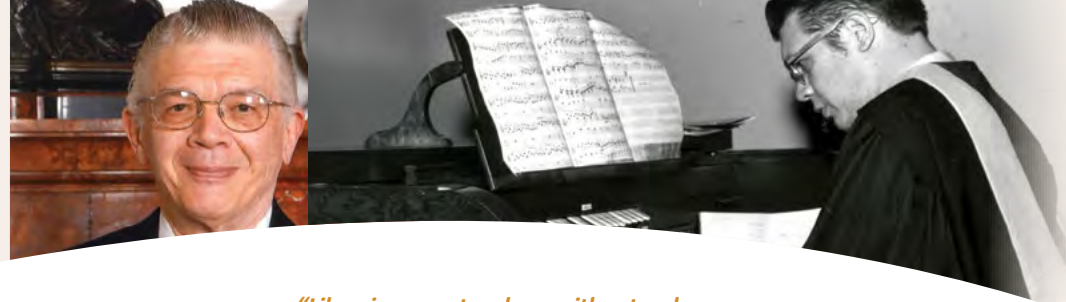


Door Opener Award

David M. Frees, III, Esq. & Kurt Kunsch
Jonas C., Marian D., & Robert H. Erb Charitable Fund



*“Librarians are teachers without a classroom.
No libraries, no progress.” —Willard Scott*

The Community Foundation’s Door Opener Award recognizes professional advisors who support and encourage legacy philanthropy.

We are pleased to spotlight David M. Frees, III, Esq. and Kurt Kunsch as this year’s Door Openers. They supported Robert Erb’s consideration of the Community Foundation as a vehicle for his philanthropy, ultimately leaving his sizeable estate to the Jonas C., Marian D., & Robert H. Erb Charitable Fund.

Robert Erb joined the Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) faculty in 1970 as a librarian. His service continued for 45 years until his retirement in 2015.

“I got to know Mr. Erb quite well, working with him on his estate planning over several years,” explains Dave. “He shared stories of times when he stayed late at the library assisting students with their research, providing encouragement and advice. He was deeply committed to the college, the students, and his community.”

“Mr. Erb was passionate about the community college mission and its diversity,” continues Dave, “He was clearly philanthropic throughout his lifetime. We discussed charitable legacy options. He decided on an education-focused fund at the Community Foundation, named after his parents.”

As Chairman of the Trust, Estates, and Wealth Preservation section of Unruh Turner Burke & Frees, Dave’s practice focuses on planned giving, asset protection, and estate and tax planning and administration.

Always looking for reliable wealth management, Dave felt confident referring Mr. Erb’s estate to Phoenixville Federal Bank and Trust, where lifelong friend Kurt Kunsch is Senior Vice President and Trust Managing Director. Since 1996, Kurt has been at the nexus of scores

of wealth management and estate planning conversations. He has established himself as a leader in the field, with his sound business practices, reputation of integrity and trust, and personal ethos of community service.

Kurt’s passion for community involvement was inspired by his father Dick Kunsch, who in 1958 began working as a teller, and by 1981 became President of Phoenixville Federal Bank and Trust. “My Dad consistently instilled in us the importance of giving back, donating time and resources to others,” says Kurt.

Because of Phoenixville Federal Bank and Trust’s commitment to community philanthropy, combined with its solid investment returns, it is an ideal Medallion investment partner of the Community Foundation. Kurt enthuses, “The altruistic spirit that exists in our community is inspiring. Several of our clients have charitable funds at the Chester County Community Foundation. As

a Medallion investment partner, we continue to manage the investment. True to its mission, the Community Foundation provides a vehicle for those with charitable intent to connect with nonprofit causes that matter to them, both today and in their legacy plans.”

The Erb Charitable Fund supports education, particularly reading, writing, and speech, through scholarships to students as well as grants to Montgomery County Community College or similar accredited institutions in Chester County, Montgomery County, and Delaware County. Programs and activities must make a significant impact on learning enhancement and learning skills.

An accomplished musician, Robert Erb was also a generous donor to the American Guild of Organists.

Annual grants will uphold Mr. Erb’s vision, cementing his desire to make a lasting impact in his community.

