



Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty

Here For Good

A NEW HOME FOR THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty is celebrating the new year at a new office in the heart of Olde West Chester.

“The purchase of our new office building is an incredible milestone for the Foundation,” said Erin Clemons, Foundation president & CEO. “Not only are we investing in our future and the growth of this area, but we are in a much more visible location, giving us the opportunity to re-introduce ourselves to the community.”



WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FOUNDATION?

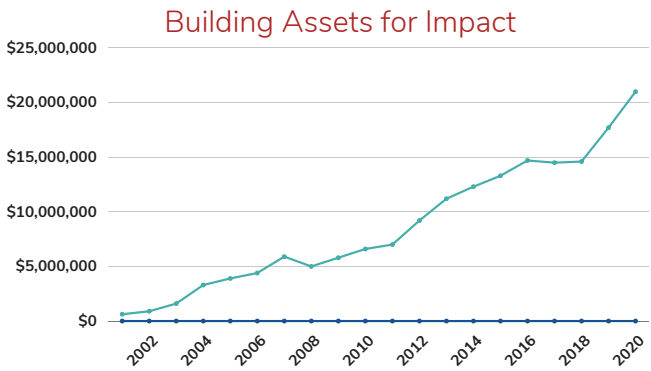
Community foundations are grantmaking public charities dedicated to improving the lives of people in a defined local region by bringing together the financial resources of individuals, families, and businesses to support nonprofit organizations in their communities. As a local philanthropic resource, community foundations help donors make impactful gifts to a wide variety of causes.

The Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty acts as a community trust, building charitable assets to address the needs of the area, while facilitating the philanthropic interests of donors in the fulfillment of their own charitable goals. Donors may choose to direct their giving to causes and organizations important to them locally and in communities across the country; their generosity provides a residual impact to the local community. In 2020, Community Foundation fund holders made a collective impact of \$1.7M in charitable grants to causes close to their hearts.

LEGACY OF LOCAL IMPACT

The Community Foundation launched in 1999 as a grass-roots effort by local families and businesses seeking to make a difference in West Chester and Liberty Townships through generosity of time, talent, and treasure. A recent strategic plan focused on sustainable growth is propelling the Foundation forward, widening its impact for the community, donors, and non-profit partners, and ensuring its presence as a local resource for philanthropy for years to come. Since 2018, the Community Foundation has seen a \$6M growth (40%) in charitable assets, more than half of that increase coming in 2020 alone.

“The economic impact of the past year has been challenging for everyone, but the silver-lining is that those who are able to give have been more charitable than ever,” said Clemons. “People saw needs in the community, and the Foundation was here to facilitate their giving to help address those needs.”



Part of the Foundation's mission is to create a more vibrant West Chester and Liberty Township for everyone who calls this community home. In 2020, the Foundation granted \$1.2M from the Community Grants Fund and donor funds to nonprofit organizations serving West Chester and Liberty Townships, including \$86,000 from the Community Health Fund in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. By providing grant support for organizations such as Reach Out Lakota, EDGE Teen Center, and MetroParks of Butler County, the Foundation is helping meet immediate and future community needs, while improving the quality of life for local residents.

CONNECTING RESOURCES AND NEEDS

A community foundation is designed to look to the future so that it may anticipate community needs, and build the financial resources to respond to those needs. From our new “forever home”, the Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty will continue connecting financial resources to community needs. We are “Here for Good”!



Contact the Community Foundation to learn more and become a part of the impact.

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