, 1998
 Giving Circle-Friends of Steve Norcini, 2018
 HARB Gettysburg Address Contest, 2004
 Harry Dunn Art Scholarship, 2001
 Hutton Grantmaking Fund for ChesCo, 2017
 Imprints Grantmaking Endowment, 2009
 Jordan Award Fund, 2001
 Josiah Hibberd Award Honoring Margeretta Durnall Hibberd, 2013
 Lincoln Biography Building Endowment, 1996
 Lincoln Building Monitoring Fund, 1999
 L. William "Bill" Ray II Charitable Fund, 2018
 Madalene Hayes Conner Scholarship Foundation, 2003
 Martha B. Wollerton Charitable Fund, 2018
 Nancy Petersen Grantmaking Fund for ChesCo, 2019

Neil Joines Fund, 2013
 Operating Endowment, 2001, 2012
 Operating Endowment Honoring Frances Pyle, 2012
 Operating Fund, 1994
Penny's Charitable Fund, 2021
 Parkesburg Environmental Foundation, 1998
 Pay It Forward Charitable Fund, 2014
Philadelphia Federal Reserve ROC Fund, 2021
Verna Cuff Charitable Fund, 2021
 Wentworth Fund for West Chester Area Senior Center, 2018
 West Chester Trust & Relief Endowed Fund, 2000
 William & Anne Evans, Jr. Grant Endowment, 2013
 William & Anne Evans, Jr. Operating Endowment, 2013
 Woman's Club of Downingtown Endowment, 2003
 YWCA Chester County Scholarship Fund, 2010

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Anonymous (3)
 1849 Charitable Fund, 2018
 The 323 Charitable Fund, 2017
 Aaron & Jean Martin Fund, 1994
Allan M. & Barbara H. Cohen Charitable Fund, 2021
 Amy & Patrick Conrad Family Fund, 2010
 Ann & Steven Hutton Fund, 2017
 Anne & Gus Teipelke Charitable Legacy Fund, 2013
 Barney Harahan Memorial Foundation, 2002
 Barrie Stavis Foundation, 2002
 Baxter Family Foundation, 2014
 Baylus & Deborah Francis Charitable Fund, 2002
 Beccaria Charitable Fund, 2006
 Believe, Play & Have Fun Foundation, 2015

CCCF Family of Affiliated Funds, by % of Assets



Bogle Family Charitable Fund, 2018
 Bradley Hughes Foundation, 2009
 Brian C. Zwaan Legacy Fund, 2017
 Bugel Family Foundation, 1998
 C & A Charitable Fund, 2019
 Capacity for Change Fund, 2008
 Carl & Sylvia Landis Foundation, 2012
 Carol Spaner Rahill Foundation, 2018
 Carolee's Love of Animals Fund, 2020
 Caroline Manning Bolton Legacy Fund, 2002
 Champlain Social Ministry Foundation, 1999
 Charles W. Dickinson Charitable Foundation, 2019
 Chase Your Dream Foundation, 2007
 ChesCo Fund for Teacher Support, in Memory of Taylor Patterson Crane, 2007
 Clay-Mir Charitable Foundation, 2000
 Craig Lincoln Tucker Memorial Fund, 2019
 Cynthia & Chris Menan Family Charitable Fund, 2020
 Dale Krapf Foundation, 1999
 Daley Family Foundation, 2015
 Daryl E. & Martha J. Thomas Foundation, 2002
 David Renosian Charitable Fund, 2017
 David L. & Janet L. Hughes Family Foundation, 2019
 DeBaptiste Foundation, 2010
 DeHaven Family Charitable Fund, 2017
 Di & Dallas Krapf Foundation, 1999
 Dianne & Dave Elderkin Charitable Fund, 2013
 Dick & Jane Kunsch Family Foundation, 2014
 Diederich Family Foundation, 2007
Dinniman Family Charitable Fund, 2021
 Doe Run Charitable Fund, 2005
 Don Gregory Stout Memorial Outreach Fund, 2014
 Donna & Thomas Urian Charitable Fund, 2017

