2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission

The Partnership for Better Health champions and invests in ideas, initiatives and collaborations that improve the health of the people and communities in our region.
The Partnership for Better Health is a nonprofit community foundation that works collaboratively with key stakeholders throughout all of Perry County and parts of Cumberland, Adams, and Franklin Counties to positively influence the lives of our neighbors. Our service area includes the footprint of the former Carlisle Hospital & Health Services.

Health equity exists when all people have fair and just access, opportunity, and resources to achieve their highest potential for health. To reach health equity, communities must take collective action to address policies, systems, and structures that influence health. Across our work, we seek to engage neighbors and residents and amplify voices that are not always heard to ensure that all people have the chance to enjoy healthy lives.

The foundation began in 2001 with $58 million from the sale of Carlisle Hospital and related trusts. Since then, over $49.2 million has been invested in the community through grants and initiatives.
Dear Neighbors and Friends,

It is an honor to support the vital work of the more than 120 organizations, donors and community leaders featured in this year’s report. Together, we strive to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live a vibrant and healthy life.

The Partnership for Better Health’s work is continually evolving to meet the changing needs of our communities. In 2023, our strategic plan led us to reexamine community health needs, survey local partners, and listen directly to the concerns of area residents. It was a fresh reminder that not everyone has the opportunity to achieve their highest potential for health.

Our new strategy emboldens our commitment to:

- Build an equitable and inclusive community investment process across every aspect of our grants, initiatives, community engagement efforts, policy advocacy, and community partnerships;
- Center people with lived experience in building healthier communities; and
- Cultivate an organization that uplifts and engages the principles of health justice, equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging across our operations, culture, and communities.

The Partnership for Better Health has always been more than just a grant maker. In truth, we are part of a broad system of resources that bring us together in the meaningful work of community transformation. We are your community health foundation, and we welcome hearing from you.

Wishing you good health!

Trish Niemitz
BOARD CHAIR

Becca Raley
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
## Funding Priorities

The Partnership funds projects that focus on health equity, health access, and the social determinants of health to improve individual and community health.

### Building Healthy Communities

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<td>SENAH Program (Survival English for Afghan Women)</td>
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<td>Make It a Healthy Summer!</td>
<td>Summer Camp Scholarships</td>
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Total Funding: $889,029 | Number of Grants: 45
New Hope Ministries
Adams County Workforce Navigator $25,000

New Life Community
Intake and LifeWorks Coordination $65,000

Operation Warm
New Shoes and Coats for Kids in Perry County $5,000

Pennsylvania Friends of Agriculture Foundation
Mobile Agriculture Education Science Lab Program $5,000

Perry County Council of the Arts
Downtown Placemaking in Millerstown, PA $5,000

Perry Housing Partnership
Perry County Warming Center $50,000

Reins of Rhythm Riding & Horsemanship
Horse Powered Reading $5,000
Take the Reins Workplace Readiness $5,000

Servants Inc.
Home Helps in Adams County $15,000

Shippensburg Area School District Foundation
Playground Equipment for Nancy Grayson Elementary $5,000

Shippensburg Produce and Outreach
Emergency Dairy $10,000

Shippensburg University Foundation
Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC):
  Summer Learning Program Leaders in Training $4,800

St. Patrick School
Library Renewal- Let’s Buy New and Better Books $1,500
Student Mindfulness $2,000

SPY (Supportive Partnerships for Youth)
Healthier Living for SPY Campers $1,500
I-SPY Returns $30,000

Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center
Improving Student Mental, Social, and Emotional Health $4,800

The ARC of Cumberland and Perry Counties
CPARC Advocacy Services $61,000

The Church of the Nativity and St. Stephen
Newport Farmers Market $5,000

The Food Trust
Pennsylvania Nutrition Security Coalition Building $75,000

United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County
Success by 6:
  Positive Solutions for Families - Parent Program $1,800

**Strengthening Health Capacities**

$59,545 6 Grants

We build the ability of organizations and collaborative partners to engage in comprehensive strategies that improve health.

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties
DEI Workshop to Diversify Workforce $5,000

Millerstown Senior Citizens Center
Senior Solutions to Resolving Conflict $4,545

Safe Harbour
Security Camera System Upgrade $5,000

Shippensburg Produce and Outreach
Strategic Planning $25,000

Wellness at Work 2023-2024 (Year 18)
Employers Leading Wellness Activities $15,000

YWCA Carlisle
Security System Upgrade $5,000
Ensuring Access to Affordable Health Care

$1,355,579  18 Grants

We strive to ensure equitable access to health services by supporting direct services and building capacity.

