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- Business Women's Networking Luncheon
 - After Hours Mixer
- Business Leaders Discussion Group

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service and more...

For a full calendar of chamber and member events,
visit www.mechanicsburgchamber.org/events

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

September

9 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -
Sponsored by the **Mechanicsburg Area Community**
Foundation at The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop,
130 Gettysburg Pike, Unit A, Mechanicsburg.
11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

11 - Cumberland County Mega Mixer -
Location - **Members 1st Federal Credit Union**,
5000 Marketplace Way, Enola. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

12 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Chase Fitness,
4909 Louise Dr, Ste 203, Mechanicsburg. 11:30 am

16 - Ribbon Cutting & Networking- Mr. Appliance,
706 State St, Lemoyne. 11:00 am

19 - 21st Annual Golf Outing - Rich Valley Golf,
227 Rich Valley Rd, Mechanicsburg. Registration
and Lunch - 12:00 PM, Tee time - 1:00 PM

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

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Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, September 9

11:30am - 1:00pm



Join us as the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation hosts and educates all that they do to make our communities great places to live, play, and work.

Introduce yourself and your business to familiar faces and hopefully some new ones, too.

Come network with local business women and enjoy a light lunch.

Don't forget to bring your business cards to MIX & MINGLE

Location:

The Cracked Pot Coffee Shop
130 Gettysburg Road Unit A
Mechanicsburg

Space is limited. Reservations required.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

**Do you know a great way to show off
what, where, and how you do the things you do?
Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or
After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event,
contact the Chamber office for more details.**

MEGA MIXER

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THURSDAY
SEPT. 11
5:00-7:00PM

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PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 4 - 4:30 PM



Please join the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce
as we celebrate new locations for our members
with a Ribbon Cutting.

Check out the new homes of two our members
as they have expanded.

Friday, September 12th
Chase Fitness
4909 Louise Dr Suite 203
Rossmoyne Business Center
Mechanicsburg, 17055
Ribbon Cutting at – 11:30 am



Tuesday, September 16th
Mr. Appliance
706 State Street
Lemoyne, 17043
Ribbon Cutting at – 11:00 am



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Friday, September 19, 2025

Rich Valley Golf
227 Rich Valley Rd.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050
Registration - 12:00pm
Tee Time - 1:00pm

Register to play! Application [here](#)! Only \$100 for golf, lunch and dinner. Includes the Gold Passport - receive entry into ALL hole contests (including a cash prize for a hole-in-one sponsored by Freedom Financial Wealth Management), and for a chance to win a raffle prize!

Not a golfer? Join us for dinner for only \$25.

Registration & sponsorship information.

Seeking Sponsors and Donations: This is a great opportunity to promote your business through a sponsorship or prize donation. Several sponsorship levels available! They can also be customized to fit your needs.

Or, simply send a gift card, promotional item, or any type of product for us to give away as a prize or to include in the golfers' goodie bags!

Contact the Chamber Office to play, contribute and volunteer!

717-796-0811 or info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Portion of proceeds will support

The Caring Place - a center for grieving children, adolescents, and their families - a safe place where children and families find support amongst others that understand their loss.

\$\$\$\$\$ Hole in One
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Donate a Raffle or Gift Bag Item



The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce is seeking raffle prizes for the upcoming 21st Annual **Chamber Golf Outing** on Friday, September 19! Portion of the proceeds benefit our Charity of Choice - The Highmark Caring Place, a center for grieving children, adolescents, and their families - a safe place where children and families find support amongst others that understand their loss.

Please consider donating a prize or gift bag item to showcase your business. Prizes can be dropped off at the Chamber office Monday - Friday, 10am-4pm, or brought to a chamber event.

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, September 25

7:45 - 9:00 am

**Sponsored by
PaySmart Payroll Services
650 Wilson Ln, Suite 100
Mechanicsburg**



RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811.
This members-only event is **free** to attend!

Bring your questions and business topics and hear what others have to say!

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contact the Chamber office at 717-796-0811 or email - info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.



