



WISH BOOK 2026





Kids practice traditional dance during a class at the Himalayan Foundation in Brentwood. Photo By Jason Cohn.

At The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, our commitment to our community is rooted in a simple yet profound question: How can we partner with donors, organizations and community members to harness our collective resources to build a region where opportunity is available to everyone?

One answer has stood the test of time: investing in the nonprofits that are the lifeblood of our region. These organizations are embedded in the fabric of our communities. Many are led and staffed by people living where they serve, understanding the challenges their neighbors face and the solutions needed to overcome them. Their work—and your generosity—inspires us and people throughout the region every day.

This year's Wish Book celebrates 100 nonprofits that are driving change in areas vital to our region's success: arts and culture, basic needs, economic mobility, environmental action, equity and social justice, and more. By supporting these organizations, you are affirming trust in their local expertise.

As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our commitment to listening to those most affected by inequity and asking, "How can we help you and your community thrive?" Together—with you, our donors, and the incredible organizations featured in this book—we are building a vibrant and just region where everyone has the chance to flourish.

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To contribute a grant of any size, contact your donor services representative to complete your transaction via email. Your grant can also make a special and meaningful holiday, anniversary or birthday gift.

From all of us at The Pittsburgh Foundation and The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, thank you for helping our community thrive.

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The Hope Academy of Music and the Arts at East Liberty Presbyterian Church provides children of all backgrounds a safe and nurturing place to hone their skills in acting, dance, music and the arts. Photo by Jason Cohn.

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B.F. Jones Memorial Library



Early literacy opens doors to lifelong learning and success for young children. In Aliquippa, where many families face economic strain, B.F. Jones Memorial Library delivers Traveling Tales directly into local early childhood centers. This outreach program brings language-rich story times and rotating collections of curated picture books to young learners. Interactive storytelling, songs and rhymes build phonemic awareness, vocabulary and narrative comprehension. Bringing books directly into early classrooms reduces barriers, supports early learning and fosters lasting reading habits in underserved children throughout the community. Your generous financial gift helps close opportunity gaps, sparks imagination in young readers and gives children tools to thrive academically in elementary school and beyond.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Beaver

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY B.F. Jones Memorial Library serves 49,961 total individuals annually, with 1,099 youth reached by Traveling Tales.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Blairsville Underground Railroad History Center



To preserve the stories of self-emancipated enslaved people and the Western Pennsylvania Underground Railroad network that aided their journey to freedom, the all-volunteer Blairsville Underground Railroad History Center provides research, exhibits, education and public programs. The stories of the region's Underground Railroad operations are so vast and largely untold that expansion is needed. The 20-year-old Center recently entered into a lease with the Blairsville Borough of the historic Blairsville Armory but must make the main exhibit floor accessible to all. Funds will be directed to a commercial metal ramp, in compliance with structure integrity requirements of the National Historic Register. With the ramp, the Center can expand exhibits illustrating freedom stories from around the world.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Indiana

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Blairsville Underground Railroad History Center serves 1,200 annually in the museum, with 175 tour attendees and 500 lecture attendees.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

BOOM Concepts



BOOM Concepts is dedicated to the development of artists and creative entrepreneurs who represent marginalized voices. We support artists in building sustainable careers free from exploitative labor practices. Our campus model operates across multiple partner sites, anchored by our Penn Avenue headquarters and expanding through additional spaces that provide artists with studios, resources and professional opportunities. A significant portion of our operating costs supports these facilities, which are offered at 100% subsidized rates, ensuring access to essential workspaces and creative tools. Funds will directly support residency operations at two key sites: the BOOM Concepts Storefront and BOOM Universe @ Alloy Studios. BOOM remains committed to maintaining affordable, artist-centered spaces, offering up to eight collective weeks of accommodations annually.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY BOOM Concepts supports 75 artists yearly through reciprocal and holistic artist support, reaching more than 10,000 patrons.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Chinese Library for Children



Chinese Library for Children's mission is to expand access to bilingual and multicultural literacy through Chinese children's books, storytimes, library partnerships and community programs. The library's Sprout Packs program distributes curated multilingual book sets to Pittsburgh-area families who have limited access to Chinese language and bilingual materials. The program has distributed more than 650 books to date, reaching 20 schools and featuring 23 bilingual story times, with one-third going to English-speaking families. Funds will help distribute 1,960 Sprout Packs — a major scale-up requiring \$5,975 in direct costs. This grant covers 84% of that cost, including book purchases, shipping and packaging, and outreach materials. With this support, we can meet surging second-half demand, when quarterly distribution grows from 200 to 800 packs.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Chinese Library for Children serves about 2,500 children and caregivers annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Creative Citizen Studios



Creative Citizen Studios supports Pittsburgh-area adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in building professional, independent artistic practices through accessible studio programs, exhibitions and community engagement. Creative Citizen Studios is an arts organization and professional studio program for artists with intellectual/developmental disabilities or autism, supporting artists to thrive and find independence in their art-making practice. Weekly programs consist of classes taught by professional artists with extensive creative backgrounds and training in disability support. The studios provide a team-like culture that allows everyone to be their authentic self while learning independence and autonomy. By keeping human support at the center of our work, this investment, directed toward staff support and an internship program, will help the studio artists build confidence, allowing the Creative Citizen Studios mission to thrive.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Annually, Creative Citizen Studios serves 250-plus artists across all programs and classes.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

East Liberty Presbyterian Church



Hope Academy is East Liberty Presbyterian Church's arts education outreach program. Its mission is to bring the transformative power of the arts to young people, making arts education affordable and accessible for all youth and families, not just the privileged. The academy allows youth ages 3-19 to develop skills in working together toward a common artistic goal, building a sense of community among peers from all walks of life. The Suzuki strings program provides classes in violin, viola and cello, providing instruments and accessories to students at no charge. Support will aid the academy in maintaining the instrument library, including instrument repairs, rentals and purchasing. Hope Academy also offers private lessons in voice and piano, and this funding will ensure students have materials and resources to practice at home, including electric keyboards, lesson books, music stands and more.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Hope Academy serves 220 youth ages 3-19, 25 teaching artists and 6 partner organizations.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Greensburg Civic Theatre



Greensburg Civic Theatre serves the Westmoreland County region through staging and presenting dramatic plays and works, providing opportunities for thespians to express their talents in community theater. The 2026-27 season marks Greensburg Civic Theatre's 75th. In July 2026, the theater company launched its first two-week Summer Camp for youth ages 5-18 and expects to repeat the camp in 2027. During the regular season, the company offers Friday field trips for select productions by Greasepaint Players (the division geared to staging family entertainment). This initiative enables school groups and homeschooling families to attend live theater at greatly reduced prices, subsidized by Greensburg Civic Theatre. Funds will support those shows and the summer camp, plus go toward replacing microphone cables, purchasing a projector and increasing artist staff and tech stipends to retain and recruit qualified talent.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The program encompasses 190 cast and crew members, musicians, artistic staff and technicians.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Greensburg Hempfield Area Library



The Greensburg Hempfield Area Library promotes literacy, fosters lifelong learning and offers equitable access to free, high-quality educational experiences. Read to Succeed, the library's kindergarten readiness program, helps preschool children build critical school readiness skills before entering kindergarten, such as letter and number recognition, phonemic awareness, name writing and fine motor skills. The program also includes caregiver education. Read to Succeed sets children up for long-term academic success and helps close the kindergarten readiness gap, especially for families who lack access to preschool. Funds will help the library support and expand Read to Succeed, its seasonal sessions and its staffing. They will also purchase program materials, which include books for home libraries, fine motor tools and learning kits.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In 2024, 79,474 people visited the Greensburg Hempfield Area Library, and 2,723 people accessed library resources remotely.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Hill Dance Academy Theatre



Creating dance career opportunities for children ages 3 to 18, Hill Dance Academy's mission is to develop and train students for careers in concert dance, now broadening to include developing youth entrepreneurs starting at age 7. Funding will support curriculum for level-one students, ages 7 to 10, following dance traditions, history, culture and stories of the founders of Black dance companies. This age group is inquisitive, sensitive, understands fairness and is eager to fix what is wrong. This empathy creates an opportunity to explore entrepreneurship. Built on Kwanzaa principles of community, unity, working collectively, economic agency, growth and well-being, the curriculum will help students see what it means to own an idea and create a vision as dancers and artists.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Hill Dance Academy Theater serves approximately 200 students ages 3 to 18 and 40 adult dancers. Attendees at events total about 125.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Himalayan Foundation-USA



Himalayan Foundation-USA ensures that the Bhutanese community in Pennsylvania thrives by supporting its most vulnerable members, educating its youth and preserving history and heritage. Like many recent immigrant groups, the foundation has struggled with unemployment, lack of access and social isolation stemming from barriers in communication, literacy and language. These struggles are far worse for the large population of Deaf and hard-of-hearing community members, who cannot communicate with their own families and neighbors. Funding directed through the Wish Book campaign will be directed to Deaf support programs, including American Sign Language (ASL) education, both virtual and in-person, and Deaf-focused field trips and cultural festivals. Funding will help address rising transportation costs and pay for teaching materials and ASL instructors for both beginner and advanced classes.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Himalayan Foundation-USA serves over 8,000 people a year. Its regular Deaf programs support around 30 families, and Deaf events serve around 70 families.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Mon Valley Academy for the Arts



Music education builds confidence, discipline and creativity in young people. Yet rising costs place private lessons out of reach for many families. Mon Valley Academy for the Arts removes financial barriers by offering EARS music scholarships to local children and teens. Qualified instructors deliver individualized lessons in voice, piano, guitar, percussion, brass, woodwinds and strings. Wish funding covers lesson scholarships, instructional materials and program support for youth with financial need. Your support gives passionate young students the opportunity to develop their musical talents, perform in community events and build lifelong self-esteem. Help us share the gift of music with talented local youth, enriching our community through accessible arts education for all children.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Fayette

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY 1,500 individuals participate in music education, including scholarship recipients.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Prototype PGH



Prototype PGH's mission is to support members to be inventive, curious and not afraid to fail as they gain access to entry points in design and manufacturing fields from which they have been historically excluded. A feminist makerspace, building gender and racial equity through workshops, tech access, skill-sharing meetups and peer support, Prototype PGH values feminism, racial justice and cooperative economics. Prototype PGH has been operating for 10 years and needs to replace some of its aging equipment to support its community of artists and makers. Support will help in updating woodworking, sewing and jewelry-making tools, replacing broken and aging screen-printing equipment and providing materials for marginalized folks in Pittsburgh's creative community to have access to free and sliding-scale arts and tech workshops.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY 600 people interested in art, design and makerspace skills, in a setting dedicated to values of feminism and racial justice.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Scott Township Public Library



Scott Township Public Library's mission is to serve as the community center for lifelong intellectual growth and enrichment. By checking out materials, you're not only reusing, you're also reducing shipping materials and saving money. The library will expand this idea by hosting a "Repair Café," encouraging people to learn how to fix items rather than replace them, and educating participants about how to maintain belongings so that they need repairs less frequently. Funds will cover the Repair Café and purchase equipment for our "Library of Things," furthering thoughtful approaches to use and reuse. From the Library of Things, patrons can check out items they may only use a handful of times, like thermal cameras, drain cleaning machines and pipe cutters. Anyone with an Allegheny County Library card can access these resources.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In 2025, 23,633 people visited the library; 505 programs were provided to 6,745 participants ages birth to adult.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Shana Simmons Dance



Shana Simmons Dance's mission is to bring dance education and performance opportunities to Pittsburgh's underserved youth, pre-professional students and professionals. In partnership with Hope Academy, Shana Simmons Dance provides a free Sing & Dance program that builds confidence, communication skills, creativity, leadership and a sense of belonging. Serving children ages 4-12, the 30-week annual arts program is offered at no cost to families. Funding will support professional teaching artists, live musical accompaniment, curriculum development, classroom materials and performance expenses. The program culminates in a public Shareformance where students take the stage to share original performances with family and community members. For many children, this is their first opportunity to perform and discover the confidence that comes from being seen, heard and celebrated.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Shana Simmons Dance serves 350+ individuals annually through performances, educational programs, workshops and community arts experiences.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

The Sonny Pugar Memorial Inc.



