



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

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A LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends,

At the end of 2021, we breathed a collective sigh of relief as nearly two years of the COVID pandemic faded and a bright new year dawned before us. The year 2022 brought us the opportunity to engage in a strategic process, encouraging our growth and enlightenment.

With a bright outlook, your Corry Community Foundation remains steadfast, thanks to the help of our parent affiliate, The Erie Community Foundation. Karen Bilowith and her staff bring a wealth of experience and knowledge when it comes to smaller affiliates falling under a larger umbrella and we look forward to continued growth under her leadership. We are grateful for the philanthropic families and individuals who serve as a beacon for Corry's nonprofits, supporting them through Donor Advised and Donor Designated funds.

Thanks to our donors, both past and present, The Corry Community Foundation continued to respond to our community's needs through the competitive grant making processes of our Helping Today mini-grants for smaller, more immediate needs and our Shaping Tomorrow standard grants for bigger and transformational projects.

Over the past two years, your community foundation awarded \$1,318,830 in grants through both our competitive grant process and donor endowments. Donors contributed \$1,170,326. For the second year in a row, Erie Gives broke local records by raising \$478,831 for participating Corry nonprofits in just 12 hours – with our own YMCA leading the pool of more than 400 participants and the single highest donation in the history of Erie Gives! We closed 2022 with assets of \$16,645,351 consisting of 65 charitable endowments, positioning benevolent giving for generations to come.

As you will read in our 2021-2022 Annual Report, our donors and organizations are creating new light, shining together and bringing a light in the darkness to make Corry a better place.

Sincerely,

William A. Nichols

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Chairman

*"At times
our own light goes out
and is rekindled by a spark
from another person.
Each of us has cause to
think with deep gratitude
of those who have lighted
the flame within us."*

*– Albert Schweitzer,
Polymath*





Chip and Terry Colwell, valued members of the Corry Community Foundation.

The mission of giving back through volunteerism and philanthropy

An Erie native, Chip Colwell was recruited by John Rossbacher in 1977 to lead Rossbacher Insurance Service in Corry. Their friends and families were surprised by his decision to leave the city, but Chip and his wife Terry were welcomed with open arms into the Corry community. Chip continued the longstanding Rossbacher tradition of providing “P.S.*Personal

Service” and promoted the mission of giving back through volunteerism and philanthropy.

With a growing business and family, Chip quickly became integrated into the Corry community. As a founding member of the Corry Higher Education Council, he helped secure a bright future for one of Corry’s largest and most popular nonprofit organizations. Chip was also deeply involved in the early years of the Corry Community Foundation. Indeed, almost half of our endowment funds can be attributed to conversations Chip has had with his friends, clients and neighbors.

Always the gracious hosts, Chip and Terry were happy to open their home and garden to host many gatherings for their friends and family. Every summer you could find their good friend, Ed Pasi, at the grill while the Colwells entertained as they raised funds and awareness for the Relay for Life in Corry. The annual event quickly became known as “Papa Ed’s picnic” and was one of the most popular events of their summers. Their children and friends speak fondly of the memories created at the Colwell Family home.

Chip and Terry raised their children in Corry and taught them the value of philanthropy through fiscal responsibility. In 2003 they created the Colwell Family fund, a donor advised fund designed to leave a legacy of generosity for their children and grandchildren, while also contributing to their favorite charitable organizations. Later, to honor those who had helped him establish his career, Chip created another donor advised fund: The Rossbacher, Gornall and James Mentor fund.

In continued service to their community, both Chip and Terry served on many local boards of directors and committees. They contributed their time and expertise to The United Fund, Corry YMCA, The First Presbyterian Church, the Corry Area Industrial Development Corporation and the Corry Memorial Hospital Board of Incorporators. He was an active member of the Corry Industrial Roundtables.

A fun-loving and radiant couple, the Colwell’s have opted to put the harsh winters of Northwest Pennsylvania behind them and have settled in sunny Naples, Florida for the better part of the year. They return to their adopted hometown every summer to enjoy time with their family and friends in Corry. They are proud parents of Amy (Chip) Carmichael and JT Colwell, and grandparents to four bright granddaughters, Kate and Molly Carmichael and Sara and Liz Colwell. Chip remains a valued member of the Corry Community Foundation.