Bethany House
Mental Health Program  $15,600

Blue Mountain Escape
Women’s Reentry and Emergency Basic Needs  $4,500

Bosler Memorial Library
Mental Health and Addiction Resources  $5,000

Boys & Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg
Mental Health for BGCCS Members  $5,000

Compass Immigration Legal Services
Immigration Legal Services for Afghan Nationals Settled in Central PA  $50,000

Education Voters of Pennsylvania
Building Public Support for Mental Health Services  $70,000

Launch Pad
Mental Health Counseling for Older, Homeless Youth  $5,000

Merakey Foundation
Carlisle Autism Center STEAM Classroom Expansion  $4,851

Pennsylvania Foundation for Home Care and Hospice
Horace T. Sadler Trust - Home Health Care  $200,000

Perry County Health Consultant 2023-2024
Promoting Action Plan Goals and Inspiring Health Improvements  $75,000

Pennsylvania Health Access Network
Mobilizing Grassroots Support in Central PA  $60,000

Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers’ Association
Community Support Programs to Build Capacity and Advocacy  $75,000

Sadler Health Center Corporation
Oral Health Program / Community Health Worker  $543,284

Shippensburg Area Emergency Medical Services
Community Paramedicine Program  $40,000

St. Patrick School
Occupational Therapy and Behavioral Analysis Support  $50,000

Susquenita School District
Social Worker Services  $99,604

The Pittsburgh Foundation
Sustainable Financing for Community Health Workers  $47,740

Vickie’s Angel Foundation
Eliminating Financial Challenges for Families Fighting Cancer  $5,000

We are committed to building an equitable, just, and inclusive community investment process and to supporting our local nonprofit community.
Affordable Housing & Homelessness

With its 2022 strategic plan, Community Partners for Change has been advancing its mission to effect positive and sustainable change in the housing system by educating the community about housing needs; advocating for programs, policies, and funding; and acting on new opportunities. With the leadership of its Advisory Council of key leaders in Cumberland County, efforts are under way to engage landlords to increase affordable rental options and to improve coordination among organizations serving homeless individuals and families.

Perry County Health Coalition

The coalition is dedicated to improving access to health services in Perry County. The United Way of the Capital Region joins with us as a proud funder of this work. In 2023, we have renewed our commitment by engaging PoP Health, LLC, to lead the members in working towards the coalition goals and activities to improve health care access.

Cumberland County Food System Alliance

Convened by Shippensburg University’s Center for Land Use & Sustainability, the Alliance supports a sustainable local food system that advances economic vitality, food security, wellness, and community resilience. Through networking and collaboration, resource sharing, data analysis and assessment, and policy development, this group seeks to improve the local food system.

Community Collaborations

- Carlisle Action Network
- Community Opiate Overdose Prevention Coalition
- Cumberland Conservation Collaborative
- Cumberland County Health Improvement Partnership
- Healthy Shippensburg Coalition
- PA Hunger Action Coalition
- Penn State PRO Wellness Advisory Council
- Pennsylvania Health Funders Collaborative
- Shippensburg Human Services Council
- South Mountain Partnership
- United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County
- United Way of the Capital Region
- UPMC Nurse Family Partnership – Community Advisory Board

Monthly trainings, workshops, and coalition meetings are hosted by the Partnership. Learn more at www.ForBetterHealthPA.org or call (717) 960-9009.
Congratulations to our 2022 Champions for Better Health and thank you for your incredible efforts to advance the health of our community.

Champions for Better Health

Professional of the Year
Sonja Payne – Coordinator, Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition
Jeanna Som – Executive Director, SPY (Supportive Partnerships for Youth) (honorable mention)

Nonprofit of the Year
Tomorrow’s Neighbors – Kurt Danysh, Founder & Executive Director

Philanthropist of the Year
Jewel Cooper – Director of Business Development, LeTort Trust/Boyer & Ritter, LLC
Greg Gunn – President/CEO, Gunn-Mowery LLC

Heather Swartz Volunteer of the Year
Joan Jones – Founder, Maranatha-Carlisle
Patience Groomes – Program Director, Reins of Rhythm Riding & Horsemanship (honorable mention)

2022 Champions for Better Health awardees and Partnership staff (pictured from left to right): Marcellus C. Taylor, Patience Groomes, Maddie Young (accepting award on behalf of Jewell Cooper and Greg Gunn), Jeanna Som, Kurt Danysh, Sonja Payne, Joan Jones, Keith Swartz (in honor of Heather Swartz), and Becca Raley.

