

### 1889 ec FOUNDATION

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# *touching* lives in our region



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#### DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

The 2018-2019 fiscal year has been a time of planning and growth for 1889 Foundation, with the same theme of partnership and collaboration that has been our hallmark.

It's been an important period for our signature initiative, the 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health (CPH). After careful research, the CPH has identified a key priority: fighting Type 2 diabetes. A request for proposals was issued for an innovative model that will fight this health crisis across the continuum of care, addressing social determinants of health as well as diabetes interventions and healthcare services. A model has been selected from 11 applicants, and will be rolled out in early fall 2019.

An updated Community Health Needs Assessment was completed in Cambria and Somerset Counties by Conemaugh Health System, in conjunction with 1889 Foundation and the United Way of the Laurel Highlands (UWLH). This critical study provides information for many organizations, including 1889 Foundation and UWLH, to help ensure that resources and efforts are deployed where the needs are greatest.

1889 Foundation understands that where we live has a major impact on health and well-being. We are proud to have worked with community stakeholders to facilitate an 18-month planning process, funded by the Commonwealth, to create a path to stability and growth for Johnstown. The result, the Johnstown Redevelopment Strategy, is a five-year plan charting a holistic course for our community's renewal. Through small, steady successes toward economic and population goals, we will increase the belief and commitment to build a new economy and quality of life in Johnstown and the surrounding region – for ourselves and for the next generation.

These are just a few of the ways 1889 Foundation has collaborated to spark a difference in Cambria and Somerset Counties. Some of our additional projects and initiatives that address a wide range of needs are highlighted in this report.

Finally, we've engaged in strategic planning for 1889 Foundation as an organization, taking a systematic look at where we are now and where we should go in the future. We've worked on refining our core principles and our grantmaking process, and look forward to explaining more about that in the near future.

We are grateful to all our friends and supporters for being part of what we do – your support lights the way to our success, now and in the future. Together, we are igniting healthy change!

Sincerely,

James Cascio Board Chair

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Susan M. Mann President

### Partnering with the United Way of the Laurel Highlands to



In 2019 1889 Foundation marked our fifth year of partnership with the United Way of the Laurel Highlands, and passed the \$2 million mark of support. Here's what that investment has meant in our community:

More than 1,200 at risk children received after school or preschool programs at sites in Moxham, Oakhurst, Coopersdale, and Somerset County.

13,700 safe nights of shelter were provided for people who needed it.

Drug and alcohol prevention among youth has been significantly expanded, almost tripling the number of students in our area who will go through the Botvin LifeSkills Prevention Program in 2019.

The Salvation Army Free Dental Clinic was able to provide services to 1,140 adults who otherwise would not have access to dental care. The Small Town Hope Preschool Program in Northern Cambria doubled its enrollment, from 12 to 24.

Girl Scout programs in Solomon and Coopersdale Homes have been expanded to reach 67 girls each year.

357 families each year received home visits from the Nurse-Family Partnership and Parents as Teachers.

More than 6,500 preschoolers received vision screenings.

The Cambria County Drug Coalition received funds to further assist in the development of wide-scale integrated solutions that will improve the quality of life and create safe and drug free communities across Cambria County. The Coalition sector members are working to reduce and eliminate illegal drug use and overdose deaths, expand prevention and education efforts, communicate treatment options for addiction, and lessen drug related crimes.

# supports children coping with grief

Every year 1889 Foundation holds the Chef Auction, an innovative fundraiser in which area restaurants and chefs provide "tastings," and restaurant and chef packages are auctioned. The event's proceeds are used to support programs for children. In 2018, the funds were used to provide grief support to children through local schools.

Grief affects children emotionally, socially, and academically. 1889 Foundation and United Way of the Laurel Highlands work through Victim Services, Inc. to provide needed grief support services to children in our region who have lost a loved one. Through this program, children are placed into support groups facilitated by a trained counselor, where they participate in activities like writing, music, art and more to express their feelings.

Blacklick Valley, Greater Johnstown, and Rockwood are among the school districts where services were needed. 1889 Foundation thanks those who support the Chef Auction, which made it possible to provide funding for this program.

The 12th Annual Chef Auction is set for October 9, 2019! We hope you plan to join us.





From the opening of the Bottle Works Green Roof (left) to the removal of the tree growing in the St. Columba belfry (below), great things are happening in Cambria City.

