To explore this approach the Foundations began with teachers. The Partnership in Education (PIE) grants program marked the first organizational initiative to catalyze the power of the community to create a significant and sustained impact.

Adapted from another grantmaking model, the idea was brought to the board of trustees in 1985. Executive Director Pat Wright and Board Chair Steele Cameron presented the opportunity as a way to “recognize the important contributions that teachers make to our community; support the personal and professional development of teachers; and support teacher initiatives to improve learning opportunities for teachers.”

With unanimous approval from the board, Chair Cameron initiated an advisory committee to determine how to implement the program. Led by trustee Elizabeth ‘Betsy’ Gellert, the committee brought local superintendents, principals and educational leaders together to shape PIE. With her tireless efforts and the expert insight of professionals in the field, the program was formed in under a year. Awards would be made to teachers at all public, private and parochial schools to purchase curriculum-enhancing equipment or access training.

Initial funding was provided by local businesses and income from the endowment. Over time generous individuals and families stepped forward to deepen the funding stream and broaden its reach. Today, corporate sponsorships and 19 unique funds make

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Responding to community needs in real-time is a central aspect of CFHV’s model. In 1985, after sixteen years of successful grantmaking, Foundations’ leaders considered a new path forward. They wanted to specialize, to move the needle on a topic and create lasting change.
Letter from the President and CEO

Giving from the Heart

Dear Friends,

Before crowdfunding, Go Fund Me or #GivingTuesday, the Community Foundations contributed to this vision of power together.

Fifty years later the tools we use are vastly different – but the way we work is unchanged.

This edition of our newsletter looks at the founding of our community. Individuals, businesses and fellow foundations contributed to this vision of power together.

With appreciation for decades of dedicated collaboration, together,

March S. Gallagher
President & CEO

Community Impact

Between December and February, grants from the following funds supported hundreds of local, national and international nonprofits.

- Patrick and Barbara Adams Fund
- Anonymous Donor Advised Fund
- Anonymous Foundation
- Melissa D. Bisaccia Memorial Donor Advised Fund
- Finney V. J. Ross Trust Fund
- Burnett Family Donor Advised Fund
- Carter Family Donor Advised Fund
- Carroll and Weck Charitable Fund
- Thomas and Irene Dunbar's Youth Development Fund
- Ciminillo Family Fund
- Cross Rail Family Fund
- T.J. Cunningham Family Fund
- Ann and Aba Elton Donor Advised Fund
- Dania and Iris Elton Fund
- Richard S. and Harriet K. Fein Fund
- Fischer Belvalike Fund
- Gallant Family Donor Advised Fund
- Bernard and Shirley Handel Foundation Donor Advised Fund
- Houser Family Fund
- Teddy and Ned Howe Fund
- Kalia Filiberti Memorial Donor Advised Fund
- James and Elizabeth Marion Charitable Fund
- McCabe & Mack Donor Advised Fund
- Dan and Mary Mullen Fund
- Nidiis Fund
- John and Nancy O'Shea Charitable Fund
- October Birthday Donor Fund
- AAVG Fund
- City of Poughkeepsie FBA Charitable Fund
- Printing Family Fund
- Poughkeepsie Ritter Family Fund
- Jerome and Stella Roselli Family Donor Advised Fund
- Stephen Salink-Frank E. Luceante-Franklin Family Fund
- Scaranl Family Fund
- Irving and Gloria Schlesinger Family Fund
- Jonah Sherman Family Fund
- Chip and Karen Simon Charitable Fund
- Howard K. Speckard Memorial Fund
-丝绸之路 Family Fund
- Judith S. Paul Stoddard Family Fund
- Anna Parks Stainflower Fund
- Turk Family Fund
- Ronald J. and Melina Miller Weiss Fund
- West Mountain Mission Fund

How can Foundations staff help me find new or noteworthy causes to support?

1. Twice per year we curate a Giving Opportunities Packet. Organized by program area, these packets provide information to donors about high-impact initiatives and the service partners offering them.

2. We work with funding partners to ensure that charities are fulfilling their mission in tangible and transparent ways. Sometimes donors, foundations or community members are interested in a specific organization – but want to know more. When requested, we research and provide information on organizations before grants are recommended, and our board performs due diligence in reviewing grants before they are made.

We enjoy helping people find avenues for their generosity – in linking the programs, projects and purpose of our nonprofit community to committed donors.

Nonprofit Spotlight

Unshattered

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Learn more at Unshattered.org

You Asked Staff

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these grants possible in Dutchess, Putnam and Ulster counties.

“Partnership in Education grants serve as a prime example of how the Community Foundations leverages the power of collaboration,” said March Gallagher, President and CEO. “From its inception, the program has relied on the generosity and expertise of our community. People believe in our area’s teachers – and express that by giving of their time and treasure.”

Behind the scenes, a volunteer committee of educators, administrators and business leaders reviews each application to determine which to award. “It’s a privilege and a joy to read the projects our thoughtful and creative teachers are proposing to improve classrooms,” said Linda Clarke, committee member, trustee and retired educator. “As a member of the committee since 1993, the content of the applications has varied – but the enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment of area teachers continues to be evident. This program is as beneficial today as it was 34 years ago.”

Since the inaugural awards ceremony in 1986, nearly one thousand grants have enriched classrooms throughout the region. Awards have: purchased equipment ranging from simple Legos to powerful robotics kits and microscopes, paid for training opportunities, and connected children to the community at large. “I’ve seen the impact of these awards first-hand,” said Clarke. “I’m passionate about this program because each grant has made a meaningful difference in the lives of teachers and countless students.”

“There is still a significant need to ensure the future of this grantmaking,” said Gallagher. “While the requests are modest, their impact is significant. We are grateful to the supporters who help to make these grants possible and invite other community members to join them.”

You can make a one-time or monthly contribution by visiting CommunityFoundationsHV.org/Donate.

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