A poster for a Fall Document Shredding Event. The background is a pile of shredded paper. The main title "FALL DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT" is in large, bold, yellow, all-caps, sans-serif font with a black outline. Below the title, in a yellow banner, is the text "TWO SHREDDER TRUCKS AVAILABLE! THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 5-7 P.M." in black, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below this, in a dark blue banner, is the text "HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP POOL PARKING LOT 5001 HAMPDEN PARK DRIVE • MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom, in a yellow banner, is the text "There is a limit of four boxes per household. No businesses please. The shredder can handle staples, but please remove paperclips and binder clips in advance." in black, sans-serif font.

Safely and securely shred documents containing sensitive information like bank account numbers at my free Fall Document Shredding Event on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 5-7 p.m. at the Hampden Township Pool parking lot at 5001 Park Drive in Mechanicsburg. There is a limit of four boxes per household. No businesses, please. The shredder can handle staples, but please remove paperclips and binder clips in advance.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit RepDeLozier.com/Events to give my staff and the shredding company a head count. Shredding will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to high demand, for the first time we will have two shredder trucks!

A poster for a Telephone Town Hall. The background is a dark purple gradient. The title "Telephone Town Hall" is in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below it, "Hosted by Representative Sheryl M. DeLozier" is in a smaller, white, all-caps, sans-serif font. On the left side is an image of a hand holding a smartphone with an "Incoming Call" notification on the screen. On the right side, there is a pink circular icon with a calendar symbol. Below the icon, the text "Tuesday, Sept. 23 Beginning at 4 p.m." is written in white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the URL "RepDeLozier.com/Events" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font.

Join me for a conversation about the latest state-related and community issues on Tuesday, Sept. 23 beginning at 4 p.m. I look forward to hearing directly from you and answering your questions!

Constituents whose phone numbers are on file in our system will automatically receive the call that begins our town hall meeting. To ensure you're on the list, please call my office at 717-761-4665 ahead of time.



**CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECK
& DAMAGED LICENSE PLATE
& REPLACEMENT EVENT**

**Thursday
SEPT.
25** | **From
4 TO 7
P.M.**

at **Platinum Mitsubishi, 6039 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050**

Please RSVP by calling 717-761-4665 or visiting RepDelozier.com/Events.

Certified car seat technicians will be on-site to ensure your child's car seat is properly installed at my Car Seat Safety Check and Damaged License Plate Replacement Event on Thursday, Sept. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at Platinum Mitsubishi at 6039 Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg. Police will also be available to facilitate damaged license plate replacements. These services are provided at no cost to the community.

License plates eligible for replacement include those that are blistered, peeling or discolored with at least one number or letter unreadable from over 50 feet away. Bring your vehicle with the affected plate attached as well as your current registration card and unexpired driver's license. An officer will determine whether your plate is eligible for replacement and my office will assist you in filing the appropriate form with PennDOT.

Please RSVP to 717-761-4665 or visit RepDelozier.com/Events.

UNITED WAY OF THE CAPITAL REGION

STUFF THE BUS

Friday, September 5, 2025

8 a.m. - noon

As part of United Way's annual Day of Caring, we will hold our "Stuff the Bus" signature project to collect school and health supplies for local children. You can drop them off on September 5 at one of the sites listed below.

All items will go to schools participating in our school readiness program which prepares children for kindergarten.

BUS LOCATIONS:

Highmark Blue Shield
1800 Center Street, Camp Hill

Heller's Hardware
42 Red Hill Road, Newport

Penn State Health
Academic Support Bldg. 90 Hope Drive, Hershey



SHOP ONLINE!

Shop our Amazon wish list and send the items right to our office or send us an Amazon gift card and we will purchase the supplies.

Visit <https://a.co/90XwPCo> or scan the code below.



SUPPLY LIST

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|--|--|-----------------------|
| • Construction Paper (9x12, 12x18, assort. colors) | • Colored Pencils | • Elmer's Liquid Glue |
| • White Construction Paper (9x12, 12x18) | • Crayons | • Children's Scissors |
| • Markers (fine & broad tip) | • Tripod Pencil Grips | • Disinfectant Wipes |
| • Pencils (toddler & regular) | • Dry Erase Markers & Erasers (washable) | • Paper Towels |
| | • Glue Sticks | • Tissues |

QUESTIONS?

