



1889 FOUNDATION

2016-2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear friends and supporters,

2017 has been a remarkable year! With your support, 1889 Foundation has continued our growth and evolution with a variety of collaborations, especially the formal opening of 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health. We're delighted to share our progress with you in this annual report.

As far as we've come, we still have a long way to go to fulfill our mission of transforming the overall health and wellness of our region. Cambria and Somerset Counties are still ranked the 63rd and 38th healthiest, respectively, of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. But they did not reach those positions overnight, and lasting change will take time to achieve. Through the establishment of the Center and many other collaborative initiatives, we've taken major steps toward improvement.

1889 Foundation is committed to working together with like-minded individuals, organizations, and businesses in everything we do. As you read about all that happened in 2017, you'll recognize collaboration as the dominant theme.

If you are reading this annual report, you are a supporter of 1889 Foundation. We are profoundly grateful to you for helping make our work possible. We are excited about 2018 and continued progress toward our goals.

Sincerely,



James F. Hargreaves
Chairman



Susan M. Mann
President



1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health begins work

On March 21, 2017, a ribbon-cutting was held to celebrate the opening of the new 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health. The Center, which is a partnership between 1889 Foundation and Thomas Jefferson University's College of Population Health, had been in the planning stages for well over a year by that date. Under the capable leadership of Dr. Trina Thompson, the inaugural executive director, the Center has begun its work in earnest.

In the Center's first months, Thompson has focused on research and information-gathering, with the goal of identifying the key health and wellness issues our community faces, as well as potential opportunities, obstacles, and partners. She has met with more than 140 people from the community – key stakeholders in human service organizations, community leaders, healthcare workers, and others with

information and resources to share. In addition, a detailed questionnaire has been distributed to human service organizations.

"I've been impressed with the community's strong interest in improving health and wellness, and in everyone's willingness to work together – this will be paramount to our success moving forward," Thompson says.

The Center is taking a data-driven approach to its work. It has been collaborating closely with the United Way of the Laurel Highlands and Conemaugh Health System, which conducts a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment every three years. Publicly-available research, such as annual county health rankings and information from the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health, will play an important role as well.

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The Center has formed a steering committee to assist in the organization's strategic plan, and is convening work groups to focus on specific projects in the community. For inspiration and ideas, Thompson has also been studying the work of other population health organizations across the country.

"In September we'll begin doing interviews with a diverse cross-section of people in the community to get grassroots information about health and wellness, and obstacles people

face," Thompson explains. "We've also started preliminary research into evidence-based programs that might be a good fit for some of this area's needs."

To inform the public about the 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health's mission and the latest developments in its work, a new website is launching at www.1889jeffersoncenter.org. 1889 Foundation will continue to provide updates on the Center's work as well.

Pictured below, left to right: Sue Mann, 1889 Foundation President; Trina Thompson, Executive Director; Kathy Gallagher, EVP, COO, Thomas Jefferson University; James Hargreaves, 1889 Foundation Board Chairman; Stephen Spinelli Jr., Chancellor, Thomas Jefferson University; Dr. David Nash, Dean, Jefferson College of Population Health



1889 Foundation is committed to collaborating with community organizations to further our mission of transforming the overall health and wellness of our region. We are proud to have participated in these initiatives this year:

United Way of the Laurel Highlands

For the second year, 1889 Foundation provided a \$500,000 challenge grant to the United Way of the Laurel Highlands (UWLH) to further the reach and impact of the United Way's Community Impact grants. The Community Impact grants are distributed annually to high-performing non-profit organizations in Cambria and Somerset Counties, and are awarded by a volunteer-driven committee and review panels. The application process requires recipients to explain programs, methods, desired outcomes, and how results will be measured.

"The foundation could have chosen to create their own structure and process, but chose to utilize an existing best practice, Community Impact Model, already being implemented by our local United Way," explains Bill McKinney, executive director of UWLH. "To me, that is a sign of vision and strong leadership."

The additional funding has enabled the United Way to expand programming in

areas such as early childhood development and parental engagement.

"Hundreds of families are now receiving high-quality, evidence-based, home visitation programming that will change the trajectory of their family for generations to come," McKinney says.

Youth drug and alcohol prevention has also been expanded thanks to 1889 Foundation funding. The top-rated program in the nation, Botvin LifeSkills, is now being taught in all 24 school districts in Cambria and Somerset Counties, reaching more than 7,500 elementary and middle school students. According to McKinney, the program is having a positive effect.

"All 18 indicators used to measure program outcomes are dropping – a clear sign the programming is working with our children," he explains.

Proceeds from 1889 Foundation's 2016 Chef Auction were disbursed



through the United Way to The Healing Patch, a program of the Home Nursing Agency that helps children and their families cope with the loss of a loved one.

Cambria County Drug Coalition

A major community accomplishment of the past year is the establishment of the Cambria County Drug Coalition, which was announced on Sept. 13, 2016 with the support of several funding organizations, including 1889 Foundation.

Recognizing that no community has been left untouched by the adverse consequences of drug and alcohol use/abuse, the Drug Coalition is fostering cross-sector collaborations among all impacted sectors of the county. The partnering organizations are working toward integrated solutions designed to reduce and eliminate illegal drug use and drug overdose deaths, expand prevention efforts, communicate treatment options, improve systems of care, and reduce drug-related crimes.