The Sonny Pugar Memorial's mission is to restore spirit, evoke healing, inspire hope, celebrate local music and forge community through live performances for health facilities. The organization's "Music Smiles" program brings live music to area health facilities and other care sites, encouraging the healing process, regenerating broken spirits, inspiring hope and restoring personal and societal relationships lost by patients and their families during a period of illness or disability. The program ensures musicians are paid for their visits, supporting artists' careers and offering opportunities to compassionately share their music. Funds will continue these paid performances as well as support the "Coda" program, which features interviews with local legacy musicians and is shared on the iHeartRadio app in partnership with Pittsburgh radio 3WS under the title "The Coda Podcast."

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Annually, the organization serves a very diverse population of 100 musicians, 1,300 patients and family, and thousands in the general community.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Tickets for Kids



Tickets for Kids' mission is to provide equitable access for the most vulnerable youth to experiences that inspire hope, dreams and achievements for a lifetime. Tickets for Kids provides no-cost access to art education experiences at Mattress Factory, Carnegie Museum, Children's Museum and The Andy Warhol Museum, where kids participate in a range of arts projects. These experiences introduce kids to art, design, creativity and critical thinking, helping students to explore contemporary art and discuss artists' messages and intentions. By introducing youth to cultural venues, we build the next generation of audiences and create long-term sustainability for the arts and culture ecosystem. Funding will support three computers essential for managing online portal communications between venues and youth partners, as well as virtual ticket delivery and post-event reporting.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In 2025, Tickets for Kids provided 40,849 tickets to children and families affiliated with 350 youth partners in the Pittsburgh region.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Union Project



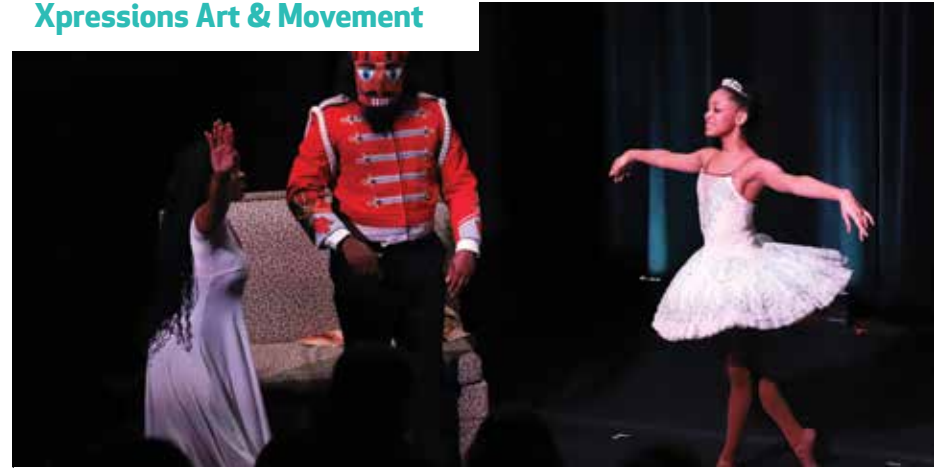
Union Project's mission is to use ceramics to educate, train and inspire students of all ages, backgrounds and skill levels, from beginners to professional artists. In FY26, Union Project began a three-year ceramics expansion to meet growing demand. As part of the expansion, the project shuttered event rental and converted its Great Hall into two studios and space for exhibitions, growing class sizes, running classes simultaneously and increasing the number of open studios. The expansion also allowed for the kitchen space to become a ceramics wash room, the boardroom a ceramics pickup room, and the atrium a new glazing studio. Funds will support underwriting ceramic program services to students from low-income households, including youth and family programs via the project's Wheel Mobile; ongoing access for students who are visually impaired or hard of hearing; and extending open hours for members and the public.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Union Project serves more than 10,000 people annually via its community ceramics center, including 2,500 youth and families, on- and off-site.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Xpressions Art & Movement

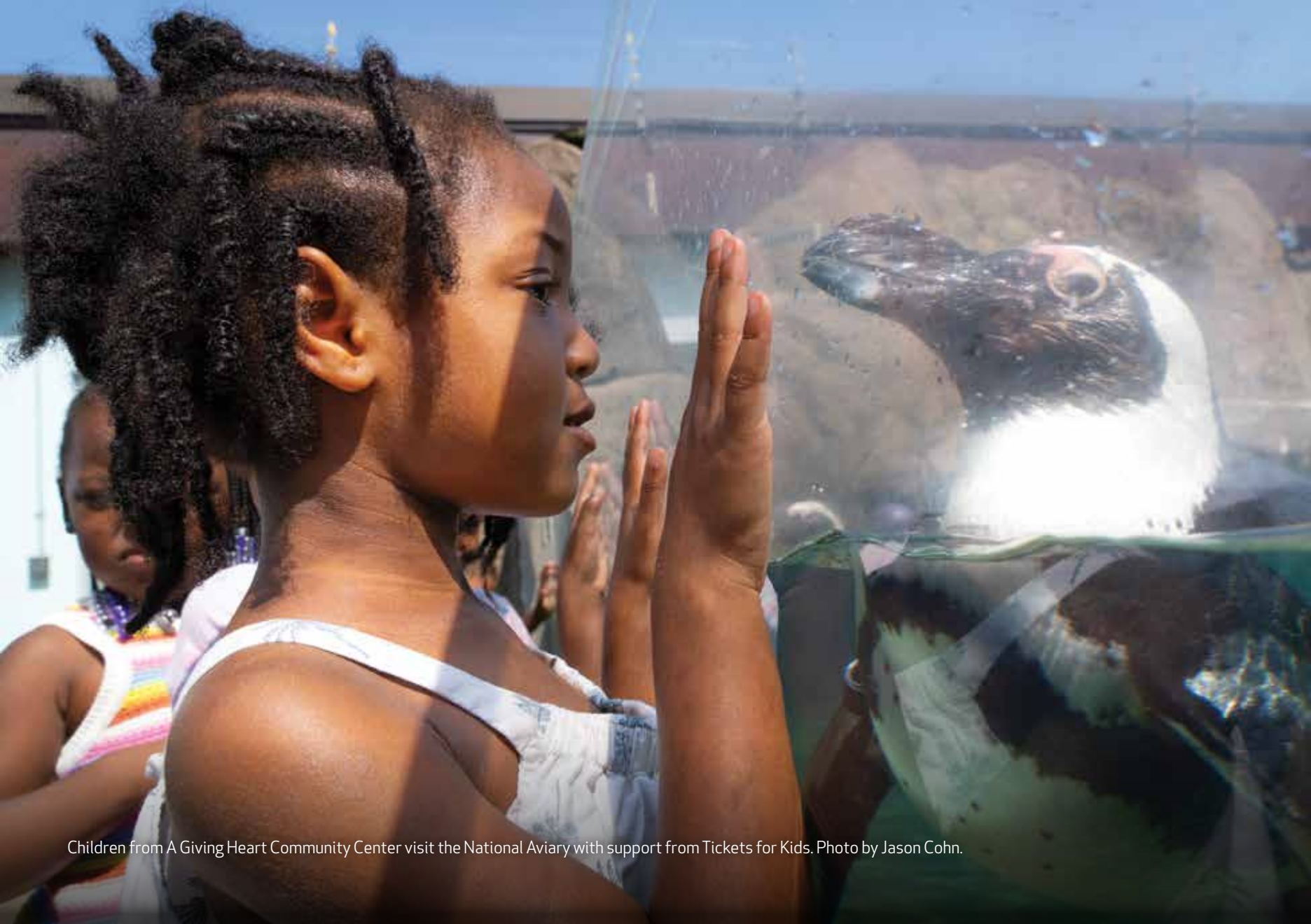


Xpressions Art & Movement engages community members of all ages in artistically excellent programs and performances in African diaspora contemporary dance and other art forms. Xpressions' belief is that everyone can dance and experience cultural excitement and the joy of dancing through programs year-round. The organization will use funds to work with a designer to create signature costumes for the Nutcracker character in its annual production "The Chocolate Nutcracker," a reimagined version of the original, featuring an African-American cast performing ballet, African dance, hip-hop and world folk dances. The opportunity to work with a designer to create a signature Nutcracker jacket, pants and boots will upgrade the production. Funding may also help replace aging equipment, including purchasing a new Apple computer and printer for administrative and artistic work.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Xpressions serves over 1,700 people annually in dance classes, rehearsals, performances and special events.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000



Children from A Giving Heart Community Center visit the National Aviary with support from Tickets for Kids. Photo by Jason Cohn.



Hope Grows provides numerous carefully designed gardens for therapy. Guests at the Iris Respite House in Moon Township can talk with grief counselors in environments meant for healing. Founder Lisa Story is pictured with staff member Joani McCormack, playing the role of a client. Photo by Joshua Franzos.

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Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST)



APOST collaborates with providers to strengthen and advocate for high-quality, sustainable out-of-school time experiences so that all youth thrive. In Allegheny County, 4 out of 5 children do not have out-of-school-time programs available to them. APOST provides a system of support for out-of-school-time staff and organizations so that every youth in Allegheny County has access to high-quality out-of-school-time programming. APOST, among other initiatives, selects 20 out-of-school-time professionals to participate in a six-month, no-cost Managers Cohort. The Managers Cohort provides education about nonprofit leadership, financial management, fundraising, communicating a program's impact and program evaluation. Participants build their professional networks while sharing their own expertise with people from other out-of-school-time organizations.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY APOST supports about 350 out-of-school-time staff each year.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Angels' Place Inc.



Angels' Place was founded in 1984 with a mission to provide exceptional family support and quality early childhood education to families in need to help their children become lifelong learners and create a brighter future. For over 40 years, Angels' Place has supported single-parent families who meet low-income guidelines to achieve financial independence. Providing childcare and family support services at no cost for student parents and at significantly reduced rates for working parents, Angels' Place interrupts the cycle of poverty and systemic inequity by providing resources and services to those in need. Funding will fortify Angels' Place operational infrastructure and help secure resources to scale high-impact Early Childhood Education and Family Support programs. By providing a comprehensive approach, Angels' Place cultivates the educational advancement of the entire family, which positively impacts the workforce.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Angels' Place's goal each year is to serve 45 children and their parents, totaling an estimated 90 clients.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Baptist Homes Foundation



The Baptist Homes Foundation's mission is to provide the highest quality of living to those we serve, while uplifting one person at a time. Baptist Homes Foundation serves as the philanthropic arm of Baptist Senior Family, securing charitable support to enhance the lives of older adults through housing, wellness and care. Funds will support Baptist Manor, a HUD-subsidized affordable senior housing community for older adults on fixed and limited incomes. Through Wish Book funding, Baptist Homes Foundation will install community-wide Wi-Fi and smart lighting technology, designed to enhance and support aging in place. Reliable Wi-Fi infrastructure will support advanced monitoring capabilities to detect falls, provide timely alerts and help reduce the risk of serious injury, while also expanding residents' access to telehealth, communication and online resources.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Baptist Homes Foundation serves 101 older adults living within the Baptist Manor senior housing community.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth so they can achieve their full potential. Professional caseworkers develop and support strong, safe and positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact, creating social justice and a sense of community and belonging at no cost to families. Funding will enable Big Brothers Big Sisters to offer comprehensive wraparound services, including mental health resources and positive mentorship, to the increasing number of young people in need. The agency provides items and referrals to meet families' needs, such as food, shelter and counseling services. It also gives families training on youth safety, mental health, positive social identity, active communication and college access.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region serves about 200.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Building Blocks Child Center



Building Blocks Child Center's mission is to partner with parents to provide the most comprehensive learning opportunities for young minds by providing hands-on, engaging lessons each day in a safe, nurturing and enriching environment. More than just offering daycare, Building Blocks prioritizes the whole child, ensuring staff education, family engagement and solid leadership of our center.

