

## A Letter From Dave Hawk

If Sleeping Beauty were to wake up today after many years of slumber, I am sure one of the things she would want to do is read a newspaper to find out what's happening in the world. There she would read about the war, mass shootings, deep political divide and wonder how things like that can happen today. She would take a look at the wonderful communication tools we have and be astonished at their potential to spread lies and conspiracy theories. After spending a day looking around, she might wish she had kept sleeping.

Of course, no thinking person can deny that all these frightening things exist in our world. I believe that it always has, but we are more aware of it today because of communications, especially news based communications, that cover the world and instantly beam the latest tragedy into our living rooms.



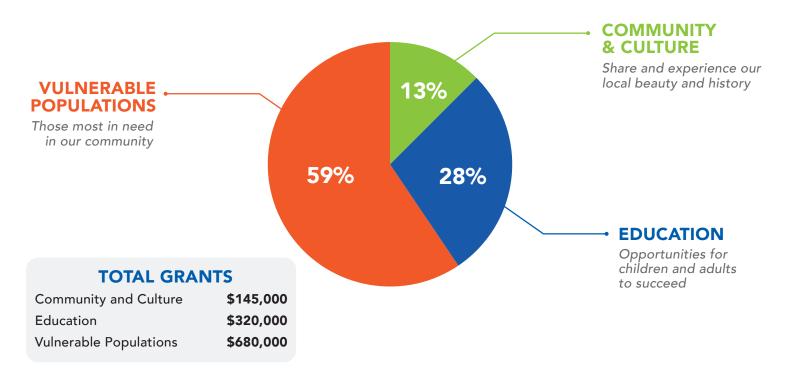
**Dave Hawk**Chair of the Board,
The Hawk Family Foundation

On the other hand, if we turn off our TV's and the Internet, and put down the newspaper, the world looks so much brighter. At least, that is my experience – most especially over the last 6 months. In June, our dear daughter Carolyn lost her courageous fight with Colon Cancer, leaving a wonderful husband and three beautiful children. Out of that unspeakable tragedy poured hundreds, maybe even a thousand, people that went out of their way to express their sympathy and condolences. We received food, flowers, gift baskets, Mass cards and so much more from friends, relatives, neighbors and business associates. So many we met cried, as we did, when they tried to console us in the best way they could. Through all of this, it was not what anyone said that lifted our spirits. Rather, it was what they went out of their way to do, which was to let us know they were there for us. We were not alone. Proving once again that there are so many good people in this wonderful world of ours.

So, my hope is that when Sleeping Beauty wakes up, I'll be able to divert her from the media circus. Rather, I'd like to take her out for a walk in our beautiful community. She'd find it comforting, and reassuring, to discover how many really good people live in our world today. People willing to do what they can to make this a better place to live. In a way, that is exactly what this Foundation is all about. Doing what we can to lend a hand in our little part of the world.



## DISTRIBUTION OF HAWK FAMILY FOUNDATION FUNDS 2023



The Hawk Family Foundation proudly supported organizations in Northeastern Pennsylvania with grant monies throughout the 2023 calendar year.

ORGANIZATIONS 115
SUPPORTED 115
TOTAL GRANTS \$1,145,000



## **Community and Culture**

The Hawk Family Foundation promotes opportunities for our community to engage and explore. Whether it is a 5K race to support a community cause or art and music, The Hawk Family Foundation supports organizations that provide opportunities for people to come together to express themselves, explore and enjoy the beautiful community that we live in.





**Women in Aviation International** has a Northeastern Pennsylvania Chapter in Kingston, Pennsylvania. The Hawk Family Foundation was proud to support their Girls in Aviation Day.

The Garden of Cedar is a unique urban community garden, park and children's discovery area. Spreading messages of love and joy at Valentine's Day, The Hawk Family Foundation continues to be a proud supporter of the Garden of Cedar's mission.



Without a doubt Garden of Cedar met its objective to serve a highrisk population. Neighborhood and community support surpassed all expectations. The greatest highlight of the project was the success of the Garden of Cedar's inaugural planting season made possible, in part, by the topsoil that was funded by The Hawk Family Foundation.