"1889 Foundation's investment in the comprehensive

approach of the coalition is instrumental to our success," notes Ronna Yablonski, executive director of the Coalition. "The work of the coalition is the work of MANY. By joining together we can build healthier and stronger individuals, families and communities."

You can keep up with the Coalition's progress at cambriacountydrugcoalition.org.

Creative Health Impact Grants

Through this collaboration with the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance (PRAA), 1889 Foundation supports arts programs related to health and wellness in our community. In 2016, the grant program's first year, six programs were funded: Bottleworks Ethnic Arts Center's "Mindful Arts Initiative," Community Arts Center of Cambria County's "The Language of Art," Johnstown Concert Ballet's "Dancing for a Difference," Mount Aloysius College's "Opening Minds Through Art," Mountain Playhouse's "Seniors on the Go," and the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art's "Arts for the Ages."

These programs provided arts programming to a broad range of populations, including deaf and hearing-impaired people, Alzheimer's patients, underserved children, and senior citizens.



1889 Foundation continues to fund medical education for area students

Several donor-designated funds at 1889 Foundation help fund medical education for worthy area students seeking careers in healthcare.

Nursing scholarships

1889 Foundation received a donation from the Estate of Helen E. Russell that will provide scholarships for nursing students for many years to come.

The Conemaugh School of Nursing Alumni Association established the Dana Petrunak Conemaugh School of Nursing Alumni Association Fund, named in memory of Dana Petrunak, a former president of the organization. A scholarship will be given to a deserving student each year, along with the Spirit of the Pink Cross Award.

"Dana was always an advocate for the school and its graduates," explains Kelly McAdams, an alumni association officer. "She truly loved the school and had an emotional connection to it. She was an exceptional, positive, upbeat person who truly lived her values, and believed everything good in life could be yours if you worked hard and believed."

"We are proud to honor Dana and keep her memory alive through this fund," adds Louise Pugliese, who was the director of the school when Dana was there.

Stay in touch!

We encourage you to keep up with the work of 1889 Foundation on our frequently-updated website, www.1889foundation.org, where you can sign up for our e-newsletter. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/1889foundation!

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In 2016, more than 30 nursing students received scholarships totaling \$35,000 from 1889 Foundation funds. Notably, the Employers Medical Access Partnership (E.MAP)/1889 Foundation Critical Skills Scholarship Endowment, which has awarded some \$50,000 in scholarship money since 2009, awarded scholarships to five deserving students attending the Conemaugh School of Nursing.

Allied Health Program scholarships

2016 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Program for Surgical Technology at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center. Patricia Pavlikowski, program director, spearheaded a 50th Anniversary Celebration that included a scholarship fundraiser, and Harley Coffey became the first-ever recipient for this program.

Scholarships were also awarded to students in several allied health programs, including the School of Radiology Technology and the School of Medical Technology.

Apollo Scholarship

The Apollo Program includes both an award to a member of the Cambria/Somerset medical community or member of their families while also providing scholarships to third- and fourth-year medical students who express a commitment to return to Cambria and Somerset Counties to practice medicine at the completion of their training. This collaboration includes 1889 Foundation, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, the Cambria County Medical Society, and Lee Initiatives, along with area healthcare systems and hospitals. 1889 Foundation donated \$30,000 to Apollo. Two recipients received scholarships in 2016.

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More initiatives funded by 1889 Foundation

1889 Foundation is continually working on smaller initiatives related to our mission. In 2016, 1889 Foundation funds provided support for:

- Transportation for cancer patients who need assistance getting to and from chemotherapy appointments.
- First responder equipment and training for several ambulance companies in our area.
- Vascular screenings to detect and begin treatment for peripheral vascular disease, which is a leading cause of disability if left untreated too long.
- Yoga at the Point, an outdoor yoga event held in June at Johnstown's Point Stadium that was sponsored by the Integrative Medicine Advisory Counsel Fund.
- Support groups to help patients cope with a wide range of serious conditions and diseases, including women's cancers and general cancers, as well as an ALS support group supported by the Mayak Fund.
- A suicide prevention video that is shown in area schools as part of the Yellow Ribbon Program of the county coroner's office.
- Cribs for Kids, which provides needy families with cribs for their newborns as they go home from the hospital.
- A wide range of heart and cancer awareness education programs, which provide information about prevention, early detection, and treatment.





This year, 1889 Foundation has been the grateful beneficiary of creative fundraisers held throughout our community by organizations, schools, and even families. Here are a few highlights:

1889 Classic

This golf scramble was held by the Laurel Highlands Health & Wellness Auxiliary on August 8, 2016 at the Sunnehanna Country Club, and was a big success with almost \$15,000 raised.

School fundraisers

Many schools took their school spirit the extra mile to hold fundraisers to help others. Bishop Carroll High School, Conemaugh Township Area School District, Holy Name Elementary School, and the Westmont Hilltop Volleyball Boosters all held fundraisers to benefit cancer patients. Proceeds will help provide meals and transportation to treatments.

Derek Brothers Fundraiser

On Sept. 9, 2016, a painting party fundraiser was held by the family of Derek Brothers, a 17-year-old who passed away in 2012 due to an undiagnosed heart condition.

11th Annual Pet Therapy Day

Held on July 24, 2016, Pet Therapy Day was a huge success! For the first time, the event was held at Windber Recreation Park to provide a better space for dogs and their humans to enjoy the day, which included vendors, a pet parade, demonstrations, a basket raffle and more. Proceeds totaled over \$5,500 and benefited participating non-profit animal groups.

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