

YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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Message from the **Chair and CEO**

William R. Hartman, Board Chair, and Jane M. Conover, CEO



How many times have you heard the phrase, “It takes a village?” It is used so often because it’s so true. Our futures are interdependent, whether in a family, school, business, or community.

That is why YCCF brings people together to align community expertise and energy to evaluate critical issues, support best practices and advocate for bold solutions to build a thriving community. We do more than write grant checks to support the good work of nonprofit organizations. We learn, engage and lead to strategically use all our resources for lasting impact on lives.

That commitment to the future is also why so many Yorkers decide to create permanent endowment funds at YCCF. When you feel like you belong to something greater than yourself, it gives your life greater meaning. YCCF is so

grateful for every donor and for their advisors who choose YCCF as their partner in philanthropy.

Flexible options for giving, personalized customer service, and our singular focus on YOUR community, make YCCF stand out.

Our annual report will give you a sense of the people and projects with which YCCF connected in 2016. People just like you who created funds that will support what’s important to them for generations to come. People like you who join us to help children succeed in school; build vibrant downtowns and neighborhoods; end opioid addiction; and make York County a great place to age.

Thank you for being a member of our ‘village.’ Together, our future looks bright!

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW

GRANTS

\$5.2 million
307 organizations
\$409,228 in scholarships
\$55.8 million since 1961

GIFTS

\$4.7 million
15 new funds
596 donors

ASSET SIZE

\$135 million

VOLUNTEERS

Over 150 volunteers

GRANT DISTRIBUTION



FUND FOR YORK COUNTY

\$443,977



EMBRACING AGING

\$227,417



HEALTH & HUMAN NEEDS

\$1,983,539



EDUCATION

\$1,534,005



ARTS & CULTURE

\$840,405



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

\$390,226



AGRICULTURE & LAND
PRESERVATION

\$57,318



OTHER

\$405,639

HOW TO BUILD YOUR FOUNDATION



GIVE

You, your family, business, or organization make a tax-deductible gift to create or add to a charitable fund that matters to YOU.

yccf.org/ways-to-give

yccf.org/donorlist



LEAD

YCCF convenes stakeholders, promotes best practices and is a voice for transformational change for a stronger York County.

yccf.org/high-impact-initiatives

yorkcounts.org

yccf.org/aging

ENDOW

Funds are prudently invested for long-term growth, managed by professional investment advisors and a committee of local professionals.

yccf.org/financial-picture

yccf.org/fundlist

INVEST

YCCF staff and volunteers evaluate projects for maximum impact and award grants to nonprofits.

yccf.org/our-2016-grants



Lifelong Independence

James traveled every day for 40 years delivering propane throughout York County. An unknown infection took his foot, his livelihood, and his independence last year. Since then he has been confined to his home because he cannot get a wheelchair down the steps of his front porch. At 61 years old, James relies 100% on his Social Security income, making paying to construct a ramp impossible.

James reached out to Servants, Inc., a nonprofit based in Red Lion. Through their Home Helps Program, Servants provides home repairs and maintenance services for York County homeowners with financial need. Nearly 80 percent of these homeowners are older adults who need repairs they cannot afford to be able to live independently and safely in their homes.

The home repairs are done by a group of volunteers, ranging in age and skill levels, and led by the Home Helps Manager, and a part-time Home Helps Administrative Coordinator, whose positions were made possible by a grant from YCCF's Hahn Home Fund for Embracing Aging. In 2017, with another Hahn Home grant, additional construction coordinators are being hired to manage more volunteers and reduce the long list of older adults waiting for repairs.

Homeowners aren't the only ones benefiting from the program. The majority of the organization's

volunteers are over the age of 50. They embrace the opportunity to apply their skills and life lessons to help neighbors in need, while learning new talents and creating relationships with peers.