This funding will assist Building Blocks in meeting the growing demand for quality early childhood education. Building Blocks will use this funding to support our classrooms, providing additional resources, materials and learning opportunities. Investments in classroom materials, equipment and staff support will allow Building Blocks to promote children's social-emotional development, creativity, problem-solving skills and school readiness skills.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Mercer

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Building Blocks Child Center currently has 115 children enrolled, from infancy (as young as 6 weeks in age) to school age.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church for Bread of Life Food Pantry



Bread of Life Food Pantry's mission is to bring a measure of love and peace through sharing food and other resources with those who are in need. The pantry seeks to ease barriers to food access for people in need in the Etna/Shaler area, reducing hunger, improving nutrition and strengthening the well-being of community members. Rising food costs and SNAP and Medicaid cuts have imposed strains on pantry resources and the people it serves, who include low-income families, young children and Hispanic and Muslim immigrants. People with disabilities, seniors and veterans are also among the Bread of Life community members. Bread of Life will use the funding to purchase nutritious food for families who visit the pantry and stock shelves with fresh produce, dairy products and other essential items.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Bread of Life serves 1,517 families accounting for 3,720 individuals, including about 109 veterans, 503 disabled people and many seniors.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Central Baptist Church of Pittsburgh



Central Baptist Church nourishes, equips and empowers individuals and families through faith, daily meals, compassionate care, education, workforce development and community partnerships. Every weekday, the church prepares and serves nutritious hot meals to approximately 100 neighbors through its Help on the Hill Community Resource Center, providing nearly 26,000 meals annually to Pittsburgh's Hill District and surrounding communities. The church also connects participants to wraparound supports, including resource navigation, clothing, workforce and benefits referrals, and partnerships that address the root causes of hunger. The church also promotes mental health resilience by creating safe spaces where individuals receive encouragement, community, coping skills and behavioral health referrals. Funding will support general operations, such as staffing, utilities, kitchen operations, supplies and facility maintenance.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Central Baptist Church of Pittsburgh supports approximately 2,500 individuals annually by serving approximately 26,000 meals.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Citizen Science Lab



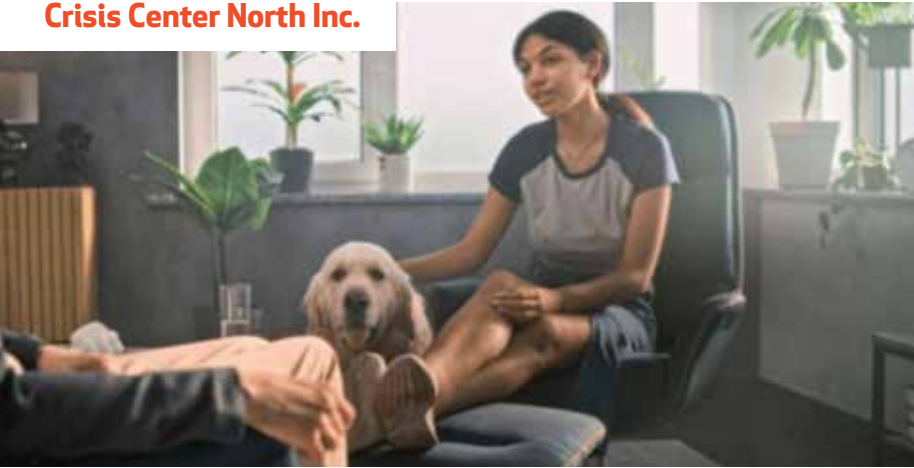
Citizen Science Lab's mission is to create science pipelines through hands-on STEM experiences, with a focus on expanding opportunities for underserved communities. Funding will help expand the lab's sky exploration programming by providing telescopes and drone technology that bring astronomy, aviation, engineering and environmental science to youth and adults. Equipment will be used at the MLK Center, community events, schools and partner sites throughout the region. Participants will learn to observe celestial objects, collect aerial data, explore flight principles and connect concepts to STEM careers. This investment will also strengthen the lab's growing aviation and NASA-inspired programming, helping young people see themselves in these fields.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Citizen Science Lab serves more than 1,000 annually through our pipeline programming, community events, tot labs and school-based programs.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Crisis Center North Inc.



Crisis Center North's mission is to provide lifesaving and support services to survivors of domestic violence and their families. Serving primarily women who have experienced domestic violence and need immediate help, Crisis Center North support focuses on safety, counseling, health, housing and even extended services specific to pets. Crisis Center North will use funds to continue to provide lifesaving services to survivors of domestic violence in the following areas: counseling/therapy, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, economic empowerment services, emergency temporary hotel stays, prevention education and safety planning. Crisis Center North will also continue to grow its award-winning PAWS for Empowerment Program (Pet-Centric Services), recognizing that pets can be a lifeline for people in crisis.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Last year, Crisis Center North served more than 2,600 unduplicated clients with more than 30,400 direct services and more than 3,300 hotline calls answered.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Dress for Success Pittsburgh



Clothing, connections, confidence! The mission of Dress for Success Pittsburgh is to empower women and nonbinary people entering and returning to the workforce across the Pittsburgh region. Dress for Success Pittsburgh will apply funding to strengthen adaptive supports and inclusive service delivery for people with disabilities, sensory needs, mobility limitations and chronic health conditions. With increased demand for services comes an increase in the number of women requiring individualized accommodations for participating in employment readiness programming. This operating support will help build and sustain a new adaptive service model, including specialized clothing and footwear, adaptive wardrobe tools, sensory-friendly items and the staff time required to provide personalized fittings.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Dress for Success Pittsburgh serves more than 4,000 women and nonbinary individuals annually.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

East Suburban Citizen Advocacy



East Suburban Citizen Advocacy provides advocacy and builds inclusive opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. Through this work, the organization strives to reduce social isolation and ensure individuals with disabilities are seen, heard, safe and valued. Recently, East Suburban Citizen Advocacy expanded programming to offer inclusive exercise classes as well as art programs, board games and a walking club. These classes provide a welcoming, supportive space where individuals with disabilities can exercise, socialize and build meaningful relationships alongside their neurotypical peers. These activities also educate and support caregivers and families. Funds will help grow these inclusive enrichment programs, creating more opportunities for connection, belonging and purpose.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY This year, East Suburban Citizen Advocacy addressed 3,850 barriers while serving 1,200 class attendees and 372 advocacy cases.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

First United Presbyterian Church of Crafton Heights



The church's mission is to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ to neighborhood young people and families through relationships with caring adults in an environment of safety and fun. Funding will support buses, field trips, supplies, curriculum and staff for the Summer Day Camp 2027, serving 96 children aged 6-13 for six weeks of music, recreation, arts/crafts and enrichment activities. For \$50 per summer, the camp combats food insecurity by providing two daily meals, in partnership with the City of Pittsburgh's Summer Food Program. Support will also be applied to the Open Door outreach program to vulnerable youth and families in Crafton Heights, including food, tutoring and clubs for fitness and recreation, creativity, drama, choir, games and more.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The church serves 700 households through food distribution, 200 households through children's programs, 400 households through outreach and 300 households through worship.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Friends of the Pittsburgh Fisher House



Friends of the Pittsburgh Fisher House supports the Pittsburgh Fisher House to provide a welcoming “home away from home” where military and veteran families stay free of charge while their loved ones receive treatment at Pittsburgh VA Medical Center (Oakland VA). This funding will be used toward updates to the existing Pittsburgh Fisher House, which serves almost 1,000 guests each year. Because of its age and constant use, refurbishment is needed. New bedroom furniture will give guests a more comfortable and restorative place to rest. The kitchen is always stocked, but offering catered meals several times a week will provide meaningful relief for families who spend long days visiting loved ones at the hospital. Funding professional landscaping will ensure guests feel welcome and can enjoy a relaxing outdoor setting during their stay.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Pittsburgh Fisher House served 982 guests in 2025 and provided 2,952 days of lodging to family and caregivers of veterans.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Garfield Community Farm



Garfield Community Farm’s mission is to advance food sovereignty, environmental justice and neighborhood resiliency in the Garfield community. Fifteen Garfield families are enjoying fresh produce they’ve grown themselves at home after receiving a free raised garden bed installed at their homes by the Farm. The 4-by-8-foot raised beds have special barriers to keep out deer and groundhogs, a major barrier to successful growing in Garfield. Funding is for building raised beds for five or more families on a growing 2027 waitlist. Each raised bed costs \$1,000 (\$600 for lumber, soil, fencing and hardware plus \$400 for a build/install contractor). The farm also provides free plants, education and staff support. Each raised bed is an example of the mission in action: families access affordable produce, grow gardening confidence and skills, and connect to farm programs, staff and resources.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 3,200 neighbors and community members visit, volunteer and participate in farm activities annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Hair Peace Charities



The mission of Hair Peace Charities is to provide financial and emotional support to women and girls who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. The charity provides \$300 per patient to offset the cost of a wig. Recognizing that cancer treatment is expensive due to lost time at work and frequent copays, Hair Peace Charities provides relief that can build self-esteem during a difficult time. In addition to financial support to patients, Hair Peace Charities staff offer encouragement, spiritual support and cancer-related information. Hair Peace connects women and girls facing this struggle with resources, from funds to information about participating salons that are experienced and sensitive to the chemotherapy patient's needs. Funding will be directed toward our mission of helping local women and girls with hair loss due to chemotherapy to purchase a wig.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Hair Peace Charities serves approximately 400 women and girls annually.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Hill District Collaborative



Low incomes, low property values and unclear title status often prevent Hill District residents from securing repair assistance, risking home abandonment, tax delinquency and declining value, which contribute to blight and destabilize blocks. The Hill District Collaborative supports a healthier housing ecosystem. Funding will support the Collaborative's Home Repair Service Program, which provides repairs that help older adults remain in their homes, strengthening family assets and maintaining the character of this historic community. The program includes structural, environmental, electrical, mechanical and plumbing repairs, inspections, contractor oversight, final quality checks and legal support to help seniors obtain wills and clear ownership so homes can be passed to the next generation.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Hill District Collaborative serves 25 seniors in the Hill District, stabilizing home ownership and preserving community.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Holy Angels Parish Kitchen and Food Pantry



Holy Angels Parish Kitchen has a long-standing community mission to provide meals and support to those in need, rooted in the parish's commitment to compassion, dignity and Christian service. The Kitchen provides individually packaged nutritious meals to a homeless shelter in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, amounting to thousands of meals per year. The Kitchen relies fully on a volunteer team of under 20 and, for 10 years, has provided meals in increasing quantities. The small congregation has been absorbing the cost of gas, electric and water/sewer – program costs that represent the highest utility usage of any ministry of the church. Funds will be used for rising utility costs associated with meal preparation, including water for extensive dishwashing and gas for stoves. Additionally, several very old refrigerators/freezers will be replaced.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The shelter houses 25 revolving individuals who need three meals a day, 365 days a year. The Kitchen provides 12,000 of those meals.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Hope Grows



Hope Grows provides no-cost emotional and mental health support, education, mentorship and respite services to family caregivers throughout Pittsburgh and surrounding counties. As demand for programs grows, so does the need for reliable technology. Currently, staff are without dedicated laptops, creating challenges in service delivery, communication and data management. Funding will help offset technology-related expenses, HIPAA-compliant device disposal and the purchase of eight employee laptops to improve efficiency, enhance service delivery and expand access to support for caregivers and those experiencing grief and loss. The investment will also support Hope Grows' new Gathering Table & Legacy Initiative, a holistic model addressing the emotional, relational and practical challenges of caregiving and grief.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY 1,784 caregivers and care receivers have received support.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Jewish Assistance Fund



Founded in 1985, Jewish Assistance Fund's (JAF) mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to the western Pennsylvania Jewish community for pressing expenses, with no repayment requirement. We serve individuals and families in need so they can move out from under the burden of pressing expenses and bills. We help people who are juggling expenses, drowning in debt, and may have overdue bills, shutoff notices, medical bills, eviction notices and more. Usually within a week from initial inquiry, we are uniquely positioned to provide financial help along with referrals and access to useful tools and additional community resources, including emergency food and free financial coaching. This wish helps support people during high-stress and challenging times, often when it is the first time they need financial help and they have nowhere else to turn.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Served 354 individuals in households that contain 1-13 people and ages ranging from 22 to 101.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Kidcelerate



Kidcelerate equips children in greater Pittsburgh with nutritious food, quality education and healthy adult relationships to build lifelong success, regardless of socioeconomic status. Inflationary pressures have driven a massive surge in demand for the organization's services. Funding for Kidcelerate's summer food program, Kids Meal Network, will support the expansion of meal sites to combat skyrocketing food costs and ensure no child goes hungry in the coming years. Specifically, these funds will cover the costs of expanding the network's footprint, purchasing more nutritious meals, hiring seasonal staff to manage new sites and acquiring essential food safety and storage supplies. Additionally, funding will support targeted marketing materials to ensure vulnerable families in new expansion zones know where to access free meals.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Kidcelerate serves 1,200 kids annually.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Knead Community Cafe



Knead Community Cafe provides healthy meals to people regardless of their means while nurturing community in a safe, beautiful space where everyone can give, receive, volunteer and connect together with dignity. Funding will strengthen the pay-what-you-can cafe's ability to provide nourishing meals and meaningful connection for all who enter its doors. This will support the everyday resources needed to serve cafe guests, including food, supplies, equipment, staffing and operational needs. Funds will also help meet continued demand from individuals and families facing food insecurity while keeping the cafe accessible to everyone. Easing the financial pressure of daily operations will allow Knead Community Cafe to focus more fully on feeding people, reducing barriers to access and building relationships.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Roughly 100,000 members of Knead Community Cafe's immediate community visit the cafe, which gives away approximately 1,700 free meals per month.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

La Promesa (The Promise) Foundation Inc.



