



**PPL FOUNDATION**

# 2022 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 eastern and central Pennsylvania and Rhode Island 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.



**\$5** million total giving

**11,800** volunteer hours

**300+** organizations received support

**22** students received scholarships

**50** teachers received grants

**9,000** students received books







## Sustaining Grants

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.

In 2022, grants supported programs ranging from STEM summer camps and student learning centers to initiatives that address food insecurity and organizations promoting revitalization, sustainability and equity.



- American Red Cross of Greater PA
- American Red Cross of Two Rivers
- BBBS of the Capital Region
- Bethlehem Area Education Foundation
- Boys & Girls Club of Allentown
- Boys & Girls Club of Bethlehem
- Boys & Girls Club of Chambersburg and Shippensburg
- Boys & Girls Club of Lancaster
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center
- Brethren Housing Association
- Brodheads Watershed Association
- Capital Region Economic Development Corporation
- Carbon County Community Foundation
- Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
- Central PA Business & Education Association
- Central Pennsylvania Food Bank
- Child Hunger Outreach Partners
- Clinton County Economic Partnership Foundation
- Communities In Schools of Eastern Pennsylvania
- Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County
- Community Bike Works
- Diakon Child Family and Community Ministries
- Diamond City Partnership
- East Stroudsburg University Foundation
- Employment Opportunity & Training Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- Fe Foundation of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of the Lehigh Valley
- Foundation for Free Enterprise Education
- Fulton Theatre Company
- Getting Ahead Foundation
- Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania
- Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania
- Greater Hazleton Area Astronomical Society
- Greater Hazleton Area Civic Partnership
- Greater Philadelphia YMCA
- Greater Valley Young Mens Christian Association
- Hanna Foundation
- IM ABLE Foundation
- Keystone College
- Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation
- Lancaster City Alliance
- Leadership Northeast
- Leadership Susquehanna Valley
- LEAF Project
- Lehigh Carbon Community College Foundation
- Lehigh University Summer Engineering Institute
- Lehigh Valley Zoological Society
- Lewisburg Children's Museum
- Lykens Valley Children's Museum
- Meals on Wheels Community Services of NEPA
- Meals On Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley
- Midwest Food Bank
- Minsi Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America
- Monroe County Habitat for Humanity
- National Audubon Society
- Natural Lands Trust
- NEPA Rainbow Alliance
- New Birth of Freedom Council, Boy Scouts of America
- New Hope Ministries
- North Branch Land Trust
- Northampton County Area Community College Foundation
- O.S. Johnson Technical Institute
- Osterhout Free Library
- Penn's Northeast
- Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Pennsylvania College of Technology Foundation
- Pennsylvania State University – Lehigh Valley
- Pennsylvania State University – Schuylkill
- Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy
- Pocono Mountains United Way
- Pocono Northeast Development Fund
- Regional Engagement Center
- Resources for Human Development
- Ripple Community
- River Valley Regional YMCA
- SATORI, Ltd.
- Schuylkill Chamber Foundation
- Scranton Neighborhood Housing Services
- The Edible Classroom
- The Institute
- The Literacy Center
- The Mix at Arbor Place
- United Neighborhood Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania
- United Way of Wyoming Valley
- University of Scranton
- Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition
- Valley In Motion
- Valley Youth House Committee
- Valor Clinic Foundation
- Weis Center for the Performing Arts
- Wildlife Leadership Academy
- Williamsport Symphony Orchestra
- Workforce Wayne
- Young Women's Christian Association of Bethlehem
- Young Women's Christian Association of Lancaster



## Major Grants

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 2022, The PPL Foundation awarded \$500,000 in grants to support 17 organizations working to empower the communities they serve in eastern and central Pennsylvania.



- **African American Museum of Bucks County** in Langhorne received a grant of \$25,000 to support the development of video programming and educational events featuring the untold stories and hidden figures of Bucks County.
- **American Rescue Workers in Williamsport** received a grant of \$50,000 to support the installation of a kitchen in the men's shelter to provide a space that helps skills development.
- **Black Heritage Association of the Lehigh Valley** received a grant of \$25,000 for a digital inclusion initiative that will provide broadband access to families in Allentown and Lehigh County to help bridge the digital divide.
- **Children's Museum in Bloomsburg** received \$27,500 for a STEM ambassador program and conference focused on increasing girls' interest and participation in science, technology, engineering and math.
- **For the Cause in Berwick** received \$25,000 for the development of a youth entrepreneur academy that aims to provide career exploration and hands-on learning experiences outside of the classroom.
- **Friends of the Columbia County Traveling Library in Columbia County** received \$25,000 to support the creation of a literacy cooperative that includes public librarians, school librarians, elementary reading teachers, middle and high school English language arts teachers, and preschool teachers in a coordinated effort to encourage literacy and to provide books and e-resources to the children of Columbia County.
- **Lancaster Area Habitat for Humanity** received \$25,000 to support the Open Doors initiative that aims to expand access to affordable housing and engage more of the community to participate in the housing solution through volunteer efforts.
- **Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation** received \$27,500 to support the expansion of a successful summer camp focused on careers and technical education.
- **New Bethany in Bethlehem** received \$20,000 to provide housing advocacy and service navigation assistance to help low-income households obtain and maintain safe and stable housing.



