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

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!

July

14 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon -
Hosted by **Belco CCU & Visaggio's Ristorante, 6990 Wertzville Road, Enola.** 11:30am - 1:00pm.
FREE member event.

21 - After Hours Mixer & Ribbon Cutting - Spark by Hilton Mechanicsburg, 385 Cumberland Parkway, Mechanicsburg. 4:30 - 6:30pm.

30 - Business Leaders Discussion Group -
Sponsored by **PaySmart Payroll Services, 650 Wilson Ln, Ste. 100, Mechanicsburg.** 7:45 - 9:00 am.
Members only event.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Tuesday, July 14
11:30am - 1:00pm



Lunch with Belco CCU President and CEO Amey Sgrignoli

Join us as **Belco Community Credit Union** and **Visaggio's Ristorante** co-host and educate all on what that they have to offer.

Learn more about **Belco** - one of Central PA's leading financial institutions - and **Visaggio's** - an area staple in dining, catering, and your special events.

Introduce yourself and your business to familiar faces and hopefully some new ones.
Come network with local business women and enjoy a light lunch.
Don't forget to bring your business cards to MIX & MINGLE

Location:

Visaggio's Ristorante
6990 Wertzville Road
Enola 17025

Space is limited. Reservations required.
RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

After-Hours Mixer & Ribbon Cutting

FREE
EVENT!

**Tuesday, July 21
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

FREE
EVENT!



Spark by Hilton Mechanicsburg
385 Cumberland Parkway
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Join us for a Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Mixer at the Spark by Hilton Mechanicsburg. Come check out the area's newest renovated and rebranded accommodations. Help us celebrate this Grand Rebranding with a ribbon cutting.

We invite you to come network with other businesses and get to know fellow professionals in the area. The Mixer is FREE.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org or call 717-796-0811.

Enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments and a chance to win a prize!

RSVPing is easy, simply email info@mechanicsburgchamber.org, RSVP online, or call 717-796-0811

Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce presents:

Business Leaders Discussion Group

Thursday, July 30

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!

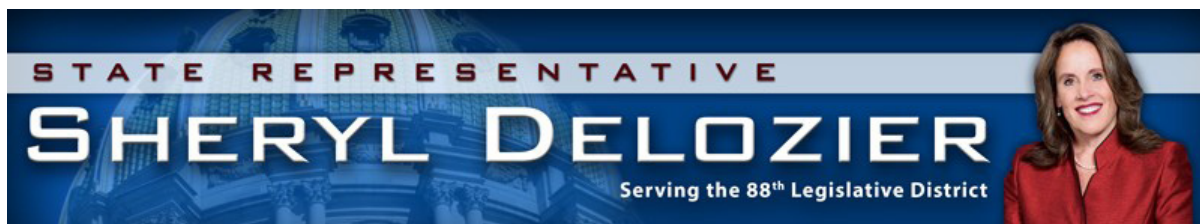
**Do you know a great way to show off
what, where, and how you do the things you do?
Host a Business Women's Networking Luncheon or
After Hours Mixer. There is no fee to host an event,
contact the Chamber office for more details.**

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Bill to Cut Consumer Electric Bills Advances

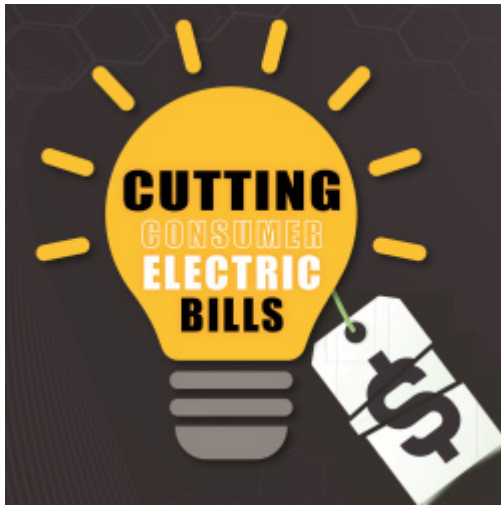
With utility bills continuing to strain family budgets, I was proud to join in the unanimous support of legislation to eliminate a nearly 6% tax on electricity.