Two organizations working in conjunction to bring beauty and value back to Corry's neighborhoods

Neighborhood blight and the presence of vacant and abandoned properties have profound negative impacts on afflicted communities. Blighted properties decrease surrounding property values, erode the health of local housing markets, pose safety hazards, and reduce local tax revenue. Blighted properties are not a problem unique to our community; indeed, blight has become a major issue in Erie County and throughout Pennsylvania. What is unique to Corry, however, is the proactive nature of two of our local organizations - and their groups of volunteers - who are working together to help eradicate blighted properties for reuse. The Corry Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) and Impact Corry are working side by side with different tools to help remediate blight in Corry.

Impact Corry uses tools that focus on restoration and rehabilitation of homes that needed a little more curb appeal in the eyes of the homeowner. The Renaissance Block Program is an anti-blight neighborhood cooperation initiative designed by the Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA) to help improve neighborhoods through a block-by-block strategy that targets aging or neglected areas where neighbors are organized and willing to work together to combat blight.

Impact Corry received grant funding from ECGRA and the Corry Community Foundation to help homeowners with exterior home improvements. With these programs, Impact Corry was able to help the property owners with a 1:1 grant match up to \$5,000 for such items as new windows, concrete, porches and siding. This program resulted in improvements to 42 homes in the Schoolhouse Block and Park Place neighborhoods. Their stories can be found on the Impact Corry website at www.impactcorry.org.

Impact Corry also saw success in helping to revitalize Corry's downtown area of Center and Main Streets with the Mission Main Street program, a program designed by ECGRA that targets business corridors and downtown areas with a similar 1:1 match for commercial building facades.



CNI President, Brad Russell & Impact Corry Executive Director, Charles Eurydice Gray



While Impact Corry focuses on property improvements, the Corry Neighborhood Initiative (CNI) works to prevent, remediate and repurpose already blighted properties in the City of Corry. CNI members work directly with homeowners to help relieve them of a troubled property, either through acquisition or donation to the Erie County Land Bank. If the Land

Bank determines the property is structurally sound, it is rehabilitated for future occupancy; if it is deemed unsafe and uninhabitable, the building is demolished and the lot sold for future reuse. CNI President Brad Russell is firm in his stance on blight. "Blight is like a cancer to community pride; if allowed to grow unchecked, it results in increased crime rates, higher costs for police, EMS, and fire departments and adds to school district challenges. Corry is a proud city, we will win the fight against blight." Since inception in 2004, CNI has removed 29 blighted and unsafe properties from Corry, increasing property values and creating a positive effect throughout Corry.

CNI also works closely with the City of Corry's Code Compliance department, encouraging a proactive Code Compliance to help improve the quality of life throughout our neighborhoods. Together both CNI and Impact Corry are using every available resource to help improve Corry for everyone, making our city safer, brighter and a desirable place to raise a family.

SHINING TOGETHER



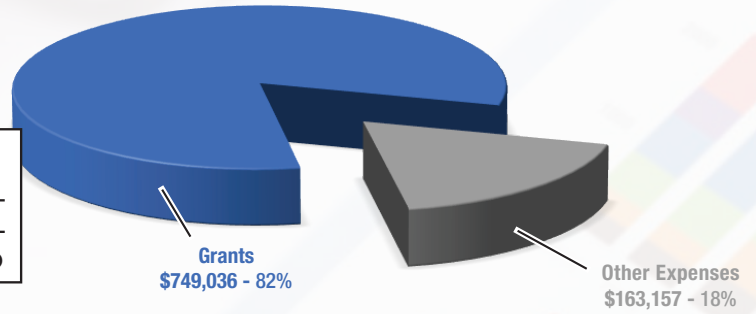
"Shine your light and make a positive impact on the world; there is nothing so honorable as helping improve the lives of others." ~ Roy T. Bennett, Author

Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Grants Paid

For the year ending December 31, 2022

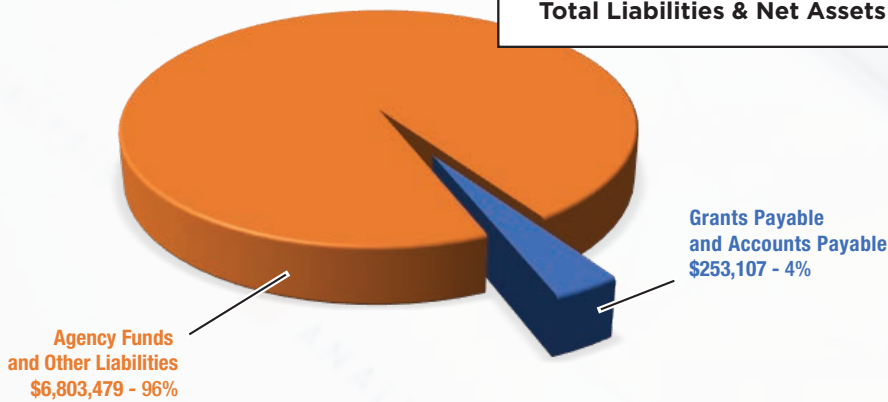
EXPENSES

Grants	\$749,036
Other Expenses	\$163,157
Total	\$912,193
Change in Net Assets	\$(2,103,214)

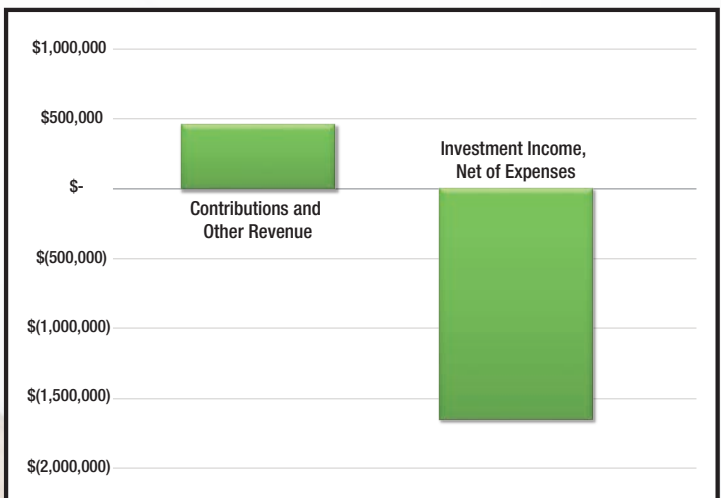


LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Grants Payable & Accounts Payable	\$253,107
Agency Funds & Other Liabilities	\$6,803,479
Total Liabilities	\$7,056,586
Net Assets	\$9,588,765
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$16,645,351



