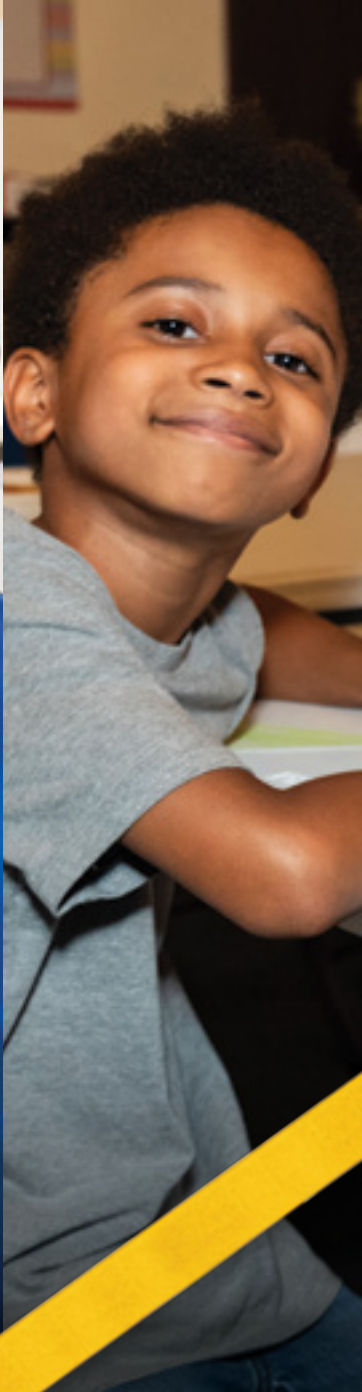




# WISH BOOK 2023







Elijah Edwards and Geoffrey Barr play together during an after-school program at the Center in Midland. The group works to develop community through youth mentorship and family services. Photo by Kitoko Chargois.

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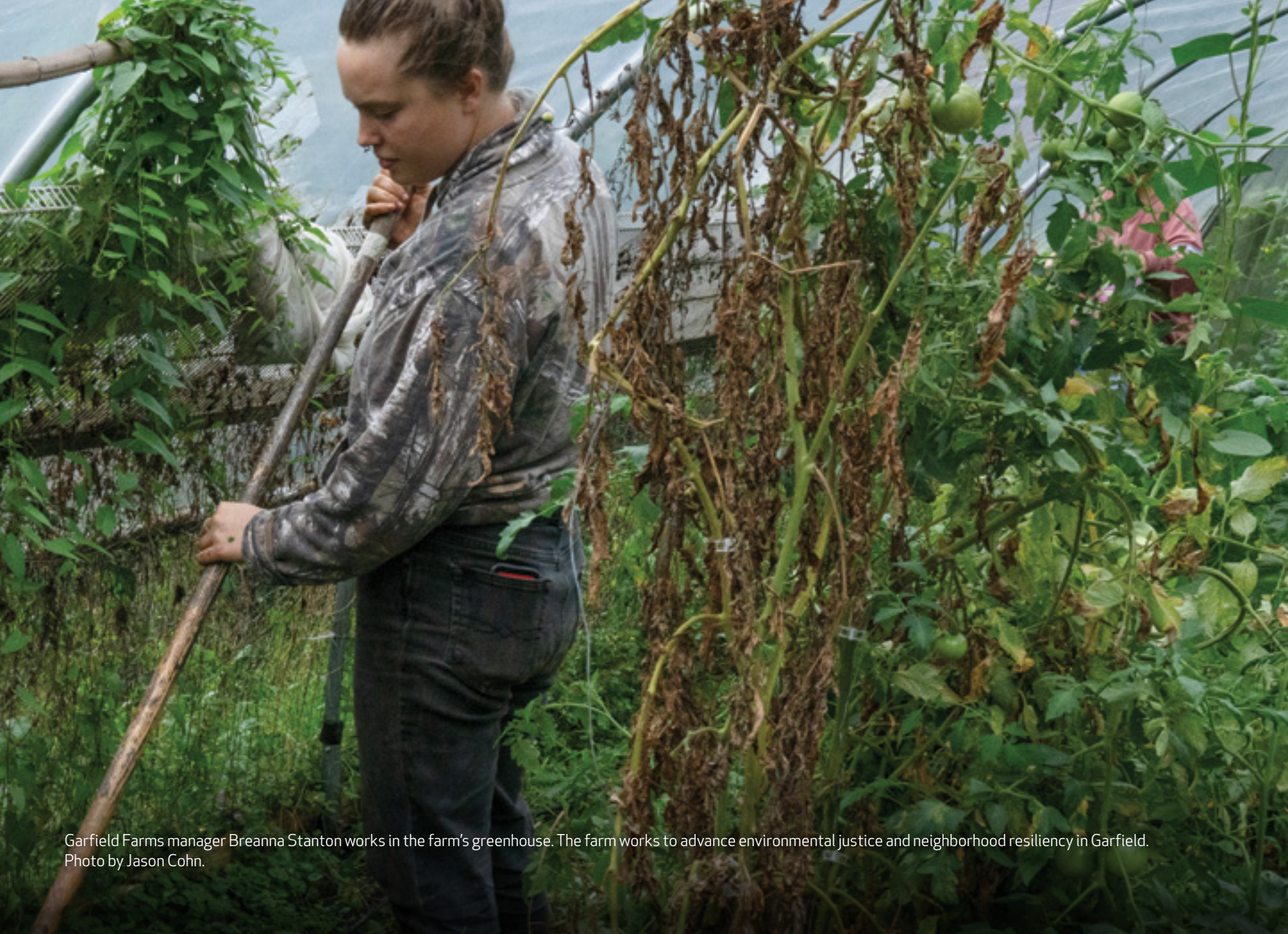
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Garfield Farms manager Breanna Stanton works in the farm's greenhouse. The farm works to advance environmental justice and neighborhood resiliency in Garfield. Photo by Jason Cohn.





McKenzie Reed, left, and Logan Ford do partner yoga during an in-school session held by The E.S.T.E.E.M. Group. The group works to build students' self-esteem in engaging ways. Photo by Renee Rosensteel.

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## Allegheny County Library Association



The Allegheny County Library Association provides and promotes public library service for all residents of Allegheny County. The association's youth services program provides resources for libraries to share with children and families in their communities. These resources create awareness of the public library, promote the importance of reading and offer guidance to parents about early literacy skills and kindergarten readiness. In 2022, ACLA began providing libraries with StoryWalks, children's books placed page-by-page along a walking path in a park or other public space. The program encourages screen-free outdoor exploration and promotes early literacy. Funds would help create more StoryWalks, including adding bilingual titles to the collection and collaborating with local nature partners.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1.2 million Allegheny County residents including 535,188 library cardholders

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Arcade Comedy Theater



Arcade Comedy Theater works to elevate and advance the art of comedy with performances and educational offerings for audiences in Pittsburgh and beyond. Now in its 10th year, the theater has built a community of comedic artists who perform for thousands of area residents in more than 300 shows each year in its Downtown Pittsburgh theater space. The production value sets Arcade apart from other comedy theaters of its size around the country and gives audiences and performers alike a next-level experience at every show. As the theater begins its second decade, much of the production equipment that has served the art so well must be updated, upgraded or replaced. Funds would help rehaul production equipment in performance spaces.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 12,000 individuals attend performances and 500 take classes

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Events



Arkhaios educates people about diverse cultures from around the globe through a juried selection of the world's best documentary films about cultural history and archaeology. Under the visionary leadership of Jean Guilleux, the organization has curated ten annual, award-winning film festivals in Pittsburgh, South Carolina and online. This has been accomplished through 20,000 hours of personal volunteer labor by Guilleux and the support of 100 expert volunteers from the archaeology, anthropology, documentary film and education fields. Guilleux has led Arkhaios as a labor of love in his retirement years, but for the organization's future to be secured, the board would use funds to hire its first paid staff.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 500 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Artists and Craftsmen's Guild Inc. / North Hills Art Center



The North Hills Art Center promotes and encourages art education and appreciation for artists of all ages, focusing on art as a healing process. The organization is growing and requires a third part-time staff member to handle the administrative workload. The tight labor market has made it difficult to hire new employees with the required skill sets at the rate the center currently pays. Funds would support this critical component of the organization. It would allow the center to smoothly transition staff and maintain the high-quality art and healing offerings that serve the community.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 46,994 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Autumn House Press



Autumn House Press is an independent Pittsburgh literary publisher that seeks to publish and promote poetry and other fine literature. The women-led organization plans to publish eight poetry, fiction and nonfiction collections in 2024. The organization plans to publish local poet Cameron Barnett's second poetry collection, "Murmur." The Press published Cameron's first collection, "The Drowning Boy's Guide to Water" in 2018. "Murmur" is a powerful book that traces a Black man's lineage in contemporary America, showcases Cameron's creative growth and will be an important step in furthering his career. The organization's printing costs have increased a staggering 52% per book since 2021, forcing it to reduce print runs and redirect funds for promotional efforts. By supporting "Murmur," the Press will have greater sustainability and be better able to support and publish writers like Cameron.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 8 authors and 10,194 individuals through sales

