

# POTTSTOWN CITIZENS FOR Enlightened LEADERSHIP

## Building sustainable non-profits

On Tuesday, we listed grants from the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation to area school districts.

Together with grants to area private and parochial schools and nurseries (shown in the chart, below left), the amount earmarked for formal education tops \$8.7 million. All told, the Foundation has allocated nearly half its total giving — about \$18.3 million — to schools and direct medical service providers.

Another key mission of the Foundation is “funding learning opportunities and strategic planning to strengthen non-profits.”

The biggest beneficiary of Foundation grants has been the TriCounty Community Network, which likens itself to a chamber of commerce for non-profits,

providing networking and training. Meanwhile, the Foundation staff has grown from five to nine staff members, even though it’s giving out about the same amount of money annually.

The Foundation says additional staff are needed because it is trying to nurture non-profits. Foundation funds are ideally used to help non-profits leverage grants from other sources.

Below right is a list of non-profits that have received significant funding from the Foundation. But the Foundation also gives out scores of very small grants — \$10,000 or less.



Commentary by  
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| <b>Total grants awarded</b>    | <b>900+</b> |
| <b>Receiving organizations</b> | <b>150+</b> |

| <b>Private schools and selected non-profits funded by Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation</b> |                |  |                |
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| <b>Private school</b>   | <b>Funding</b> | <b>Non-profit</b>                          | <b>Funding</b> |
| Coventry Christian School   | \$462,268      | TriCounty Community Network                | \$1,348,675    |
| Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Parish   | \$313,500      | Tri County Area YWCA                       | \$1,128,606    |
| St. Aloysius  | \$228,990      | TriCounty Active Adult Center              | \$780,290      |
| West Mont Christian Academy   | \$166,825      | Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities | \$720,941      |
| Pope John Paul High School  | \$120,960      | Pottstown Area Police Athletic League      | \$647,880      |
| Wyndcroft School  | \$90,800       | Olivet Boys and Girls Club                 | \$603,308      |
| Brookside Montessori  | \$70,817       | ACLAMO                                     | \$501,750      |
| Faulkner Swamp Nursery School   | \$60,378       | Mosaic Community Land Trust                | \$363,500      |
| Montgomery Early Learning Center  | \$60,000       | Foundation for Pottstown Education         | \$300,540      |
| Holy Cross Regional Catholic School   | \$17,362       | Family Services of Montgomery County       | \$298,104      |
| Grace Lutheran Pre-school   | \$10,062       | Maternity Care Coalition                   | \$270,000      |
|   |                | Maternal and Child Health Consortium       | \$241,000      |
|   |                | Freedom Valley YMCA                        | \$193,000      |