[House Bill 2224](#) would represent the largest tax cut in the history of the Commonwealth, saving Pennsylvania families \$1.7 billion.

House Republicans have been leading on affordability measures based in tax cuts that can immediately slash the bills paid by Pennsylvanians and put more money in the pockets of our working families. In addition to eliminating the

Gross Receipts Tax on utility bills, we are also advocating for a six-month suspension of the tax on cell phone services and the gas tax, as well as a temporary reduction in the state's Personal Income Tax. Additional sales tax holidays have been proposed on an array of items, from baby supplies and sports equipment to gardening supplies and tools.

House Bill 2224 passed the House unanimously and is pending consideration in the Senate.



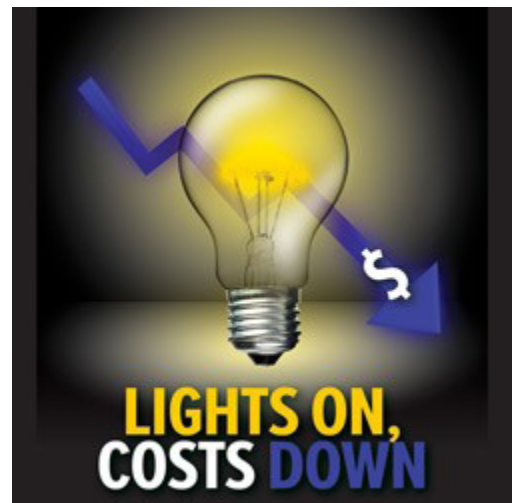
Keep the Lights On, Costs Down

With a Maximum Generation Emergency warning issued this past week amid extreme heat and a warning of mounting strain on the regional electric grid, House Republicans unveiled a comprehensive 10-bill legislative package designed to keep the lights on, lower electricity costs, expand reliable baseload generation and cement Pennsylvania's role as America's energy leader.

The unveiling of this package of bills comes on the heels of the House of Representatives passing [House Bill 2224](#), which is included in the package and would eliminate the Gross Receipts Tax on electric utility service.

Additional bills in the package would:

- Establish a one-year timeline for environmental permit appeals.
- Create a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Permit Ombudsman to assist applicants and improve permitting efficiency.
- Modernize Environmental Hearing Board appeals to focus on the administrative record developed during permitting.
- Eliminate the DEP regulatory petition process that allows outside organizations to initiate new



regulations.

- Align state environmental permitting standards with applicable federal standards.
- Protect Pennsylvania ratepayers from subsidizing electric transmission costs driven by other states through a Pennsylvania-first grid reliability approach.
- Replace the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards with a Reliable Energy Portfolio Standard that prioritizes dependable, dispatchable generation.
- Protect consumer energy choice through a uniform statewide policy that preserves access to a variety of energy sources.
- Ensure projects with valid DEP permits are not unnecessarily stalled while permit appeals are pending.



Fun for All Ages Awaits at PA Fairs

Summer is in full swing, and so is Pennsylvania fair season! Communities across the Commonwealth are hosting dozens of fairs featuring food, fun and entertainment, as well as competitive exhibits highlighting animals, produce, crops, crafts, baking and more.

To plan your fair visit, check out the [2026 PA Fair Guide here](#).

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New Savings Plan for Children in 2026



Families have a new way to save for kids in 2026 with the 530A IRA, also known as a Trump Account.

A Trump Account is an investment account for kids under 18. Families and others can contribute up to \$5,000 per year, and employers may be able to contribute up to \$2,500 per year toward that same limit.

Eligible children born between 2025-

2028 may receive a one-time \$1,000 federal deposit. Funds are generally inaccessible until your child turns 18, when the account converts into a traditional IRA. The money will be invested in a suite of low-cost index funds, where the initial \$1,000 deposit could grow to an estimated half a million dollars or more by retirement age.