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Battle of Homestead Foundation



The Battle of Homestead Foundation preserves and promotes a people's history of the 1892 labor conflict in Homestead. It strives to connect how knowledge of that event informs current social justice movements, empowers today's workforce and builds equitable and inclusive strategies for the future of work. The foundation seeks operating funds to create The Center for the History and Future of Work – a living history museum and public teaching forum that would use lessons from western Pennsylvania's industrial heritage to address challenges of equity, diversity and fair labor practice. The foundation hopes the center will be of particular economic benefit for Steel Valley communities, where many residents and businesses still maintain strong ties to the early labor movement and its legacy of social reform and economic change.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 3,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## B.F. Jones Memorial Library



B.F. Jones Memorial Library provides equitable access to materials and programs that promote education, enrichment and social support for community members and visitors. The Library strives to create dynamic outreach programs for all ages. A key effort is the Traveling Tales outreach program, which provides local early child care centers with weekly story times, rotating book collections and various literacy materials. The nine child care centers included in this program serve families from underrepresented communities. This is often the only interaction many will have with the library. To keep the program strong and maintain a high-quality program facilitator, the organization would use funds to support the facilitator's salary.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 9,000 individuals served and more than 20,000 cardholders

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society



Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society preserves and interprets 1763 Pontiac's War battle site through a museum, educational programs and community outreach. As Pennsylvania's only recognized Native American battlefield, the organization is interested in expanding programs to teach about Indigenous perspectives of the 1763 battle, the conditions leading up to it and the socio-political impact on North America. The society pays the salary of one staff member with funds generated by membership. Funds would be used to deliver low-cost or free educational programming to new visitors, broaden the scope of the organization's historical perspective for all Pennsylvanians and develop an annual history day camp to teach children history through a series of fun, skills-building activities.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 4,795 individual visitors

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Contemporary Craft



Contemporary Craft engages the public in creative experiences through exhibitions, classes, community programming and a retail store. Contemporary Craft's innovative exhibitions focus on artistic excellence and explore issues related to contemporary life, including social justice topics ranging from mental health to climate change. The organization believes in compensating artists for the work they do including participating in residencies, teaching workshops and leading free and family-friendly activities during quarterly Community Days. Contemporary Craft's free admission policy provides essential experiences with art to individuals and families. The organization seeks funding to assist in providing arts programming to the general public and help maintain three studio spaces, where consumable materials and tools require regular servicing and upkeep.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 5,300 individuals through in-person and digital programs and 29,000 people at its BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Creative Citizen Studios



Creative Citizen Studios helps artists with intellectual and developmental disabilities make, exhibit and sell their art. It seeks funds to set up its new dedicated studio space at the Ice House in Lawrenceville with fixtures and equipment that would create a learning environment designed for disabled artists' specific needs. These include a mobile printmaking station that would expand in-house screen-printing capabilities, ergonomic storage solutions that would prioritize safety, and access to materials and digital tools for its Procreate digital drawing class. Its accommodations would include adjustable-height tables that better serve artists who use wheelchairs. Such modifications would reduce barriers to arts education for disabled adults.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 45 artists and their families on a weekly basis and approximately 650 individuals annually

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



**E.S.T.E.E.M. Group Inc.**



E.S.T.E.E.M. Group empowers students through education, engagement and motion while instilling social and emotional learning skills that help students thrive physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. Its programs span from pre-K through college-age youth and encompasses a diverse curriculum that challenges students to grow. The organization uses music and movement to motivate students to become better teammates, strengthen their social skills, connect with community, heighten their self-esteem, foster leadership, communicate effectively, use proper etiquette and develop respect for themselves and others. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a huge deficit in self-regulation, communication, respect, social skills and self-esteem throughout schools in Allegheny County. Funds would help the organization expand, bring new schools on board and acquire equipment.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 2,000 youth

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh Inc.**



The Filipino American Association of Pittsburgh works to preserve and promote Filipino heritage in the community through cultural, charitable and educational activities. The association provides a free year-long dance program that reflects the breadth and depth of Philippine culture and history. The dance program encompasses the animistic beliefs of the many mountain tribes, Muslim and Christian beliefs, and celebrations of Spanish-influenced fiestas. Funds would help expand the association’s repertoire, support instructors, and acquire new costumes, props and instruments. Funds would also cover stage rentals, professional fees for master classes and stipends for guest instructors.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 500 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Film Pittsburgh



Film Pittsburgh presents independent films with programming designed to reach all ages, races, religions and abilities. Events showcase and promote international independent filmmakers, exposing the region to a creative community of artists and their thought-provoking work. Funds would support ReelAbilities Pittsburgh, which showcases the lives and talents of people with disabilities; Teen Screen, a free educational experience that allows students of different backgrounds to explore important and difficult topics through film; and the Filmmaker Conference, which educates local and international filmmakers and provides access to industry professionals.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 30,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Gemini Theater Company



Gemini Theater Company works to cultivate creativity, imagination and originality through the performing arts. The theater company strives to support an increasing number of patrons with neurodivergence, intellectual disabilities or other conditions that can make going to the theater difficult. Funds would help the theater create an atmosphere that is appropriate for audience members who experience sensitivities or negative reactions to sounds. The theater funds would help with costs to hire an American Sign Language interpreter for more performances throughout the season as well as a second interpreter for a more enhanced, professional experience. Funds would also be used to repair or replace speakers in the theater space, improve quality of sound and support the ability to program and adjust the music and sound effects in shows.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 3,000 patrons and 500 students

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## Genesis Collective Inc.



Genesis Collective works to build community through the arts, amplifying the creative voices of underserved and under-resourced people in Beaver County. The collective serves as a “midwife” for artistic vision and amplifies the voices of communities that do not typically have a say in places of power. The collective wants to stay agile to facilitate opportunities for collaboration, support educational needs or commissions. Funds would help strengthen the collective and help avoid depleting a reserve for organizational expenses. Funds would allow the collective to meet the increased demand for support of artists.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 500 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Industrial Arts Workshop Inc.



The Industrial Arts Workshop works to empower Pittsburgh-area youth and adults at the intersection of arts, community development and workforce readiness. The workshop has two core training programs, Summer Welding Bootcamp and the After School Welding Lab. The programs use art to teach high school students technical skills in a supportive environment that requires them to work collaboratively, respect others’ opinions and gain self-confidence. Students learn about possible career pathways and ongoing training opportunities through field trips and guest speakers. Funds would help youth thrive through the creative process of teaching hands-on sculpture design and welding. The workshop hopes to build career pipelines for youth and young adults in the region, and funding would help boost engagement by increasing needed capacity and staff.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 43 students in core programs and 32 students in workforce and education partnerships

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Mon Valley Academy for the Arts



Mon Valley Academy for the Arts works to empower the community through accessible arts education and preservation of cultural heritage. The organization offers music lessons, art workshops, dance classes and theater programs. As it continues to grow and expand its reach, general operating support is critical to sustain day-to-day operations. Funds would allow the academy to retain highly qualified and passionate instructors, invest in essential administrative personnel and provide the necessary resources to foster artistic excellence through affordable and accessible arts programs.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Washington

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 64 students enrolled in music and art lessons, and more than 5,000 individuals attend free concerts

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## New Sun Rising for Anthropology of Motherhood



Anthropology of Motherhood creates a living archive of artwork that engages in the lived experiences of caregiving, parenting, nurturing and maternal labor. The organization aims to empower artist-caregivers and shift culture to value caregiving as an occupation. The organization curates artwork and explores the intricate aspects of motherhood, caregiving and parenting. Funds would help create a more inclusive platform with a more interactive website and services including American Sign Language interpreters and image descriptions on its website.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 10,000 individuals in-person, 8,000 individuals online and exhibited more than 100 artists

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## Write Pittsburgh



Write Pittsburgh is a program collective that works to amplify voices, empower writers, encourage relationships that build writer agency and foster relationships that strengthen community. Write Pittsburgh is driven by the belief that voices matter, that art makes a difference and that the human creature thrives on opportunities for self-expression, healing and community connection. The organization has grown steadily since it first gathered a small group of teen girls around a table in 2016. Now, it offers three free weekly workshops for teen writers, a teen council and workshops for adult writers. Funds would be put toward the costs of hiring a full-time executive director and program director to help continue to amplify voices and create community among writers.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 140 youth and 120 adults

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



Tanjia Williamson, left, works with Malaune Thompson in after-school activities organized by The Mosaic Community Development Center. The Center works to empower youth in the Jeannette community. Photo by Maranie Staab.