La Promesa Foundation recognizes and honors academically talented Hispanic students in southwestern Pennsylvania by providing economic support for their higher education. The growing nonprofit organization's leadership dedicates significant time to scholarship administration, donor engagement, event planning, partnership coordination, community outreach, student support and strategic development. Funding will support direct programmatic activities, encompassing the scholarship program and essential operating expenses necessary to effectively manage and grow La Promesa's impact, including administrative support, program coordination, outreach efforts, communications, planning and executive leadership time dedicated to implementing and sustaining these initiatives.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Since 2022, La Promesa Foundation has awarded over \$82,000 in scholarships to more than 40 students, equivalent to over 10 students per year.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Mosaic Community Development Center



Mosaic Community Development Center empowers and elevates youth and families in Jeannette through relationships, education, enrichment and opportunities that build resilience, leadership and community connection. More than 84% of students in the Jeannette City School District qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and many of the children face challenges such as poverty, food insecurity, trauma and family instability. When basic needs go unmet, young people can't focus on learning, build confidence and reach their potential. Four days each week, the center provides a safe place where students receive academic support, social-emotional learning, mentorship, recreation and a nutritious dinner. Funding will support the center's tuition-free after-school program serving students in grades three through nine in Jeannette. It will help provide meals and snacks, transportation, educational supplies and staffing.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Mosaic Community Development Center serves approximately 300 children and youth and their families.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

New Ken Downtown Partnership LLC



The New Ken Downtown Partnership drives economic growth, community engagement and neighborhood revitalization by supporting businesses, public spaces, cultural activities and quality-of-life initiatives in New Kensington. The city is a food desert where many residents face barriers to getting fresh, affordable and nutritious food. The New Ken Downtown Partnership addresses this critical need through its weekly farmers market held every Saturday from May through October. The market provides consistent access to healthy food for people with limited transportation or resources. The market accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and other nutrition program vouchers, ensuring nutritious food remains accessible to all. Funding will help sustain and strengthen market operations through equipment, outreach, marketing and vendor support.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 12,000 residents in New Kensington and neighboring communities participate in the farmers market.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Nicolina's Wishes Charitable Foundation



Youth and families struggling with mental health challenges and grief need accessible, compassionate support. Nicolina's Wishes Charitable Foundation advocates mental health awareness, suicide prevention and grief support through community programming. We offer family peer support groups, certified therapy dog visits and youth peer-to-peer support training for young leaders. Additionally, our no-barriers fund provides free professional mental health services and transportation for uninsured individuals. Grant funding supplies program materials, speaker honorariums and professional care, bringing vital mental health resources directly to local youth and families. Your donation brings hope and healing to hurting youth in local schools, offering compassionate support when families encounter their darkest moments.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Beaver

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In 2025, Nicola's Wishes served 686 youth and their families.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

NurturePA



NurturePA provides free, text message-based peer support and personal connection to mothers of young children. In Allegheny County, 1 in 5 moms experience postpartum depression. Research shows that isolation puts mom and baby at risk. NurturePA matches moms with trained mentors (moms themselves) from pregnancy through their child's fifth birthday. Mentors provide depression screenings, emotional support, resource referrals and advice. The mothers served are disproportionately low income, under-resourced and often from communities historically excluded from quality healthcare and social support. NurturePA meets moms on their schedule and in their own language. Funding will support general operating costs, particularly texting services, which average \$450 per month.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY NurturePA serves 1,250 families, many with more than one child. It has seen a 53% increase in enrollment over the past year alone.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Open Field



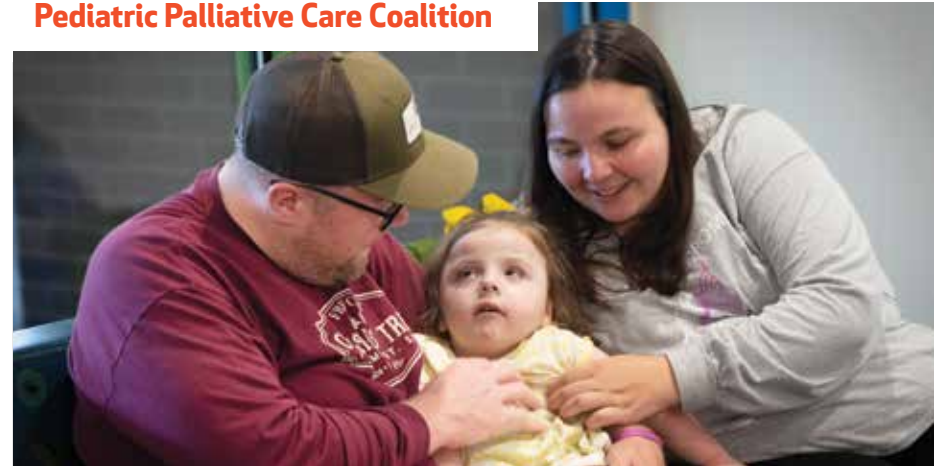
Open Field's mission is to improve the lives and futures of youth through sport. Our wish is to launch the Future Forward Scholars Program, an enhanced initiative designed specifically for high school juniors and seniors who need additional support navigating the transition to college, trade school, workforce training or other post-secondary opportunities. Through one-on-one mentoring, personalized college and career exploration, tailored campus visits and hands-on support with applications, financial aid and scholarships, the program will help students overcome barriers that often prevent them from achieving their goals. The Future Forward Scholars Program will empower young people to pursue their aspirations with confidence and access the opportunities they need to build successful futures.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Open Field serves 400 youth per year through existing programs.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition



The Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition's mission is to provide resources to families, volunteers and medical professionals caring for children with life-limiting illnesses. Parents of seriously ill children must make difficult medical decisions, manage fear and exhaustion, care for other family and face uncertainty. Often, they feel alone. Funding will support the coalition's LANTERN Initiative, offering compassionate guidance and connection to parents and caregivers navigating a child's serious illness. Through LANTERN, families can access pediatric palliative care specialists who listen without judgment and connect them to trusted resources, emotional support and a community. Support will help reach more families, respond more quickly to caregiver requests and strengthen the tools used to guide families to the right support. LANTERN assures parents that they do not have to search for help alone.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition annually serves about 250 families with a child with life-limiting illness.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Pittsburgh Dream Center



The Pittsburgh Dream Center serves vulnerable individuals and families in McKeesport and surrounding neighborhoods by meeting tangible needs and offering hope, dignity and practical support. Hunger relief is a central focus, as many McKeesport residents face significant economic hardship and ongoing food insecurity: 40% live below the national poverty line, and 1 in 5 residents go to bed hungry each evening. The Dream Center provides a weekly hot meal and distributes groceries at community sites each month through its mobile food bank. To sustain and strengthen these services, the Dream Center is requesting funds for a commercial refrigerator and freezer. Its current appliances are more than 10 years old and have required repeated repairs. Dependable cold-storage equipment is essential to safely storing perishable foods, reducing waste and meeting the growing needs of families throughout the community.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Pittsburgh Dream Center annually serves 12,360 individuals singly or in families with food, clothing and other help.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Pittsburgh Hires Veterans



Pittsburgh Hires Veterans provides support and assistance to U.S. military veterans, current service members and their spouses in search of education, training and employment, without regard to discharge status or era served. “Veteran” means something different to everyone: a grandfather who served decades ago, the barista handing you your morning coffee or, tragically, a person in crisis living on the street. Ultimately, veterans are neighbors, and Pittsburgh Hires Veterans supports them all. In 2025, Allegheny County’s veteran unemployment rate was nearly double that of nonveterans, and over 25% of Pennsylvania veterans lack sufficient household income. Through one-on-one support, the organization helps veterans secure a living wage, creating a strong defense against homelessness. Funds will expand these services by increasing staff capacity and resources to meet the growing demand for career coaching, job placement and employer engagement.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In 2025, Pittsburgh Hires Veterans helped 149 veterans and their spouses secure meaningful employment.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Se Soulever



Se Soulever (which means “rise up”) is a faith-based nonprofit building a continuum of care through recovery and reentry housing, recovery services, workforce development, and family and community support. Funding in unrestricted operating support will strengthen Se Soulever’s capacity to assist individuals affected by substance use disorders, incarceration, behavioral health challenges and housing instability. These funds will help create the infrastructure needed to launch programs by supporting technology, office equipment, outreach materials, transportation planning, volunteer and board development, community partnerships and other essential startup expenses. Initial efforts will focus on serving individuals in Allegheny County while building the capacity to expand Se Soulever’s continuum of care throughout Western Pennsylvania.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Se Soulever is projected to serve 50-75 adults in recovery, citizens returning to society, and families seeking housing, stability and hope.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Sheep Inc. Health Care Center



Sheep Inc. Health Care Center shows Christ’s love and compassion by providing quality health care to individuals without health insurance. Many of the center’s patients manage multiple medications for chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. Limited resources, low health literacy and complex medication schedules often lead to missed doses and poor health outcomes. Funds will provide patients with weekly pill organizers at no cost, supported by the center’s ongoing health guidance, helping patients organize their medications, reduce confusion, improve adherence and increase their confidence in managing their health. Better medication compliance can lead to improved disease control, fewer complications, reduced emergency room visits and lower healthcare costs.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Sheep Inc. Health Care Center serves 1,117 patient visits annually through direct provider care services.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Southwest Region Community Support Program



Individuals recovering from mental health and substance use challenges deserve strong support and advocacy opportunities. Southwest Region Community Support Program assists individuals across 16 counties in southwest Pennsylvania. Using Wish funds, we will charter buses for our annual trip to the March on Advocacy in Harrisburg during Mental Health Month. Transporting members to the state capitol allows them to participate in Pennsylvania's premier mental health advocacy event. Your gift gives community members a voice, strengthens public advocacy and promotes recovery throughout the region. Together we can break down social stigma, promote equal care access and empower recovery journeys for individuals striving to achieve long-term well-being.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Lawrence

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 250 people in 16 counties participate in this important advocacy opportunity.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Teetotal Initiative



Teetotal Initiative's mission is to help individuals sustain sobriety. For thousands of people, the end of treatment is just the beginning of recovery. And too often, the post-treatment world looks nothing like celebration. The silence of empty weekends can slowly pull someone to relapse. Teetotal Initiative exists to rewrite that story. We transform ordinary moments into extraordinary opportunities for connection through sober arts, wellness, volunteer, culinary and community experiences. A watercolor class becomes a new friendship. Kayaking becomes someone's first sober adventure. A shared meal becomes the moment a person realizes they aren't alone. Providing thousands of Southwestern Pennsylvania participants with hundreds of activities, demand continues to outpace the three-year-old organization's capacity. Funding gives someone another invitation to belong and to discover that life is much more than survival.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Based on previous years, the Teetotal Initiative expects to serve 2,000 individuals in 2026.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