Dr. Henry & Blanche Sineath Charitable Fund, 2017
 Dr. Timothy V. Blair Charitable Foundation, 2018
 Edward & Linda McAssey Family Charitable Fund, 2019
 Edward H. & Dorothy R. Dickol Foundation, 2006
 Elizabeth Bove Foundation, 2013
 Emily's Dash Foundation, 2012
 Eric Miller Memorial Charitable Fund, 2016
 Everett Frank Legacy Foundation, 2000
 Farnesi Family Foundation, 2000
 Featherman Family Foundation, 2006
 First Resource Bank's Millennials' Fund, 2018
 Francine's Organic Kids Charitable Fund, 2018
 Francis J. Snyder Foundation, 2007
 Freeman Heywood Fund, 2019
 Frees Family Foundation, 1998
 Ginger English Memorial Foundation, 2007
 Good Fight Foundation, 2005
 Gudmundson Charitable Fund, 2019
 Hailey Bear Memorial Fund, 2016
 Happy Romar Fund of Chester County, 2000
 Harold & Carol Wingerd Charitable Fund, 2018
 Helen & Paul Breitegam Charitable Fund, 2003
 Helen & Robert Whittaker Memorial Trailhead Park Foundation, 2011
 Hennigan Family Foundation, 2007
 Hockman Family Foundation, 2012
 Hollenbach Family Foundation, 2000
 Hubler Family Charitable Foundation, 2020
 Hutton Family HeLP Fund, 2000
 Ilex Charitable Fund, 2012
 J. M. & Lois B. Herr Family Foundation, 1998
 J. M. Blair Charitable Trust Foundation, 2018
 Jack C. Griest Charitable Fund, 2013
 Jamison Family Fund, 2018
 Jeff Elko Memorial Fund, 2018

INSPIRE: LEGACY FUNDS

Jeffrey Robert Drobish Foundation, 2010
 Jeremy P. Wilson Foundation, 2010
 Jessie L. & Harold W. Freeman Foundation, 2011
 Jim Decker Compassion Ministry Fund, 2002
 Joan & William Walkup Family Foundation, 1999
 John & Heather Drobish Family Fund, 2010
 John Eirkson & Kathy Ryan Esq. Charitable Fund, 2009
 John H. Phillips III Memorial Fund for Horseshoe Scout Reservation, 2000
Josh Maxwell Runs NY Fund, 2021
 Jordan Family Fund for Chester County, 1998
 Joy L. Slater Charitable Fund, 2020
 K&M Foundation, 2003
 Kathleen McBratnie Memorial Foundation, 2004
 Kathryn J. & Larry C. Smedley Charitable Fund, 2018
 Kelly Family Foundation, 2012
Kelly & David Faggioli Charitable Fund, 2021
 Kennedy Marie Canzoneri Memorial Fund, 2016
 Kenneth R. Swimm Family Charitable Fund, 2020
Kessler Family Charitable Foundation, 2021
 Kevin & Priscilla Holleran Charitable Fund, 1999
 Kim L. Ringler & Thomas A. Wurm Family Foundation, 2017
 Roester Family Foundation, 2000
 Krapf Family Foundation, 1999
 Krallinger-Voge Charitable Fund, 2019
 Kricun Charitable Fund, 2018
 L.E.G. Up Charitable Foundation, 2007
 Lacy Charitable Fund, 2014
 Lamberth Family Foundation, 2016
 The Lark Fund, 2012
 Laudenslager Family Foundation, 2011
 Laura Meikle Koch Memorial Legacy Foundation, 2008
 Liddick Family Foundation, 2007
 Lockwood Family Foundation, 2007
 Loew Family Foundation, 2007
Lola & Sese Abhulimen Charitable Fund, 2020
 M & M Foundation, 2001
MacElree Harvey Ltd. Technology Fund for Economically Disadvantaged Children, 2020
 Manor Avenue Charitable Fund, 2014
 Margaret E. Coppedge Memorial Fund to Benefit Grimes AME Church, 2005
 Margaret S. DeVinney Foundation, 2011
 Marjorie L. & Arthur P. Miller, Jr. Charitable Fund, 1998