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## 412Thrive



412 Thrive provides a community-based support system to help individuals impacted by breast cancer navigate treatment and life. The organization seeks to make self-care accessible for individuals impacted by breast cancer at all stages. Since it was founded in 2020, the community has grown from 10 to more than 500 individuals. It offers a free, weekend-long camp experience annually in September designed to help improve the overall well-being of its “thrivers.” The Wellness Retreat held at Camp T. Frank Soles includes personal development, wellness and mindfulness workshops as well as classic overnight camp activities with the goal of campers leaving with self-confidence and knowledge to advocate for care and resources. Funds would cover the costs of the retreat, including all lodging, meals and programming.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 500 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## A Peace of Mind Inc.



A Peace of Mind Inc. works to bridge the gap between inequities in the human service industry, focusing on holistically meeting community needs. The organization offers a developmentally relevant curriculum, experienced staff and out-of-the-classroom engagement opportunities for staff and families. The organization believes that educators can offer their best selves for families when they are well. In turn, families will show up as their best selves for the community. Funds would send two educators back to the classroom for two semesters with resources. They would receive a textbook stipend, travel voucher and a study reimbursement allotment to maintain pay while enrolled in a higher education program.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 350 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## Abiding Missions



Abiding Missions works to meet the needs of Allentown and other south Pittsburgh residents. The organization strives to meet residents' needs holistically with services that provide tangible assistance, social and emotional engagement and spiritual exploration. The organization provides basic needs support, including food, utility, housing and emergency assistance. The group provides home visits and hosts community fellowships so that people in the community can find emotional and social support from those around them. Abiding Missions also offers daily youth programs to help young people learn about the world around them, experience new things and learn how they can be leaders in their community. As programs continue to grow, especially the basic needs services and youth programs, funds would allow the organization to expand programs and ensure that no neighbor is in need.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 200 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Aliquippa Green Inc.



Aliquippa Green empowers residents of Aliquippa to become productive citizens through educational programming for youth and young adults. The organization wants to build capacity and improve the infrastructure of the classroom building. Adding another teacher to the team would significantly increase the number of workshops that could be held and the number of students who could participate in programs. Funds would be used to purchase furnishings to make the classroom comfortable and accessible to all students and expand another classroom as a maker space for students and community members.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** An average of 40 students a year attend workshops

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## All About The Youth Community Center



All About The Youth Community Center works to help Black, disadvantaged and at-risk youth focus on their future, academically change their trajectory and become successful in life. The organization seeks to fill a need for reading and math tutoring for 25 Black and disadvantaged youth. Currently, the organization's executive director facilitates all mentoring and tutoring. Funds would be used to hire staff, including math and reading specialists, to meet the needs of the youth they serve in Pittsburgh Public Schools and other Allegheny and Beaver County public school districts.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 100 youth

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Apraxia Kids



Apraxia Kids works to strengthen the support systems for children with childhood apraxia of speech through education, community outreach, advocacy and research. Many families in Allegheny County struggle to receive an accurate diagnosis or even adequate treatment as information of childhood apraxia of speech is limited. It is estimated that one in a 1000 children are impacted with nearly 250 children having apraxia in Allegheny County. Apraxia Kids provides education and resources for free and has the potential to reach all families in Allegheny County in need of specialized services. Funds would help the organization expand across the county to reach those struggling with apraxia and provide education and resources for early intervention, schools and speech-language pathologists.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 85 families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh



The Bhutanese Community Association of Pittsburgh works to ensure a high quality of life for all members of the Bhutanese community. It supports their integration into American society through culturally informed services and activities. In its eleventh year of service, the Association serves as the premier resource for the local Bhutanese community. Programs include English as a Second Language, civics education training, voter engagement, domestic violence support, women's empowerment and celebrations of Bhutanese culture. The organization seeks to support the increased needs of the elderly Bhutanese population with activities that include yoga, meditation, educational site visits and walks in the park. Funds would pay for a part-time program facilitator and transportation to help the oldest members of the Bhutanese community to thrive.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 7,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Laurel Region creates and supports one-on-one mentoring relationships to ignite the power and promise of youth. Caseworkers screen and train volunteer mentors in youth development using social justice and trauma-informed practices. The mentoring pairs' time spent together provides the child with opportunities for exploration, creativity, learning and meaningful connections with caring adults. The vital adult guidance and resources change the life trajectory of participating kids, helping ignite and harness their potential and leading to increased social, emotional and educational successes. Funding enables caseworkers to provide tangible items and referrals to meet the mentee and family's needs, such as food, shelter and counseling services. Funds would help the mentoring pair access low-cost activities centered around individualized goals.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 130-150 low-income families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Braddock Trail Chapter, NSDAR



Braddock Trail Chapter, National Society Daughters of the Revolution is a volunteer service organization that promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. The organization has owned and operated the historic Samuel Warden mansion in Mount Pleasant since the 1960s. Braddock Trail is one of only two chapters to own and operate a chapter house in western Pennsylvania and the only chapter in the state to operate a Genealogical Research Library open to the public. Members are mostly senior citizens and with the increased cost of living, the board is reluctant to increase membership dues. Funds would supplement operating income to continue to pay ever-increasing annual expenses.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 900 adults and children

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Brookline Teen Outreach Center



Brookline Teen Outreach Center provides quality resources free of charge to youth ages 10-18 to maximize their potential through educational and social programming, life skills workshops, tutoring, community service opportunities and licensed counseling. Free access is critical to the mission, ensuring all students have equal access to services. Funds would support tutoring services, workforce training, career readiness, adventure-based programming, LGBTQIA+ support, food and clothing pantries, social programming, counseling groups and programming with outside partners. Funds would help provide snacks and meals to students each day, purchase supplies, upgrade technology for student use and increase the amount of functional seating for both meals and activities.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 200 youth through after-school programming and 1,500 youth through community programming

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church for Bread of Life Food Pantry



Calvert Memorial Presbyterian Church for Bread of Life Food Pantry seeks to provide food security to families in need in the Etna area. The organization works to improve food security, utilize the local food system and improve the quality of life of community members. Capital improvements are needed for the pantry, including lighting upgrades, a new freezer and updated shopping carts. Craftsmen are hired regularly to make minor repairs. These budget expenses impact the ability to purchase food items. Funds would be used to purchase fresh produce and eggs from a local farmer, milk products from a local dairy and utilize area supermarkets for other items as shortages occur.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 120 families per month and 2,500 seniors and people with disabilities

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Cancer Bridges



Cancer Bridges supports those impacted by cancer by offering free programs and services including support groups and counseling. Demand has recently grown with an active member base of more than 3,000 people. The psychosocial effects of cancer are addressed by providing programming to adults and children of all ages. The diagnosed, friends, family, caregivers and those bereaved due to a cancer diagnosis navigate their unique cancer journeys together. Funds would allow the organization to address this critical need with additional counseling sessions and support groups.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 3,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Center for Employment Opportunities Inc.



Center for Employment Opportunities works to provide immediate and comprehensive employment services for recently incarcerated individuals. The organization addresses the root causes of recidivism by analyzing individual risk factors and raising individual skill levels through job readiness training, paid transitional employment, job coaching, development services and a year of employment retention support to be competitive in the job market. The program aims to break the intergenerational poverty cycle by addressing immediate and long-term employment needs. Funds would help support a workforce development program designed to impact individuals at the greatest risk to reoffend.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 112 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Center in Midland PA



The Center in Midland PA seeks to empower generations through Christ by focusing on four key areas: youth development, adult and family services, community development and mentoring. Funds would support providing programs and services to more students and families and expand women's holistic health programs. It would allow the organization to update equipment and supplies needed to continue to offer year-round youth development programs for students, and enrichment classes in areas including cooking, boxing, fitness, literary arts, podcasting, visual arts, photography, gardening, hiking, dancing and music. Funds would help sustain and expand a mental health program that provides all students access to on-site, no-cost counseling.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 200 individual students and more than 100 families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



**Christian Layman Corps**



Christian Layman Corps. serves southwestern Pennsylvania by providing families in need with food, clothing, household items and furniture through its various outreach programs. It operates a food pantry, emergency bed and food programs. Its thrift store covers the operating cost of running the Christian Layman Cores and various outreach programs. Store hours have been limited from six days to three since the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to impact finances. Funds would help to continue to offer services to the community, especially for children and veterans.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 8,744 families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Church Army USA - DBA Uncommon Grounds Café**



Uncommon Grounds Café works to serve people experiencing homelessness, addiction, mental illness and poverty in Aliquippa. The organization wants to expand its ministry to serve as much of the population as possible. The cafe is run by volunteers. Funds would be used to increase staffing, hours and update aging kitchen equipment to more effectively serve the community.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 10,000 individuals and families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Clear Thoughts Foundation



Clear Thoughts Foundation works to fund the discovery of breakthrough drugs and novel treatments to eliminate dementia. The organization seeks support for the next research grant awarded to the Clear Thoughts Foundation Consortium. This cohort of scientists continues to make collaborative research advancements, moving closer to preventative treatments for dementia. With these advancements comes an increased demand of funding for additional lab equipment, research specimens and new technology. Ultimately, researchers need a minimum of \$200,000 to help collect more data to apply and approve large National Institutes of Health project proposals. The organization contributes to underfunded projects to bridge the gap in advancing dementia research.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 3,500 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Created To Reign Inc.