The Pittsburgh Project



The Pittsburgh Project is a Christian nonprofit organization serving Pittsburgh's North Side community by providing a progressive series of out-of-school-time programs. The faith-based community development organization is committed to equality; 96% of its students are African American or Latino, and the majority of the families served are economically disadvantaged. Every year, The Pittsburgh Project provides out-of-school-time programming including after-school, summer day camp and leadership development for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Funds will support enrichment activities incorporated into the after-school and summer day camp programs, including cooking, art, gardening, fitness, production, engineering, robotics, the DREAMlab makerspace and more. Funding will help provide supplies and materials, including tools, educational kits, iPads and software.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Pittsburgh Project serves approximately 250 students in kindergarten through 12th grade annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

The Salvation Army



Both a church and social services agency, The Salvation Army provides relief to those who need it most. Its Pathway of Hope initiative is a long-term approach to help families overcome sustained poverty. The Salvation Army assists with housing, transportation, medical bills and utilities. Each family is paired with a case manager who helps identify pressing and long-term needs and meets with participants for periods from six months to two years. Last year, 50% of families made progress in employment, housing and transportation, and 40% were able to increase their income. A core component for case managers is paving a better path for children, such as advocating for in-school accommodations. Funding will help supplement resources for case managers, who are critical to this program's success.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In fiscal year 2025, Pathway of Hope served 67 families across six counties in Western Pennsylvania, 22 of whom were in Allegheny County.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Tri-City Meals on Wheels



Tri-City Meals on Wheels serves the needs of those in Greensburg, Jeannette, Fort Allen and Harrison City who are unable to prepare meals for themselves by delivering a hot meal Monday through Friday. As overall costs increase, so do the costs of Tri-City Meals on Wheels' services. The organization has had to reluctantly raise the price of its meals. Funds will go toward covering the monthly costs to provide for those in need of these services.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Tri-City Meals on Wheels averages 205 meals per day, five days per week, amounting to a total of 49,200 meals per year.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Wilksburg Community Ministry



Wilksburg Community Ministry We Share Food is more than a food pantry. It is the last mile of food security in the community — turning food from regional food banks, grocers and the ministry's garden into real meals for real neighbors. The ministry's storefront is set up like a small grocery store, while a mobile pantry brings fresh food to sites across the East End. We Share Food aims to share more food with neighbors, especially because demand has increased almost daily since August 2025, especially during and after the government shutdown in October 2025. Due to these constraints, in the first five months of 2026, the ministry had already spent more than 65% of its annual food purchase budget, including "free" food that is subsidized through the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Funds will support the purchase of food for the community.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Wilksburg Community Ministry We Share Food has 55,000 household visits a year. Of those households, 65% include children under 18.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Will Allen Foundation



The Will Allen Foundation's Healthcare Explorers enrichment program introduces students to the full spectrum of healthcare careers, from certified nursing assistant to physician. Taught by a registered nurse, the program combines foundational healthcare knowledge with hands-on learning that exposes students to medical terminology and patient care while connecting them with healthcare professionals and postsecondary and credentialing pathways. The foundation wishes to support students from Clairton and Brentwood high schools as they explore in-demand careers in healthcare. Funds supporting this program will go toward staff time, textbooks, transportation for field experiences, and first aid/CPR certification to equip students for careers in healthcare.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Will Allen Foundation serves 450 youth annually across its portfolio of both in-school and out-of-school programs.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

YWCA Westmoreland County



YWCA Westmoreland County strives to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice and dignity for all. Last year, the YWCA met critical community needs by distributing 300 personal care boxes to low-income women through its Just for You Box project. This year, to meet a rising demand for basic needs, the YWCA is replacing the boxes with reusable drawstring bags and presenting them as wrapped gifts for the holidays. Drawstring bags provide a durable, reusable asset. Presenting them as wrapped gifts preserves the magic of the holidays for women facing severe financial stress. Funds will purchase the bags, holiday wrap and bulk hygiene inventory, including soap, shampoo, conditioner, dental products and feminine products. This will help the YWCA bridge the gap between surviving and feeling valued, empowering 300-plus women with tools for health and a message of hope.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Last year, the YWCA Westmoreland County served 17,300 vulnerable, low-income women.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000



Divine Intervention Ministries transforms lives by helping formerly incarcerated adults and at-risk youth achieve hope, stability, employment and self-sufficiency.
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100 Black Men of Western PA Inc.



100 Black Men's mission is to improve and enhance educational opportunities for underserved youth in the community, with an emphasis on young African American men in eighth through 12th grade. An all-volunteer organization, 100 Black Men is composed of dedicated men working with underserved youth to develop strong foundations for post-secondary education and success. The group's Economic Empowerment Initiative includes a Signature Saturday program at CCAC during the school year, offering national models in financial literacy, entrepreneurship and career development to teens. It also includes the Infolink Technology Summer Program in partnership with the Digital Foundry, exposing youth to high-demand careers. With a 95% achievement rate, all funds directly support programs, curriculum and field trips to expose youth.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY 100 Black Men serves 35-40 African American youth from underserved communities through its Saturday program, and 200 youth in culture events.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Butler Coffee Lab



Individuals with disabilities encounter significant barriers when seeking competitive employment and workforce training. Butler Coffee Lab creates meaningful job opportunities through our social enterprise coffee production facility. Funding expands our Keystone Talent Bridge workforce program, meeting growing demand from eager job seekers and inclusive employers. Grant support offsets participant wages, job coaching, training supplies and adaptive tools in our coffee manufacturing plant. Providing real-world, paid work experience helps participants master practical skills, achieve economic independence and build sustainable pathways to long-term employment throughout our region. Your support opens career doors, transforms lives across local communities and demonstrates the immense value of inclusive workplaces for workers of all abilities.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Butler

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Job training provides new skills for 300 to 500+ individuals annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Dah-Varsity TOYZSTEAM Superheroes



Dah-Varsity TOYZSTEAM Superheroes increases pathways in the science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) creator industry for employment and enterprise in artificial intelligence and advanced manufacturing. Funds will go directly toward workshop delivery and platform materials for TOYZSTEAM's Dah-Varsity AI program, expanding Black arts and STEAM education access for Pittsburgh youth. With this support, the organization will sustain programming across partner sites in Homewood, the Hill District, McKeesport and New Kensington, where demand has consistently exceeded capacity. Funds will cover facilitation supplies and printed curriculum materials for workshops and equipment costs, allowing participants to engage with audio recording and creative storytelling tools.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Dah-Varsity TOYZSTEAM Superheroes has served over 700 students in Pittsburgh and reaches over 100 students annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Divine Intervention Ministries



Divine Intervention Ministries transforms lives by helping formerly incarcerated adults and at-risk youth achieve hope, stability, employment and self-sufficiency. Funding will help the organization meet the immediate basic needs of economically disadvantaged individuals, especially those returning from incarceration, by providing food, hygiene products and clothing. It will also allow Divine Intervention Ministries to replace outdated equipment and purchase books and other educational materials that support its classes and programs, helping participants build skills and move toward long-term success.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Divine Intervention Ministries serves about 250 clients a year through reentry support, mentoring and faith-based services.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Girls Inc. of Greater Pittsburgh



Girls Inc. of Greater Pittsburgh inspires girls to be strong, smart and bold through healthy living habits, academic enrichment and life skills. The organization will expand opportunities for economic mobility for girls facing barriers to educational and career success. More than half of program participants come from households earning at or below the federal poverty level, making early exposure to education and career pathways critical. Funding will strengthen elementary programming through mentoring, printed curriculum books, supplies and transportation for college tours at local universities. Funds will also expand middle school programming through Girls Inc. Discovery Trips that connect classroom learning to real-world careers. Funding will also support high school college and career readiness workshops and Eureka!, the STEM summer program.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Girls Inc. of Greater Pittsburgh serves over 750 girls and women throughout the Pittsburgh region.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Giving It Forward, Together



Giving It Forward, Together fosters intergenerational volunteerism connecting seniors and university students. These experiences strengthen career readiness and increase students' confidence as they prepare to enter the workforce. At the same time, students facilitate meaningful programming for older adults and provide caregivers with access to educational resources and community support. Funding will expand the group's Lounge as an intergenerational workforce development hub where university students gain hands-on experience while serving the community. It will also support technology, equipment, program materials and operational resources needed to provide students with practical skills in leadership, communication, program coordination and community engagement.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Giving It Forward, Together serves about 1,000 people per year.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Greater Wilksburg Community Advancement Association



The Greater Wilksburg Community Advancement Association strengthens Wilksburg through community revitalization, economic opportunity, resident engagement and partnerships that build an inclusive, thriving neighborhood. The association is creating a community resale shop, Thrift & Thrive, that will provide affordable clothing, household goods and furniture while generating sustainable revenue for neighborhood revitalization. Its vision is to transform donated items into lasting community impact by creating a place where residents can shop, volunteer, connect with neighbors and support local initiatives. Funding will help launch Thrift & Thrive by purchasing shelving, clothing racks, display fixtures, signage, point-of-sale technology, storage equipment and other startup essentials needed to create an organized and welcoming space.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Greater Wilksburg Community Advancement Association serves approximately 4,500 individuals annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Greenwood Plan



Greenwood Plan advances economic justice for Black communities by bridging people and knowledge networks, redirecting resources and supporting the unique needs of Black businesses. It aims to unify local businesses by providing essential programming, events and a physical coworking space with tangible amenities. Its operations, programs and coworking space are housed in Greenwood Smithfield, a 40,000-square-foot mixed-use building located in the 200 block of Smithfield Street in Downtown Pittsburgh. Rising energy costs across the state paired with unforeseen maintenance have increased the need for funding to support Greenwood Smithfield's operations. Funds will contribute to paying the building's energy bills and maintenance costs so that Greenwood Smithfield can remain accessible and affordable for its local business tenants, which include Cricket, Travelers Aid, PAIR Charcuterie, SisTers PGH and Emerald City.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Greenwood Plan serves about 250 individuals through its programming, coworking space and events.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Housing Opportunities of Beaver County Inc.



A safe, stable home protects family well-being and builds community strength. Housing Opportunities Inc. helps low- and moderate-income Beaver County households secure and maintain homeownership through counseling, home repair and paid trade training. Our housing counselors guide families away from foreclosure, while our paid construction trainees complete urgent repairs like rebuilding porches, replacing failing furnaces and fixing leaking roofs. General operating grant funds support counselor time, repair supplies and trainee wages, stabilizing vulnerable households while building skilled trade pathways for local workers. Your support keeps families in safe homes while teaching valuable career skills, strengthening neighborhoods and creating economic opportunity for residents building better futures.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Beaver

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY More than 200 households benefit from counseling and/or repair services annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Mon Metro Business Equity Initiative Inc.



Mon Metro Business Equity Initiative connects underserved Mon Valley residents to coaching, resources, partnerships and opportunity. Its Vocational Insight Space, known as VIS, currently serves 20 participants through coaching, career exploration, workforce readiness, personal development and connection to employment, shadowing, and volunteer and business opportunities. The initiative will use funding to create an interactive digital platform for VIS. Participants will be able to learn about the program, complete intake forms, identify career interests, access workforce-readiness resources and connect with coaches. Employers, volunteers and community partners will also have a clear way to offer support. Funds will help Mon Metro Business Equity Initiative better organize participant engagement, support three coaches, strengthen employer and volunteer connections and make VIS more accessible.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Mon Metro Business Equity Initiative assisted 20 VIS participants in 2026.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

New Century Careers Inc.