Mary T. Holleran Charitable Fund, 2019
 Masters Legacy Fund, 2017
 Matthew 18:20 Fund, 2012
 Matthew 25 Fund, 2008
 Maureen A. Ebel Charitable Foundation, 2019
 McGowan Family Charitable Fund, 2016
 Mesothelioma & Asbestos Disease Fund, 2004
 Michael & Nancy Pia Foundation, 2019
 Moretzsohn Family Foundation, 2000
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Moran, Jr. Family Foundation, 2010
 Nancy & Ulrich Klabunde Charitable Fund, 2019
 Newlin Foundation, 2010
 Next Step Charitable Fund, 2014
 Nick Smiles on the Fine Arts Foundation, 2010
Nick's Picks, 2021
 Niggeman Family Foundation, 2004
 Niles-Milner Fund for Student Travel, 2004
 Noel & Robert Stanek Foundation, 2018
 Patricia C. & John Celii, Jr. Foundation, 2007
 Paul S. & Caroline E. Beideman Family Foundation, 2019
 PFF Charitable Fund, 2000
Pickle Foundation, 2020
 Pink House Foundation, 1998
 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is Fund, 2009
 Quigley Family Foundation, 2012
 RE/MAX Main Line Charitable Foundation, 2006
 Reading Family Foundation, 2014
 Rev. William J. Fischler Memorial Cursillo Fund, 2007
 Richard & Carolyn Vermeil Foundation, 2010
 Richard & Lois Hodgson Charitable Fund, 1998
 Rigg Family Foundation, 2011
 RJ Hogga Foundation, 2014
 Roberson/Rowley Fund Honoring Bianca & Mykel, 2017
 Robert & Jennifer McNeil Charitable Fund, 2002
 Robert M. Price Memorial Foundation, 2004
 Robert Olin Niles Memorial Foundation, 2010
Robert J. Sims Fund for Catholic Education, 2021
 Robert W. & Janet C. Johnson Family Foundation, 2018
 Robert Wiley Miller Memorial Foundation, 2000
 Ruch Family Foundation, 2011
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Sandra S. & Robert K. Momyer Fund, 2019
 Sarnacki Family Foundation, 2014
 Shobaken Family Foundation, 1998
 Smart Family Fund, 2017
 Spurlino Family Foundation, 2006
 St. Ann Rose Charitable Fund, 2000
 Stamm Consultancy Charitable Fund, 2016
 Stanley's Dream Charitable Fund, 2007
 Stephen Chandler Ericson Memorial Foundation, 2011
 Stephen Tuttle Fund for Oncology Research & Education, 2019
Strode Family Charitable Fund, 2020
 Sunday Foundation, 2012
 Susan Groome Harney Memorial Foundation, 2000
 T&G Charitable Fund, 2005
 Teti Family Foundation, 2006
 Thomas A. Fillippo Foundation, 2019
Thomas Hess Charitable Fund, 2020
Tom & Debbie Anderson Foundation, 2020
 Tom & Betty Hess Charitable Fund, 2014
 Trajabay Charitable Fund, 2005
 Tres Foundation, 2003
Trillium Fund, 2021
 Tyler Family Foundation, 2005
 Valerie Lamb Smith Art Foundation, 1998
 Vasilios J. & Stephanie Pahides Ralogredis Foundation, 2019
 Vaughan Family Foundation, 2000
Vicky L. Tribbett Charitable Fund, 2020
 William S. Latoff Charitable Foundation, 2016
 William T. & Dorothy B. Simpers Charitable Fund, 2018
 Zelinda LeBoutillier Charitable Foundation, 2011

FIELD OF INTEREST FUNDS

ChesCo Charitable Fund (The Color Run Fund), 2017
 Coatesville Community Health Foundation, 1999
 Hadley Fund, 2016
 International Equine Conference on Laminitis & Diseases of Foot, 2008
 Long Term Recovery Committee of ChesCo Charitable Fund, 2018
 New Beginnings Attainable Housing Fund, 2020
 Richard C. Mahan & Margaret A. Murray Charitable Fund, 2017

Spot Castle Foundation, 2003
 Terry Muzzy Fund, 2007
 Thoroughbred Education & Research Foundation, 2018
 Together We Can: West Chester Community Meal Fund, 2020
 Wentworth Fund for Senior Housing, 2018
 West Chester Adapted Fitness & Wellness Fund, 2016
 Whitford Charitable Grantmaking Fund, 2014
 Whitford Charitable Fund, 2011

FISCAL AGENT-INTERIM FUNDS

Chester County Estate Planning Council Fund, 2005
 Chester County Partnership to End Homelessness Fund, 2013
 Friends of Marshall Square Park Fund, 2018

