



“Giving Matters”

OUR MISSION

TO PARTNER WITH GENEROUS PEOPLE TO BUILD
PERMANENT PHILANTHROPIC RESOURCES THAT
STRENGTHEN OUR REGION.



Meet the PACF's Next Executive Director!

Nahley will assume the Executive Director role on January 1, 2026



The Board of Directors of the PACF is pleased to announce the appointment of Amy Nahley as the organization's next Executive Director, following a nationwide search conducted by the Benefactor Group. In a field of exemplary candidates, Amy stood out for the depth of her understanding of the PACF and her relationships with community leaders who can help advance the organization's critical mission. Amy has served as the Foundation's Senior Program Officer since 2023 and previously served as the Director of Purchasing and Auditing at the Wood County Board of Education.

"We are thrilled to welcome Amy Nahley as the next Executive Director of the PACF," said Tom Whaling, the Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "Amy is a dynamic leader with deep knowledge of our donors and nonprofit partners. She has a proven record of success in her current role and is ideally positioned to lead the organization into its next chapter of growth and expanded impact."

Nahley lives in Parkersburg with her husband, Chris, and their three children. She is an accomplished professional who leads the Foundation's grantmaking efforts, managing a portfolio of approximately \$4 million annually.

Nahley holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Auburn University and a Juris Doctor from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University.

Beyond her work at the PACF, Nahley is deeply engaged in community and leadership initiatives. She is committed to fostering collaboration among local organizations, strengthening nonprofit capacity, and supporting efforts that enhance the quality of life for her neighbors.

"Working with the Foundation has shown me the incredible impact we can have when we bring people together around shared goals," said Nahley. "I'm eager to take on a broader leadership role—deepening connections with our board, fundholders, and community partners to advance the mission we all care about."

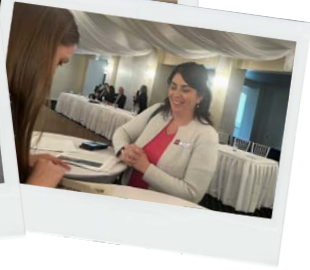
As Executive Director, Nahley will oversee the PACF's operations and, in partnership with the Board, guide its strategic direction. Under her leadership, the Foundation will remain a leading resource in helping Mid-Ohio Valley donors realize their personal philanthropic goals and bring together leaders across the region to address the urgent issues faced by our communities.

"Amy brings a proven record of strategic leadership that positions her well to lead us into this next chapter. Under her guidance, we are confident the Foundation will continue to grow, working with donors to establish new funds and deepening our collective impact in the community," said Robert Wright, Chair of the Search Committee. "We extend our sincere gratitude to Fred Rader for his years of dedicated service and the lasting contributions he has made to our community."

CE Opportunity Recap

The PACF recently partnered with the Marietta Community Foundation to host industry expert Bryan Clontz at the Parkersburg Country Club. Local financial and estate planning professionals participated in a workshop-style learning session featuring five unique charitable giving case studies.

Through opportunities like this, we educate and partner with those who help our generous neighbors build a brighter future for our communities.



End-of-Year Considerations for Tax Planning

A Donor Advised Fund at the PACF is an excellent way to simplify your giving, stay organized, and even engage the next generation in philanthropy. If you itemize deductions on your income tax return, you may have heard that beginning in 2026, new rules will introduce both a floor and a cap on itemized charitable deductions.

That means 2025 offers a unique opportunity to “front-load” or “bunch” charitable contributions into your DAF before the tax landscape changes. By making a larger contribution in 2025 — perhaps representing two or three years of anticipated giving — you can maximize your tax deduction under the current rules while continuing to recommend grants to charities in 2026 and beyond. In addition, consider contributing highly-appreciated marketable securities (or other long-term appreciated assets) to your donor-advised fund.

In many cases, gifts of appreciated assets can provide greater tax advantages than cash gifts. You may be eligible for a deduction based on the asset’s fair market value, and when the assets are sold, the proceeds flow into your fund free of capital gains tax creating even more potential for charitable impact. To get a 2025 tax deduction for a gift of appreciated assets, please initiate the transfer by December 19, to allow time for processing.



Honoring Veterans Day & Celebrating Collaboration



In honor of Veterans Day, we celebrated our partnership with Jan Dils Attorneys at Law, whose dedication to giving back includes championing individuals connected to the United States military. The Jan Dils Foundation Scholarship for Veteran Recipients, established in 2023 with the PACF, has awarded more than \$27,500 to support Mid-Ohio Valley veterans and active-duty persons pursuing educational opportunities.