New Century Careers provides free machinist training to southwestern Pennsylvania job seekers, helping them launch entry-level manufacturing careers in as few as five months. Its MANUFACTURING 2000 (M2K) Pre-Apprenticeship Program provides training and job placement services at no cost to high school and GED graduates 18 and older. Participants are recruited, screened, tested, trained and placed in entry-level machinist positions with one of more than 200 manufacturers in the organization's employer network. Funds will support essential training materials and equipment, including machinery handbooks, starter tools, headphones for online learning modules, calculators, safety glasses, industrial safety supplies and tool kits for those who complete the program. This funding will remove financial barriers for job seekers and prepare them for careers in manufacturing.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY New Century Careers provides technical training and job placement services to 50-60 local job seekers through the M2K program.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Schools That Can



Schools That Can builds an education-to-employment pathway that prepares young people for success in education, careers and life while strengthening connections between schools and the broader community. Its Design Challenge, a team-based program for middle school students, uses design thinking to solve community problems with businesses or nonprofits. During the six-week Design Challenge, student teams build collaboration, communication, critical thinking and problem-solving skills while addressing community challenges. Educators receive professional learning to integrate design thinking into their classrooms, while community partners serve as clients and mentors. Funds will cover transportation, refreshments, supplies and materials that remove barriers and ensure full participation.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The 2026 Design Challenge culminating event brought together 26 students and 12 educators, partners and volunteers.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Swag Alliance Foundation



SWAG Alliance Foundation supports social workers across Western Pennsylvania through professional development, licensure assistance, clinical supervision, wellness initiatives to reduce burnout, and workforce retention efforts that strengthen the helping professions throughout the region. SWAG programs help professionals further their careers, increase earning potential, remain in the workforce and continue providing essential services to individuals and families throughout Western Pennsylvania. Unrestricted operating funds will help expand programs that strengthen the social work workforce and contribute to the communities they serve. Funding will also support organizational capacity, outreach and program operations.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY SWAG Alliance Foundation serves approximately 760 social workers annually.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

The King's Community Center



The King's Community Center provides socioeconomic development resources to individuals, families and entrepreneurs in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. Its Business Development Training Cohort equips 20 entrepreneurs with the knowledge, strategies and systems needed to successfully launch, manage and grow sustainable businesses and nonprofit organizations. Through the Business and Nonprofit Expansion Assistance Program, participants work with an experienced adviser to develop the business infrastructure necessary to scale their organizations. Funds will support the expansion of both programs by helping to offset essential operational costs, including facility rental and program staffing, to deliver training, coaching and employment assistance services for community residents.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The center assists 30 individuals with career and business development and 18 individuals and two families with transitional housing per year, a total of 55 people.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

The Next Chapter: To New Beginnings Inc.



The Next Chapter: To New Beginnings empowers justice-impacted individuals through mentorship, education, entrepreneurship and supportive services that foster successful reentry into society, self-sufficiency and stronger communities. General operating support will expand services for individuals rebuilding their lives after incarceration. Funding will help provide mentorship, entrepreneurship education, workforce readiness, life skills programming, transportation assistance, community workshops, educational materials, technology, outreach and administrative support necessary to operate programs. The organization is committed to helping participants overcome barriers to employment, reconnect with their families, achieve financial stability and become active contributors in their communities.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Next Chapter: To New Beginnings annually serves approximately 250 justice-impacted individuals through mentoring, education and reentry support.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**



Bird Lab staff and volunteers engage in bird-banding to record and monitor migratory bird traffic. Photo by Cat Lawrence.

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Allegheny County Parks Foundation



The Allegheny County Parks Foundation strengthens the health and vibrancy of the community by improving, conserving and restoring the nine county parks. On average, the foundation plants 1,430 trees and shrubs annually, often with the help of volunteers, creating lasting environmental benefits that increase as the trees mature. Trees are essential green infrastructure, improving air and water quality, reducing stormwater runoff, stabilizing soil, providing wildlife habitat and strengthening climate resilience. Volunteer tree plantings engage residents, corporate partners and local organizations in hands-on conservation, fostering a connection to parks and a commitment to protecting public spaces. Funds will be applied to the Tree Program to plant 200 native trees and shrubs in priority restoration areas identified through the foundation's Ecological Assessment and Action Plans.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Allegheny County Parks Foundation serves the Allegheny County Parks' 23 million annual visits.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Bird Lab



Bird Lab creates and implements bird-focused conservation practices through the integration of research, education and community science. Since 1970, bird populations have declined by 29% in North America, amounting to a loss of 3.2 billion birds. Bird Lab's mobile laboratory travels to diverse habitats and ecosystems to investigate the reasons behind the decline. Its programming tackles the causes of the decreasing population by expanding its research, formulating solutions to mitigate declines and developing outreach programs to raise awareness. Funding will propel scientific research forward, contribute to the well-being of birds and nature, actively involve the public in crucial conservation initiatives and facilitate the delivery of educational programs to both adults and children.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In a year, Bird Lab banded 3,000 birds across 85 species, hosted 90 visitors on-site and delivered nine programs to 250 people, including 100 kids.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Fern Hollow Nature Center Inc.



Fern Hollow Nature Center fosters environmental awareness through vibrant educational programs that guide young minds through the natural beauty of the Sewickley Valley parks. Funding will create an immersive Nature Discovery Classroom inside our newly renovated nature center. This vibrant learning space features an interactive Forest Sensory Wall Panel, a cozy Nature Haven Reading Nook, high-powered binoculars and an expansive wildlife discovery collection featuring real pelts, mounts and bones. These hands-on tools give energetic children direct opportunities to touch, observe and investigate local animal habitats in memorable ways. The reading nook offers engaging field guides, while binoculars help children spot local animals in the wild. Serving preschool programs, field trips, summer camps, homeschool groups and scout troops, this interactive classroom sparks curiosity, deepens understanding of local ecosystems and inspires youth.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Fern Hollow Nature Center provides environmental education to 10,000 people each year.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Friends of the Blairsville Parks and Recreation Foundation



Structured summer activities bring neighborhood children together and foster healthy community growth. Friends of the Blairsville Parks and Recreation Foundation improves local parks and expands inclusive recreation for residents of all ages. We frequently see complaints on social media that there's not enough for children to do in Blairsville. Grant funding allows us to hire a summer playground leader to supervise daily activities, share games, crafts and sports equipment, and host skill clinics for park amenities to address these needs. Giving local youth positive, structured outdoor recreation encourages them to step outside their comfort zones, build self-confidence and form lasting friendships in our local parks. Your donation provides local children with active, memorable summer programs, giving local families safe spaces where children play, learn and grow together.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Indiana

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Hundreds of residents engage in summer activities in Blairsville parks.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Great Pyrenees Club of Western Pa Rescue



Crisis, severe illness and sudden financial strain often leave loving families heartbroken and unable to care for their giant pets. Great Pyrenees Club of Western Pennsylvania Rescue steps in to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome Great Pyrenees, Pyr mixes and other giant breeds in distress. We also support struggling families through difficult life events so they can keep their beloved animals at home. Basic veterinary care costs hundreds of dollars per dog, and many arriving animals need extensive emergency medical treatment. Grant funding provides essential medical care, safe temporary placement, behavioral support and vital resources for pets in deep need. When families cannot keep their pets, we offer a compassionate, safe landing for every dog. Your generous financial gift comforts a frightened animal, relieves an overwhelmed family, provides critical nutrition and strengthens the deep, healing bond between humans and animals.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY In 2025, Great Pyrenees Club rescued 74 dogs and facilitated 83 adoptions.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Hollow Oak Land Trust



Hollow Oak Land Trust protects and connects green space along the Pittsburgh International Airport Corridor through strategic land acquisition, habitat stewardship, municipal partnerships and environmental education. Support from the Wish Book program would provide flexible operating funding that maintains public trail access, protects fragile natural areas and connects people with the outdoors. General operating support helps our dedicated team handle essential ongoing expenses like staff time, stewardship supplies, equipment maintenance, insurance and facility utilities. These funds strengthen day-to-day operations, help us care for conserved lands, expand volunteer stewardship efforts and provide rich recreational opportunities.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Each year, 100,000 people enjoy the land protected by Hollow Oak Land Trust.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Independence Conservancy Inc.



Clean rivers and thriving wildlife habitats enrich local communities and inspire outdoor recreation. Independence Conservancy protects the land, water and wildlife of the Raccoon Creek Region. Our five abandoned mine treatment systems remove 1,500 tons of water pollution annually, creating cleaner streams and rebounding ecosystems. As a watershed-based land trust, we work across municipal, agency and economic boundaries to unite people in restoring Raccoon Creek. Operating support engages residents in our citizen-driven study, Raccoon Creek Recovery, while maintaining free public access to Rocky Bend Nature Preserve for swimming, paddling, fishing and hiking. Your support unites communities to restore and enjoy our vital local waterways.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Beaver

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 1,000 households enjoy cleaner waterways in the Raccoon Creek region.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Outdoor Inclusion Coalition



Gliding down a scenic river creates lifelong memories and instills deep personal confidence. Yet expensive gear keeps many young people onshore. Outdoor Inclusion Coalition attracts, engages and retains underrepresented populations in outdoor recreation across Pennsylvania. Funds may be used to purchase two whitewater rafts, expanding free river rafting experiences for youth in Allegheny and Fayette Counties. This equipment reduces financial barriers and satisfies the growing regional demand for outdoor adventure. Increasing our gear capacity allows more young participants to experience Pennsylvania rivers through guided educational recreation trips. These river trips build personal confidence, foster strong teamwork, create meaningful connections to nature and teach youth the importance of clean waterways, environmental conservation and public land stewardship.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Outdoor Inclusion Coalition brings outdoor experiences to 1,100 unique participants.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Pennsylvania Equine Rescue & Retirement Foundation



Neglected, unwanted and aging horses find peace, sanctuary and compassionate lifelong care at Pennsylvania Equine Rescue & Retirement Foundation. Many arriving horses suffer from severe neglect, abandonment, owner hardship or age challenges. Rising costs for feed, hay, bedding, veterinary care and facility maintenance place heavy demands on our operating budget. Grant funding directly supports daily care, safe shelter, proper nutrition and medical treatment for vulnerable sanctuary horses. Offsetting operating expenses allows our team to maintain high care standards while meeting the growing demand for equine rescue. Additionally, this support strengthens our public education programs regarding responsible horse ownership and equine welfare, giving forgotten horses dignity, security and a brighter future throughout Pennsylvania.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 500 volunteers, visitors and community members engage every year.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

South Hills Pet Rescue and Rehabilitation



Frightened, injured and abandoned dogs deserve a second chance at a loving home. South Hills Pet Rescue operates as a dedicated no-kill rescue in South Park Township, restoring hope and health to dogs of all breeds and needs. Last year, our hardworking team rehomed approximately 475 dogs. Rising intake numbers, alongside increasing veterinary and supply costs, create continuous financial pressure. Medical expenses represent our largest cost, covering essential vaccinations, spay and neuter surgeries, parasite treatment and emergency care for arriving dogs. Grants directly provide medical care, intake supplies and nourishing food for incoming rescue dogs. Your support helps us accept more animals with significant medical needs and saves precious lives without reducing quality of care.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 475 dogs were rehomed in 2025.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

The Pittsburgh Village Project



The Pittsburgh Village Project operates as a cooperative of students, families, community members and educators who strengthen the local education system. We offer personalized, community-inspired learning opportunities for students from birth through 12th grade. Programs like Love the Planet bring families together across geographic, racial and economic lines in local parks. Experienced educators lead free activities, story readings, crafts and nature scavenger hunts while providing nourishing food. Grant funding provides general operating support, expanding project-based community service curricula and culturally responsive consulting. Your gift gives young children and families joyful educational experiences that build community strength, foster long-term equity across local schools and create supportive spaces.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Up to 50 families come together each year through the Pittsburgh Village Project activities and events.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Three Rivers Waterkeeper



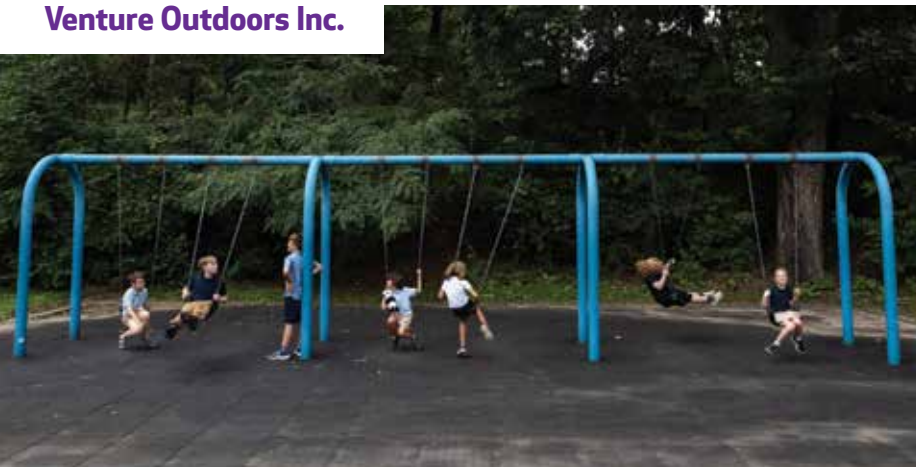
Clean, flowing rivers nourish local communities and provide endless outdoor joy for families who fish, swim and play along the water. Three Rivers Waterkeeper protects the water quality of the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers and their watersheds. We monitor water quality, respond to pollution incidents and advocate for drinkable, fishable and swimmable waters. Funds will help restore a degraded riverfront parcel into a nonprofit marina and wetland habitat. This riverfront hub will serve as an outdoor classroom for hands-on watershed education. Project goals include ecological restoration, expanded volunteer stewardship, stronger nonprofit collaboration and greater public water access for millions relying on the Ohio River Basin. Your support protects local drinking water, restores historic riverfront spaces and inspires active community participation in preserving clean water resources for generations to come.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The 5 million people who rely on the Ohio River Basin for drinking water benefit from clean water.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Venture Outdoors Inc.