NONPROFIT ENDOWMENTS

ARC of Chester County Endowment, 2000
 Association for the Colonial Theater Endowment, 2016
 Bishop Shanahan High School Endowment, 2002
 Bournelyf Special Camp Endowment, 2005
 Brandywine Red Clay Alliance Endowment, 2005
 Camphill Special School Endowment, 2005
 Canine Partners for Life Endowment, 1999
Charles A. Melton Arts & Education Center Endowment, 2021
 Chester County Art Association Endowment, 1999
 Chester County Council Boy Scouts of America Endowment, 2013
 Chester County Futures Endowment, 1999
 Chester County Library Endowment, 1999
 Chester County S.P.C.A. Endowment, 2005
 Citizen Advocacy of Chester County Endowment, 2016
 Coatesville Community Education Foundation Endowment, 2009
 Community Coalition Quasi-Endowed Fund, 1999
 CVIM Edgar R. Lawrence, DDS Dental Endowment, 1999
 CVIM Gordon B. Hattersley, Jr. Endowment, 1999
 Daemion Counseling Center Endowment, 2004
 Domestic Violence Center of Chester County Endowment, 2007
 Domestic Violence Center of Chester County PCHF P.I.E. Program Endowment, 2017

INSPIRE: LEGACY FUNDS

Easttown Library Foundation Endowment, 2011
 Family Service of Chester County Endowment, 2008
 French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust Endowment, 2013
 Friends of Anson B. Nixon Park Endowment, 1999
 Fund for Women & Girls Grants Endowment, 2001
 Fund for Women & Girls Operating Endowment, 2001
 Good Works Endowment, 2002
 Good Works Quasi-Endowment, 2019
 Greater West Chester Rotary Foundation, 2013
 Green Valleys Watershed Association Endowment, 2014
 Habitat for Humanity of ChesCo Endowment, 2002
 Home & Farm Antique Association Endowment, 2000
 Jenner's Pond Resident Charitable Endowment, 2001
 John Rock Memorial Foundation, 2004
 Kennett Area Senior Center Endowment, 2013
 Kennett Symphony of ChesCo Endowment, 2006
 Kerr Memorial Park Endowment, 2010
 Kiwanis Club of Phoenixville Endowment, 2001
 La Comunidad Hispana Honorary Fund, 2013
 Lions Club of Kennett Square Endowment, 2001
 Longwood Rotary Club Scott Thompson Award, 2008
 Lundale Farm Endowment, 2013
 Lundale Farm Quasi-Endowed Capital Reserve, 2020
 Maternal & Child Health Consortium Endowment, 1998
 Mayor Clifford E. DeBaptiste Endowment for WCU, 1998
 Mill at Anselma Preservation & Educational Trust Foundation, 2003
 North Star of Chester County Endowment, 2014
 Oxford Educational Foundation Trust Endowment, 2017
 Oxford Educational Foundation Endowment, 2017
 Parkesburg Free Library Endowment, 1996
Parkesburg Free Library Margaret Wilson Estate, 2020
 Paul Hassenplug Educational Fund of the Rotary, 1999

PA Home of the Sparrow Endowment, 2006
 Phoenixville Community Education Foundation Endowment, 2006
 Phoenixville Public Library Foundation Endowment, 1999
 Phoenixville Public Library Foundation Nancy Breuer Endowment, 2020
 Planned Parenthood of SE PA Endowment, 1995
 Primitive Hall Endowment, 1996
 Priority One Foundation Endowment, 2004
 Safe Harbor of ChesCo Endowment, 2016
 Stroud Water Research Endowment, 1997
 The Clinic Endowment, 2007
 The Hickman Endowment, 2004
 The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County Endowment & Land Endowment Funds, 2014
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 United Way of ChesCo Endowment, 1998
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 Volunteer English Program Endowment, 2015
 W. Marshall Schmidt Endowment for Children's Country Week, 1998
 West Chester Downtown Foundation Grantmaking Endowment, 2014
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 West Chester Friends School Endowment, 2006
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 Willistown Conservation Trust Endowment, 2013
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 Dr. Alan G. Elko Legacy Scholarship, 2008
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 Dr. Gerald E. Clark Memorial Scholarship, 2008
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 Eleanor & James Latta, Jr. Scholarship, 2013
 Elizabeth G. Dorsett Memorial Scholarship, 2001
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 Stanley's Dream Scholarship, 2010
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Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Eva Low Verplanck, Ph.D.

1924-2021

Eva Verplanck Ph.D. focused her formidable brainpower and generous heart on strengthening community leadership. A myriad of causes—environment, arts, culture, historic preservation, health care, education, social justice, eliminating racism, and empowering women—were of great concern to her.

Eva Low was born in Vienna, Austria in 1924, between two world wars that shaped her core values and world view.