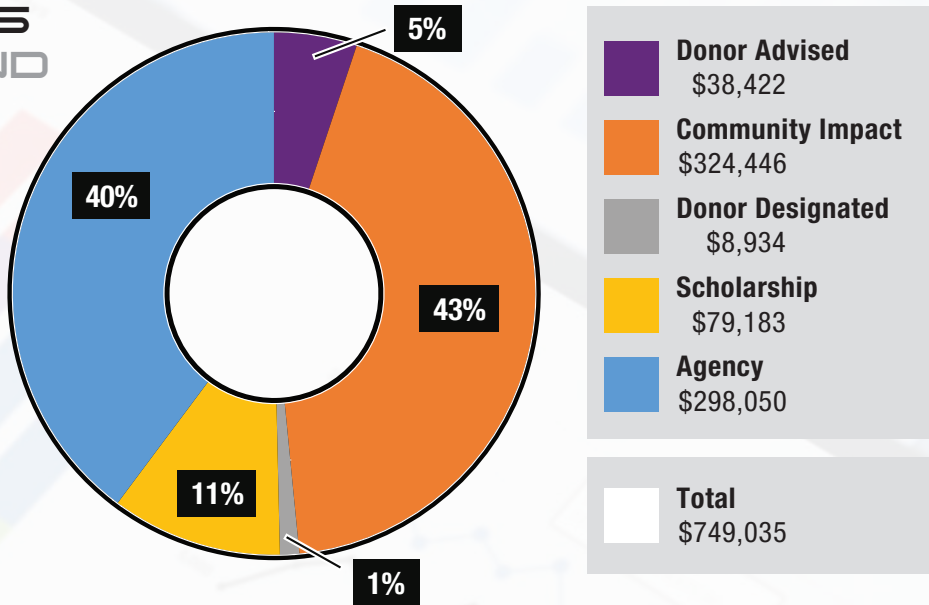
REVENUE



*Not Audited; For a complete copy of the Corry Community Foundation's audited financial statements and tax returns (IRS Form 990), please contact our Finance Department at 814.454.0843.



GRANTS BY FUND TYPE



GRANT RECIPIENTS

ACES, Inc.
 Allegheny College
 Bucknell University
 City of Corry
 Clarion University
 Colorado State University
 Cornell University
 Corry Area Food Pantry
 Corry Arts Council
 Corry Counseling Services Center
 Corry High School Alumni Assoc. Inc.
 Corry Higher Education Council
 Corry Historical Society
 Corry Industrial Benefit Assoc.
 Corry Memorial Hospital
 Corry PTO
 Corry Public Library
 Corry Rail & Industrial Legacy Society, Inc.
 Corry Rotary Club
 Corry School District Foundation
 Corry YMCA
 Doorkeepers Christian Outreach Center
 Emmanuel Episcopal Church
 Erie Art Museum

Erie City Mission
 Erie Institute of Technology
 First United Methodist Church
 Foundation for Sustainable Forest
 Geneva College
 Great Lakes Institute of Technology
 Grove City College
 Hope Ministry
 Impact Corry
 Johns Hopkins University
 Kent State University
 LaRoche College
 LifeCare Pregnancy & Family Resource Center
 Love in the Name of Christ (LOVE, INC.)
 Mead Park Association
 Mercyhurst University
 Mount Vernon Nazarene University
 Northwest PA K-9 Search and Rescue
 NWPA Trail Association
 Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
 Penn State University
 PennWest California
 PennWest Edinboro

Pine Grove Cemetery Association
 Robert Morris University
 Salvation Army - Corry
 Second Harvest Food Bank
 Seton Hill University
 Slippery Rock University
 Soldiers' & Sailors' Home
 Spring Creek VFD
 St. Elizabeth Cemetery
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 St. Thomas Cemetery Assoc.
 St. Thomas the Apostle Church
 Thiel College
 United Fund of Corry
 United Way of Erie County
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
 UPMC Jameson School of Nursing
 Village Friends, Inc.
 Warner University
 Warren Forest Higher Education Council Inc.
 West Virginia University
 Westminster College

The Corry Community Foundation gratefully acknowledges the significant contributions of our loyal donors. Your generosity has a tremendous impact on our entire community. Thank you for your support and commitment to Corry.

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Verna Brown
Terry & Chip Colwell
Corry Higher Education Council
Ryan Cowles
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Jane Lesko
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Warburg Pincus

In memory of Chuck and Peg Elchynski

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In honor of the Elchynski Siblings

Georgeann and Steve Luxion

In memory of Sue Scofield

Lawrence Scofield

In memory of Mary Slettehaugh

Barb and Terry Peterson
Debbie and Rick Peterson

In Memory of Michael and Daniel Timmerman

Jean and Richard Farver

*"Nothing can dim
the light which shines
from within."*

*~ Maya Angelou,
Poet*



Peg and Chuck Elchynski, 1999.
Photo provided courtesy of Georgeann Elchynski Luxion

A local family continues a legacy of caring.

In 2021 the children of Chuck and Peg (Drobneck) Elchynski established the Elchynski Family Fund to honor their parents' legacy. For more than 100 years, the Elchynski name has been a staple in the Corry Area. As entrepreneurs, social club members, and active church-goers, Chuck and Peg were both active and silent pillars of the Corry community for decades. They instilled these admirable traits in their children, Cathy, Georgeann, Kristy and Rob.

