



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

PPL FOUNDATION 2021 COMMUNITY REPORT





OUR MISSION

The PPL Foundation empowers communities by supporting student success from cradle to career; advancing diversity, equity and inclusion; and promoting the development of vibrant and sustainable communities.



OUR FOCUS AREAS

As a keystone in each of the communities we serve, the PPL Foundation contributes millions of dollars annually, partnering with nonprofit organizations working in the following areas:

Education

Building a strong foundation is critical to the success of today's students. Contributions in this area will support equitable and engaging high-quality educational opportunities for all students, with a particular emphasis on those in need. Programs supported through grants include, but are not limited to early childhood education; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs; literacy; summer learning; and career and college preparatory programs.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

PPL Foundation seeks to support communities where all are respected, valued and free to reach their full potential in life. Toward that end, the foundation seeks to fund programs aimed at confronting racism and discrimination, advancing social justice and equity, improving multi-cultural relations and supporting minority-led organizations leading change in the communities we serve.

Sustainable Communities

A strong community is one in which all residents are empowered to fulfill their potential. Improving the lives and well-being of residents in central and eastern Pennsylvania by fostering the development of safe, strong and sustainable communities is a primary objective of the PPL Foundation. Funding priorities include support for emergency and disaster preparedness, environmental conservation initiatives and neighborhood improvement programs.

**\$3.7
million**

total giving

9,600

volunteer hours

6,000

students
received books

300+

organizations
received support

50

empowering
educator grants

29

counties served



PPL Foundation proudly supports the important work being done by the nonprofit sector to improve life in our communities. Whether it's providing critical homework help for young students, a path out of homelessness for families in need or innovative economic recovery efforts that benefit all residents, 2021's grant recipients were focused on transforming their communities.

The PPL Foundation awarded more than \$450,000 in grants to 115 nonprofit organizations across central and eastern Pennsylvania to strengthen education and support sustainable communities.

- Allentown Economic Development Corp.
- American Red Cross, Central PA Chapter
- American Red Cross, Mid Central PA Chapter
- American Red Cross, Northeastern PA Chapter
- American Red Cross, PA Rivers Chapter
- Bethlehem Area Education Foundation
- Boys & Girls Club of Allentown, Inc.
- Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- Brethren Housing Association
- Brodheads Watershed Association
- Capital Region Economic Development Corporation
- Carbon County Community Foundation
- CASA of Luzerne County
- Central PA Business & Education Association
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Cetronia Ambulance Corps
- Child Hunger Outreach Partners
- ChildPromise, Inc.
- Children's Museum, Inc.
- Clinton County Economic Partnership Foundation
- Cohesion Network, Inc.
- Communities In Schools of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Community Bike Works
- Community Giving Foundation
- Diamond City Partnership
- Dimmick Memorial Library
- Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress
- Downtown Shenandoah, Inc.
- Earth Conservancy
- Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR)
- Elizabethtown Community Housing & Outreach Services
- Employment Opportunity & Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Employment Skills Center
- Fayette Area Lions Den, Inc.
- Fe Foundation of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Flint Hill Farm Educational Center, Inc.



The Lancaster Science Factory's Rob Reed and Emily Landis are ready to ride in the Factory's Science to Go van. Funded in part by the PPL Foundation, the van allows Science Center staff to bring STEM workshops to schools, youth groups, parks and other locations around Lancaster.