Frank Dubas

Founder, Garden of Cedar

The Hawk Family Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Northeastern Pennsylvania through non-profit organizations dedicated to health, human services, education and arts & culture.

### **Education**

The Hawk Family Foundation is committed to in investing in our greatest resource – our youth. We provided funding to enrich the educational opportunities of our youth through learning programs such as **Junior Achievement**, **The Dolly Parton Imagination Library** and the **America250PA** educational programming for the 2026 celebration of the United States. In fact, in 2023, HFF showed an investment in education on investing through our funding for **PA Council on Financial Literacy**, which educates students on financial management and entrepreneurial skills.

Through the generous support of the Hawk Family Foundation, the Howard Gardner MI Charter School installed a state-of-the-art power fitness play set allowing us to incorporate the bodily-kinesthetic multiple intelligence for our students. This intelligence involves the capacity to manipulate objects and use a variety of physical skills.

Additionally, the play system provides HGMICS students a safe environment to practice their sense of timing and perfection of skills through the mind-body union. This play set is utilized daily by our students in grades three through eight. Thank you for your continued support of HGMICS.

### *Ioe Ross*

CEO, The Howard Gardner MI Charter School



The Howard Gardner MI Charter School installed a state-of-the-art power fitness play set on their campus with funding from The Hawk Family Foundation.



## **Vulnerable Populations**

Assisting those most in need of support is one of the highest priorities of The Hawk Family Foundation. The Hawk Family Foundation provides funding for organizations like **Scranton Counseling Center (Katie's Place Clubhouse), Scranton Primary Health Care Center, CASA of Lackawanna** and **Family to Family**. This helps to ensure that these organizations' missions, such as food security, safe shelter, affordable healthcare and family support for vulnerable individuals, is realized.



The Women's Resource Center aimed to raise \$2.5 million dollars with The Restoring Hope capital campaign. The successful campaign was co-chaired by Dave and Ann Hawk and has allowed The Women's Resource Center to fund additional programs to help those most in need.

In 2019, the Women's Resource Center initiated the Restoring Hope capital campaign, aiming to raise 2.5 million dollars. With the dedicated efforts of campaign co-chairs David and Ann Hawk, alongside the campaign committee, WRC exceeded its goal by raising 2.8 million dollars! The Hawk Family Foundation's generous lead gift of \$250,000 enabled WRC to establish its inaugural endowment, ensuring the organization's future sustainability. This funding also facilitated the hiring of additional educators for Safe Dates and Healthy Relationships programs in 20 local schools, and it provided essential support to critical crisis programs for WRC survivors.

*Amy Everetts* 

Director of Development, Women's Resource Center

# The highest use of capital is to make money do more for the betterment of life. Henry Ford

I've never been more excited for the future. It's so exciting to me to know that students are no longer hungry when out of school, but it's even more exciting to think about 20 years from now when tens of thousands of students didn't have to face the adversity of hunger while trying to learn. There will be a wave of young adults who will be able to break the chains of generational poverty as a result.

## Dani Ruhf Child Hunger Outreach Partners

Child Hunger Outreach Partners worked with The Hawk Family Foundation to ease childhood hunger in Lackawanna county. With the support of The Hawk Family Foundation, Child Hunger Outreach Partners were able to provide an additional 1,600 children with daily food access.



Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Leo Buscaglia



## ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE HAWK FAMILY FOUNDATION IN 2023

### **COMMUNITY AND CULTURE**

American Legion Auxilliary

Big Brothers Big Sisters of NEPA

Boy Scouts of America NEPA Council

Boys and Girls Club of NEPA

Broadway Theatre League Of NEPA

Century Club of Scranton

**DGR Soccer League** 

**Dunmore Business Association** 

Dunmore Little League

**Dunmore Missy League** 

**Everhart Museum** 

Garden of Cedar

**Greater Scranton YMCA** 

Leadership Lackawanna

Mid Valley Girls Soccer

**Nature Conservancy** 

Northeastern PA Philharmonic

Scranton Area Foundation

Scranton Business and Professional Women

Scranton Jazz Festival

Scranton Public Theatre

The Jude Zayac Foundation

**UNICO National Scranton Chapter** 

Women in Aviation

WVIA

### **EDUCATION**

America250PA

Canaan Christian Academy

Discovery MI Preschool

Friendship House

Geisinger Health Foundation

Greater Scranton Penn State Chapter

Howard Gardner MI Charter School

**Junior Achievement of NEPA** 

Lackawanna College

Luzerne County Community College

Marywood University

Mid Valley School District

Misericordia University

NativityMiguel School of Scranton

Penn State Scranton

Pennsylvania Council on Financial Literacy

Rosen Method Foundation

Scranton Preparatory School

United Way of Lacawanna & Wayne Counties

Wilkes University

#### **VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Allied Services

American Red Cross

**Bread Basket of NEPA** 

CASA of Lackawanna County

Catherine McCauley Center

Children's Advocacy Center

CONCERN for Children

Crusade for Family Prayer

Cycle for Survival

Deutsch Institute

Dress for Success Lackawanna

Family to Family

Friends of the Poor

Hope for Haiti

# No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. Aesop

Ignatian Volunteer Corps of NEPA

**Keystone Mission** 

Lackawanna Pro Bono

Make-a-Wish Greater PA and WV

Marley's Mission Blue Ribbon Gala

Meals on Wheels

Miracle 4 Mandy

North Pocono Dry Goods Pantry

Order of Malta

Outreach

Ronald McDonald House of Scranton

Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen

Scranton Area Foundation

Scranton Counseling Center

Scranton Primary Healthcare

Sisters of IHM

St. Francis Blanket Ministry

St. John the Evangelist RC Church

The Arc of NEPA

The Katie Foundation

United Neighborhood Center

United Way of Lackawanna & Wayne Counties

Volunteers of America

Women's Resource Center



The Hawk Family Foundation proudly supports Allied Services.

Pictured above from left: Dave Hawk, Ann Hawk, Susan Jeffery, Jim Brogna (Allied Services) and William Conaboy, ESQ (Allied Services).



## A Letter From Susan Jeffery

It has been my privilege to serve as the Administrator for The Hawk Family Foundation for the past three and a half years. Working with Dave and Ann Hawk directly to affect positive changes in the community through their philanthropic efforts has been life altering. I have always had a passion to be a part of community engagement, but working at the Foundation has opened doors for me and opened my mind to what is possible.

Helping the Hawks to invest resources to feed the body, mind and soul has been a core part of my work at the Foundation. This led to an opportunity to meet amazing people in our community. The leadership of the nonprofits work so hard every day to move programs forward through education, helping those in need and resurrecting individuals and families who have been wrecked by circumstances they could not control. Meeting children, volunteers and people whose lives are impacted by these programs is a stark reality that there will always be more work to be done.

I couldn't be happier that Maggie Hawk will be leading The Hawk Family Foundation in this next chapter. She has the vision, heart and wisdom to be the change. I also look forward to continuing to help others in my new community. It is with profound gratitude that I thank Dave and Ann for inviting me to be a part of The Hawk Family Foundation.



Susan Jeffery
Former Administrator,
The Hawk Family Foundation

## A Letter From Maggie Hawk



Maggie Hawk
Administrator,
The Hawk Family Foundation

The Hawk Family Foundation and I are so grateful to Susan for her time spent as Administrator. She has both supported and lived out the Foundation's mission to improve the quality of life for those in our community. Susan has provided structure to our foundation, and I hope to continue her good work.

Some background on me, I have worked as a school psychologist in local districts since 2009. Most recently, I worked at NativityMiguel of Scranton where I counseled students and connected children in need of support with necessary resources. Since beginning at HFF, I have been so impressed by the nonprofit organizations we have partnered with. Two values that keep coming up are that of creating opportunities for those in unequal circumstances and serving others with both dignity and respect.

These organizations do the work to provide those opportunities for others, show respect to every individual and incorporate culture into our community. They truly make our community a better place and I am so proud to both partner with them and see the good that it does for our corner of the world.





Four Generations of The Hawk Family

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