[Learn more and download the app at the official Trump Accounts webpage.](#)

Senate Votes to Cut Taxes and Put PA Families First

The Senate approved legislation to dramatically decrease costs for Pennsylvania families by cutting taxes on electric bills and school supplies, strengthening the state's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and eliminating the current sales tax exemption for data centers.



Making up the largest tax cut in Pennsylvania history, the proposal would eliminate the gross receipts tax on electric

bills and require utility companies to pass the reduction on to consumers, saving ratepayers more than \$1.7 billion over the first year. It would also implement a two-week sales tax holiday in August for school supplies, such as book bags, crayons, textbooks and tablets.

The highly successful EITC program, which provides scholarships to help families send children to schools that best meet student needs, would receive an additional \$25 million under the legislation, bringing the total to \$705 million. EITC scholarships remain one of our top priorities for empowering Pennsylvania parents.

[House Bill 1667](#), as amended by the Senate, would also respond to concerns being raised across the commonwealth by eliminating the existing sales tax exemption for data centers.

The Senate action aims to provide greater affordability at a time when hardworking Pennsylvania families are feeling the strain of rising costs. The bill now moves to the House of Representatives.

Reducing the Backlog in PA Rape Kit Testing



For years, Pennsylvania has worked to reduce the backlog of untested rape kits and to ensure survivors of sexual assault are treated with the urgency and dignity they deserve.

We passed a 2024 law to move forward with a statewide sexual assault evidence tracking system so survivors can better understand where their kit is in the process. However, language in the law allows a local law enforcement agency to

determine whether a kit should undergo DNA or other forensic analysis. This creates inconsistency from one jurisdiction to another.

[Senate Bill 1212](#) removes that discretionary language and helps establish a clear, statewide expectation that sexual assault evidence that has been collected and has not yet received DNA or other appropriate forensic analysis should be treated consistently. The measure was sent to the House of Representatives for consideration. [Read more about the latest action to reduce the backlog in rape kit testing here.](#)

Local Government Committee Advances Legislation on Data Center Decisions



The [Senate Local Government Committee](#), which I chair, passed [Senate Bill 1345](#) and [House Bill 2496](#) with strong bipartisan support. The bills deliver critical new tools to local governments across the commonwealth, empowering municipalities and the people who live within them to determine the development that best suits their communities.



Senate Bill 1345 authorizes municipalities to adopt an optional moratorium of up to 18 months on new high-impact data center applications. House Bill 2496 authorizes local governing bodies to implement an optional 180-day pause on data center proposals. Both bills amend the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

[Read the full news release](#), including my comments, for additional details.



Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Community Events

I am pleased to host two upcoming community events designed to provide valuable services and connect residents with important resources:

*** Shredding and Damaged License Plate Replacement Event — Join me on July 30 from 4-7 p.m. for a [FREE shredding and damaged license plate replacement event](#) at Mechanicsburg Middle

School, 1750 S. Market St., Mechanicsburg. This is a secure way to dispose of personal documents and help ensure your vehicle remains road-ready with assistance from the Upper Allen Police Department.



*** Senior Expo — Don't miss this informative event on Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the West Shore YMCA, 410 Fallowfield Rd., Camp Hill, where local organizations will come together to share information, resources, free health screenings, door prizes and more.

More details, including additional participating organizations and event information, will be shared in the coming weeks.

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Thurs. 7/9 – New Cumberland Downtown Food Truck Rally...Kirk solo 5-8
Sat. 7/10 – Reid's Wine & Cider House, Gettysburg...Kirk & Patrick Duo 6-9
Sat. 7/11 – Mt. Airy Orchards Blueberry Festival, Dillsburg ... Kirk & Band 9:30-12:30
Sat. 7/11 – TJ Rockwells, Elizabethtown...Kirk Trio 7-9
Sun. 7/12 – Captain Bob's Steamed Crabs, Railroad/ Shrewsbury...Kirk solo 1-3
Tues. 7/14 – Range + Rye @ Range End, Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9



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Join CAEDC and McConkey as we discuss the top insurance and employee benefits trends impacting employers today, what they could mean for your organization, and practical strategies to help you stay ahead.