Created to Reign works to empower families to change their communities, provides educational, financial and social programming to youth and parents in underserved communities so that they can thrive. COVID-19 had a massive impact on the mental health of youth and families, and children are behind in reading and mathematical education. The organization wants to address that and better prepare youth and adults in financial literacy. The organization anticipates that expanding participation will reduce youth violence, illiteracy and drop-out rates and increase the number of adults completing high-school diploma equivalent training. Funds would help renovate and expand the organization's facilities to help youth in Homewood recover what was lost during the pandemic through hands-on educational assistance and advocacy.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 30 children and 17 families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## Don't Stop Dreamin'



Don't Stop Dreamin' works to enrich the lives of residents in its personal care facilities and hospice by bringing joy and happiness by granting their dreams. It serves residents in 10 Quality Life Services personal care facilities and patients in Three Rivers Hospice in Butler, Mercer, Lawrence, Armstrong, Fayette, Cambria and Westmoreland counties. Many residents talk about things they wish they had done or what they would like to do before time runs out. One example is Sarah, a 38-year-old cancer patient whose dream was a trip to the zoo with her two young daughters, whom she has been separated from while in Quality Life Services care. Funds would help continue to fulfill dreams for residents and patients, bringing them more tears of joy, smiles and memories for their loved ones that will last a lifetime.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Mercer

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 40 dreams completed

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Dragon's Den



Dragon's Den provides transformative learning environments through a state-of-the-art two-level therapeutic and educational challenge course, after-school programs, summer camps and team-building activities. The course includes a high- and low-ropes course, a zip line and a climbing wall. The Homestead-based programs' participants are a mix of local children who attend for free and children from outside the neighborhood who pay a fee. Breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks are served at all camps. In 2023, Dragon's Den granted 246 full scholarships for families in need, doubling what was offered the previous year. Funds would help to meet the demand for camp scholarships in the immediate community.

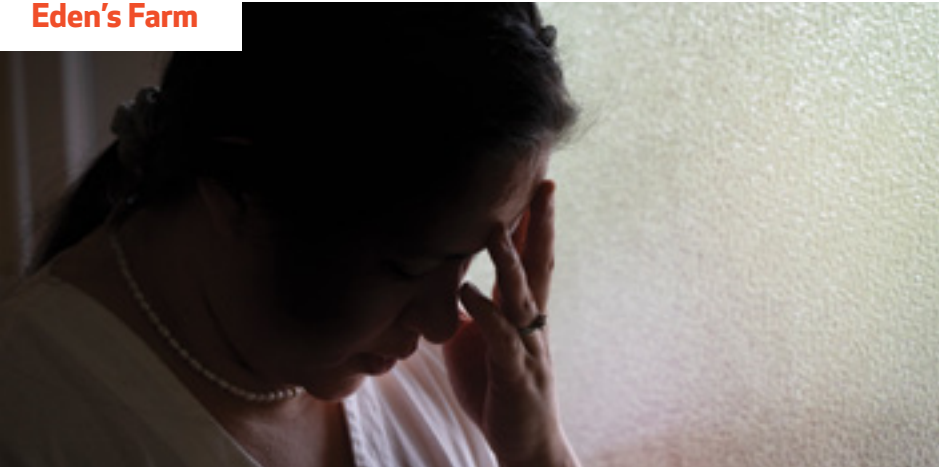
**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 3,500 children and families and 20 schools and youth agencies

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Eden's Farm



Eden's Farm provides safe housing, trauma-informed holistic care and resources to survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. The vision of Eden's Farm extends beyond mere survival; the organization strives to create an environment where survivors thrive. Survivors' recovery paths are intricate and varied, and the support they require is equally diverse. Funds would help the organization enhance its residential program to ensure that survivors' unique needs are met and that they have access to safe and stable housing as they embark on their healing journey.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 10 residents with 700 nights of housing and 300 community members trained

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Evolve Coaching Inc.



Evolve Coaching supports individuals with disabilities and the community through education, employment and the arts. The organization recently published a training resource to help teachers, counselors, administrators and other professionals who work with autistic students in education environments. Evolve has purchased and plans to renovate its Inclusion Center, the organization's first permanent office serving as a programming space and independent living training. Funds would help the organization purchase a conferencing system to run inclusive hybrid programming – essential to providing equal access to all members of its client population as well as increase its reach to additional public and private-sector employers and educational institutions across the region.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 265 clients and families, 30 employer partners, 1,000 employees, 50 universities and 700 fellow service providers and educators

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Faith & Gratitude**



Faith & Gratitude works to empower and educate cancer patients with knowledge and resources to strengthen their mind, body and spirit during treatment and beyond. Its programs include a Cancer Resource Guide, wellness seminars, one-on-one meetings, a bimonthly support group, website education and a speaker series. Cancer does not discriminate and Faith & Gratitude serves all patients regardless of age, race and gender. Programs are free of charge. Providing empowerment and education to those diagnosed with cancer is the cornerstone of the organization, and it never wants price to be the issue. Funds would help to create outreach programs to support cancer patients.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 300 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Faith Restorations Inc.**



Faith Restorations provides relief from food insecurity in Western Pennsylvania by serving families in need while promoting nutrition and self sufficiency. The organization feeds more than 500 families weekly through onsite distributions. It also partners with six other groups and supplies them with donations to further efforts in the fight against hunger. With three food distributions per week, numbers and costs are increasing. Faith Restorations' goal is to feed families who are facing food insecurity and purchase items needed to fill gaps left after the organization receives its donations. Along with the purchase of food, it is faced with an exorbitant monthly fuel cost. Funds would help alleviate some of the costs to feed such a large number of people.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 500 families weekly and 26,000 families annually

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## Foster Love Project



Foster Love Project provides goods, services and support for youth in foster care, those undergoing family reunification and youth in need of support during family preservation efforts. The project's largest program is the free Shopping Center, which serves up to 1,000 youth annually and provides items that are not readily available. Funds would support family support efforts to obtain items like car seats, cribs, high chairs, strollers and bikes. It will also help to support food-insecure families with food pantry items and meals.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 4,000 children

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Garfield Community Farm



Garfield Community Farm works to advance food sovereignty, environmental justice and neighborhood resiliency in the Garfield community. Since 2009, the farm has developed three acres of abandoned property into a community farm to increase access to local produce, offer educational programming and promote ecological restoration. The farm shifted focus in 2023 to operate as a community green space when it became a self-governing 501c3. Funds would strengthen the farm's programming and outreach as the organization works to build a sustainable funding base. Funding would also help facilitate produce distribution through a weekly farm market.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 2,300 volunteers, students and participants in farm activities

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Genesis of Pittsburgh Inc.**



Genesis of Pittsburgh is a social service agency dedicated to providing life-affirming programs and services to pregnant women, children and their families. In the past four years, the clients Genesis serves have changed and expanded, with more fathers seeking services and resources. Young, first-time fathers attend classes, participate in events and pick up requested pantry and baby items from the distribution center. General operating support would allow the agency to dedicate Genesis staff and resources to developing a curriculum targeting fathers. Funds would help the agency expand class offerings to include the educational needs of fathers and include dads in more focused programming.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1,234 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Glade Run Foundation**



The Glade Run Foundation works to empower the children, adults and families served by Glade Run Lutheran Services to experience personal wellness and growth. Glade Run Foundation developed the Good Neighbor Fund to support the basic and emergency needs of individuals and families as they work toward personal wellness and family unity. Since 2018 The Good Neighbor Fund has supported hundreds of individuals and families on their path to wellness. Funds would help provide families with food, toiletries, clothing, eyeglasses, household supplies, living assistance, utility, rent, automobile assistance when needed, transportation and other basic and emergency items.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Butler

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 5,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Greater Hope Restoration Ministries



Greater Hope Restoration Ministries addresses the social, physical and spiritual needs of members and the community while empowering people to find their purpose and succeed. The ministry runs the Raze Youth Program, which serves at-risk youth who have poor academic achievement, are from low-income families, whose home environment is unsafe or those who are identified by social services as victims of violence, abuse, neglect, or homelessness, as well as youth in alternative schools, youth from the juvenile justice system and those who are at-risk of human trafficking. Funds would help Raze Youth after-school programs which include athletics, performing arts, life skills in preparation for employment, drug and alcohol recovery services, a female-focused entrepreneurial program (Lipstick Dreams) and a male-focused entrepreneurial program (Building Dreams Together). Funding would also assist with the program's emergency youth shelter services.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 100 families and 75 children

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Jeannette Greenspaces Inc.



