

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.



PARTNERSHIP
for Better Health

A Community Foundation
Making a Difference — Together



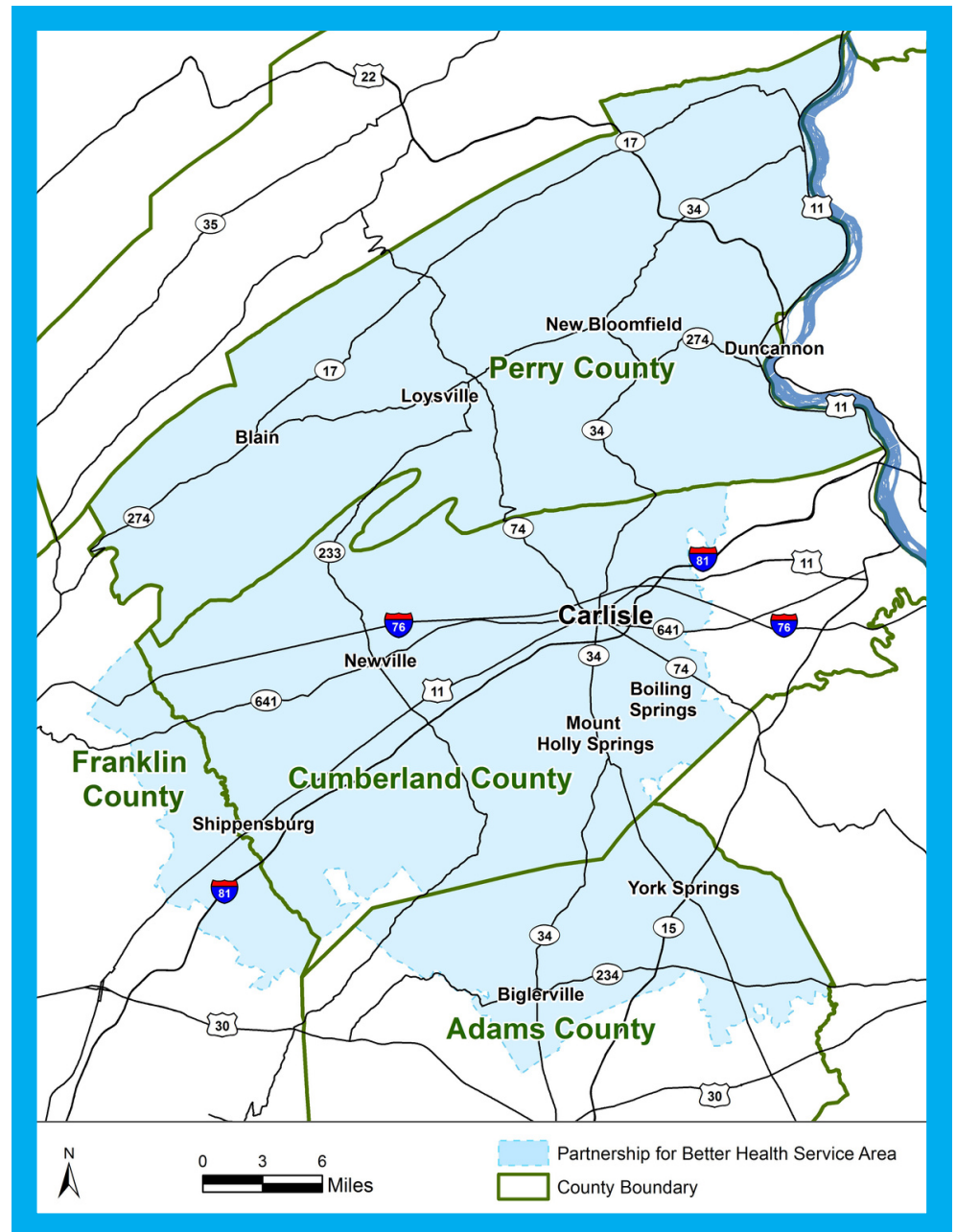
Working Together to Build Equitable and Inclusive Community Health Solutions

Service Area

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.

Commitment to Health Equity

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.

A Warm Welcome

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 Paley

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

\$889,029

45 Grants

We support projects that enable people to live healthier lives. Priority is given to groups working collaboratively to create systemic change.