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11:30AM-1:00PM

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Chamber Chatter advertisements will remain for up to 4 weeks, or as space permits.

If you have something to share, please submit it by Wednesday at noon to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org.

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A great nominee is someone who puts others first and could use extra support at home. This may include: First responders, teachers, veterans, healthcare workers, elderly neighbors, or community volunteers, Individuals or families experiencing financial hardship, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations (must be able to receive residential equipment). Go to www.hbmcclore.com/hbhome/feel-the-love-program-by-lennox for more info.

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CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE 4th OF JULY SAFELY

A few precautions can help protect your family this holiday

The Fourth of July means spending time outdoors at cookouts, parades, and fireworks shows, which means fun for everyone; however, Patient First physicians would like to remind you to take a few precautions that can help you celebrate the holiday safely.

Protect your skin from the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays using these tips:

- Always use a broad spectrum sunscreen with a minimum of 30 SPF, even when it is cloudy. Reapply at least every two hours.
- Avoid uninterrupted sun exposure between 10am and 4pm whenever possible.
- Cover up when you can with long-sleeved shirts and pants.
- Hats are fine, but remember baseball caps won't protect your ears and neck from the sun.

Fireworks are spectacular, however, they can cause serious injuries. Here are 5 tips from the National Safety Council to help protect yourself.

- Sparklers cause most fireworks injuries. They burn at high temperatures, and can cause severe burns. Do not let small children handle sparklers, and dispose of burned out sparklers in a bucket of water.
- Stay away from ground based "sparkler" devices. If one does not go off as expected, douse the device with water before approaching.
- Distance is important at public fireworks displays. Do not get too close to the launch site in case something goes wrong.
- Do not pick up fireworks debris at these displays.
- Just like drinking and driving, fireworks and alcohol do not mix.

About Patient First

All Patient First Medical Centers are open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day of the year, including holidays. Patient First provides non-appointment urgent care for routine injuries and illnesses, primary care for patients who do not have a regular physician, as well as telehealth services. Each Patient First center has on-site digital x-ray, on-site laboratory, and on-site prescription medication. Patient First currently operates medical centers in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

Sparklers can cause severe burns. Keep away from small children and properly dispose of burned out sparklers.

Stay clear of fireworks launch sites; avoid picking up debris.

Avoid ground based "sparkler" devices. If one does not go off as expected, douse with water before approaching.

Avoid drinking alcohol during firework use.

(Source: National Safety Council)

Patient First 45 years

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The graphic features a blue and white background with red, white, and blue fireworks illustrations. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font. The Patient First logo and 45th anniversary mark are at the bottom.



Swim Smart This Summer

Happy 4th of July! As families gather to celebrate, it's the perfect time to pause and keep water safety top of mind, especially when pools, lakes, and backyard splash time are part of the fun.

At British Swim School, we focus on building survival-first skills that help swimmers stay safer around water at every age and every stage. A confident swimmer starts with preparation, awareness, and consistent habits.

As you celebrate the 4th of July and throughout the summer, keep these water safety reminders in mind:

- Designate a Water Watcher - Always assign a responsible adult to actively supervise children near water, without distractions.
- Set Clear Water Rules - Encourage swimming with a buddy, asking permission before entering the water, and following posted rules or lifeguard guidance.
- Use Proper Safety Gear - When needed, choose U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jackets for added protection.

Celebrations are best enjoyed with confidence and peace of mind. From all of us at British Swim School, we wish you a joyful, safe, and splash-filled Independence Day.