Jeannette Greenspaces grows vegetables for residents of Jeannette who need food assistance. The all-volunteer organization also teaches residents to grow their own gardens. About 20% of residents lack transportation to grocery stores and many low-income residents depend on the greenspace every summer for fresh produce. After two years of COVID-19-related closure, the greenspace reopened in 2022, and crops are coming in slowly. Many volunteers pay out of pocket for routine expenses such as gasoline and seeds. Funds would help with operating costs and insurance, along with repairing raised beds and refreshing soil.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 40 to 50 families who buy produce weekly and 26 who maintain raised beds independently

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



**Jeremiah's Place**



Jeremiah's Place works to protect children and strengthen families by providing a safe haven of respite, health, renewal and support for children when their families are experiencing a critical need for child care. As the only crisis nursery in the region, Jeremiah's Place provides judgment-free, 24/7 emergency child care for children ages zero through six at no cost to families. Families use the nursery's services for medical and mental health emergencies, appointments, workforce development, respite, domestic violence, labor or delivery, lapses in regular child care and unsafe child care options. The length of time a child stays at the nursery depends on the family's needs, ranging from a few hours to a few days. The nursery does not ask parents or guardians to bring anything when dropping off their children and provides all daily necessities during their stay. Funds would allow Jeremiah's Place to help meet the region's increasing demand for emergency child care.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 258 individual children from 179 families across 1,128 total visits to the center

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Learning Disabilities Association of Pennsylvania**



The Learning Disabilities Association of Pennsylvania works to enhance education and well-being for individuals with learning disabilities through free reading tutoring, improv-based life skills and accessible STEM labs for schools. The organization offers free reading tutoring to underserved families, including personalized one-on-one interventions and early literacy support in neighborhoods like the Hill District. Its Science of Reading-based approach addresses struggling readers and nurtures universal reading skills. It also trains individuals to become tutors within their own communities. In 2023, nearly 80 children benefited, with 14 tutors trained. Funds would help train additional early literacy tutors and expand the program into more communities.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 200 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Little Sisters of the Poor



Little Sisters of the Poor offers the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. The organization offers daily activities for those in its nursing home or independent living apartments including bingo, painting classes, ceramics, exercise programs and outings to restaurants and shopping. Funds would help cover the cost of resident outings, activities and entertainment.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 115 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Main St



Main St strives to operationalize economic equity. The organization works to build the capacity of those underrepresented within the business ecosystems as well as preparing a new generation to become economic contributors. The organization offers its media equipment and tools to help youth create media projects with practical applications, such as the marketing production summer interns created for five businesses in Hazelwood. Funds would help purchase more media equipment to bolster the program's effectiveness.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 30 youth ages 8-18 years old

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Make A Smile Foundation 412**



Make a Smile Foundation 412 helps individuals and families become self-sufficient. The organization is home-based and seeks a building that would allow it to store donations, rent space for income, hold foundation events, provide clients one-on-one services and eventually offer free or very low cost child care to clients. Funds would help obtain a space, materials and equipment for self-sufficiency programs.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 5-10 families and 10-20 individuals per month

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Mary's Place**



Mary's Place is a home for pregnant and parenting women that provides support in an environment of reverence and love. The organization strives to empower women with stability and independence while promoting the inherent dignity of both mother and child. The organization recently had a valve malfunction on its home boiler. This caused an unrecognized leak for 90 days, which cost close to \$20,000 between the water and sewer company. That cost does not include fixing the boiler, which keeps moms and babies warm during the winter. Funds would help fix the boiler and alleviate the financial stress from the leak.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 15 moms and babies

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## MA's Pantry



MA's Pantry provides nutritional and food assistance to low-income families. Living hand to mouth is difficult for families. It's no easier for MA's Pantry. After 40 years of service, its 55 year-old physical facility is in need of repair. The pantry has always put food first, but the time has arrived when attention to infrastructure is inescapable. Its staff understands the importance of food and nutrition for children, elderly, working poor and others they see every day. Funds would help maintain the pantry's facility to continue to serve those who depend upon it every month.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 110 households and 226 individuals, approximately 20,000 meals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## MAYA Organization



MAYA works to empower BIPOC and marginalized birthing people and birth workers to create positive change in the systems that impact them. MAYA exists to educate, empower, and advocate for pregnant, birthing and postpartum people and individuals touched by the criminal justice system. Delivering a baby while incarcerated comes with unique stressors – even traumas. MAYA provides support that is otherwise inaccessible in jail, including childbirth education, parenting preparation and one-on-one encouragement through labor, delivery and two hours postpartum. Funds would help expand services for pregnant inmates in Allegheny County jail.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 450 birthing people and 130 incarcerated and previously incarcerated individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Monroeville Foundation Inc.**



The Monroeville Foundation works to unify the greater Monroeville area with events and projects that promote health, wellness and harmony. The activities are driven by the needs expressed by community members and organizations. Its most expansive efforts involve planning and hosting several community events to bring residents together. With no staff, the board and volunteers provide all the labor. It has adopted a strategic plan to strengthen the infrastructure for future sustainability. The first strategy is to hire a part-time executive director and to create a database system that will track program outcomes and event attendance. Then the organization will invest in a donor management platform. Funds would help purchase a computer and subscription to a software system to track the outcomes and growth.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 5,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Mosaic Community Development Center**



Mosaic Community Development Center works to empower and elevate a generation of leaders to serve the Jeannette community. The organization holistically supports students' lives by promoting their overall success at home, school and in the community. Time is spent giving students the tools they need to regulate their emotions in all settings, help to avoid unnecessary consequences and avoid big reactions. Care is taken to use trauma-informed approaches. Students can count on consistent routines and expectations to promote success in other aspects of life. Funds would support after-school and summer education programs.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 200 students

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Multiplying Good



Multiplying Good works to fuel personal growth and leadership through service to others. Through Students In Action the organization trains and empowers the next generation of youth leaders. SIA utilizes skill-based service-learning to provide experiential learning opportunities for young people to apply and internalize leadership skills, empathy and social-emotional learning. Teens follow the evidence-based curriculum throughout the school year to complete youth-driven service projects and attend biannual Leadership Training Conferences. The organization has seen exponential program growth in the Greater Pittsburgh region and faces significant demand to engage youth from low-income neighborhoods and marginalized groups. Funds would support the work to engage, train, support and celebrate youth through programs offered at no cost to participating groups and students.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 570 youth directly engaged in Students In Action and 3,350 peers engaged in service projects

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Murrysville Meals on Wheels



Murrysville Meals on Wheels delivers fresh hot and cold meals prepared daily, as well as welfare checks to homebound seniors, individuals with health conditions or impairments who live independently in Murrysville and Export. Funds would benefit clients by offsetting the rising cost of quality fresh ingredients and packaging materials for meals. The organization wants clients to be prepared for emergency situations and provide shelf stable food and other supplies ahead of predicted inclement weather. Clients would also benefit from new delivery bags and coolers which are used daily. The organization also must replace an air conditioning unit to provide a safe and comfortable environment for volunteers to cook and package meals. Funds would be used to purchase needed supplies to provide and prepare meals.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 50-55 independently living individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition



Pediatric Palliative Care Coalition works to provide support, education and resources for families and medical professionals caring for children with life-limiting illnesses and medical complexities. The organization works to increase health equity by removing the barriers that prevent families from accessing quality end-of-life care. The organization ensures that no one feels alone during the difficult journey of caring for a medically complex child. Many families in Southwestern Pennsylvania do not have access to home palliative care or hospice services and these resources are invaluable. The coalition offers virtual programming such as educational opportunities, support groups and townhall discussions, and an expanding library of easily downloadable materials, such as the Creative Expressions Toolkit. Funds would ensure that families and the pediatric hospice and palliative care providers that assist them receive necessary support and resources.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1800 caregivers, 5000 care providers, 1000 patients and 500 community members

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



Kim Louis, executive director of Sonward Youth Programs, reads a story to students participating in after-school activities organized by Sonward Young Programs. The group works in Westmoreland County communities with the highest poverty rates, including New Kensington and Arnold. Photo by Maranie Staab

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## Angels' Place Inc.