Eva's father Arthur and mother Gertrude focused on educating their children and running an agribusiness founded by her grandfather and great uncle. They worked with scientists at the University of Vienna to develop better seeds, farming practices, and pest control. When Arthur died of cancer in 1934 at age 33, ten-year old Eva watched and learned as her mother and aunt took over the family business.

With Hitler's 1938 annexation, the Low family left the country, residing briefly in Switzerland and then for two years in England. Eva's mother did not waste her time talking about the past. Her steady, reliable nature and practical, stoic attitude clearly had an impact on Eva. "We were expected to deal with what we had to deal with, and to do it in the best way we thought," reflected Eva. "We never discussed what might have been."

Because of her academic preparation abroad, Eva entered Radcliffe at age 16, earning her B.A. in Chemistry in 1944. In 1947, Eva was amongst the first women to earn a Ph.D. in Chemistry at Yale University. At Yale Eva met the love of her life, Vincent Verplanck. They noticed each other in chemistry lab and became friends. After several months, the competitive couple made a bet: whoever earned the higher grade on the next chemistry exam would get a free dinner at a fine restaurant. Looking back, Eva realized that not only did she get a free dinner: it became their first date.

After graduation, Eva served as a Yale postdoctoral fellow and research instructor until 1950. Eva and Vince married on August 26, 1950, relocated to Wilmington and later to Kennett. While Vince worked as a chemist at Hercules, Eva conducted research at the Academy of Natural Sciences under the esteemed botanist and limnologist Ruth Patrick, Ph.D.

In 1958, Eva stepped aside from her science career to raise her growing family. Anne was born in 1958 and Philip in 1959. High-energy Eva increased her community volunteerism. Her detailed, scientific nature led Eva to study nonprofit financing, fundraising, strategic planning, and governance in great depth. Her powers of observation led her to refine her astute understanding of human nature, team interaction, and group decision-making. Early on Eva realized the dire need for volunteers to overcome personal hesitancy and become involved in fundraising. Eva became a fundraising advocate, mentor, and role model.



When Eva's beloved husband Vince died from stroke complications in 1986 at age 62, Eva immersed herself in nonprofit boards:

- YWCA of New Castle County DE (since 1963); YWCA of the USA (1976-1988); YWCA USA World Service Council (since 1988)
- United Way of Delaware (1975-1988); UW S. Chester County (2005-2011)
- Trustees of Color
- Quintin E. Primo Lecture Series (1999-2012)
- Planned Parenthood of Chester County/SE PA (since 1987)
- Neighborhood Health Agencies & Chester County Council of Home Health Agencies (1987-1993)
- Kennett Area Park Authority (since 1988)
- Christ Church Christiana Hundred
- Chester County Community Foundation (since 2000)
- Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (since 1987)

As Co-Chair of YWCA Delaware's Financial Development Committee, Eva advocated for after-school programs, food pantry, shelter, non-traditional job training, artist in residence programs, and study circles on racism with Dr. Maya Angelou and Rev. Bernice King. In 1994, the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized Eva with the Lifetime Achievement Award, in great part due to her fierce dedication to the YWCA's mission. Stephanie Staats, CEO of the YWCA of Delaware, notes, "Eva was a trailblazer. She was humble about the impact of her personal adversity. Yet it informed her guidance and inspired others to follow her lead."



By 1999, Eva became a devoted supporter of the Chester County Community Foundation. Due to her stellar service as a Board member and Chair, in 2004 Eva attained Emerita status. Eva often said, "It is, indeed an honor as an Emeritus Board member, to do all the work yet have no vote. But I have a voice, and that suffices."

The Adler Legacy Fund Honoring Eva L. Verplanck, Ph.D. was established in 2006 by retiring West Chester University President and longtime friend, Madeleine Wing Adler, Ph.D. These two strong leaders share a birthday and a passion for community philanthropy. Madeleine reflects, "Eva was simultaneously attentive to the big picture, nuances and detail. Eva was tireless in her quest to make our world a better place forever."

In 2008, Eva was bestowed the Dr. Henry A. and Barbara M. Jordan Award to recognize her outstanding, longstanding community leadership.

In her last few years, Eva's eyesight started to fail. To her great frustration, "Eagle Eye Eva" saw more with her heart and her mind's eye. She continued to attend meetings and network at events, until the risk of falls became too great.



Until her last days, Eva answered calls and e-mails from charity leaders, imparting insightful, practical, wise counsel. Eva's great intellect, scientific attention to detail, powerful skills of observation, and deep emotional intelligence were second to none. Eva leaves an impressive legacy--a life and legacy to be celebrated.