We give special recognition and thanks to Sonja Payne for her incredible service to the community and our region.

Sonja was a committed advocate and extraordinary leader in our local nonprofit community. She worked tirelessly to connect people in the Shippensburg community to resources and played a crucial role in guiding the community through the initial phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of us were lucky to call Sonja our friend, and we are grateful for all she has done to strengthen our region.
Match Madness is a fundraising campaign to support our local nonprofits. These organizations provide essential resources and services to all members of our community.

Match Madness
MARCH 1-31, 2023

48 Nonprofits
3 Sponsors
2,190 Donations
$760,000 Raised
$150,000 Match
$859,000 Investment

Adams County Arts Council
Amelia Givin Library
Amethyst Foundation
Bethany House
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region
Big Spring Senior Center
Boys & Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg
Carlisle Arts Learning Center
Carlisle Tool Library
Carlisle Victory Circle
Central Pennsylvania Conservancy
Central Perry Community Senior Citizens Center
Champions for Children
Charles Bruce Foundation
Christ Among Neighbors
Civic Club of Shippensburg
Community CARES
CONTACT Helpline
Cumberland Goodwill EMS
Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails Council
Cumberland Youth Cycling Development
Drew Michael Taylor Foundation
Duncannon Emergency Medical Services
Employment Skills Center

Farmers on the Square - Fresh Match
Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy
Hope Station
In Him Christian Wellness
Join Hands Ministry
JFT Recovery and Veterans Support Services
Landisburg EMS
LEAF Project
Maranatha-Carlisle
Perry County Council of the Arts
PCLC (Perry County Literacy Council)
Project SHARE
Reins of Rhythm Riding & Horsemanship
Safe Harbour
Shippensburg Area Emergency Medical Services
Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC)
Shippensburg Produce and Outreach (SPO)
South Mountain Partnership
SPY (Supportive Partnerships for Youth)
The Peyton Walker Foundation
The Salvation Army
Tomorrow’s Neighbors
West End Fire and Rescue Company No.3
YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County

Participating nonprofits received 100 percent of donations designated to their organization, plus a portion of $150,000 in matching funds generously supported by:

McCormick Family Foundation

M&T Bank

PARTNERSHIP for Better Health
Gifts to the Foundation

We are grateful to our generous donors and their support of critical healthcare programs and initiatives in our region. Thank you for your generosity!

The Partnership is dedicated to serving our region in perpetuity and we cannot do it alone. Charitable gifts directly support health programs in Cumberland, Perry, and Adams Counties, and Greater Shippensburg. The Partnership’s Cornerstone Society donors are the keystone of our giving program and a foundation of support to our communities.

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Steve and Jamie Bartoli
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Benjamin Dum
Christopher Farrands
Molly Fortney
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Roderick Frazier
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Andy Towne Memorial Endowment
Molly Fortney

Brian Rotz Memorial Gift
Cynthia & Joseph Vullo (guided by Craig Jurgensen)

Partnership Legacy Society
Joan Lois Boytim
David and Linda Hoover
Sue and Robert Otway
June Shomaker

Through the Partnership Legacy Society, planned gifts to the foundation ensure the ongoing legacy of our mission in the community. We thank those who have included the Partnership for Better Health in their estate plans.

Over 500 community members have served as volunteers and generous donors through the years.
Financial Statements

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30 2023

Statement of Financial Position
As of 6/30/2023

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Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets
Year Ended 6/30/2023

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**Increase in Net Assets**

| Beginning Net Assets - July 1, 2022          | $85,737,070      |
| Ending Net Assets - June 30, 2023            | $90,046,400      |

Excerpts are from the foundation's audited financial statements for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2023. Our Form 990 and audited financial statements may be obtained from our office during regular business hours.
Behind every foundation grant and initiative is a group of volunteers and staff dedicated to serving as trusted health advocates for our communities.

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* Completed service in 2023

*Concluded Board Term in 2023

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