- Focus Central Pennsylvania
- Foundation for Free Enterprise Education
- Fulton Theatre Company
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership
- Greater Valley Young Men's Christian Association
- Greater Wyoming Valley Area YMCA
- Hanna Foundation
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Association: Kempton
- Hazleton Area Recreation Program
- Hazleton Art League
- Hazleton Integration Project, Inc.
- Integrate for Good, Inc.
- Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc.
- Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania
- Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation, Inc.
- Lancaster City Alliance
- Leadership Lackawanna
- Leadership Susquehanna Valley
- Leadership Wilkes-Barre, PA
- LEAF Project, Inc.
- Lehigh Valley Children's Centers, Inc.
- Lykens Valley Children's Museum
- Meals On Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Inc.
- Milagro House
- Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Monocacy Farms
- National Audubon Society
- Natural Lands Trust, Inc.
- NEPA Rainbow Alliance
- New Bethany, Inc.
- New Hope Ministries, Inc.
- North Pocono Public Library
- Northampton County Area Community College Foundation
- Osterhout Free Library
- Penn's Northeast
- Pennsylvania Envirothon, Inc.
- Pinebrook Family Answers
- PJAS Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 3
- Pleasant Valley Ecumenical Network
- Pocono Mountains United Way
- Pocono Northeast Development Fund
- Pocono Services for Families and Children
- Promise Neighborhoods of the Lehigh Valley
- Ringtown Area Library Association
- River Valley Regional YMCA
- Safe Harbour
- Schuylkill Chamber Foundation, Inc.
- Schuylkill Women in Crisis
- Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.
- Scranton-Lackawanna Human Development Agency, Inc.
- SEEDS of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Supporters of Camp Archbald
- Tamaqua Public Library
- The Arc of Dauphin County
- The Arc of Lehigh and Northampton Counties
- The Arc Susquehanna Valley
- The Factory Ministries
- The Foundation of The Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce
- The Greenhouse Project
- The Improved Milton Experience
- The Lancaster Science Center
- The Literacy Center
- The Open Link
- Truth for Women, Inc.
- Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition
- Upper Perkiomen Education Foundation
- Valley In Motion
- Valley Youth House Committee, Inc
- Wayne County Community Foundation
- Wayne Pike Adult Literacy Program
- Weis Center for the Performing Arts
- Wildlife Leadership Academy
- Wilkes University
- Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation
- Williamsport Symphony Orchestra
- Young Women's Christian Association of Bethlehem
- Young Women's Christian Association of Lancaster



United Way of Wyoming Valley received \$25,000 to support their Nurse's Pantry program for one year. They supply uniforms, shoes and basic hygiene items to each elementary school in the Wyoming Valley to help combat absenteeism and fight childhood poverty.

These capacity-building grants support nonprofit organizations working to improve the lives and well-being of residents by improving education; addressing diversity, equity and inclusion; and fostering the development of safe, strong and sustainable communities. In 2021, The PPL Foundation awarded \$500,000 in grants to support 12 organizations working to empower the communities they serve.

- **Berwick YMCA** received a grant of \$50,000 to create an Innovation and Creation Lab where young adults can develop their STEM skills.
- **Bradbury-Sullivan LGBTQ Community Center** received a grant of \$35,000 for the creation of a café that will serve as a job readiness program for LGBTQ youth as well as a sober social space for the community.
- **Central PA Conservancy** received a grant of \$25,000 to support an improvement project restoring the LeTort Spring Garden Preserve, a 38-acre wetland area in Carlisle.
- **Community CARES** received a grant of \$50,000 to support a new family emergency shelter in Shippensburg.
- **Communities in Schools in Pennsylvania** received a grant of \$30,000 to support the Cultural Navigation project at Fulton Elementary School in Lancaster, which provides refugee and immigrant students and their families with culturally and linguistically appropriate services and connects them to critically needed social, financial and mental/physical health resources.

- **Downtown Shenandoah, Inc.** received a grant of \$25,000 to support the development of the Center for Education, Business and Arts, where entrepreneurs and community members can acquire affordable education, business space and the resources needed to start and grow their business.
- **Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania** received a grant of \$60,000 to support the Coding the Coal Region program, which provides after-school STEM computer science and coding classes with an entrepreneurial focus for students in grades 9-12 from a 13-county region.
- **Pearl S. Buck International** received a grant of \$25,000 to support a regional training conference for nonprofit and community leaders to discuss the tenets of diversity, equity and inclusion, focused on best practices in general and specifically law enforcement, human resources and health care.
- **Resurrected Community Development Corporation** received a grant of \$100,000 to support the expansion of the James Lawson Freedom School, a six-week summer cultural and literacy enrichment initiative for youth in K-12th grades.
- **Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology** received a grant of \$35,000 to expand the capacity of programs related to electronics engineering and technology.
- **The Improved Milton Experience** received a grant of \$40,000 to expand its successful STEAM Makerspace and Business Innovation Center to the neighboring communities of Shamokin and Sunbury.
- **United Way of Wyoming Valley** received a grant of \$25,000 to support the Nurse's Pantry program, which partners with 22 school districts to meet the basic needs of at-risk students to improve their academic experience and to reduce absenteeism.