Devan Boyles joined the West Virginia Army National Guard during his junior year at Parkersburg High School through the Guard’s Split Training Program. A recent graduate of the Fairmont State University aviation program, Devan is currently working towards becoming a private/commercial pilot and a Chaplain for the Army National Guard.

“I know there is a calling in my life,” said Devan. “With your help, I know this calling will not be as hard to obtain.”

Devan’s story is a powerful example of how together we can make more possible for our region and neighbors. By working with the PACF, the Jan Dils team is building a lasting source of support for our hometown heroes.



Important Dates:

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WEEK



- **November 12-18:** National Community Foundations Week. See how we celebrated on our website!
- **December 1:** 2026 PACF Scholarship application portal opens.
- **December 4:** Giving Tuesday.
- **December 10:** Fall Community Action Grant Awards Ceremony at 2 PM.
- **December 19:** Deadline for initiating gifts of appreciated stock to ensure processing by year-end.
- **December 31:** Deadline for donations during calendar year 2025. Mailed checks must be postmarked by 12/31/25. This deadline includes gifts from QCD's and online donations.
- **January 15:** Spring Community Action Grant and Spring Fund for Ravenwood Grant Cycle opens online.
- **January 23:** PACF Annual Meeting.
- **February 28:** Scholarship Application Closes.
- **May 5:** Give Local MOV 2026.



Creative Gifts of Collectibles



The engine of change:

How your favorite hobby
could fuel the future of
your community.

As autumn winds down and classic cars roll into local shows or family heirlooms are admired during holiday gatherings, we are reminded that the things we treasure can be more than sentimental—they can be powerful tools for good. At the PACF, we help philanthropic neighbors turn meaningful personal assets, including collectibles, into lasting charitable impact.

Have you ever considered what your vintage car, rare coin, antique firearm, or fine jewelry might do for your community? You don't have to wait for your estate plan to take effect. Gifting a collectible during your lifetime can bring meaningful benefits, both for you and your community.

Donating appreciated non-cash assets can offer significant tax advantages. Donors may avoid capital gains taxes when gifting directly to a qualified charity. If itemized, the gift may also qualify for a charitable deduction based on the fair market value. These savings can be substantial—and your gift becomes an investment in the future. For example, a recent estate gift of a jewelry collection added \$25,000 to a permanent charitable fund supporting local causes.

One type of collectible with potential to “move” communities—both literally and figuratively—is the classic car. If you or a loved one owns a collectible vehicle, consider the opportunity it holds. Perhaps your heirs don't share the same attachment to the car, or gifting it to one family member would cause conflict. Rather than selling it and paying capital gains tax, you can donate the car to the PACF. We work with qualified professionals to appraise and sell the asset, then place the proceeds into a named endowment fund aligned with your philanthropic goals.

An endowment is a powerful vehicle for giving—it grows over time and distributes funds annually to support local needs, forever. Your passion for cars can live on as a permanent source of good in the community.

To explore whether this type of gift is right for you, ask yourself: Does your family share your interest or sentimental attachment to this collectible? If not, would they value the opportunity to create a lasting legacy instead? Are there local causes or organizations you want to support long into the future?

At the PACF, we believe these are important conversations, ones that allow your story and your values to carry forward. Your car, or any valuable collectible, can become more than a memory. It can be the engine of real change.

The PACF manages over 500 charitable funds supporting a wide range of causes. Thanks to donors like you, recent grants from our Community Action Grant Program have provided transportation for seniors and veterans, supported mobile libraries, aided in feeding area children, assisted disaster response teams, and helped preserve historic landmarks in the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Whether it's a classic roadster you've restored, a car passed down through generations, or one you simply no longer drive, your vehicle has the potential to drive meaningful, lasting impact in your hometown. We invite you to contact our team to learn more about how a gift of a collectible asset now or through your estate can benefit you, your family, and your community.

Disclosure: Gifts of appreciated non-cash assets can involve complex tax analysis and planning. This article is intended for informational purposes only and is not legal or tax advice. Please consult your professional advisor. All gifts to donor-advised funds are irrevocable.