Angels' Place provides family support and quality early childhood education to help single parents in school with children five years old and younger. The organization builds healthier, brighter futures that empower children's daily physical and mental well-being through access to high-quality early childhood education. Simultaneously, parents benefit from the Family Support program services that strengthen the family unit by supporting parents to complete their educational goals and obtain satisfying employment, moving toward self-sufficiency. The organization offers a range of services at no cost to single, student-parent families who meet low-income guidelines. Funds would serve a growing need for child care assistance.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 100 clients, including children and their parents

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Bender Leadership Academy



Bender Leadership Academy prepares youth with disabilities for a successful transition from school to work through competency-building and certification programs. Programs help students build the foundation for a successful transition by developing self-confidence and skills to be applied in the workplace. Students earn credentials to build resume competencies, including nationally recognized certifications in in-demand careers such as customer service. Students gain hands-on work experience and explore careers through internships and on-site training with employer partners. Mental wellness is woven throughout all programs to build resiliency, coping skills and healthy relationships. Funds would be used to hire qualified instructors with special education backgrounds, purchase course materials, cover certification fees, purchase interview outfits and internship stipends.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 800 individuals ages 14-21

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation



Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation exists to improve the quality of life for all in Garfield and surrounding neighborhoods through active community engagement. Since 1975, the Corporation has been a force in uplifting Pittsburgh's East End neighborhoods through services like affordable housing, youth programs, employment support, grants for neighbors in need and free tax preparation support. One program is the College & Career Readiness Program, which guides high school juniors and seniors who need additional support and services toward success. In the coming year, 45 participants will be guided toward graduation and informed of post-secondary choices and paid internships. Focused on schools with low graduation rates and high absenteeism, such as University Prep, Westinghouse, Penn Hills and Passport Academy, the program counters obstacles for students and nurtures pathways to advancement. Funds would provide groceries, clothing, identification documents, laptops, books and registration fees.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 13,000 individuals including 150 youth

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Community of Celebration



Community of Celebration empowers emerging leaders as they launch and grow new businesses and nonprofits. Its Greenhouse Lab project puts the needs of the most vulnerable in the region first by providing access to entrepreneurial resources to those affected by marginalization, poverty and injustice. Its programs assist emerging leaders to overcome the obstacles that all early-stage startups face. Its newest project is a small business network called Collaborate that intentionally reinforces business alliances to ensure greater success for each individual organization. The organization is building a map and directory of the Collaborate network to promote, connect and support local entrepreneurs as they form business alliances. Funds would help enrich programs that provide training and strategic coaching for startups along with a network of mentor support and connections for their leaders.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 120 emerging leaders, representing 60 businesses and nonprofits

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Connecting Champions



Connecting Champions pairs kids and young adults who have cancer with a mentor in their desired career field to help them achieve a brighter future. The organization's evidence-based, outcomes-driven approach helps young people gain skills and knowledge, find direction and pursue their passions. Connecting Champions' in-person and virtual mentorship programs have paired hundreds of young people with mentors from more than 100 career paths, such as NASA engineers, artists, welders and cake decorators. Referrals have tripled in the past year. Funds would help serve more severely at-risk young people in the region.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 100 individuals who have or had cancer

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Crop & Kettle



Crop & Kettle's Farm-to-Table Workforce Training Program provides job training to community members eager to overcome past barriers to employment. As the region's food system is facing a deficit in qualified workers, state officials have added several food-service and agricultural-related positions to Pennsylvania's lists of high-priority and in-demand occupations. In response to this demand, Crop & Kettle's 16-week program that focuses on skill and character development took significant steps in 2023 to expand enrollment, including transitioning to a larger more accessible facility, increasing staff, enhancing admissions processes and improving program transportation. Crop & Kettle seeks funds to increase enrollment by 30% in 2024 and provide hope, opportunity and sustainable personal growth for people to overcome generational challenges.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 24 students from Allegheny and Beaver counties and more than 25 families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



**Dress for Success Pittsburgh**



Dress for Success Pittsburgh empowers women by providing clothing, connections and employment readiness support as they take the next step in their careers. It has helped more than 38,000 self-identified women across the Pittsburgh region access professional attire and support. The women entering or returning to the workforce, transitioning into a new field or exiting a period of homelessness, incarceration or a toxic home environment also receive resume services, access to technology and Wi-Fi, professional headshots and contact with invaluable community partners and resources. Dress for Success seeks to reach women in innovative ways, from presenting collaborative job fairs to bringing mobile boutiques directly to the neighborhoods that lack access to adequate and affordable transportation. Funds would allow Dress for Success to serve thousands of women annually and expand its reach through mobile services.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 4,000 self-identified women

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

**Faith United Methodist Church of Fox Chapel**



Faith United Methodist Church of Fox Chapel's Roots of Faith builds community by reconciling people with God and one another. It focuses on eliminating poverty and racial inequity in Sharpsburg. Funds would support three interconnected programs that share a goal of alleviating poverty, increasing racial equity and improving the quality of life of Sharpsburg residents. They include The Neighborhood Table, a weekly free community dinner with relationship-building and access to free legal, medical and social work services; Circles Sharpsburg, an anti-poverty program that connects low-income individuals with peers and volunteers; and Social Services Hub, a one-stop resource that offers immediate support and referrals for community members needing food, housing and utility assistance. Funds would also help expand programming, including a new Young Adult Economic Empowerment Program, and advocacy efforts to preserve and create affordable housing.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 350 families and 2,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Sonward Youth Programs



Sonward works to change the communities of New Kensington and Arnold through youth enrichment programs in the neighborhoods with the highest poverty rates in Westmoreland County. Sonward relaunched in August of 2022 after a prolonged closure due to COVID-19. During that time, there was an increase in youth gun violence in the community that has continued into 2023. Sonward operates as a holistic care team, meeting wrap-around needs of staff, participants and their families. Sonward provides a community of support and advocacy for everyone who is connected to the program. Sonward's founding director and her family live in the community and "do life" with the families who participate, providing relational support alongside the professional services supporting the families. Funds would support the pay of teen staffers to meet their financial needs and develop them into good citizens.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 100 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## The Pittsburgh Contingency for Wilkinsburg Land Bank



Since 2022, the Wilkinsburg Land Bank has addressed the approximately 1,000 blighted and abandoned properties in Wilkinsburg, and has provided a source of affordable housing for low-to-moderate income first-time home-buyers. The land bank's long-term goals are to move every abandoned property into new ownership in a way that creates economic mobility for current Wilkinsburg renters and prevents displacement. The organization works to prevent the displacement that happened in nearby East Liberty. As renters are incredibly vulnerable to market fluctuations, the land bank works to ensure that Wilkinsburg's appreciating real estate market will benefit the people who live there. The goal is affordable home-ownership, first and foremost for Wilkinsburg renters. Pathways to create economic mobility include a strategy for a Section 8 Home-Ownership program as well as the cultivation of small contractors to renovate the houses and return them to families.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 40 families with 40 homes for sale

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Trade Institute of Pittsburgh



The Trade Institute of Pittsburgh works to empower people with significant barriers to employment through skill building and career opportunities. One of the most significant barriers to securing and sustaining living-wage jobs is reliable transportation. Trade Institute students with a driver’s license and a reliable vehicle can expect to earn \$3 more per hour than individuals without access to transportation. The institute’s case manager offers one-on-one driver training and covers any fines or fees associated with securing a driver’s license. Funds would provide bus passes and driver’s license support to students to ensure that they have the greatest opportunity for success upon graduation. In addition, the organization is looking to purchase vehicles that alumni can sign out for the day.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 80 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh



Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh is a community-based organization of residents, institutions and business owners working together to build a vibrant, sustainable and just community for all. Uptown has been struck particularly hard by poverty and unemployment, with income levels lower than the national average and Allegheny County. The partners are committed to helping individuals break out of the cycle of poverty and achieve financial stability. Uptown Empower Workforce Development is a new program provided by Uptown Partners of Pittsburgh with the goal of connecting local community members with employment opportunities to improve economic stability. Funds would prepare and connect local community members with employment by providing them with the skills, knowledge and confidence required to excel in their careers.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1,600 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**





Tynisha Chambers, left, and Nick Sirio with The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation tend to a community garden in Homewood. The foundation plants and helps others plant fruit trees worldwide and encourages their growth under organic standards. Photo by Maranie Staab.

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## Allegheny CleanWays



Allegheny CleanWays engages and empowers people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Allegheny County. The organization's paid crew and community volunteers pick up and properly dispose of or recycle trash at illegal dumpsites, litter on land and riverbanks. They also clear storm drains to promote flood mitigation. Crew members educate on the effects of debris on the environment. The organization believes in environmental justice for all. Funds would enable Allegheny CleanWays to further its mission of cleaning up Allegheny County for all people.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** Allegheny County which has a population of 1.22 million individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Chalfant Run/Thompson Run Watershed Association



The Chalfant Run/Thompson Run Watershed Association works to protect and clean waterways so they are vibrant, living streams. The group also connects people to their watershed by providing outreach, education and access. The run is an Environmental Justice area as designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. It is less than two miles away from Homewood, Lincoln-Larimer and other Environmental Justice areas within Pittsburgh. In the Fall of 2021, the organization began hosting students from Wilkinsburg for field trips at the Churchill Valley Greenway. Many children had never seen a stream before, though the Greenway is less than a mile from the school. The organization would use funds to expand the program to engage the Penn Hills, Woodland Hills and Pittsburgh elementary and middle schools.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** More than 100,000 students

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



**Communitopia**



Communitopia provides transformative climate change education that develops climate leaders and advances equitable solutions. The organization has hired more staff and significantly increased the scope of its work from 2022-23. The staff compensation has not grown to match competitive wage rates. The climate emergency weighs heavily on the region and the world, and the window is rapidly closing to enact equitable solutions to protect current and future generations. Funds would ensure the organization can implement valid community-specific solutions led by youth, educators and its staff.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 325 students, 125 educators, 75 collaborators and community members and 180 regional educators