Note #1: Low family history per *The Ultimate Engineer: The Remarkable Life of NASA's Visionary Leader George M. Low*. Biography of Eva's brother by Richard Jurek, reviewed for accuracy by Eva. Univ of Nebraska press, 2019.

Note #2: Eva's daughter Anne is an Associate Professor of American Studies & Heritage Studies at Penn State Harrisburg. Eva's son Philip is a researcher with the U.S. Geological Survey in Boulder, CO. The legacy endures.

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Aaron J. Martin, Ph.D.

1928-2021

Aaron was the youngest of five children raised by Reverend John Martin and Barbara Martin in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. A humble, thrifty, hard-working family, they instilled a love of learning and deep sense of community fellowship in their children.

Aaron graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1950. In 1953, he earned his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry from Pennsylvania State University. He joined DuPont's R&D division and became a supervisor in 1958.

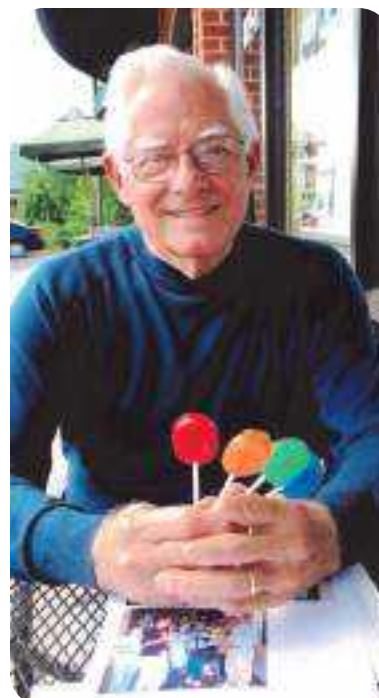
When Aaron and his friend Eugene Bennett decided to go into the scientific instruments business themselves, eventually they persuaded Frank Martinez Jr. to agree on a partnership. Aaron became Vice President and Director of Research. Their F&M Scientific Corporation grew rapidly. Initially F&M sold analytical instruments known as gas chromatographs only in the U.S. In 1963, F&M Scientific Europa formed in Amsterdam, Holland. Soon the company had 400 employees and sales of \$7 million. In 1965 F&M was bought by Hewlett-Packard, and Aaron became manager of research and engineering. In 1969 Aaron left Hewlett-Packard to become president of Marlabs, filing numerous patents for dynamic gas flow apparatus.

Aaron retired in 1989 and devoted himself to focusing his enormous brainpower and entrepreneurial energies in the charitable arena. An avid philanthropist, Aaron was passionate about education, arts and culture, community improvement, the environment, youth, civil rights, health and human services.

Aaron was active in the formation of the Kennett Area Park Authority and in 1989 served as its first Chair. As Special Gifts Chair for the Kennett Area YMCA's 1992 Capital Campaign, Aaron was instrumental in raising over \$5 million to build a new facility, which today serves over 30,000 community residents.



In 1995, Aaron and his wife Jean created the very first donor advised fund at the Community Foundation. "I took a chance on the Community Foundation, and I'm glad I did. It's a good proposition...a way to help local people give more readily to local charitable causes, for the long run. I have a fund at Vanguard Charitable, and I have a fund at the Community Foundation. Both serve my charitable impulses well, in different ways."