For this tribute, each of the children gladly shared fond memories of their parents' kindness. They witnessed how a charitable response can brighten the life of a friend, neighbor, or even a total stranger.

Peg was an amazing role model for her children. As Georgeann related, "Generosity and caring for others was just a part of our family life. Help was mostly given to others in very quiet ways. I remember shopping with my mom at Thanksgiving time, buying a bag of groceries for a Thanksgiving dinner, dropping them off on someone's front porch and leaving quickly.

These were people who my mother knew would have a tough time feeding their family, but she didn't want them to feel uncomfortable or to know who had helped them. She just wanted them to have a good holiday." Cathy shared her favorite memory of her mom "sending out hundreds and hundreds of cards to people she knew, and some she didn't, to share a positive message for someone going through a difficult or challenging time. Peg always wanted to lift people's spirits."

Chuck worked hard his entire life. He had no choice as his father passed away when he was only 14. Hard work and athletics would influence his generosity until his death. Chuck was always willing to help someone with advice on running a business or a financial hand-up.

Kristy noted that "many times he did so knowing that he would not be paid back. But that never mattered, especially if the person was able to turn their situation around and be successful. He truly believed that sometimes people just needed a chance. More than once people would stop into our office and want to pay my dad back for money he had given them decades before." Rob recalled "He would often do things to help local sports teams and organizations. Whether it was buying new uniforms or a brand new scoreboard. He always wanted to make sure that kids were able to participate in activities they loved. And more often than not, he did so anonymously". For Chuck and Peg it was always about the deed and never about the acknowledgment.

Later in their lives, Peg and Chuck kept up on the lives of their children and grandchildren; celebrating their successes on the courts and fields, classrooms and careers. They were fiercely proud of their children who continue to follow in their footsteps, being a part of keeping Corry a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Their daughter, Kristy, who has taken the reins of the family business from her father observed, "The growth and sustainability of my parents' hometown was very important to them. Because of their hard work and dedication to their family, The Elchynski Family Fund, can continue their legacy of giving back for years to come."

"It's in those quiet little towns, at the edge of the world, that you will find the salt of the earth people who make you feel right at home."

– Aaron Lauritsen,
Author

A DAY OF LIGHT - ERIE GIVES

YMCA of Corry top recipient for the 2022 Erie Gives Day!



Photographs provided by YMCA of Corry, May 11, 2023.

On August 9, 2022, one of Corry's largest organizations gained the admiration and respect of nonprofits throughout the region. With the help of their staff and leaders in the community, the YMCA of Corry unveiled their perfectly executed Erie Gives strategy, garnering tremendous support from donors setting fundraising records for both their organization and for the county-wide event. One particular generous donor set them up for success with a single extraordinary gift of \$300,000, making them the top recipient for the 2022 Erie Gives Day!

Over the past two years, the YMCA of Corry has been focused on enhancing their facility and program offerings. Their priorities included updating the exterior playground, replacing the roof, transforming the fitness center and upgrading the interior.

Moving forward, the focus will remain on internal enhancements at the YMCA facility and adding a variety of programs to better serve the Corry community. With the success of last year's Erie Gives campaign, the YMCA of Corry will be breaking ground on the indoor playground project this summer! They are humbled by the remarkable generosity of the community. Their goal is to extend their Erie Gives Day success and continue to share the impact that one day in August can make.



Photography obtained from YMCA of Corry Facebook page, Wednesday, May 3, 2023.



SAVE THE DATE
Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 8, 2023
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Give to your favorite nonprofits and Bonus Bucks will be added to your gift. Give online (www.eriegives.org), by check, with a stock gift or through your IRA minimum distribution. With Bonus Bucks provided by the Erie Community Foundation and their affiliates, your contribution is maximized. Last year, the average bonus that Corry nonprofits received, in addition to their donations, was more than \$700!



With a new platform this year, Corry nonprofits can easily track their progress throughout the day. Just visit www.ErieGives.org to learn more!

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On August 8, 2023 visit www.eriegives.org and select Corry Community Foundation. The Erie Community Foundation matches a portion of donations.

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