In addition to completing the repairs, staff and volunteers nurture relationships with the homeowners, by bringing packed lunches and sharing meals and conversation with the homeowners. It's a good reminder to the owners that someone cares about their safety and well-being. Servants also connects the homeowners with other area services, like financial counseling programs, to help them stay safely in their own homes.

For homeowners like James, having a solid wheelchair ramp and the ability to safely enter and exit his home is life-changing.

**YCCF EMBRACES THIS KIND
OF PARTNERSHIP WITH A
NONPROFIT, AS WE SEEK TO
INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF
HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS THAT
HAVE A LASTING IMPACT.**

Reclaiming Connections with the Community Forever

As journalists, Pat and Carol Innerst lived wherever their work would take them. Both York County natives, they met while working for the *York Daily Record/News* and spent the next four decades working as colleagues. They each worked for the *Philadelphia Bulletin* and retired from the *Washington Times*. When it came time to retire, they chose to return to York to reclaim their connections with family, friends and the community.

Carol became passionate about the education system when their children, Preston, Jr. and Christine, entered school. She took the information she gathered as an involved parent and began writing about the things she observed. This passion eventually landed her the position of national education writer for the *Washington Times*. While Pat never attended college, instead opting for military service, he valued the opportunity and worked hard to ensure that both Preston, Jr. and Christine attended college.

When both parents died, Preston, Jr. and Christine wanted a way to honor their parents' legacy, specifically their dedication to making sure others had the opportunity for a good education. Two trusted advisors to the family recommended that they look to YCCF to achieve their goals. Living in D.C. and Los Angeles, the children wanted the fund they created to benefit the community their parents loved... the place they refer to as "the hometown we never lived in."



**THROUGH THE PAT &
CAROL INNERST FUND
FOR EDUCATION, THE
YOUTH OF YORK WILL
BE PROVIDED WITH
ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE
INNERSTS' LEGACY WILL
LIVE ON IN THE YORK
COMMUNITY FOREVER.**

Photo Credit: The Innerst Family

Community Comes Together to Change Lives



“Be leaders. Stop being followers. I’m begging you – please, please stop the gun violence,” pleaded Mrs. Natalie Brown, an advocate and mother who lost her son to gun violence.

Mrs. Brown was one of more than 50 community members who attended the first “call-in” of the York City Group Violence Intervention (GVI) initiative. Government officials, law enforcement, community groups and local leaders spent more than a year working collaboratively to prepare for the event, with support from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Seven young men and one woman were identified by law enforcement in a labor-intensive process that looked at all of the homicides and shootings in the City of York over the last several years. The GVI selected people on probation who were most connected to these shootings. The individuals were required to attend the call-in as a condition of their probation, ensuring their attendance.

What they found when they arrived was a community that ultimately wants to see them safe,

alive, and out of prison. However, the message included an ultimatum – if one of the eight, or a member of their group, is involved in a shooting, the police and prosecutors will come down hard and they will pursue the maximum sentence.

Since that first call-in, the GVI has honored its commitment to helping these individuals change their lives. From training for their GEDs to supplies they need to secure a job, the GVI isn’t just talk. They are offering a chance at a better life.

Following a shooting incident there will be a heightened police presence, more traffic stops, and more community-based officer patrols. The GVI’s work isn’t done after just one call-in. It is preparing for more in the coming year.

“As your mayor, I’m tired of the violence,” said York City Mayor Kim Bracey. “Today marks a new day in the way we’re going to respond.”

**YCCF IS A LEAD FUNDER
OF THE YORK CITY GROUP
VIOLENCE INITIATIVE, WHICH
IS MODELED ON A NATIONALLY
RENOWNED APPROACH
OFFERED THROUGH THE
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE.**

Preparing the Workforce of Tomorrow

By 2024 more than 1 million skilled jobs will need to be filled in Pennsylvania, according to a June 2016 report from the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Based on current data, this need cannot be met, specifically for the “middle skills” jobs, or those that require training beyond high school, but less than a bachelor’s degree.