Contact Heidi Neuhaus at
717.732.0700 or e-mail
hneuhaus@uwcr.org.



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PUBLIC DATES

Thurs. 8/28 – Simply The Best Gala , Penn
Harris Hotel, Camp Hill...6 - 10

Fri. 8/29 – Grandpa's Love Shack Restaurant,
Shermansdale... Kirk+ 6 – 8

Sat. 8/30 – Mt. Airy Orchards, Dillsburg ...
Kirk solo 11-2

Sat. 8/30 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 6-8

Wed. 9/3 – Mercato Mio Ristorante @
Penn Harris Hotel, Camp Hill ... 6 – 8:30

Fri. 9/5 – Totem Pole Wine Farm/Ranch,
Carlisle...Kirk solo 6:30-8:30

Sat. 9/6 – Pilger Ruh Brewing, Gettysburg...
Kirk solo 6-9

Sun. 9/7 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs,
Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3

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Children's Book Swap September 6th

A free Children's Book One-for-One Swap will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Saturday, September 6. Drop off your gently used children's books, and swap them for "new to you" books, one-for-one. Please count your books before bringing them to the Church. Drop off books at the designated times, and then return on Saturday, September 6 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to choose the new-to-you books. Books will be organized by reading level. Please feel welcome to tell friends and family about this swap: the more who participate, the better the selection of books for all!

Drop off times at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8 East Keller Street, Mechanicsburg: Sunday, August 31 from 12 p.m. (Noon) until 1 p.m. or Friday, September 5 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. You will be given a receipt for that number of books you bring.

"Shopping" day is Saturday, September 6 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. (Noon) for those who donated books. Bring your receipt as your admission ticket, and "shop" for that many new-to-you books. The swap will then be open for the community to choose from the remaining books from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. (for anyone that did not donate books).

Any books left over will be donated to the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission in Eagle Butte, North Dakota, a mission partner of the Church.

Questions? Contact the Children and Youth Ministry Team Leader at
kidmin.stlukesmech@gmail.com

Join us for a FREE Benefits Webinar

Introducing ICHRA, A New Era in Employee Health Benefits

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Are rising employee health insurance costs limiting your options?

We will be hosting a webinar to learn how ICHRA (Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement) can offer your business a flexible, budget friendly alternative. This webinar will explain how the ICHRA works and why it is gaining so much traction, what kind of business benefits most by offering this type of plan and steps to understanding implementation and how easy it is to provide your employees the opportunity to choose a plan that is best for them and their specific needs.

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🎉 **FEATURE YOUR BUSINESS** 🎉
Chase Fitness Grand Reopening
Saturday, September 13th | Mechanicsburg, PA

📍 **New Location:** 4909 Louise Drive, Suite 203, Mechanicsburg, PA

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 🕒 **8:00–9:00 AM** – FREE Community Workout
 - 🕒 **9:00 AM–12:00 PM** – Local Vendor & Small Business Showcase
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WHY PARTICIPATE? ✓ Connect with other local business owners
✓ Share your products/services with a health-conscious crowd
✓ Be part of a high-energy, community-focused morning
✓ **FREE participation** – bring your info, samples, or a giveaway!

RESERVE YOUR SPOT:

Reply “I’m in!” by **Friday, August 29th** to secure your space.

Contact:

Melissa Chase – Owner, Chase Fitness
✉ [chasefitness.pa@gmail.com] | ☎ [814.462.9599]

Let’s make this a morning of connection, community, and celebration!

[Grand Re-Opening Facebook Event](#)



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May 16: Summer Reading Kick off with Simpson Library

July 18: Inside Family Friendly movie

September 19: Fun and Fit Fair with Sadler Health



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How to Talk to AI (and Actually Get Results)

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how to harness AI
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Eric Canada
Partner & Chief Strategist
Blane Canada



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September 25
8:30am-10:00am

Members 1st Headquarters
5000 Marketplace Way
Enola, PA 17025

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Unlock AI: A Hands-on Workshop

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Join CAEDC as expert Eric
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practical workshop that puts
AI tools in your hands.