- **O.S. Johnson Technical Institute in Scranton** received \$65,000 for the creation of a STEM learning lab to serve students in four school districts in Northeast Pennsylvania.
- **Pocono Mountains United Way in Stroudsburg** received \$25,000 for Generation NEXT, a program that ensures first-generation and underserved students receive the support they need to access higher education.
- **The Century Promise in Allentown** received \$25,000 for a public-private engagement program that brings together business and college communities in developing collaborative solutions to prepare Allentown graduates to be college, career and community ready.
- **The Cooperage Project in Honesdale** received \$25,000 to support engaging afterschool programming serving students in three school districts in Wayne County.
- **The Kindness Project in Emmaus** received \$25,000 to support foster families and the children in their care across eastern Pennsylvania by supplying clothing, shoes, furniture and other essential items free of charge.
- **The Lancaster Science Center** received \$30,000 for the development of a new interactive exhibit that teaches students about sustainable energy resources.
- **The Urban Regenerative Farm in Harrisburg** received \$35,000 for a program that transforms abandoned city lots into income-generating, community-run vegetable gardens.
- **Valley Youth House in Bethlehem** received \$20,000 to support the renovation of a youth shelter, ensuring that the children being served have a safe space that meets their emergency needs.

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# Community empowerment program launched in Rhode Island

For over a century, PPL has strived to empower the communities we serve by delivering reliable energy service, philanthropic contributions and support for community development and education.

With the addition of Rhode Island Energy to the PPL family of companies, we are proud to continue our legacy of corporate citizenship by expanding the focus of our philanthropy to Rhode Island, seeking to support initiatives that strengthen communities served by Rhode Island Energy.

In December 2022, the foundation awarded more than \$500,000 in funding to support 29 nonprofit organizations working to improve the lives and well-being of individuals throughout the Ocean State.

The foundation's latest investments support initiatives such as tutoring and mentoring programs for underserved students; a multigenerational community design studio; innovative and affordable housing programs; and environmental conservation and education programs that inspire the next generation of stewards.

The 2022 PPL Foundation **Empowering Communities Grant** recipients in Rhode Island are:

- Amenity Aid
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of RI
- Books are Wings
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pawtucket
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern RI
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Providence
- Catholic Social Services of RI
- City Year Providence
- DESIGNxRI
- DownCity Design
- Inspiring Minds
- Jonnycake Center of Westerly
- Leadership RI
- McAuley Ministries
- Meals on Wheels of Rhode Island
- Mt. Hope Learning Center
- Newport County Development Council
- One Neighborhood Builders
- Providence Children's Museum
- RI Community Food Bank
- Save the Bay
- Special Olympics
- The Autism Project
- The Gamm Theatre
- The Learning Community
- Warwick Boys & Girls Clubs
- Year Up
- Young Voices







“ Strengthening the communities we call home has been a hallmark of PPL for more than a century. Our passion to positively impact people’s lives runs deep at PPL, and I am incredibly proud of our employees’ and retirees’ collective generosity. We know that local United Way agencies will put these funds to great use in strengthening education, health and safety, food access and other important programs for the millions we serve. ”

Vincent Sorgi, president and chief executive officer of PPL Corporation

## PPL employee giving campaigns raise nearly **\$8 million** with strong support from PPL Foundation

PPL employees and retirees joined forces company-wide to raise more than \$8 million during the company’s annual employee giving campaigns.

The record-breaking amount raised will support ongoing efforts to address the increasing needs of thousands of people who rely on the United Way and local organizations for countless vital services every day.

Additionally, more than 200 employees volunteered their time in the community during PPL’s Day of Caring events in September, directly impacting organizations in communities throughout the 29 Pennsylvania counties served by PPL Electric Utilities.

Vincent Sorgi, president and chief executive officer of PPL Corporation, and his wife Michelle served as co-chairs of the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley’s 2022 Campaign.

PPL’s United Way campaign raised \$2.75 million in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island contributions from employees and retirees. The PPL Foundation matched those contributions 100%.

As part of the 2022 campaign, the PPL Foundation partnered with The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley to create the “Be a Housing Hero” initiative to support families facing housing insecurity. In honor of the campaign, the PPL Foundation contributed an additional \$500,000 to match every new and increased donation to the UWGLV campaign, bringing the campaign total to over \$6 million.



# Support for Education

## Cover to Cover

More than 8,600 students in grades K-3 experienced the joy of summer reading 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.

## 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).

## Powering a Brighter Future Scholarships

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



### SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: Nadav Griver

“These funds will not only help me tremendously to pay for my higher education but allow me to focus even more on excelling in my studies and becoming the best version of myself. You have reminded me, at a time when the rigorous course work of college seems endless, that hard work pays off and you have inspired me to keep working hard.”

An Aerospace Engineering major, Nadav made the Dean's List in his first year at Penn State University.



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