Jessica Waggoner of Ritchie County, recipient of the 2025 Women's Opportunity Fund - Linda H. Culp Memorial Scholarship, poses with PACF staff while accepting her award. The funds will help her pursue an RN degree at WVUP after a decade as a stay-at-home mom.



Hearts and Hands 4 Paws has launched an Endowment Fund with the PACF! The Hearts and Hands 4 Paws Endowment Fund will serve as a permanent financial resource to support the group as it works to provide essential support and resources to local animals, shelters, and pet owners. It also allows them to participate in Give Local MOV, expanding opportunities for community support.



Though Altrusa International of Parkersburg disbanded in 2019, its legacy lives on through two permanent funds managed by PACF: the Altrusa of Parkersburg Charitable Fund and the Altrusa of Parkersburg Katherine Fry Memorial Scholarship. Recently, former members gathered at the PACF office to celebrate six years of impact and to discuss future goals for supporting women and education throughout the Mid-Ohio Valley.



Volunteers are pictured inside Mountwood Park's Volcano Museum organizing blueprints in their new oak map cabinet, which safely houses the Museum's original documents. The cabinet and other upgrades to the facility were made possible by a recent Community Action Grant.



In 2025, 317 students from 18 area high schools received funding from 190 unique PACF scholarships—many of which may be renewed. The 2026 scholarship application portal opens December 1 at www.pacfww.com/scholarships.

Good News!

5 fast stories of impact for you to share in conversation.

Scan the QR code to access all of our news articles.



Grant-Funded Boots Keep Generations of Harrisville Firefighters Ready to Serve

When volunteer firefighters pull on a new pair of fireproof, steel-toe boots, they're stepping into more than just protective gear — they're stepping into a legacy of service that runs deep in small-town West Virginia.

The Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) recently received an \$11,000 grant to replace firefighting boots, some of which were more than 20 years old.

This grant was made possible through the Ritchie County Grantmaking Fund, the Walter E. and Marie Ausenheimer Memorial Fund, and the Bruce and Judy Holmes Advised Fund and was awarded through the Spring 2025 Community Action Grant Program.

“New boots may seem like a small thing, but they mean a lot to us,” said Craig Mullen, a Harrisville VFD volunteer who has served for 25 years. “They improve our safety and comfort and remind us every day that our community supports the work we do.”

Craig's connection to the department runs through generations. His late father, Bruce Mullen, served Harrisville VFD for 47 years, and Craig's son, Anthony, is already looking forward to stepping into the family's tradition of service when he's old enough.

The Mullen family is one of several multi-generational families volunteering with the Harrisville VFD, a group of dedicated civic leaders who not only fight fires but also respond to varying emergencies across Ritchie County and neighboring Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Pleasants, Wirt, and Wood counties.

To learn more about the impact made through the support of our regional affiliates, please visit: www.pacfwv.com/regional-affiliates.

Pictured on this page are Fire Chief Bub Hardbarger, Aaron Parsons, Craig Mullen, Anthony Mullen, Matthew Cox, Ed Cox, and Keith Dobyns - equipped with their new boots.



PACF FUND TYPE FYI'S

The PACF offers several types of charitable funds to help donors achieve their giving goals and support the causes they care about most. To impact our grant programs, which support projects like the Harrisville Fire Department's boots initiative, you may consider one of the three fund types below.

For charitable neighbors who wish to grow their fund over time, PACF offers “Building” funds, which can start with as little as \$1,000. To learn more, please contact us at 304-428-4438 or by emailing info@pacfwv.com.

Fund Type	Description
Donor Advised Fund	Donors recommend grants to qualified charities of their choice over time.
Unrestricted Fund	Supports the community's most pressing needs, as determined by the PACF Board of Directors.
Field of Interest Fund	Supports a specific area of need—such as education, health, the arts, or community development.

Safety Net Fund Demonstrates Foresight in Supporting Local Nonprofits

The PACF team has long recognized that community needs are often unpredictable and that funding landscapes can shift rapidly. In response to this reality, PACF established the Safety Net Fund in 2017—a strategic and forward-thinking initiative designed to provide timely support to individuals and the local nonprofits that support them during emergencies and unforeseen challenges.

“Community foundations are uniquely positioned to anticipate challenges before they fully emerge,” said Fred Rader, Executive Director of PACF. “The Safety Net Fund was created because we knew needs would arise—sometimes suddenly—and we wanted to be prepared with a tool that could respond quickly, providing nonprofits the critical resources they need to serve our community without interruption.”