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Fern Hollow Nature Center**



Fern Hollow Nature Center works to inspire people of all ages to appreciate the environment through educational programs and opportunities to discover the natural resources of Sewickley Valley parks. It is the centerpiece for environmental education in the Quaker Valley and surrounding area and serves more than 10,000 visitors annually. The center provides hands-on environmental programs for local students. Funds would help purchase new equipment for programs and citizen science projects including binoculars, magnifying glasses, microscopes, air-quality testing kits and nature-themed toys.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1,500 children, 5,000 students, 300 campers, 500 families, 500 adults and more than 2,000 unknown individuals who use the center's grounds

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Friends of the Riverfront



Friends of the Riverfront builds safe, clean, and accessible riverfront trails in the Three Rivers Heritage & Water Trail systems. The organization works to provide economic, environmental and health benefits to the Pittsburgh region. As interest in the trail has increased since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the trail now hosts more than one million trips annually. The increase in users has brought a greater need to monitor the trail and ensure users feel safe and welcome. Funds would support Friends of the Riverfront's new Trail Ambassador program, in which ambassadors travel the trails regularly to monitor conditions and offer assistance, resources on trail etiquette and trail-related information. Ambassadors also act as trail representatives in their neighborhoods and build partnerships between communities and the organization.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** One million trail users

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Fruit Tree Planting Foundation



The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation brings the beauty and bounty of fruit trees and community orchards to communities that need them most. The foundation plants fruit trees to provide vital access to green spaces, fresh foods and beautification in underserved areas, particularly BIPOC and low-income neighborhoods. The group has planted hundreds of trees around Pittsburgh over the past two decades and seeks support to maintain established orchards. Funds would send certified arborists to care for existing trees and train orchard caretakers in effective, organic methods and harvest techniques. Financial support would also help replenish lost trees to maintain the positive transformation they bring and enrich the lives of community members.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 76 communities with more than 2,000 community volunteers

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Humane Action Pittsburgh**



Humane Action Pittsburgh works to protect animals by empowering people to effect change through education, policy and community action. Over the past eight years, the organization was instrumental in passing 25 animal protection laws, expanded its team to include three paid staff members and is now spearheading more than 20 campaigns aimed at advancing animal welfare. Funds would assist with operational and administrative costs and would enable the organization to engage the community with education on animal protection.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** Thousands of humans and animals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

**Lawrenceville United**



Lawrenceville United works to improve and protect the quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents. The organization focuses on cleaning and greening efforts, affordable housing advocacy, weekly food distributions and running the Lawrenceville Farmers Market. For the past nine years, the organization and a group of steadfast volunteers have created and maintained a special urban food forest and natural playscape at Upper Lawrenceville’s Duncan Park. Residents have designed an accessible space that operates on principles of inclusion and respect for each other and the environment. The park holds 31 fruit trees, including native pawpaw trees, an herb spiral, compost, a basketball court, a rock scramble and a slide. Funds would assist Lawrenceville United with plans to relaunch a natural educational series in the park, re-paint the court and add native plants and trees as needed.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 850 resident members

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



## Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse



Pittsburgh Center for Creative Reuse inspires creativity, conservation and community engagement through reuse. Located at the intersection of Wilksburg, Homewood and Point Breeze, the center is a non-traditional and regionally-unique creative reuse center where community members donate and shop for used art and craft supplies. It also facilitates hands-on creative programming that educates the public about the benefits of reuse for the environment, community and self. The community demand for both donating used materials and creative programming far exceeds the organization's current capacity. Funds would be used to hire more staff and add hours for existing staff to increase education and donation capacity for the benefit of the entire community.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 26,000 individuals and hands-on programming for more than 9,000

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**

## Promote PT DBA Protect PT for Concerned Residents of West Deer (CROWD)



Concerned Residents of West Deer educates and empowers residents to engage with municipal government to advocate for health, safety and environmental protection in their communities. The group seeks to engage in outreach and educate communities throughout northern Allegheny County about the public hearing process at the municipal level and plans for petrochemical expansion throughout Western Pennsylvania. Funds would support efforts to demand health and safety protections concerning fracking well pads proposed in West Deer Township and to offer guidance to other communities in the region.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 4,000 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** **\$5,000**



Mackenzie Sing, a Pittsburgh Public Schools senior, and other members of the Humane Action Network's Youth Steering Committee talk about how to advocate to legislators during a training session at the Carnegie Library in East Liberty. The group works to advance the protection of animals through policy and community action. Photo by Jason Cohn.





Kendra Randolph, left, and her Amachi mentor, Maisha Sturdivant, explore the Asian Lantern Festival at the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium. Amachi pairs youth who have a parent who is incarcerated with a mentor. Photo by Renee Rosensteel.



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## ACHIEVA



As disabled people are underserved and extremely stressed in prison, ACHIEVA's Autism Connection of Pennsylvania is a lifeline and central hub for families and adults to provide autism support, information and advocacy. About a quarter of the U.S. prison population has a developmental disability. When justice entanglement occurs, families are devastated. They suddenly lose control, feeling lost and hopeless. The organization aims to reach in, listen to, support and amplify the voices of those incarcerated. Funds would help increase support group offerings and build an understanding community for families of those incarcerated. Funds would help expand the first-in-the-nation support group for families of incarcerated people with disabilities.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** The organization receives 250 help requests monthly

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Allegheny Lawyers Initiative for Justice



Allegheny Lawyers Initiative for Justice provides innovative, holistic defense services and collaborates with community partners to advance transformational change in the criminal legal system. The initiative now focuses on building a holistic defense model and will soon provide direct client services. Funds would help the team continue to study and develop a thoughtful business plan and compensate the consultants who make the initiative's diverse holistic defense start-up team. That seven-member team includes two social workers, an investigator, three attorneys and a community advocate with lived experience.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** The initiative estimates it will serve 50 individuals in its first year providing direct client services

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Alliance for Refugee Youth Support and Education



Alliance for Refugee Youth Support and Education supports immigrant and refugee youth to become engaged, confident and celebrated members of the community. Funds would support the final year of the organization’s three-year post-resettlement program, which serves 30 high-school-aged youth from Afghanistan transitioning to life in Pittsburgh. The ARYSE Empowered Afghan Youth program offers community-building activities, individualized post-secondary planning support, English language development and field trips to local cultural, educational and arts institutions. Funds would replace a one-year grant previously received from Welcome.US, a national initiative supporting the integration of Afghan refugees displaced after the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan in August 2021. Funds would ensure ARYSE can continue enrolling students in need and conclude the program with a proper community celebration of students’ accomplishments.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 150-200 immigrant and refugee youth ages 10-24 annually

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Amachi Pittsburgh



Amachi Pittsburgh works to empower those most vulnerable to the criminal justice system by supporting youth and families impacted by parental incarceration. These youth, with a sixfold risk of becoming incarcerated themselves, grapple with intersecting marginalization, navigating racism and poverty. The organization offers one-on-one mentorship from compassionate adults and nurtures youth leadership to foster civic engagement. More than 90% of Amachi youth break free from the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. Funds would provide essential general operating support for Amachi Pittsburgh to continue its work with youth and families impacted by parental incarceration.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 397 individuals benefited from Amachi’s programs and services in 2022 including 160 youth, 140 caregivers and guardians and 97 mentors

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## Arise Immigration Services



Arise Immigration Services provides pro bono legal services to immigrants in Pittsburgh and expands capacity around the county through its mentorship training model. It provides solutions to the injustices immigrants face with high-quality, pro bono legal services for immigrants with complex cases in Pittsburgh. The organization provides training and mentoring to other advocates with a model that reflects its philosophy that advocates learn best in community with others and with the support of a seasoned, savvy advocate. The demand for services has never been higher. Since launching in early 2023, Arise has provided legal representation to Afghan asylum-seekers in Pittsburgh. These clients served alongside the U.S., which placed them at great risk when the U.S. withdrew from Afghanistan. Funds would help the organization expand services to train more advocates and serve more asylum-seekers in Pittsburgh.