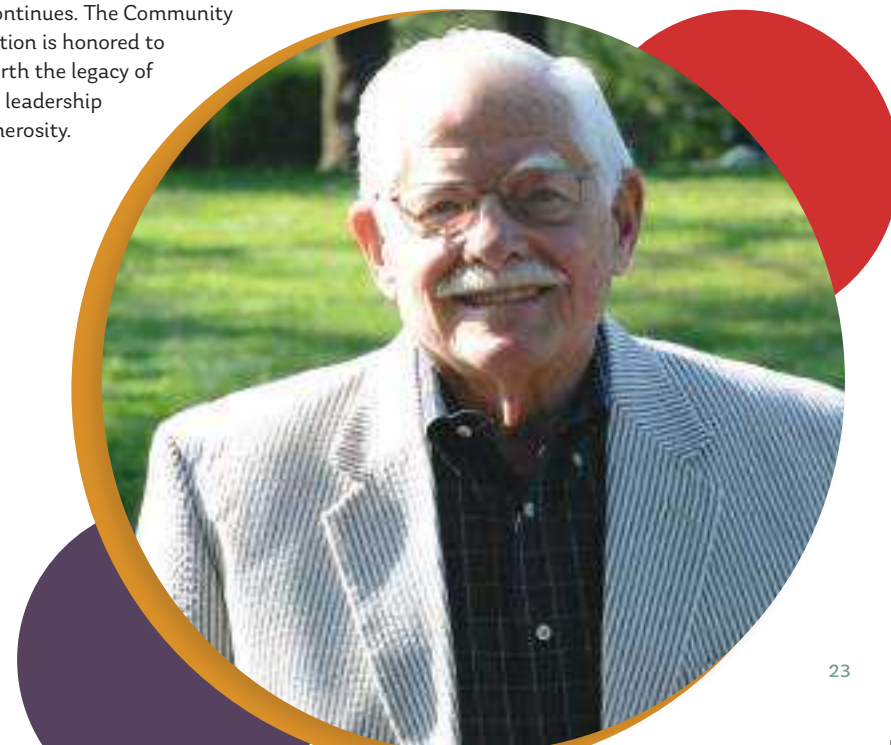
In 1999, at the request of founders and friends Marshall Newtown, John Wood and Denise Wood, Aaron served as a Charter Board member, treasurer and teacher of the Kennett After School Association's "After the Bell" program. Aaron's "Lollipop Factory" program taught hundreds of youth lessons in entrepreneurship, production, marketing, sales and customer satisfaction.

In 2003, having expanded his philanthropic breadth and depth with notable donations to Franklin and Marshall College, Messiah College, the Kennett Library, the United Way of Southern Chester County, and the emerging Greater Brandywine Cultural Alliance, Aaron was awarded the Dr. Henry A. and Barbara M. Jordan Award to recognize his outstanding philanthropic leadership.

Aaron solved the problems of the world each morning with his Kennett Senior Center Coffee Club, and played bridge with the Nine Man Bridge Club. In his quiet moments, Aaron enjoyed music, reading, woodworking and science.

Aaron passed away at the age of 93 on August 9, 2021. He is survived by his son, Mark, and grandchildren, Taryn and Cody. Jean, his wife of 59 years, predeceased him in 2011.

Jean & Aaron Martin's Charitable Fund continues. The Community Foundation is honored to carry forth the legacy of Aaron's leadership and generosity.



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Penelope “Penny” Perkins Wilson

1923-2021



Penelope, aka Penny, Mother, Grummy, Aunt Penny, Teacher Penny, was a force of nature. Tall, creative, and willful, she attacked life with enthusiasm, passion, and delight.

Penelope Perkins was born in 1923 in Bronx, NY. Her father was a career diplomat (the first ambassador to NATO) and her mother raised three children. Her paternal grandfather was an art collector and conservationist; Penny

wanted to be an artist since she was a child. Penny grew up in her family homes in NYC and Glynwood Farm in Cold Spring, NY.

Penny's high school years were spent at Chatham Hall, an all-girls college-preparatory boarding school in Virginia. Upon graduating, Penny attended Bennington College to pursue art and architecture. As a sophomore, Penny worked as an art teacher at the Union Settlement Association in East Harlem.

In 1943, Penny Perkins married William B. Wilson, a Naval officer. Together, they traveled the U.S., living in Pensacola, Chicago, San Diego, Vermont, and New York.



Penny's love for Chester County began on New Year's Day 1950, when she, William, and their children moved into Wyllpen Farm, their 1813 historic home. Penny's passion for visual arts, architecture, history, women's education, health care, and the environment deepened in Chester County. Penny also had a home in Big Timber, Montana whose wide-open spaces were dear to her heart.



From 1956-1962, Penny taught elementary art at her children's school, Westtown Friends. Always supportive of Westtown's initiatives, over time Penny became a significant donor.

Soon after one of Penny's five daughters became a student at Moore College of Art in Philadelphia in the 1970s, Penny began serving

on Moore's Board. She was elected Chair of the Board of Managers in 1999, helping Moore improve its facilities, expand programs, and give students a voice on the Board.

In the health arena, Penny was a lifelong member of the Willistown Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital, also serving on the Hospital's Board of Directors.



Penny's environmental impact is vast. A bird lover, she was devoted to the Audubon Society. At Natural Lands, Penny's imprint is everywhere. Penny's carefully constructed challenge grants laid the foundation for a series of fundraising successes: the Wilson Challenge for Unfunded & Underfunded Preserves; the Campaign for Humans & Nature; the Wilson Challenge for Bryn Coed Preserve.