[Learn more about water safety here!](#)

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Cumberland Area
Economic Development
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LSA Category 4 Grants Opened July 1

Non-Profits in Cumberland County Can Apply Through CAEDC

The Local Share Account (LSA), Category 4 Facilities Program, a multi-county grant program that includes Cumberland County opened July 1, and interested non-profit applicants can apply through the Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC).

CAEDC seeks applicants who are non-profit organizations that need funding for projects that benefit their community. Interested organizations are encouraged to contact Alyssa Smith at 717-240-7184 or at alyssa@cumberlandbusiness.com with any questions and to determine if their project aligns with CAEDC's strategic mission.

Eligible uses include:

- Acquisition
- Construction
- Demolition
- Infrastructure
- Purchase of vehicles, machinery and/or equipment (excluding uniforms, protective equipment, consumable supplies, and furniture)
- Planning, consulting, and design costs related to planning projects.
- Engineering, design, and inspection, to include permitting fees, for construction projects not to exceed 10% of the total grant award
- Contingency costs not to exceed 5% of documented construction and infrastructure costs are permissible

Interested, qualified applicants can apply on CAEDC's online application at CumberlandBusiness.com/lisa-application.

Complete applications must be submitted to CAEDC by August 31, 2026.

The LSA Grant is funded through the PA Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (Act 2004-71), as amended, which provides for the distribution of gaming revenues through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) to support projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

About CAEDC

CAEDC is Cumberland County's lead economic development agency charged with leveraging and promoting Cumberland Valley's economic development and tourism assets to drive growth, create jobs and improve the quality of life. Offices are located at 230 S. Sporting Hill Road, Suite 100, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. For more information, visit www.cumberlandbusiness.com and www.visitcumberlandvalley.com.

UPMC

LIFE CHANGING MEDICINE

UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in Central Pa. Earns Highest 3-Star Rating for Cardiac Surgery Outcomes

The UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in Central Pa. has been awarded the highest possible rating of three stars by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) in three categories for patient care and outcomes, including:

- Isolated Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG)
- Isolated Mitral Valve Replacement/Repair (MVRR)
- Multi-procedural composite measures - a combination of all cardiac procedures, including valves and coronary bypass surgeries.

The three-star rating, which denotes the highest category of quality, places the UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in Central Pa. among the elite for adult cardiac surgery in the United States and Canada. UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in Central Pa has maintained a 3-star STS rating in various categories for the last decade.

“We’re proud to earn this recognition, which reflects the quality and consistency of care our team provides,” said Erik Toth, vice president of cardiovascular services for UPMC in Central Pa. “The Society of Thoracic Surgeons’ three-star rating is among the most respected measures in cardiac surgery and our focus remains on patient outcomes.”

Historically, only 13.7% of participants receive the three-star rating for MVRR and 21.6% of participants receive the three-star rating for isolated CABG surgery. A 3-star rating for Multi-procedural composite measures is only obtained by 28% of all participants. The latest analysis of data covers the calendar years 2023 through 2025.

Founded in 1989, the STS National Database is the world’s premier clinical registry for cardiac surgery and contains data from more than 1,000 cardiac surgery institutions that represent approximately six million records. Participation in the STS registry represents UPMC’s commitment to improving the care provided to heart surgery patients. The STS star rating system is one of the most sophisticated and highly regarded overall measures of quality in health care, rating the benchmarked outcomes of cardiothoracic surgery programs in the United States and Canada.

Pioneers in cardiovascular health since 1956, doctors at the UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute in central Pennsylvania were the first in the region to perform open heart surgery. UPMC’s surgeons are experts at providing exceptional care through both vascular, interventional and endovascular techniques.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at the UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute, visit [UPMC.com/CentralPaHeart](https://www.upmc.com/CentralPaHeart).



THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Creating Stronger Futures Through Safe, Stable Housing

Across South Central Pennsylvania, new opportunities are emerging to help people find safe, stable housing.

