



#### Economy

Since 2014 the downtown has added more than 100 net new small businesses and more than 175 net new full time equivalent (FTE) jobs. Our organization has raised more than \$5 Million in public and private funds for capital improvements (now underway), and thanks to more than \$20 million of private investment and the rehabilitation of 300,000 square feet of commercial property, the downtown contains the largest concentration of office space in the Hazleton Area.

Pulture

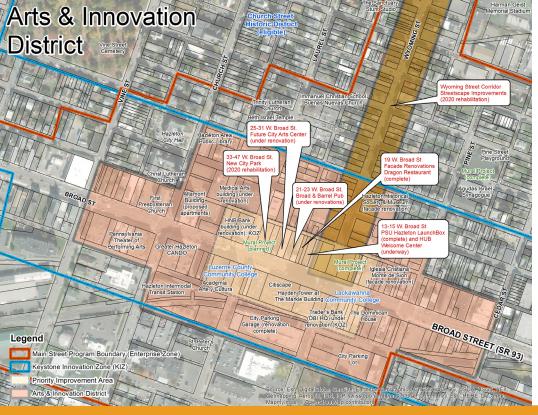
We believe that art and culture are central to any downtown resurgence. Our organization is leading a \$3 Million renovation project to establish a City Arts Center and Community Park to serve as the focal point of a new Downtown Arts & Innovation District. Recently we completed an Arts & Culture Strategic Plan to identify opportuntiles for expanded programming and partnerships. We also coordinate First Friday events to celebrate art, music, food, and the cultural diversity of our community.

Innovation

Our organization is a proud member of The Hazleton Innovation Collaborative (THInC), which is working to establish a culture of entrepreneurship and a network of educational and business resources to help grow new businesses here at home. Our organization led a \$1 Million renovation project to convert a blighted property into the new Penn State Hazleton LaunchBox, which is hosting programs to nuture innovation and small business entrepreneurship.

WE ARE BRIDGE BUILDERS! Our organization believes partnerships are the key to success. We actively work with more than 30 other organizations and businesses to build consensus, leverage resources, and empower stakeholders in order to implemenent our revitalization initiatives.







# We need your help! There are several opportunities for giving:

- Neighborhood Assistance Program Partners (75% tax credit on donations)
- Sustaining Partners (five or six year pledged committments)
- Annual Donors
- Donation of Appreciated Securities

Contact Krista Schneider at 570-455-1509 x 109 or kschneider@ downtownhazleton.org for more information!

## Five Year Fund Drive Goal: \$1,000,000



### 8:1 RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Since 2014 we have leveraged every donated dollar by the local community to raise more than eight dollars (\$5,000,000 in grants) needed to fund critical capital improvement projects throughout the downtown.

We plan to continue leveraging future donations to complete priority improvement projects, apply for additional grants, and develop important new educational and entrepreneurship programs identified by the community.

#### Downtown Hazleton is ON THE RISE!

Over the next year we will be working to open a new Welcome and Information Center and launch a new branding and marketing campaign for downtown business recruitment. Our vision is for Downtown Hazleton to be defined by vibrant art and cultural institutions and experiences that help bridge generations and ethnicities.