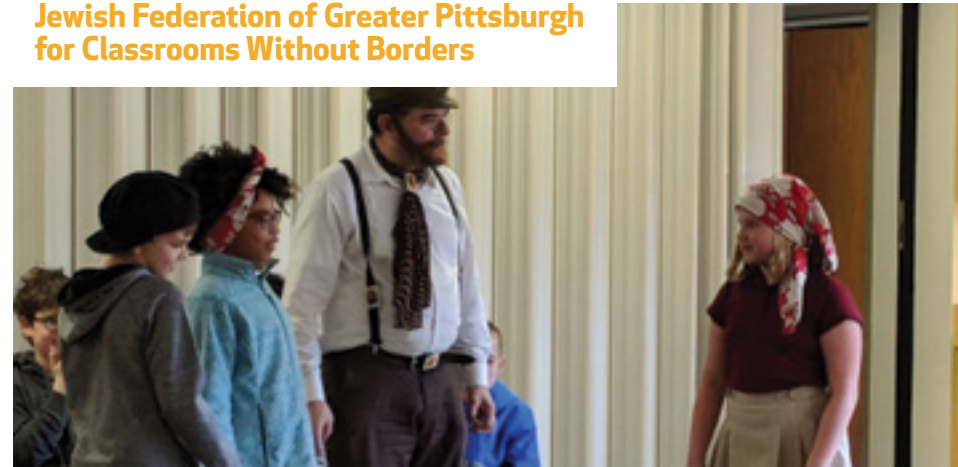
**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 28 clients from Afghanistan and 19 immigration advocates

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh for Classrooms Without Borders



Classrooms Without Borders works to open minds and hearts through learning experiences that empower educators and students to combat discrimination, injustice and hate. The program aims to combat bigotry, injustice and discrimination by educating individuals to promote universal human values of acceptance, empathy, courage and respect. It provides in-school, virtual and travel-study programs. The organization brings guest speakers, teaching artists, experts and scholars into schools to discuss the roots of racism and antisemitism and social justice and human rights movements. Funds would help expand programs into schools without charge.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 33 school districts, 135 schools, 128 educators and 16,000 students

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## New Sun Rising for YogaRoots On Location



YogaRoots On Location builds community through anti-racist and social justice-based Raja Yoga to courageously and vulnerably explore hearts, histories and action through collective healing. The organization wishes for scholarship funds for Pittsburghers of the Global Majority and those facing systemic financial barriers to pursuing the organization's 200-hour Anti Racist and Social Justice Raja Yoga Teacher Training. Its anti-oppression model means no one is denied access due to resource inequity. The yearlong training cultivates civic stewardship by integrating systems-based and trauma-informed frameworks. Doing so strengthens democracy by curating a diverse community of highly skilled intergenerational change makers. Trainees focus on self and community care to address school, work and life burnout to support the community's quality of life. The organization teaches Raja Yoga as a pathway to sustain anti-oppression work while centering Blackness and collective liberation rooted in unconditional love.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 60 individuals through Yoga teacher training and 500 individuals through professional development

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000





Retired Army Veteran Andrew Slaughaupt rides on a trail in Boyce Park. He is a leader in Battles to Bikes, an organization that provides bikes to and creates community through riding events. Photo by Renee Rosensteel.



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## Allegheny Family Network for Highlands Partnership Network



Highlands Partnership Network works to build belonging and pride by connecting people to resources that impact and transform lives. The grassroots volunteer effort of nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, elected officials and resident stakeholders collaborates monthly to identify challenges, barriers and the lack of resources in the Highlands School District communities of Tarentum, Fawn, Brackenridge and Harrison Township. The Partnership relies on volunteers to solicit funding for programs to address the needs of community youth, families and residents. Funds would support staffing needed to continue to operate the organization, expand programs, support the garden and bike-share program, after-school programs for students, family emergency support, community outreach, a free store and food distribution.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 350 families and 167 students

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Black- and/or Brown-led; Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley



Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley rescues, rehabilitates and re-homes stray, injured, abused and abandoned dogs and cats in the Alle-Kiski Valley. The no-kill shelter seeks to expand the concrete pads outside the doors leading to the dogs' play yards. During inclement weather, the mud gathers in the entryway, and the dogs and handlers track it into the building. The dogs then need to be bathed and the staff must clean the floors so that no one slips and falls. This takes time that could be spent walking the dogs or engaging them in behavior training, readying them for adoption.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 3,700 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

**Battles to Bikes**



Battles to Bikes provides free bicycles and two-wheeled recreational therapy to local veterans in need. The organization seeks to secure three more bicycle packages for local veterans. Packages include a bicycle, helmet, gloves and tool kit. Since the program’s inception in 2021, recognition has grown about the magnitude of recreational, mental, physical and emotional needs of veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Enjoying outdoor cycling, with or without others, is therapeutic for many. To spread that positive influence even further, the organization requests funding to provide three more bicycle packages.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** Two individuals received bike packages in its inaugural year

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

**Casino Theater Restoration and Management, Inc.**



Casino Theater Restoration and Management works to restore and maintain the historic Casino Theater located in Vandergrift. Vandergrift was a steel mining town founded in 1900 to be "something better than the best" by George McMurry. On military holidays, the veteran’s memorial on the theater grounds serves as a stage for ceremonies and the laying of wreaths honoring hometown soldiers. The memorial site includes plaques listing the names of local soldiers who served in U.S. conflicts through 1990 and special recognition of fallen heroes. Funds would be used to refurbish the memorial area to include seating for quiet reflection and add missing names and residents who served in conflicts since 1990.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 9,500 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000



## Communicycle Beaver County Inc.



Communicycle Beaver County connects people in need to others in their community to promote healthy activity and essential transportation by refurbishing, distributing and repairing bicycles at no cost. In 2011 Communicycle opened in a low-cost, unheated building in Aliquippa, where volunteers fixed donated bikes for children. The group added Aliquippa neighborhood events to help those in poverty or in single-parent families who couldn't get to the shop, and eventually expanded to serve adults and other communities. This expansion required a year-round location and more bikes, supplies, tools, volunteers and room. The organization is negotiating a lease for a rental property, a space physically and geographically suitable and essential to growing its mission. Funds would help establish a central location for its outreach.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Beaver

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1,500 refurbished bikes were distributed and 500 bikes repaired

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** Primarily Black- and Brown-serving

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Emma's Footprints



Emma's Footprints provides burial, cremation, headstones, urns, counseling and care packages to families who experience pregnancy or infant loss. It works closely with social workers at hospitals, local funeral homes and mental health professionals to provide financial assistance, compassionate guidance and emotional support while walking beside families on their grief journey. Funds would help meet the increased demand for families who are experiencing a pregnancy or infant loss in Allegheny County.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 300 families

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

**Friends of the Whitehall Public Library**



The Whitehall Public Library serves as a community resource for education, exploration and enrichment. The library was recognized in 2018 as a Best Small Library in America for efforts to build bridges between long-term residents and the local refugee and immigrant communities. With funds, the library would partner with Whitehall Borough to install Little Free Libraries in community parks during an upcoming community parks upgrade. The Little Free Libraries would reach community members who may not otherwise visit the library and also help residents create personal libraries in homes that may lack literacy resources. Volunteers from The Friends of Whitehall Library would oversee the stands. Funding would support the Little Free Libraries and associated installation hardware.

- PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Allegheny
- POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 14,000 residents
- BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A
- WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

**Indiana County Public Safety Academy**



Indiana County Public Safety Academy provides emergency services personnel with training in basic and advanced skills and knowledge applicable to various situations encountered by field personnel. As an Educational Training Authority under the PA State Fire Academy program, the Academy's programs are attended by first responders and industry agencies from various counties in southwestern Pennsylvania, including Indiana, Westmoreland, Armstrong and Allegheny. Funds would enable the Academy to continue to offer training to emergency services volunteers from the region at a reduced rate. With the ever-increasing costs of materials and supplies and increased costs for utilities and insurance, any funding received will allow the academy to provide training without impacting the students' agency budgets.

- PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Indiana
- POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 1,000 students
- BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A
- WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000

## Laurel Highlands Workforce and Opportunity Center



Laurel Highlands Workforce and Opportunity Center offers tuition-free health care education and job placement to Westmoreland County's disadvantaged residents. The group seeks to reduce barriers by providing child care and transportation support. The center offers two health care programs, licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education: Clinical Medical Assistant and Patient Service Associate. Both courses offer national certification upon successful completion and pay a living wage with career pathways. Funds would assist one or more students with direct education costs so the center can reach even more individuals in Westmoreland County.

**PRIMARY COUNTY SERVED** Westmoreland

**POPULATION SERVED ANNUALLY** 18 individuals

**BLACK- AND BROWN-LED OR SERVING** N/A

**WISH REQUESTED** \$5,000





A Cherry Hill Township fireman sprays water on a fire inside the flashover simulator at the Indiana County Public Safety Academy during flashover recognition and survival training. The Indiana County Public Safety Academy provides training to emergency service personnel. Image by Jason Cohn.





Felicia Savage Friedman, the CEO and Founder of YogaRoots On Location sits in a pose. The organization uses antiracist and social-justice-based Raja Yoga to heal collectively. Provided photo.

# ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

Since its founding in 1945, the Foundation's values have been evident in the deep relationships its people have forged in the region. As new strategies are developed to improve quality of life for everyone, the staff has identified these values and pledged to follow them in our work.

**Accountability:** We act with transparency and integrity, fulfilling our commitments and owning the outcomes of our decisions.

**Collaboration:** We unite in our work together to increase impact in our community for the collective greater good.

**Community:** We embrace the opportunity to learn from those we serve and those who serve us to help shape solutions.

**Racial Justice:** We work to enact fundamental systemic changes by eliminating policies, laws, practices, attitudes and cultural messages that reinforce differential outcomes by race.

**Trust:** We have faith in our communities and earn their confidence by demonstrating competency, honesty and positive intent.

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Jewel Scales climbs the rock wall at the Dragon's Den after-school program in Homestead. Participants gain competency and challenge themselves on the ropes course inside the re-purposed church along with more traditional activities such as homework help. Photo by Renee Rosensteel.



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