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Our Mission

The Partnership for Better Health champions and invests in ideas, initiatives, and collaborations to advance equity and improve the health of the people and communities in our region.

Our Vision

The Partnership for Better Health will be a trusted catalyst, advocate, and steward to promote health equity and justice, ensuring everyone in our community has the opportunity to reach their highest potential for health.

Our Leadership

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* Completed service in 2025

The foundation began in 2001 with \$58 million from the sale of Carlisle Hospital and related trusts. Since then, over \$55 million has been invested in the community through grants and initiatives.



Advancing Health in Our Region

Welcome

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Through partnerships and investing in our communities, we strive to advance equity, center people with lived experience, and improve the health of people and communities in our region.

As a trusted steward of community funds, we collaborate with local nonprofits to improve the Social Determinants of Health. This past year, we approved 97 grants totaling over \$2.5 million to improve health outcomes across our service area. Additional investments through Match Madness and Strategic Initiatives further improve health and strengthen our communities.

In the coming year, we will work toward celebrating 25 years of service to the community and expand our efforts to engage communities in guiding how funding is distributed to local nonprofits.

With Care,

Rod Frazier and Carol Thornton
 Board Chair and Executive Director

Strategic Initiatives

The Partnership supports the following efforts to understand and address complex community issues.

Perry County Health Coalition

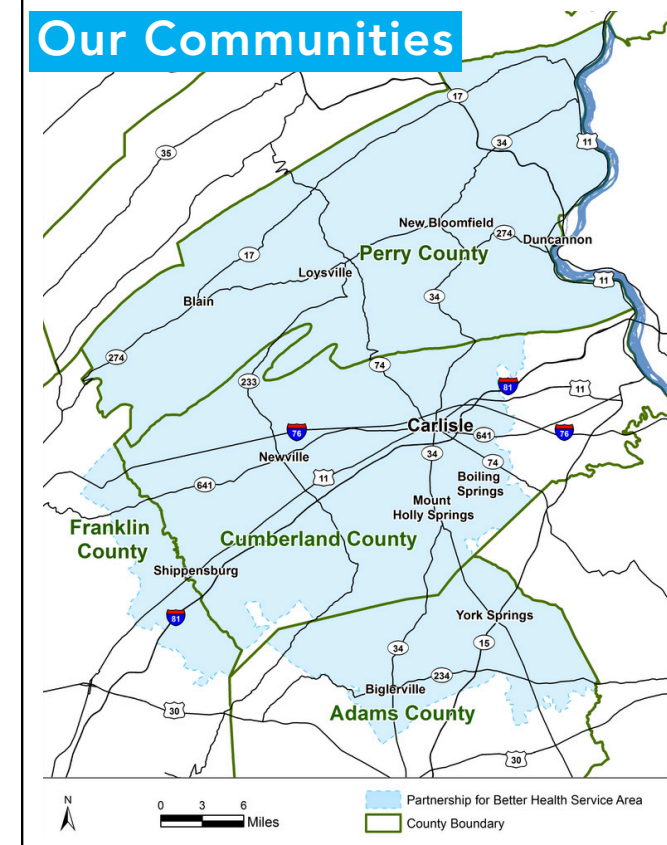
The Perry County Health Coalition is dedicated to transforming the health and well-being of Perry County:
<https://www.perrycountyhealthcoalition.org>

Cumberland County Food System Alliance

The Cumberland County Food System Alliance supports a sustainable local food system that advances economic vitality, food security, wellness, and community resilience:
<https://foodsystemalliance.org>

The Housing Coalition of Cumberland County

This coalition has been advancing its mission to effect positive and sustainable change to address homelessness and housing affordability:
<https://cumberlandhousingcoalition.com>



The Partnership works collaboratively with key stakeholders throughout all of Perry County, parts of Adams and Cumberland Counties, and the Shippensburg Area to positively influence the lives of our neighbors.

From 2024-2025, we funded 97 grants serving residents in...

Cumberland County
 79 Grants

Perry County
 46 Grants

Adams County
 38 Grants

Learn more on the next page!