As a *Field of Interest Fund*, the Safety Net Fund reflects PACF’s incredible foresight and deep understanding of the region’s evolving needs. By creating a dedicated resource that can be accessed flexibly and swiftly, the Foundation ensures vital nonprofits in the Mid-Ohio Valley have the support they need when government funding is uncertain or delayed, and when nonprofits are already stretched thin by tight operational budgets.

Over the last year, the Safety Net Fund has provided timely assistance to area nonprofits facing extreme winter weather and food insecurity.



House to Home Day Shelter, a project of the Parkersburg Area Coalition for the Homeless, received funding to help extend operating hours during dangerously cold conditions. Latrobe Street Mission and The Salvation Army were awarded grants to continue offering emergency shelter and basic needs during severe weather, while Mountaineer Food Bank received support for its Mobile Pantry Program, which serves residents in Calhoun, Gilmer, Ritchie, Roane counties.

“These grants showcase how PACF’s foresight and community partnerships come together to make a meaningful impact,” Rader added. “Supporting this fund is a way for individuals who care to ensure that critical organizations remain strong and responsive—especially as the funding climate continues to change.”

The PACF welcomes continued monetary support to the Safety Net Fund by individuals, businesses, and organizations who wish to partner with us to ensure that, regardless of political climate and changes to federal funding, our local nonprofits continue to expand quality service to meet the needs of our neighbors.

Learn more about field of interest funds and other types of support funds by scanning the QR Code with your phone’s camera or call 304-428-4438 to request information.



IN THE LAST YEAR, 16,395 CITIZENS IN OUR SERVICE AREA RECEIVED VITAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE PACF’S GRANT FUNDING TO 41 LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CHAMPION BASIC NEEDS FOR OUR IMPOVERISHED AND UNHOUSED NEIGHBORS.



Opportunity to Support our Work

THE COMMUNITY SPONSORS CAMPAIGN IS OUR ONE ANNUAL APPEAL, A MEANINGFUL WAY FOR OUR FRIENDS TO SAY, "WE BELIEVE IN THE VITAL WORK YOU DO AND WANT IT TO CONTINUE FOREVER!"



- ☐ Pillar of Philanthropy \$5000 and Above
- ☐ Community Partner \$2500 - \$4999
- ☐ Local Champion \$1000-\$2499
- ☐ Area Supporter \$250-\$999
- ☐ Foundation Friend \$0-\$249

**Please note that 2025 giving levels and names have been updated to better reflect the evolving generosity of our donor community.*

Your gift helps cover essential, behind-the-scenes operational costs, allowing our growing team to focus on connecting with charitable neighbors and responding to community needs. Because of your generosity, we're able to keep operational costs below one percent — ensuring that 99% of charitable dollars go directly to the students and organizations we serve in our region.

Kindly make your gift by scanning the QR code or by mailing your donation to the PACF at: PO Box 1762, Parkersburg, WV 26102, Memo Line: Community Sponsors 2025.



Founded in 2000 as a regional affiliate of the PACF, the Doddridge County Community Foundation (DCCF) partners with generous people, businesses, and private and family foundations to build permanent philanthropic resources that strengthen Doddridge County.

What started as a single grantmaking fund has now grown into a collection of **24 named funds** dedicated to the betterment of Doddridge County.

Since its inception, the DCCF has awarded more than **\$660,000** in grants and scholarships.

Recent grantees include the Doddridge County Humane Society, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Doddridge County Family Resource Network, and Doddridge County Farmers Market. These grants were made possible thanks to the generous and continuous support of the community.

Looking ahead, the DCCF's goal is to strengthen its long-term impact and to grow its assets to \$2M, with an emphasis on growing the Doddridge County Grantmaking Fund. The Doddridge County Grantmaking Fund is DCCF's primary resource for supporting local needs and opportunities.



Thanks to a partnership with the EQT Foundation, gifts from EQT leaseholders to the Doddridge Co. Grantmaking Fund can be matched \$1:\$1 up to \$10,000 per lease.

Gifts to the DCCF are tax-deductible and can be directed to support the Doddridge County Grantmaking Fund, any of the DCCF's named funds, or to create your own named fund. Contact us to learn more!

This anniversary milestone underscores the generosity of donors who have entrusted DCCF with their philanthropic gifts and highlights the importance of working together for the greater good of our communities.