September 25
1:00pm-3:30pm

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5000 Marketplace Way
Enola, PA 17025

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GOLF FORE KIDS' SAKE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Briarwood Golf Club
11:30am Shotgun Start
Lunch & Dinner Provided

*A day on the course can change the
course of a life.*

Join us on the green to give York & Adams County
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New Annual Report Requirement for PA Businesses

As reported in January, starting in 2025, Pennsylvania will implement a new annual report filing requirement for domestic and foreign business filing associations. This change, enacted through Act 122 of 2022, replaces the long-standing decennial report requirement and aligns Pennsylvania with the practices of most other states.

This update applies to various business entities, including corporations, limited liability companies (LLCs), limited partnerships (LPs), nonprofit corporations, and more.

Key Details About the Annual Report Requirement

- Filing Deadlines: Deadlines vary by entity type (June 30, September 30, or December 31).
- Filing Fees: \$7 for most entities; \$0 for nonprofits and not-for-profit LPs/LLCs.
- Information to Include: Registered office address, principal office address, name of at least one governor, and names and titles of the principal officers.

Failure to file could result in administrative dissolution or termination, loss of name protection, and other consequences.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the impact of these changes on your business, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[Read More About the New Annual Report Requirement](#)

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Tuesday October 7, 2025

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Veteran's Square, Carlisle PA



WALK THE MILE

Because HERstory Counts

Join us to raise awareness to end
violence against women and girls

Start a team, set a fundraising goal, and rally your circle to donate.
The top fundraising teams will win a prize and be recognized at the event. More importantly, they'll be leading the way in ensuring survivors have access to the resources they deserve.

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Registration includes a T-Shirt!

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****All funds raised by Walk the Mile will go to support survivors with
emergency housing, food, free counseling sessions, and more!***



PCN Launches Interactive Map and Free Statewide Content on PCN Select Showcasing Pennsylvania's Role in Nation's History With PCN's Celebrating America's 250th in Pennsylvania

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary in 2026, the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN) is proud to unveil a powerful new tool that brings the Commonwealth's rich history to life—an interactive map featuring free, on-demand content from all 67 counties through PCN's streaming platform, PCN Select.

In partnership with America250PA—the official state commission for the Semiquincentennial—PCN's *Celebrating America's 250th* in Pennsylvania highlights the people, places and events that shaped both Pennsylvania and the nation. The interactive 250th Map allows users to explore curated PCN content that showcases local history, culture and landmarks from all over the state. This project was financed in part by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The 250th Map brings together stories that reflect Pennsylvania's influence on our nation's history—from French and Indian War fortifications and the American Revolution to Gettysburg, the heroism of Flight 93 and the global reach of our iconic brands. "Every region of Pennsylvania has contributed to shaping not only our state but the country as a whole," said Debra Kohr Sheppard, President and CEO of PCN. "Our stories across the Commonwealth are part of a larger American story, and we're proud to make them accessible to everyone as we approach the 250th anniversary of the United States."

The interactive 250th Map is available now through PCN's online streaming platform, PCN Select, at PCNSelect.com/Map. It will be updated through 2026 with new free content, including documentaries, interviews and coverage of America250PA events across the state.

"This project demonstrates what we've always known—that every corner of Pennsylvania has played a role in shaping the nation," said Cassandra Coleman, Executive Director of America250PA. "The 250th Map is a practical and powerful way to ensure those stories are seen, understood and shared as we approach 2026."

PCN's coverage will expand throughout 2025 and 2026, offering viewers a growing library of historical content that reflects the diversity and depth of Pennsylvania's contributions to the American story.

To explore the interactive map and learn more about PCN's ongoing coverage, visit: PCNTV.com/Americas-250.



Join Cumberland County in Celebrating America250!