York County Alliance for Learning (YCAL), which connects students and businesses with training and integration into the skilled workforce, is stepping in to help. In 2016, with funding from YCCF’s Fund for York County and Kinsley Construction as a corporate partner, YCAL began the Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

High school juniors from across York County, who think an apprenticeship in construction might be the right career path for them, can apply to participate in the Pre-Apprenticeship Program during their senior year. For the 2017-2018 school year, the program will be offered in a construction track at Kinsley’s Education Center, with online modules from the National Tooling and Manufacturing Association to be completed at their home schools. Students will also participate in a 10-hour OSHA training and receive an OSHA certification card upon completion.

With at least one event per month from September through April, students will be able to determine if an apprenticeship in construction is the right career move for them. For many, a paid apprenticeship is more appealing than getting a four-year education. And for some, they will realize that a college or university is the path they want to pursue.



Kinsley and other York County businesses see the value in pre-apprenticeship programs to help them identify potential employees, and address recruitment challenges.

**THANKS TO YCAL’S
PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM,
YORK COUNTY WILL BE BETTER
PREPARED TO FILL THE JOBS
NECESSARY TO GROW
OUR ECONOMY.**



Turning Tragedy into Hope

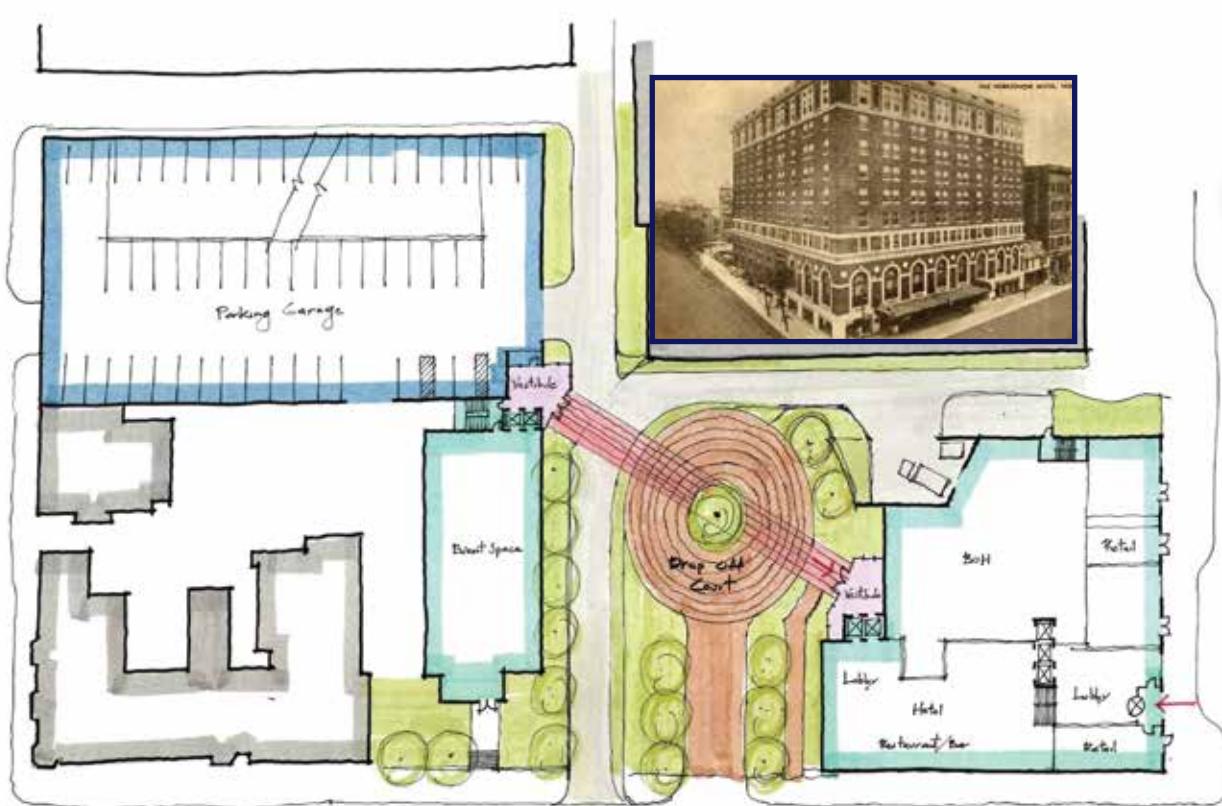
Chris Herren, former NBA player, now travels across the country speaking to young people about his drug and alcohol abuse and recovery through the Herren Project. In September 2016, he gave his motivational talk to students at York Catholic High School. What made this presentation different was the family of Spencer Kubala sitting in the front row.