PPL's annual United Way campaign raises a record \$5 million to improve lives and strengthen local communities

PPL Corporation and its employees and retirees stood tall together to raise over \$5 million – a record-breaking amount – during the company's annual United Way campaign.

The campaign supports United Way agencies across central and eastern Pennsylvania and in New York City, where PPL's Safari Energy subsidiary is headquartered. Through the United Way and partner agencies, funds raised will support ongoing efforts to help children learn, grow and succeed; to create more opportunities for those less fortunate; to improve the quality of life for seniors; to provide emergency services to victims of violence and natural disasters; and to battle hunger in our communities.

PPL's 2021 United Way campaign included more than \$2.5 million in contributions from employees and retirees. The PPL Foundation provided more than \$2.5 million in a dollar-for-dollar match of all employee and retiree giving. A record 140 employees also volunteered to lend a hand in the community during the United Way's Day of Caring in September.

"Strengthening our communities is one of PPL's core values. The money we raise as part of our annual United Way campaigns benefits individuals and families in the communities where we live and work. I'm proud to lead a team of employees who support their community not only through their day-to-day work in delivering energy to power their lives but also in their generosity of spirit."

Vincent Sorgi, president and chief executive officer of PPL Corporation





Thanks to a \$1,000 Empowering Educator grant from the PPL Foundation, Manda Mosier purchased WeDo Lego kits for her STEM club participants at Robb Elementary in Lock Haven, Pa. Using the “brain” in the kit, the students are taught how to first make a snail and create a code that will change its light colors, make sounds, and even make it move. Additional projects teach students to design a working windmill or a rotating satellite.

Students are presented with real-life problems and work collaboratively to come up with solutions. The students are learning simple programming using the web-based software that accompanies the kit.



COVER TO COVER

Inspiring young readers

More than 6,000 students in grades K-3 experienced the joy of summer reading and reaped the benefits of avoiding the “summer slide” through PPL Foundation’s Cover to Cover reading program. Nearly 9,000 new books were donated to 20 summer reading programs throughout PPL Electric’s 29-county service area.

For a list of 2021 partners, visit www.pplweb.com/cover-to-cover/

EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

The PPL Foundation’s Empowering Educators program is designed to help K-12 teachers provide hands-on learning opportunities to enhance the classroom experience and spark students’ interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

For a list of 2021’s winning teachers, visit www.pplweb.com/communities/empowering-educators-grants/

POWERING A BRIGHTER FUTURE SCHOLARSHIPS

The PPL Foundation will award \$1 million in scholarships over the next decade through the **Powering a Brighter Future Scholarship** program, which aims to advance diversity, equity and inclusion and attract more women and minorities to careers in engineering, information technology, and tech and trade roles.

The scholarship program will award \$100,000 annually to individuals pursuing degrees in these fields at qualifying colleges, universities and technical schools.

For information on the class of 2021, visit www.pplweb.com/communities/brighter-future-scholarships/



The American Red Cross Disaster Action Team volunteers are able to respond to emergencies throughout the Lehigh Valley thanks in part to grant funding for an emergency response vehicle.

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The PPL Foundation invites nonprofits to submit grant applications for consideration annually. Any nonprofit organization (501c3) working to improve the community through initiatives focused on education, diversity and sustainability can apply for a grant. Municipalities, churches, schools and chambers of commerce are not eligible. For complete instructions on how to apply, please visit pplcares.com