

Celebrate Life ~ Create A Legacy

Schuylkill Area Community Foundation is honored to announce that three new funds have recently been established in memory of special people. The funds will be invested along with 122 funds managed by the Community Foundation. The earnings from the funds will be distributed annually as described by the donor in the fund agreement.

Paul M. Krukas Memorial Award Fund

The family of the late Paul Krukas of Barnesville accepted memorial contributions to establish this award in memory of a husband, father, teacher and mentor. The award will be given annually to graduating high school seniors of Mahanoy Area High School and selected by the committee based on the following criteria:

- Actively participated in the high school's football program and/or golf program during at least two years of his or her high school career, and
- Plans to enlist in the United States Navy by September of the year of his or her high school graduation, or plans to attend on a full-time basis an institution of higher education, including but not limited to two and four year colleges and universities, community college, business, trade or vocational school, and
- Demonstrated good sportsmanship and leadership during his or her high school career.

PA Association for the Blind Endowment Fund

Doris G. Distelhurst has left a wonderful gift for the benefit of Pennsylvania Association for the Blind. In her Last Will and Testament, Ms. Distelhurst established an endowment fund that will forever support the mission of the organization.

Doris G. Distelhurst, late of Luther Ridge, Pottsville, and formerly of Schuylkill Haven, died in August 2010. Born in Pottsville in 1921, she was a daughter of the late William and Minnie Matthews Distelhurst. Her family relocated to California when she was a teenager and she graduated of John Marshall High School in Los Angeles, Calif. Before returning to her native Schuylkill County, Doris was employed as an executive secretary for United Mutual & Accident Insurance Co. for 35 years.

Her estate was handled by her attorney, J. Robert Zane.

Hunter William Renninger Memorial Scholarship Fund

Heath and Heather Renninger established a scholarship fund to celebrate the life of their three year-old son who passed away on January 21, 2011. Hunter had great passion: family, friends, playgrounds, school buses, sports and the outdoors. The scholarship fund will forever keep Hunter's memory alive and pay tribute to the character of so many young boys and girls in our local communities. It comforts the family to know that Hunter's scholarship fund will support our future leaders in both Blue Mountain and Minersville Area school districts for years to come.

Sir Winston Churchill said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Giving to the Schuylkill Area Community Foundation makes a difference in the lives of many people in our community.

What makes the difference in your life? Is it knowing that your children or grandchildren are safe and participating in a community sports program? Is it the local musical or artistic programs that help keep you both educated and entertained? Is it the services that meet your health needs or your educational dreams? Is it the realization that the needs of those less fortunate are being met?

It all makes a difference. That is the founding philosophy of the Community Foundation. We know that people working together do make a difference, for ourselves, our neighbors and our whole community. We are fortunate that over the years, many people have chosen to support the community through a fund at the Community Foundation. Their contributions have produced a charitable power of nearly limitless potential.

No other organization does what we do: connect donors of today with the community needs of tomorrow. A strong Community Foundation is one of the best investments we can make to ensure a better quality of life for all of us. The Community Foundation is our legacy for the future.

Please feel free to contact our Pottsville office at (570) 624-7223 if you are interested in learning more about our services. You can view the 2010 Annual Report on our web site at sacfoundation.com.

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