Why Housing Matters

Housing affects health and daily stability. It also influences whether families and individuals can look ahead with confidence. When housing is out of reach, people often face added pressure in other parts of life, from basic needs to transportation to overall well-being. That strain can make it harder to stay healthy, feel secure and plan for a successful future.

“When housing is out of reach, the strain can be felt across every part of life,” said Jennifer Doyle, president and CEO of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC). “That is why this work matters and why we are committed to supporting solutions that can help more people find stability.”

The Need is Clear in South Central PA

Local assessments show that housing pressure looks different from county to county, but the strain is real in every community in our region. In Cumberland County, basic needs continue to outpace wages. In Dauphin County, homelessness remains a major concern. In Franklin County, housing affordability is becoming an increasing challenge as home prices and rents rise faster than incomes. In Lebanon County, housing supply remains tight, and many households are already housing-cost-burdened. In Perry County, housing costs are adding to broader economic hardship for local families.

TFEC’s response is rooted in the belief that housing challenges are complex and require community-wide action. No one investment will solve the issue. Real progress involves strong local partners working together. It also requires listening to community needs and supporting solutions that can make a lasting difference.

“We know housing challenges touch every community differently,” said Doyle. “That is why this work must be shaped by local experience and guided by the people closest to the need.”

Putting TFEC’s Commitment into Action

TFEC is already putting that commitment into action. The Foundation recently awarded a \$25,000 grant to the AMiracle4Sure Community, which serves people experiencing homelessness in the greater Harrisburg area. In 2026, TFEC is offering five new competitive grant opportunities that will provide \$10,000 per community in Cumberland, Franklin, Lebanon and Perry counties, as well as Mechanicsburg, to support housing-related work shaped by local needs.

An Important Shift in TFEC’s Work

This growing focus on housing also marks an important transition in TFEC’s broader initiative work.

Housing Stability

South
Central PA

Across South Central Pennsylvania, housing challenges vary by county. In Cumberland County, basic needs outpace wages. In Dauphin County, homelessness remains a top concern. In Franklin County, home prices and rents are rising faster than income. In Lebanon County, more than 14,500 households are housing-cost-burdened. In Perry County, rising housing costs are adding to economic hardship.

Household Survival Budget By County

Cumberland County	\$24.88/hour	\$\$\$\$\$\$
Dauphin County	\$24.22/hour	\$\$\$\$\$
Franklin County	\$21.05/hour	\$\$\$\$\$
Lebanon County	\$21.83/hour	\$\$\$\$
Perry County	\$22.98/hour	\$\$\$\$

Each assessment includes the hourly household survival budget for one adult and one child.

39% of renters in Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Counties who are cost-burdened earned less than \$20,000.

In Lebanon County, 14,506 households are housing-cost-burdened.

In Franklin County, affordability is becoming a pressing issue because housing costs are rising faster than income.



Food Insecurity is present across multiple counties.



Mental Health is a top concern in Cumberland, Dauphin and Lebanon.



Transportation and Access To Care are challenges in Dauphin and Perry.



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TFEC can address a pressing need affecting every county within its footprint while continuing to support children and families through other pathways. Nonprofits interested in housing-related grant opportunities should visit www.tfec.org/grants to learn more. Community members who want to support this work can email philanthropy@tfec.org to learn how they can begin their own philanthropic journey and invest in solutions that strengthen our community.

Resources are not unlimited, and to give housing the sustained attention it needs, TFEC has had to make thoughtful choices about where to focus its time, leadership and capacity.

That is why TFEC has closed its Early Education Initiative. Since 2006, TFEC has helped bring attention, funding and partners to early education across the region. We are proud of that work and the role we have played over nearly 20 years. Over that time, strong organizations and partnerships have grown to lead this work forward, reducing the need for TFEC to remain as directly involved as it once was.

Closing the initiative does not mean TFEC is stepping away from early education. TFEC will continue to support early education through grantmaking and community partnerships. At the same time, this change will allow TFEC to give housing the stronger focus it requires.

Now is the Time to Get Involved

By focusing more deeply on housing,