

# the *Ligonier Valley* ENDOWMENT

## 2023 Annual Report

The Ligonier Valley Endowment seeks to preserve and steward the physical and cultural heritage of life in the Ligonier Valley and to encourage further enrichment in aesthetic, educational, recreational and cultural dimensions. Through grants awarded to local charities and qualified non-profit organizations, The Endowment connects donors to the central needs of the community. The Ligonier Valley Endowment relies on the generosity of the citizens and supporters of our community to fulfill this purpose.

### Ligonier Valley Endowment Helps Area Non-Profits Shine

#### Ligonier Valley Wrestling Boosters, a 2023 Community Grant Recipient

"The grant for the spotlight is a big win for our wrestling boosters! It's not just about lighting up the mat; it's about showing off our talented athletes and getting more people excited about wrestling in a cool new way."

Wesley Siko, Athletic Director,  
Ligonier Valley Athletics



### New Robert Martin Family Legacy Fund

Three generations of the Martin family owned and operated Martin's Specialty Store on the Diamond for 123 years until its closing in 2023. While operating Ligonier's oldest retail establishment was vital to the community, the founder, Mr. Robert Martin and son Hadley's civic contributions were immeasurable. In 2023, Mary Lou Martin Fleming and family established the new Robert Martin Family Legacy Fund. Mary Lou said, "We did this to honor my grandfather and father for their love of the Ligonier Valley, service to the business community and participation in the development of many Valley organizations."

At left: Mr. Hadley Martin, second generation owner of Martin's Specialty Store and beloved community member.



## New Florence Community Library, a 2023 Community Grant Recipient

“Funding provided in part by the Ligonier Valley Endowment allowed us to upgrade our outside sign, security system, and aging telephone system. With this new electronic sign, we are now able to advertise multiple library events and update as needed. We are grateful to the Endowment for helping us highlight the library’s services for our community.”

Paula Gregory  
Library Manager  
New Florence Community Library



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## 2023 Community Grant Recipients:

**Bolivar Parks and Recreation** – Replace sidewalk to park entrance

**Bolivar West View Cemetery** – New asphalt roadway and general operations

**Fort Ligonier Chapter, National Society Daughter of the American Revolution** – Install commemorative marker identifying Fort Preservation

**Heroes Never Alone, Inc.** – Rucksack Food Program

**Learning Lamp** – Update outdoor play area at Laurel Valley Elementary School

**Ligonier Borough** – ADA Compliance work for Friendship Park

**Ligonier Valley Historical Society** – Support Free Museum Day (featuring six Ligonier Valley museums)

**Ligonier Valley Wrestling Boosters** – Purchase warm-ups, joggers and hoodies for students and a new spotlight for competition

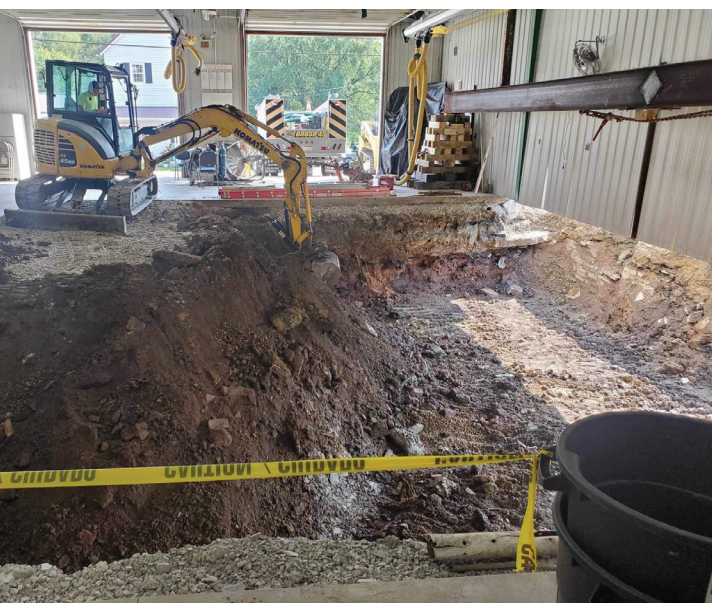
**Ligonier Valley YMCA** – Update building façade, locker rooms and support centralization of childcare facility

**New Florence Community Library** – Purchase of security and phone system and new electronic signage

**Tubmill Trout Club Unlimited** – Improvements to stream habitats and watershed

**Union Mission of Latrobe** – Purchase of tables for men’s shelter

**Wilpen Volunteer Fire Department** – Repair fire hall floor due to foundation damages



Before

## Wilpen VFD, a 2023 Community Grant Recipient

“We are deeply grateful for the Endowment’s support. The funds were instrumental in enabling us to address the critical structural issues of the firehall. We were able to complete essential repairs, including reinforcing the foundation, repairing damaged walls, which ensure the overall safety and stability of the building.”

Cameron A. Tobias,  
Treasurer, Wilpen VFD



After



## Named Community Funds:

- Artuso Family Fund • Andrew A. Balog Fund • William E. and Virginia Wiebel Bitzer Fund
- Brallier Family Fund • John and Catharine Cathey Fund • Jim and Gerry Cooper Fund
- Anne and Paul Coyne Fund • Craig Family Fund • Marvin and Mary Louise Gantz Fund
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- Kistler/MacDonald/Tuscano Fund • Ligonier Valley Band Concert Fund
- Ligonier Valley Endowment Fund • Ligonier Valley Endowment Governors' Fund
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## Named Scholarship Funds and 2023 Recipients

**Thomas & Nancy Donchez Scholarship Fund**  
Abigail Mack

**Marvin & Mary L. Gantz Scholarship Fund**  
Tylan Wilkins

**Ligonier Valley Endowment Scholarship Fund**  
Kiersten Auman

**Carmen Joseph Marotta Scholarship Fund**  
Not awarded in 2023

**R. K. Mellon Family Scholarship Fund**  
Megan Glista  
Madeline Manges

**McMullen Family Scholarship Fund**  
Established in 2023

**Patricia A. Urban Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
Ryleigh Kelley

A \$25,000 contribution is required to establish a Named Scholarship fund. If you are interested in establishing a Named Scholarship Fund, please contact the Ligonier Valley Endowment office at 724-238-3970.

### A Special Thank You to Candy Bellas!

The Ligonier Valley Endowment Board of Governors is grateful and appreciative to Candy Bellas for selflessly donating her time and talent to manage the Endowment's administrative office. Candy embodies the spirit of the organization and the Ligonier Valley School District Community it serves.



Madeline Manges (second from right) a R. K. Mellon Family Scholarship recipient

## The Ligonier Valley Endowment Fund: \$

Total Contributions 2023 .....\$466,736

### Total Grants Awarded:

Community .....\$222,550  
Scholarships ..... \$30,000  
Total .....\$252,550

### Cummulative Awards:

Community .....\$4,675,085  
Scholarships .....\$217,200  
Total .....\$4,892,285

### Endowment Fund balance as of

12/31/2023.....\$7,562,666

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