As an advocate for historic preservation, Penny was always a strong supporter of the Chester County History Center.

But perhaps Penny's greatest devotion was poured into Historic Sugartown, a restored 19th-century village, she co-founded in 1982 with John and Peg Nagy. After having met at a party and learning where the Nagys resided, Penny exclaimed, "You live across from that crumbling, sad mess!" From that moment, Penny dedicated herself to restoring Sugartown's authentic historic setting and opening it back up to the community. Today, Historic Sugartown provides a window into 19th century culture and architecture. Visitors experience how people came together to conduct business, exchange views, and share their lives as a community.



A wonderful sense of humor, spontaneity, and a pragmatic approach to the exigencies of her emblems, and she shared them generously. She raised her family (5 daughters, 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grands) to be interested in the world and to delight in small things. She loved jigsaw puzzles, birds (OWLS!!), chocolate, art exhibits, and lobster... and she always had a silly song at the ready. The best were those made up on the spot.

Penny exercised her philanthropic muscles regularly and widely. Penny was a generous donor and a driver of bold ideas for the future. Her memory lives on in the beautiful places she helped build, and the model she set for a life well lived. The Community Foundation is honored to carry forth Penny's wishes with the Penny Charitable Fund established in her estate plans. Penny's creativity, wit, and perseverance will be celebrated forever.



Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Ronald “Ronn” E. Fletcher

1947-2020



Growing up in Richmond, Virginia, mechanical engineer Ronn Fletcher earned his B.S. from Virginia Tech and his M.S. from Tennessee Tech. Recruited by the DuPont Company, for over 32 years Ronn worked at a myriad of sites. For the last decade of his career, Ronn served as Research Operations Manager at DuPont's Experimental Station in Wilmington, retiring to Ovations at West Grove in 2001.

Always on the move, Ronn couldn't 'settle down' into retirement. Seeking variety and adventure, he travelled the world. First on a west-to-east round-the-world excursion; and soon after, east-to-west. The Orient Express, Great Wall of China, Inca citadel of Machu Picchu, Moai statues of Easter

Island, Great Barrier Reef, Taj Mahal, Jaipur home of the Maharajas, Serengeti Plain safaris, Egyptian pyramids, the medina of Marrakech...always exploring.

On a quest in his own neighborhood, Ronn discovered something that captured his imagination: nonprofit charities. Seeing a sign for the United Way, Ronn simply walked into the office of Carrie Freeman of United Way of Southern Chester County to get the lay of the charitable land. He soon followed up by walking into the offices of Karen Simmons and Beth Harper Briglia, CPA, CAP® of the Chester County Community Foundation...especially convenient being located directly next to his tireless travel agent, Patty Jefferis of Whirlaway Travel, and his trusted estate planning attorney, Duke Schneider Esq. of MacElree Harvey (who Ronn also knew as the Community Foundation's 2012 Door Opener Award winner). Small world.



Ronn quickly jumped in and became passionately involved in Southern Chester County charitable causes focusing on health care, homelessness, disadvantaged children with vision issues, and special needs youth. Always pushing boundaries and pressing for improvement, Ronn focused his considerable energies on charitable causes which have the courage to re-engineer themselves, remain flexible, and change the paradigm. Ronn believed in empowering nonprofits to shift their programming to best meet the moment and support their constituents. Sometimes this worked; and sometimes it didn't. But Ronn persisted.

Ronn made grants from two funds he created at the Community Foundation.



Pay It Forward Charitable Fund encourages paradigm shifts, and over the past decade via the Norr Fund has made grants to: American Diabetes Association in Chester County and Delaware, Center for Create Arts, Domestic Violence Center of Chester County, The Garage, Oxford Neighborhood Services Center, Tick Tock Early Learning Center, West Chester Friends Association and Young Moms.

4Kids2C Charitable Fund grants help disadvantaged youth with eyesight and vision care. Ronn took great delight when 4Kids2C partnered with the Philadelphia Eagle's Charitable Foundation to bring their Eagles Eye Mobile program to Chester County in 2015. On-site eye exams and glasses were given to youths who otherwise would not see the world clearly.



Ronn was grateful to be able to serve his community and make a positive impact. With his passing, Ronn generously left the remainder of his seven-figure estate to his two legacy funds at the Chester County Community Foundation. We are honored to carry forward Ronn's legacy wishes, now and forever.