This year, Cumberland County proudly kicked off its 275th anniversary, and we're already gearing up for another milestone—the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026! To ensure a memorable celebration, Cumberland County has formed an America250PA Committee with representatives from various organizations, including local historical societies, chambers of commerce, non-profits, school districts, higher education institutions, the Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, and Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation.

We invite your business to join the excitement and contribute to making America250 truly special in Cumberland County! Here are the ways you can assist.

- Explore and share the microsite VisitCumberlandValley.com/America-250.
- Plan an America250PA-themed event and submit it for free to our online calendar.
- Take an active role and join one of our sub-committees:
 - Programming & Events
 - Marketing & PR
 - Education
- Consider sponsoring an America250PA-themed event.

If you'd like to participate or learn more, please contact Stacy Snyder at smsnyder@cumberlandcountypa.gov.



CARING PLACE

finding hope in grief

Navigating Loss During a Time of Transition: The Unique Grief of Young Adults

The transition from adolescence to young adulthood is a time inherently filled with change. The uncertainty that comes with these changes can be amplified when the death of a loved one occurs during this significant time, causing life to feel particularly destabilizing for grieving young adults.

Grief affects a substantial number of young adults. While one in 12 children and teens in the US will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18 (Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model, 2024), this number more than doubles by age 25, leaving more than 15 million young adults grieving the death of a significant person.

Whether they are entering the world of work or pursuing higher education, young adults are often geographically distant from their families and familiar routines, as well as their customary sources of comfort and support.

Several factors contribute to the uniqueness of young adult grief:

- **Ongoing cognitive development:** The human brain continues to develop well into the young adult years, meaning that the capacity for emotional regulation and the processing of complex information, like grief, are still maturing.
- **Establishing independence:** In Western cultures, the developmental tasks of young adulthood are often characterized by the expectation of establishing independence and moving away from family and outward into the world through career or academic pursuits. In contrast, young adults who are grieving may feel a strong pull toward family during times of instability, both because of a need for comfort as well as a sense of responsibility to other family members who are also grieving.
- **Shifting relationships:** Often young adults are geographically distant from family and long-term friends, and new friendships at school or work may feel fragile and untested. Grieving young adults often report feeling “out of step” with peers who can engage with the challenges and opportunities of young adulthood without having to manage grief at the same time.
- **Forward focus:** Societal expectations often prioritize forward momentum and achievement on the part of young adults. Since the inward focus that grief requires is, in many ways, at odds with the societal expectation of self-reliance, grief may disrupt the momentum of this process.

College and university environments may present additional challenges to young adults who are actively grieving. Separation from familiar routines and support systems, increased academic and social demands, and limited access grief support may lead to difficulty navigating the path of grief. Inadequately developed coping skills and ready access to substances can contribute to the use of unhealthy ways to try to manage emotional distress.

Because grief is a lifelong journey, significant events such as going to college, relocating, beginning a new job, starting a family, or even reaching a milestone age coinciding with the death of a loved one

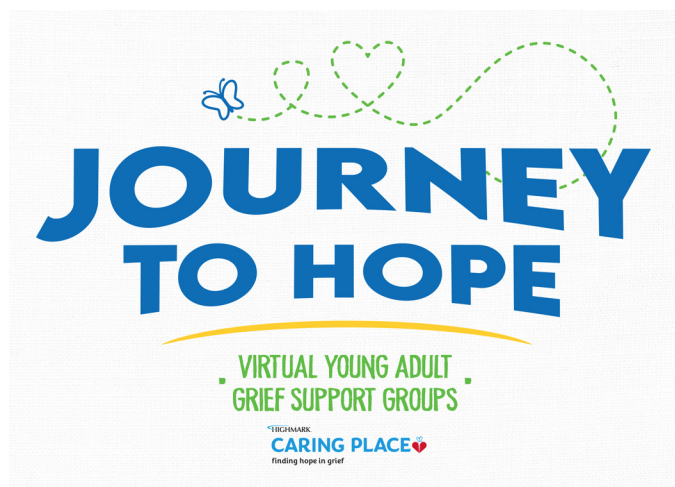
can also trigger resurgences of grief, even years after the death. Even just “adulting” without the person who was a primary support can cause grief to periodically return in intense ways.