Amethyst Foundation	
Children's Nature Program	\$3,000
Bible Way Hibner Memorial Church of God in Christ	
Family Support Center's Fatherhood Program	\$15,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region	
Trauma-Informed Youth Mentoring to Support Recovery	\$10,000
Big Spring School District	
Big Spring High School Marketplace	\$5,000
Branch Creek Place Senior Center & More	
Therapeutic Music Program for Seniors	\$4,805
Carlisle Community Coalition	
Carlisle Summer Basketball League	\$5,000
Carlisle Family YMCA	
PEER (Promoting Engaging Enrichment Relationships)	\$5,000
Carlisle Kiwanis Club Foundation	
Rebuilding of Fort LeTort Playground	\$100,000
Carlisle Tool Library	
Workshop Program Coordinator	\$5,000
Carlisle Victory Circle	
Character and Career Development Program	\$5,000
Central Perry Community Senior Citizen's Center	
Refrigerator Upgrade	\$3,400
Charles Bruce Foundation	
Homeless Awareness for Fifth Graders	\$4,704

Christ Among Neighbors (C.A.N.)	
Housing Assistance	\$5,000
Church World Service Harrisburg	
Circle of Care for Carlisle Refugees' Mental Health	\$10,750
Community Action Commission	
Getting Ahead in a Just Getting by World	\$16,950
Community CARES	
Family Shelter	\$85,000
Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails Council	
Middle Spring Greenway Extension	\$12,000
Girls on the Run Capital Area	
Northern Adams County	\$5,000
Perry County	\$5,000
Shippensburg Area Renewal	\$5,000
Hope Station Cultural Center	
After the Bell Club	\$1,676
International Service Center	
SENAH Program (Survival English for Afghan Women)	\$5,000
Make It a Healthy Summer!	
Summer Camp Scholarships	\$20,000





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.

Strategic Initiatives

As a catalyst for change, the Partnership convenes with the following groups to understand and address complex community issues.

Affordable Housing & Homelessness

With its 2022 strategic plan, Community Partners for Change has been advancing its mission is 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.

Champions for Better Health

Congratulations to our 2022 Champions for Better Health and thank you for your incredible efforts to advance the health of our community.



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.

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)

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

MARCH 1-31, 2023

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

Record-breaking campaign resulted in an \$859,000 community investment in March 2023.

Match Madness is a fundraising campaign to support our local nonprofits. These organizations provide essential resources and services to all members of our community.

Adams County Arts Council	Farmers on the Square - Fresh Match
Amelia Givin Library	Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy
Amethyst Foundation	Hope Station
Bethany House	In Him Christian Wellness
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region	Join Hands Ministry
Big Spring Senior Center	JFT Recovery and Veterans Support Services
Boys & Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg	Landisburg EMS
Carlisle Arts Learning Center	LEAF Project
Carlisle Tool Library	Maranatha-Carlisle
Carlisle Victory Circle	Perry County Council of the Arts
Central Pennsylvania Conservancy	PCLC (Perry County Literacy Council)
Central Perry Community Senior Citizens Center	Project SHARE
Champions for Children	Reins of Rhythm Riding & Horsemanship
Charles Bruce Foundation	Safe Harbour
Christ Among Neighbors	Shippensburg Area Emergency Medical Services
Civic Club of Shippensburg	Shippensburg Community Resource Coalition (SCRC)
Community CARES	Shippensburg Produce and Outreach (SPO)
CONTACT Helpline	South Mountain Partnership
Cumberland Goodwill EMS	SPY (Supportive Partnerships for Youth)
Cumberland Valley Rails-to-Trails Council	The Peyton Walker Foundation
Cumberland Youth Cycling Development	The Salvation Army
Drew Michael Taylor Foundation	Tomorrow's Neighbors
Duncannon Emergency Medical Services	West End Fire and Rescue Company No.3
Employment Skills Center	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:



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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.

Cornerstone Society

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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

Assets

Cash and Investments - Unrestricted	\$47,459,458
Investments - Temporarily and Permanently Restricted	\$43,859,221
Land, Buildings, and Equipment (net of depreciation)	\$158,586
Other Assets	\$22,249
Total Assets	\$91,499,514

Liabilities and Net Assets

Grants Payable	\$1,363,892
Other Liabilities	\$89,221
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions	\$44,295,278
Net Assets - With Donor Restrictions	\$45,751,123
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$91,499,514

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

Year Ended
6/30/2023

Revenues, Gains, and Other Support

Contributions and income from Third-Party Trusts	\$2,198,620
Investment Income	\$864,308
Net Realized and Unrealized (Gains)	\$4,509,717
Miscellaneous Income	\$39,770
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	\$7,612,415

Expenses

Grants, Initiatives, and Other Program Services	\$2,987,540
Management and General	\$300,852
Fundraising	\$14,693
Total Expenses	\$3,303,085

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.



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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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