Spencer, a 2012 graduate of York Catholic, died in January 2016 of a heroin overdose. As a former high school basketball player, Spencer looked up to Herren. Spencer's family started the Spencer Kubala Legacy Fund at YCCF to provide scholarship assistance for a senior student at York Catholic High School who exemplifies the qualities Spencer possessed: kindness, caring to all, and a genuine concern for those in need. The fund will also provide an annual grant to the Herren Project to help people with their addiction and recovery, including being a source for anyone from York who inquires about help.

IN 2016, THERE WERE NEARLY 90 OVERDOSE DEATHS IN YORK COUNTY, WITH MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE ATTRIBUTED TO HEROIN. AS A COMMUNITY, WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS EPIDEMIC. MEMORIAL HEALTH FUND, A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION OF YCCF, GAVE A GRANT TO THE YORK REGIONAL OPIATE COLLABORATIVE TO HELP ADDRESS OPIATE USE, ADDICTION, AND OVERDOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Spencer's family remembers a young man who was adored for his smile and caring disposition. By sharing his story and bringing love and support to those struggling with addiction, Spencer's family and friends want to break the stigmas about substance addiction. Through education, they hope to spare other young people their son's fate, and honor his memory forever.

Photo Credit: The Kubala Family



Yorktowne Hotel Re-Imagined for a Vibrant Downtown

The historic Yorktowne Hotel has been a cornerstone of downtown York since 1925. However, in recent years the once elegant grand hotel has needed repairs and updating. When the property was placed on the market for sale, the community was concerned that potential uses for the building could be detrimental to current downtown revitalization efforts.

To ensure the Yorktowne stays a positive, long-term asset for downtown, the York County Industrial Authority purchased the property. Local charitable gifts and loans, including a commitment from YCCF's Social Impact Investment Fund, were leveraged to help secure a \$10 million grant from the Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program.

During a two-year closure, the Yorktowne Hotel will be updated to a 3- to 4-star, full-service hotel with features and amenities comparable to its competitors, while still maintaining historic features. Project partners have been selected, and preliminary plans are underway.

The Yorktowne project will anchor other downtown revitalization efforts in Continental Square, the Royal Square District, and the York College Center for Community Engagement. Excess space could be turned into offices or residences to further support downtown York's strategic direction. This project is perhaps the most impactful and significant economic development initiative currently underway in the City of York.

YCCF envisions that the hotel will be a downtown destination, traffic generator, and employer. We're excited for the new Yorktowne Hotel to become part of a vibrant York City.

BY INVESTING IN THIS AND OTHER HIGH-IMPACT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, YCCF FURTHER SUPPORTS ITS MISSION TO CREATE A VIBRANT YORK COUNTY THROUGH DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVES.

Photo Credit: York County Industrial Authority

WHY PARTNER WITH YCCF?

EXPERTISE

Professional charitable advice
Broad community knowledge
Prudent investment strategies

PERSONAL SERVICE

Accessible local staff
Responsive to your needs and interests
Flexible giving options

COMMITMENT TO YORK COUNTY

Advance positive community improvement
Support reinvestment in local economy
Stay connected to your hometown

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Providing Community Leadership

Investing in High-Impact Initiatives

Building Endowment for Future Generations

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