Ultimately, one of the most healing and impactful supports in grief is feeling seen, heard, and understood. Support groups specifically designed for young adults grieving loss provide invaluable opportunities for connection, validation, and companionship—offering solace and a sense of belonging during challenging times. The shared experience fosters understanding and reduces feelings of isolation, promoting healing and healthy adaptation.

The Highmark Caring Place offers no-cost virtual peer support specifically for young adults ages 18-30. For more information visit <https://highmarkcaringplace.com/cp2/program/supportYoungAdults.shtml>

Reference:

Judi's House (2024). Childhood bereavement estimation model. <https://judishouse.org/research-tools/cbem/>



More Than \$73,000 Invested in Nonprofits Strengthening the Mechanicsburg Community

Residents of the Mechanicsburg area will benefit from \$73,802 in new grants awarded to 13 local nonprofit organizations working to improve lives and strengthen the community.

The grants will support programs that provide everything from literacy and job training to hospice care and youth development. The funding comes from the Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation (MACF), one of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities' (TFEC) regional

foundations. Each year, MACF conducts a competitive grantmaking program for nonprofits serving zip codes 17050 and 17055, with a focus on innovative, collaborative approaches that lead to measurable outcomes and long-term impact.

“MACF is about neighbors coming together to make a difference,” said Stefani McAuliffe, vice president of community impact. “Each grant awarded reflects the generosity of donors who believe in the power of collective giving. Together, we are helping create lasting change right here at home.”

This year’s grant recipients include:

- Board of Child Care (Mechanicsburg Campus) to provide equine, music and art therapy for youth with complex behavioral and mental health challenges.
- Carlisle CARES to support services and referrals for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Mechanicsburg.
- Cumberland County Library System Foundation to offer free literacy programs to prepare children in Mechanicsburg for school.
- Employment Skills Center to provide nurse aide training to equip Mechanicsburg residents for caregiving careers and community health.
- Girls on the Run Mid State PA to use physical activity and an evidence-based curriculum to help girls build confidence and reach their potential.
- Homeland Hospice to provide 32 hours of free monthly in-home care for hospice patients and their caregivers.
- Hospice of Central PA to provide compassionate end-of-life care and support for patients and families.
- Junior Achievement of South Central PA to teach Mechanicsburg and Cumberland Valley students money management skills for financial security.
- Keystone Service Systems to support individuals with disabilities in receiving service dogs for mobility and independence.
- Mission Central, Inc. to assist with warehouse costs that provide space for partners and resources to benefit Mechanicsburg residents.
- New Hope Ministries, Inc. to provide basic needs and job training to help residents achieve stability and independence.
- Singer Band of Mechanicsburg to improve band operations and enhance community performances.
- YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County to provide crisis support, counseling, legal assistance and prevention education for victims of sexual violence and human trafficking.

“Supporting local nonprofits means supporting the heart of our community,” said Tashia James, philanthropic officer at TFEC. “When residents engage with MACF, they become part of something larger, a community of giving that ensures the Mechanicsburg area remains a place where people feel connected and cared for.”

Founded in 1986 by Mechanicsburg community leaders, MACF was created to build permanent endowments to benefit residents of the 17050 and 17055 zip codes. Today, the regional community foundation manages 78 funds with assets totaling over \$8.2 million. Gifts to MACF are more than one-time contributions. They help build a lasting source of support that will benefit the community for generations to come. By joining together in collective giving, donors ensure that local nonprofits have the resources to address today’s needs while preparing for tomorrow’s challenges. Community members can make a gift online at www.tfec.org.

As one of TFEC’s regional foundations, MACF is guided by an advisory committee of local leaders who bring insight into community needs and opportunities. TFEC’s staff works closely with each regional foundation to provide seamless operations, while advisory committees focus on

strengthening fundraising and grantmaking for the benefit of their communities.

For more information about MACF and how to get involved, visit www.tfec.org.