Financial Statements

JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	As of 6/30/2025
Cash and Investments - Unrestricted	\$56,282,310
Investments - Temporarily and Permanently Restricted	\$51,231,198
Land, Buildings, and Equipment (net of depreciation)	\$184,209
Other Assets	\$53,865
Total Assets	\$ 107,751,582

Liabilities and Net Assets

Grants Payable	\$1,311,250
Other Liabilities	\$121,015
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions	\$52,270,421
Net Assets - With Donor Restrictions	\$54,048,896
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$107,751,582

Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets

Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	Year Ended 6/30/2025
Contributions and income from Third-Party Trusts	\$2,385,113
Investment Income	\$1,344,532
Net Realized and Unrealized (Gain)	\$8,610,176
Miscellaneous Income	\$37,987
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	\$12,377,808

Expenses

Grants, Initiatives, and Other Program Services	\$3,699,155
Management and General	\$279,146
Fundraising	\$5,676
Total Expenses	\$3,983,977

Increase in Net Assets	\$8,393,831
Beginning Net Assets - July 1, 2024	\$97,925,485
Ending Net Assets - June 30, 2025	\$106,319,316

2024-2025 Community Impact

Investing in Community Health

The Partnership for Better Health is committed to building an equitable, just, and inclusive community investment process and to supporting our local nonprofit community. Each year, we provide over \$2 million in grants to local organizations.

Social Determinants of Health are the structural factors and conditions that affect everyone's health. People's homes, schools, jobs and neighborhoods significantly influence health outcomes.

Social Determinants of Health



Social Determinants of Health
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Healthy People 2030

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.

Where people live, learn, work and play matters. The Partnership seeks to create strong social and physical environments that promote health for all.

Last year, our funding helped address...

Healthcare access and quality

30 grants



Education access and quality

28 grants



Economic Stability

34 grants



Social and community context

76 grants



Neighborhood and built environment

57 grants



In total, 97 grants were awarded during 2024-2025, with many addressing more than one Social Determinant of Health!



Visit our website for a list of grants awarded from 2002 to 2025:
<https://fbh.fyi/3QhP0gO>



Our Values

Equity

We improve health and amplify the voices of those who are not always heard to ensure that all people have the chance to enjoy healthy lives.

Advocacy

We work to effect change in the institutions, systems, policies, and practices that influence health decisions and outcomes in our communities.

Collaboration

With curiosity and humility, we cultivate genuine partnerships among people, groups, and organizations to leverage diverse perspectives, resources, and opportunities.

Stewardship

We are strategic and transparent as we care for the community resources entrusted to the foundation. We hold ourselves accountable by working with our partners to achieve the greatest possible health impacts in our communities.

Innovation

We are bold in the pursuit of new ideas as we cultivate better health through effective, just, and sustainable solutions that center people with lived experience.

Gifts to the Foundation

Charitable gifts to the foundation directly support health programs in Perry County, parts of Adams and Cumberland Counties, and the Shippensburg Area. The Partnership's Cornerstone Society donors are the keystone of our giving program and a foundation of support to our communities.

Cornerstone Society

Marisol Barber
Stephen & Jamie Bartoli
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Joyce Bylander
Ann Carney
Mary Frances Carson
Winston Cleland
Katie Crane
Benjamin Dum
Roderick & Gloria Frazier
Carolyn Freberg
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Jaqueline & Robert Powell
Lakshmi Polavarapu
George & Jennifer Pomeroy
Les & Kim Poolman
Antonia Price
Mark Price
Glenn Stambaugh
Sue Stonecash
Marcellus C. Taylor
Carol Thornton
Gale Wenk du Pont
Gail Witwer

Partnership Legacy Society

Joan Lois Boytim
David & Linda Hoover
Sue & Robert Otway

Through the Legacy Society, planned gifts ensure the ongoing legacy of our work in the community. Thank you to those who have included the Partnership in their estate plans.

Match Madness Program



The M&T Charitable Foundation

2025 Match Madness Campaign



Match Madness is a matching gift campaign each March that supports small to mid-sized nonprofits in our community. From addressing homelessness and food insecurity to promoting access to health services, recreation and youth programming, these organizations promote good health for all members of our community.

- 55 Nonprofits
- 2 Match Partners
- 2,461 Donations
- \$1,024,053 Raised
- \$150,000 Matching Funds
- \$1,174,053 Impact

SAVE THE DATE



March 1-31, 2026

Match Madness raises money in support of our community. Nonprofits receive 100% percent of donations plus a portion of matching funds!