# Cambria City Cultural Partnership MARES SUICES

The Cambria City Cultural Partnership is a cooperative funding agreement that provides matching funds for capital improvements to Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center, Dance Works (Johnstown Concert Ballet), The Steeples Project (1901 Church), and Venue of Merging Arts (VOMA), and eventually more cultural entities in Cambria and Somerset Counties.

The partnership, which was founded in November 2018, has achieved visible results:

**Bottle Works**: The new green roof on the Art Works building had its grand opening in June.

Pop Plaza parking lot and Bottle Works building renovations are scheduled for 2019.

**Steeples Project (1901 Church):** Five needed renovation projects were completed in the Grand Halle (former Immaculate Conception Church), notably extensive repairs to the building's copper roof.

The tree growing in the former St. Columba belfry has been removed. **Venue of Merging Arts:** VOMA was able to expand their roof project to include not only the main building, but also the parsonage house.

VOMA completed gallery painting as well as improvements to the facade and lighting.

**Dance Works (Johnstown Concert Ballet):** Construction of an elevator in the Dance Works building has begun.

A property adjacent to the building has been purchased for use as a parking lot.

The four current members – and the partnership itself – have been able to leverage significant additional funding from a wide range of other sources, further amplifying the partnership's impact.

## We look forward to the partnership's continued progress.



## expands "Communities in Schools"

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initiative at Greater Johnstown School District



This fiscal year, 1889 Foundation awarded a grant to the Greater Johnstown School District (GJSD) (pictured: Jim Cascio, 1889 Foundation board chair; Amy Arcurio, GJSD superintendent; Sue Mann, 1889 president) to fund an expanded partnership with

Communities in Schools, the nation's largest provider of technical assistance for the community schools model.

Communities in Schools works to bring coordinated, integrated student services into public schools to meet the social, emotional, physical, and academic needs of at-risk students. Phase I of the GJSD initiative was funded in September 2018, and Phases II and III were funded in May 2019.

When the Communities in Schools initiative was first undertaken in 2018, research was conducted to determine what barriers to learning exist at GJSD. School data and input from parents, teachers, administrators, and students identified three key barriers: attendance; parental engagement; and student behavioral/mental health.

Additionally, further barriers to learning that are associated with health were identified in the 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment, a local assessment conducted by Conemaugh Health System, and the United Way of the Laurel Highlands.

To address these issues, GJSD established a lead team including community partners to implement Communities in Schools. In Phase I, a Communities in Schools director, Amy Beitel, was hired in the middle school.

Phase I also integrated two social services into the elementary and middle school:

**Healthcare:** Highland Health Clinic is now providing basic healthcare needs to kids, including immunizations, primary care, and physicals for participation in sports. A physician works in the middle school one day a week.

**Behavioral/mental health support**: Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP) is screening kids for "at risk" behaviors. Evidence-based interventions are being provided to the children at highest risk via nine district behavior specialists.

GJSD estimates that these services have reached 1,200 students so far.

Phase II and Phase III of the Communities in Schools program will enable GJSD to extend these services to the high school and adding an additional Communities in Schools director with a background in social work.

The new director will work with the school administration and community organizations to remove barriers to learning and increase supports for parents.

Supporting healthy

1889 Foundation helps fund a wide variety of projects that help improve the health and well-being of people living in our region. This past year, these have included:

**Cambria County Drug Coalition:** This agency is collaboratively funded by 1889 Foundation and other area organizations, and is making a difference in the effort to decrease the impact of drug activity in our community. An important accomplishment of the CCDC this year was to coordinate the collection of unused prescription drugs across the county, thus preventing those drugs from being abused. In addition, the Coalition is one of several organizations that have worked together to facilitate a "warm handoff" approach to ensure that overdose victims are immediately connected with addiction care after treatment in the ER.







**Path of the Flood Historic Races (POTF) and Healthy Kids Running Series:** 1889 Foundation encourages kids to engage in healthy exercise through these events! The POTF was presented by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association and Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority on May 25, and 1889's involvement allowed kids 17 and under to register free for the 5K, 12K, or even the half-marathon. The Healthy Kids Running Series is for children up to 8th grade, and is a five-week series of races that help kids lay the foundation for a healthy, active lifestyle. Some 140 children took part in POTF, while almost 200 participated in the Healthy Kids Running Series.