Outdoor play and exploration bring joy, health and confidence to young lives. Venture Outdoors removes financial, equipment and transportation barriers so under-resourced youth can access outdoor recreation and environmental education. High gear costs and limited green spaces often prevent youth in marginalized communities from enjoying nature. Our Outdoor Learning Lab program creates opportunities for Pittsburgh youth to learn, play, experiment and lead in natural settings. Since 2001, we have connected Western Pennsylvania residents to nature through guided hiking, biking and kayaking outings. Wish Book support helps us share the magic of outdoor adventure with thousands of local youth, building lasting self-confidence and deep environmental appreciation. Your donation opens doors for life-changing outdoor experiences for young adventurers.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Events, outings and education reach 25,000 people per year.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Westmoreland Land Trust



The Westmoreland Land Trust conserves and stewards land in Westmoreland County of special ecological, cultural or recreational value for public benefit. This past year, the trust partnered with Jeannette City School District, where many families face barriers to accessing green spaces. Students participated in nature journaling workshops and field trips to the trust's Meadowlark Nature and Art Park. Over two days, students rotated through hands-on stations focused on bat and barn swallow colonies, trees, nature photography, landscape art and local ecology. For many students, it was their first opportunity to explore a nature preserve. Funds will allow the trust to expand this model to additional underserved school districts throughout Westmoreland County.

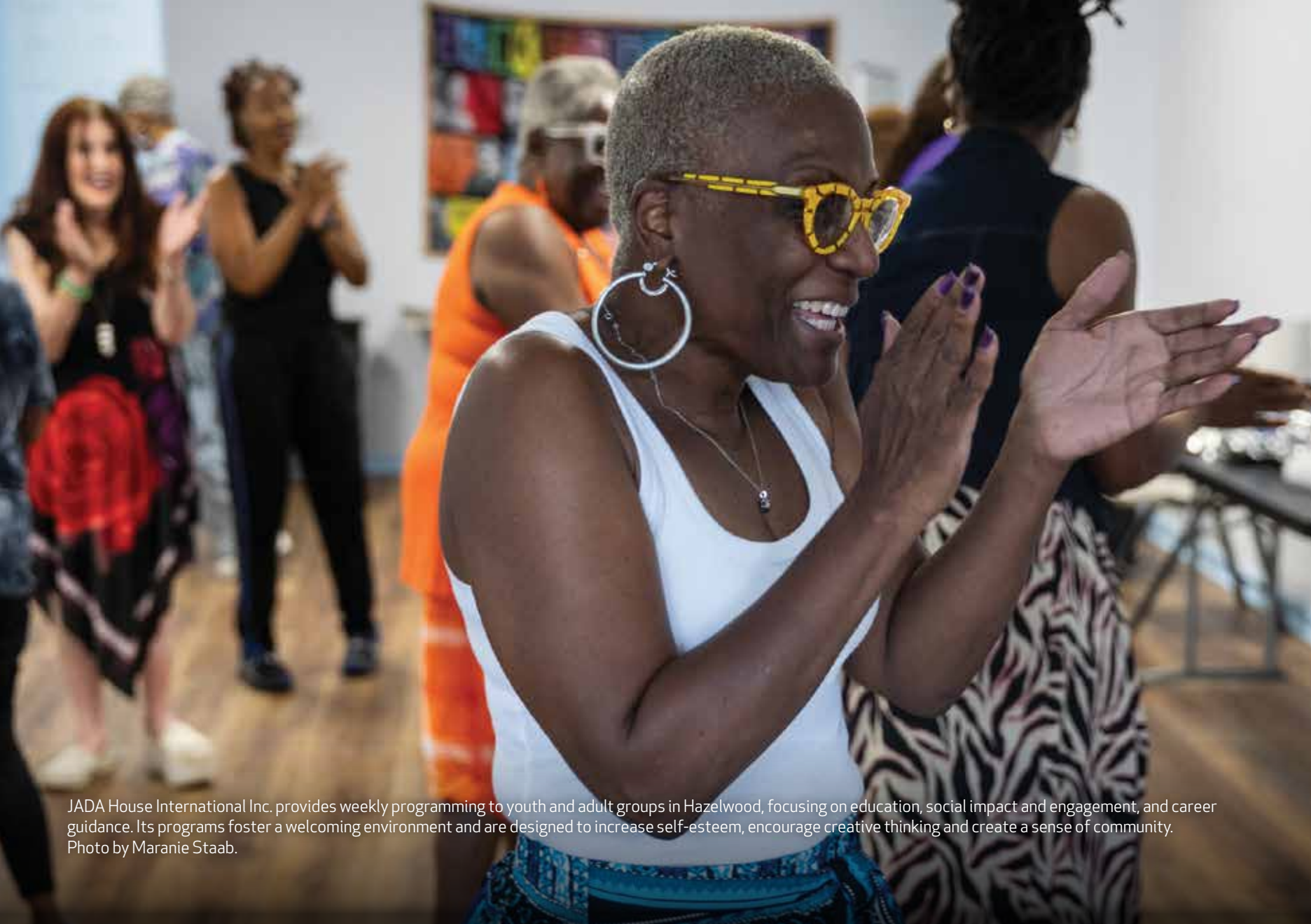
PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Westmoreland

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Westmoreland County Trust serves 10,000 individuals annually.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**



Pennsylvania Equine Rescue & Retirement Foundation combines equine care with therapeutic programs for people and advocacy for stronger animal protection laws, uniting compassion for both horses and humans. Photo by Nate Smallwood.



JADA House International Inc. provides weekly programming to youth and adult groups in Hazelwood, focusing on education, social impact and engagement, and career guidance. Its programs foster a welcoming environment and are designed to increase self-esteem, encourage creative thinking and create a sense of community. Photo by Maranie Staab.

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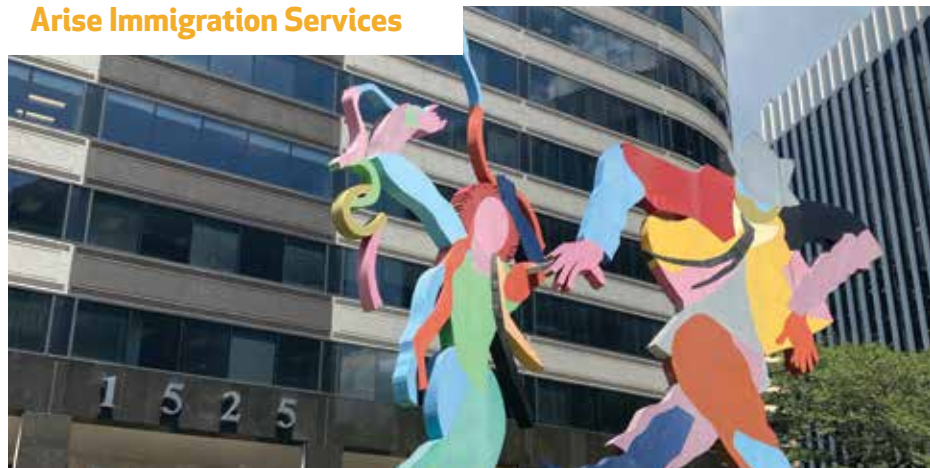
When children enter family court due to abuse or neglect, they face trauma, uncertainty and upheaval, through no fault of their own. Allegheny County CASA provides trained volunteer advocates who partner with program professionals to speak for these vulnerable children in court. Volunteers focus on one family at a time, getting to know each child individually over time. Advocates identify risk factors, address educational, behavioral and medical needs, and recommend legal resolutions in the child's best interest. Giving children a strong voice during court proceedings helps them heal from past trauma and build stable, hopeful futures. Your financial support empowers dedicated volunteers to protect vulnerable children when they need help the most. Together, we can help trauma-impacted youth heal, find stability and achieve long-term success through dedicated advocacy that puts their needs first.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY CASA volunteers supported 118 children and their families in 2025.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Arise Immigration Services



Immigrants seeking protection from severe persecution in their home countries face overwhelming legal hurdles while striving to rebuild their lives. Arise Immigration Services provides high-quality, pro bono legal representation to local asylum-seekers in the Pittsburgh region. Recent federal policy changes left many neighbors without temporary status, creating an urgent demand for legal help. Our legal team maintains a 100% approval rate for adjudicated cases. We guide clients through complex legal procedures to secure permanent protection and work authorization. Wish Book funding supports direct legal representation, allowing our skilled team to protect vulnerable neighbors and help families stay safely in the United States. Your generous gift brings legal relief, safety and hope to families fleeing persecution, ensuring that brave individuals receive expert representation during their search for safety.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Legal teams represent 40 people across 50 cases each year.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Christian Immigration Advocacy Center



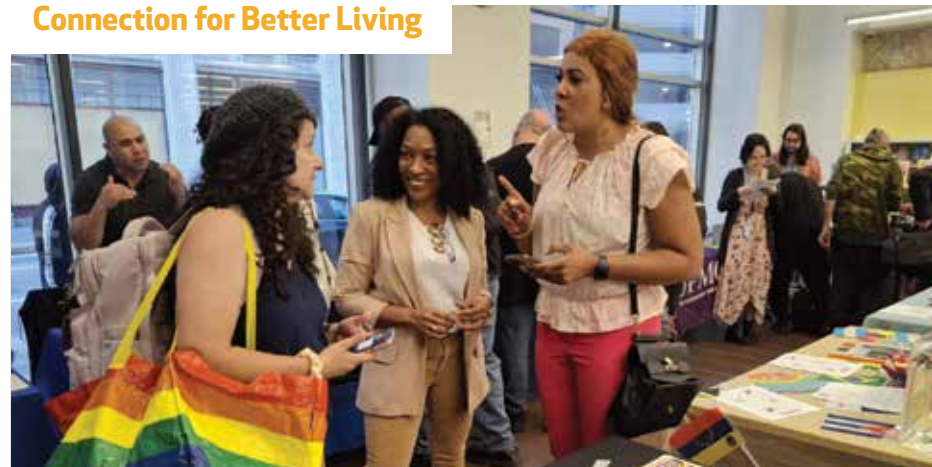
Courageous immigrants and refugees flee hardship to seek safety, stability and family unity in Western Pennsylvania. Christian Immigration Advocacy Center provides affordable immigration legal services to low-income clients, helping them obtain legal status, work authorization, protection from abuse and citizenship. Preparing immigration cases requires substantial documentation, often ranging from 50 to several hundred printed pages of forms, evidence and translations for federal submission. This wish provides essential paper, toner and printing supplies for legal applications. Funding keeps legal services accessible so families, regardless of income or language, can access justice and achieve full participation in their local communities. Your support empowers struggling immigrants as they build safe, productive lives, allowing families to overcome legal obstacles and contribute fully to the strength of our region.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY The Center provides support to 900 to 1,000 immigrants and refugees.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Connection for Better Living