Johnstown Tomahawks Kids Club: 1889 Foundation, along with Conemaugh Health System, supported the Tomahawks Kids Club, which encourages kids to make healthy lifestyle choices through educational activities presented at Tomahawks hockey games. The club's 330 active members were surveyed at the end of the season, and the survey found that kids were responding to the messages by taking such actions as eating healthier, brushing their teeth more regularly, and playing outside more.



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1889 Foundation provides scholarship funding that helps educate the next generation of health professionals, including Brianna Mulhern (second from left) and Brittany Lindahl (third from left), who are new nurse practitioners.

**Center for Organ Recovery & Education (CORE)**: Conemaugh Health System's Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donor Committee raised \$3,500 through a variety of fundraising efforts, and 1889 Foundation was proud to match it for a total donation of \$7,000! These funds will be used locally for CORE education and scholarships.

**Stop the Bleed**: This valuable training teaches laypeople to stop catastrophic bleeding and save lives before emergency services arrive. Instructors are provided by Trauma Services at Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, who work on a volunteer basis. 1889 Foundation provides funding for this indemand training.

**Nurse Practitioner support:** Nurse practitioners are an important part of filling healthcare needs in rural regions. 1889 Foundation provides support for the Laurel Highlands Nurse Practitioner Annual Conference (pictured at right), which was held in Johnstown, as well as continuing education programs held throughout the year. Educational scholarships are given from the Marjorie Farabaugh Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Fund.



### ...across all our communities





1889 Foundation sponsored The Healthy Kids Running Series, a program for kids from 2 years through 8th grade that helps provide kids with a positive, educational, and fun running experience. **Pet Therapy Day**: The 13th Annual Pet Therapy Day (pictured above) was held at Windber Recreational Park on July 22, and raised more than \$5,000 that was distributed to participating animalrelated charities while raising awareness of the need for and benefits of pet therapy.

Alzheimer's assistance: With 1889 Foundation's support, the Laurel Highlands Alzheimer's Foundation was able to increase the number of hours of respite care provided to families caring for a loved one with dementia. Last year, the LHAF helped 25 families with respite care services, providing a total of 1,656 hours of care, as well as monthly support groups for family members.

### **1889 Foundation collaborates to**

1889 Foundation is a major funder of a blight alleviation project in Johnstown's West End that was announced at a June 20 press conference.

The project will enable the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority (JRA), Cambria County Redevelopment Authority, and City of Johnstown to remove 12 derelict, unoccupied structures, of which five are residential and seven are commercial, along a roughly twomile corridor along Fairfield Ave. and Strayer St.

The effort has been made possible by a collaboration between donors to Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (CFA) and 1889 Foundation. Funding began with a private donation of \$75,000 to CFA for blight removal. CFA matched the individual contribution, and



1889 Foundation matched the resulting \$150,000 to create a total of \$300,000 to fight blight.

The 12 blighted structures will be ranked and placed on a timeline based on health and public safety issues, with help from the Johnstown Fire Department and the City of Johnstown Code Enforcement officers. Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2019. Part of the work will be completed by City of Johnstown employees using JRA equipment, and some of the demolition will be put out for bid from outside contractors. The JRA envisions future redevelopment of these properties into urban green spaces, raised bed gardens, recreation areas, and side lot projects for neighboring property owners. The area is also zoned for commercial redevelopment, and there are currently parcels available for a larger-scale commercial build in the future.

The project partners anticipate that the blight removal will be a catalyst for not only site redevelopment, but also other types of improvements to the neighborhood.



### **Creative Health Impact Grants**

In 2018, 1889 Foundation and Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance (PRAA) marked the third year of collaboration on the Creative Health Impact Grants, which provide funding to support arts programs related to health and wellness in Cambria and Somerset Counties.

Several arts enrichment programs for underserved children, including a Mindful Arts Initiative (pictured), arts programs for dementia patients, a performance by youth and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and a behavioral intervention program for at-risk children were among the funded programs in 2018.

The 2018 grant proposals were such high-quality that 1889 Foundation increased funding by \$10,000. We look forward to continuing this partnership with PRAA, and promoting the healing power of the arts in our region.

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The 1889 Classic was held on July 23, 2018 at Sunnehanna Country Club, and was a great day of golf despite slightly grey skies! We are grateful to presenting sponsor Conemaugh Health System/ Duke LifePoint Healthcare, and everyone who helped make this fundraising event possible.

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