Latina migrant women facing isolation and life transitions need supportive networks to rebuild their strength and emotional well-being. Connection for Better Living strengthens and expands programs that uplift Latina immigrant women through workshops, support groups and community connections. Our culturally grounded approach reduces isolation and fosters personal growth, self-confidence and leadership skills. Flexible funding allows our growing organization to respond directly to community needs and provide essential tools for emotional healing. Helping women develop leadership abilities strengthens entire families and creates vibrant, connected communities throughout the region. Your investment inspires immigrant women to grow, lead and thrive while creating strong networks for future generations, transforming personal challenges into opportunities for community strength, mutual support and lasting social impact.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 20 Latina immigrant women build community each year.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Entertainment Technology Multi-Media Inc./Guns Down Minds Up



Young people facing difficult surroundings need positive direction to avoid violent choices and build bright futures. Guns Down Minds Up delivers mentorship and violence prevention programming to at-risk youth in Allegheny County. Our founder uses 30 years of lived prison experience to help youth recognize the consequences of their actions before making life-altering decisions. Wish Book funding purchases curriculum workbooks, technology and program supplies for engaging sessions on emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, decision-making and leadership. Grant funds also offset transportation and facility expenses, extending mentorship to more youth seeking safety and positive direction. Your support equips young people with skills to build safer, violence-free communities, offering at-risk youth the tools, encouragement and guidance needed to step away from conflict and achieve long-term goals.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 200 youth are served each year.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

I Am Whole Incorporated



Girls facing trauma, bullying and family instability require strong mentorship to realize their full potential. I Am Whole Incorporated empowers young women aged 10 to 25 through Christ-centered values of love, family, character, value and hope. We match mentees with inspiring female role models who provide one-to-one guidance, leadership workshops and life-skills development. Free programming equips youth with coping mechanisms, communication skills and self-confidence, reducing risk behaviors and boosting school success. Funding expands program capacity for 10 to 15 additional girls while covering food, transportation and workshop expenses for local families. Your gift gives young women guidance, hope and strength to build bright futures, allowing young mentees to overcome personal obstacles and grow into confident community leaders.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY I Am Whole Incorporated encompasses 35 mentees, 10 mentors and 50 parents of mentees.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

JADA House International Inc.



Uplifting historically underserved neighborhoods requires empowering every generation with dignity and compassion. JADA House International supports BIPOC seniors, youth, women and kinship families navigating inequitable systems. Key programs like Seniors Going Strong, Kinship support and JADA GEMS youth initiatives foster community healing and intergenerational connection. Wish Book funding expands our Generational Voices Podcast & Digital Storytelling Initiative, where seniors and youth share wisdom, preserve local history and explore community topics together. Supporting this initiative equips youth with digital media skills while giving older adults a meaningful platform to share their valuable lived experiences. Your donation fosters deep community connection, honors local history and strengthens relationships between youth and elders throughout Allegheny County.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 700 adults and 300 children are served through events and programs, with much larger audiences able to access the podcast.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Millvale Community Development Corporation



Millvale Community Development Corporation fosters sustainable growth in Millvale through popular initiatives including the Millvale Music Festival, Pride Millvale, Gardens of Millvale, Be Our Neighbor, Rainbow Raccoon Park and local business development. Hundreds of volunteers contribute their time to these community programs to advance the Millvale Ecodistrict Plan. Dedicated staff members coordinate these widespread community projects and prevent volunteer burnout. Support from this grant stabilizes centralized staffing and organizational operations. Funding ensures our vital programs continue serving residents through arts, environmental action, housing support and economic opportunities.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Over 28,000 people enjoy Millvale activities and programs and engage as volunteers.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

Outside The Borders Inc.



Latina mothers and families carrying burdens of domestic violence, trauma, human trafficking and migration stress need compassionate, culturally responsive care. When a mother finds healing, her children gain stability, helping entire families move from crisis and isolation into safety, connection and hope. Outside The Borders delivers Spanish-language support groups, psychoeducational workshops and mental health connections for pregnant women, mothers and families facing language barriers. Our programs help participants process trauma, build resilience and break cycles of violence. Wish Book funding provides participant assistance, educational materials, technology and transportation support. Your gift helps vulnerable mothers rebuild safe, healthy futures for their children while providing crucial resources that empower immigrant families to thrive in new environments.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY More than 250 Latino individuals and families benefit from family support.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

Pittsburgh Prison Book Project



Incarcerated individuals facing long hours of isolation gain hope, knowledge and connection through reading materials. Pittsburgh Prison Book Project provides free educational books and resources to incarcerated individuals throughout Pennsylvania. Dedicated volunteers read personal request letters, search our collection for requested titles like dictionaries, and package books during regular packing sessions. Allegheny County Jail now permits our book packages, increasing local demand. Wish funding covers rising annual operating costs like postage, enabling our all-volunteer organization to host additional packing sessions and send hundreds of additional book packages to eager readers. Your donation brings comfort, education and personal growth to incarcerated neighbors, encouraging learning and self-improvement amid challenging circumstances.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Each year, Pittsburgh Prison Book Project sends 5,000 book packages to 3,500 unique individuals.

WISH REQUESTED **\$5,000**

T of L Inc. for the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh



Connecting historical lessons with modern challenges inspires communities to build a civil, humane society. The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh connects the history of the Holocaust and antisemitism to real human stories. We offer school programs, teacher training, public exhibits, comic books and survivor testimonies that engage students and community members. In the first half of 2026, we organized or participated in over 300 programs, but growing public demand reflects a deep desire to understand history and address prejudice. Support for this wish strengthens access to educational programs and classroom resources. Funding ensures survivor and descendant voices continue teaching vital lessons about empathy, courage and human dignity. Your investment empowers young people to reject hatred, building an inclusive future where communities celebrate diversity and respect.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Allegheny

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Over 21,500 people join programs, exhibits and other educational initiatives.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

The Fred Somerset Memorial Scholarship Program



Inspiring cultural understanding and youth leadership strengthens community unity across Western Pennsylvania. The Fred Somerset Memorial Scholarship Program promotes equity, history and youth leadership through education and grassroots engagement. Programs like the Legacy Cultural Tour and Leadership Under Fire take students to civil rights landmarks, while the Youth Leadership Academy teaches civic responsibility and community organizing. The eight-week development program equips high school students with skills in civic responsibility, cultural sensitivity and community organizing through hands-on workshops and mentorship. The Municipal Project connects students with local leaders to create community solutions. Grant funding covers rising costs for programming, transportation and lodging to equip low-income Mercer County youth with leadership skills and resilience.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Mercer

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Each year, 27 low-income residents build their leadership skills through the program.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000

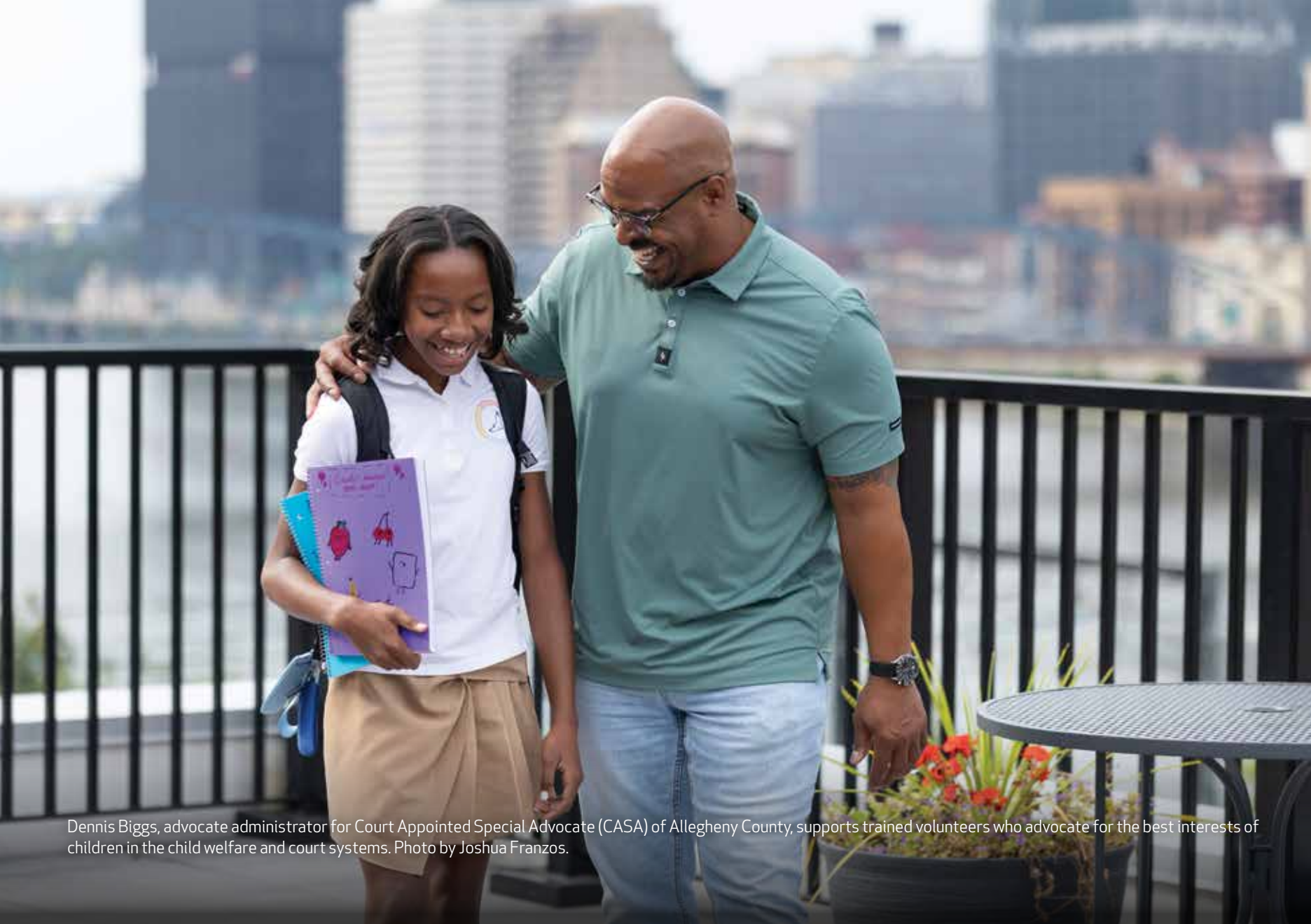
TRAILS Ministries Inc.

Individuals exiting incarceration face deep trauma, complex system hurdles and severe reentry challenges. TRAILS Ministries assists justice-impacted individuals through a holistic, faith-based approach. We provide case management, mentoring and transitional programming that address root causes and promote long-term reintegration success. TRAILS continues to be the first stop for many exiting local and federal institutions. However, our current funding is focused on those on state parole. While current funding targets state parolees, demand from county and federal reentrants far exceeds our capacity. Grant support helps us hire trained case managers to guide reentrants at every stage, building mentor networks and restoring lives, families and hope across Beaver County. Your support gives returning neighbors tools to rebuild stable, productive lives.

PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED Beaver

POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY Approximately 1,150 individuals are assisted each year.

WISH REQUESTED \$5,000



Dennis Biggs, advocate administrator for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of Allegheny County, supports trained volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children in the child welfare and court systems. Photo by Joshua Franzos.



Community members enjoy a summer cookout organized by the Millvale Community Development Corporation. Photo by Renee Rosensteel.

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Established in 1945, The Pittsburgh Foundation is one of the nation's oldest and largest community foundations.

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County was founded in 1995. In 2015, it merged with The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Together, the resources of these community foundations comprise endowment funds established by individuals, businesses and organizations with a passion for charitable giving and fulfilling the mission of improving quality of life for all in the region. The foundations currently manage about 3,000 individual donor funds and assets of \$1.5 billion. Grantmaking benefits a broad spectrum of basic needs and development opportunities in the Pittsburgh region and beyond.

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Hill Dance Academy Theatre trains dancers from ages 3 to 18 for careers in concert dance, while also linking Black cultural traditions and history to excellence in preparation and performance. Photo by Nate Smallwood.



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