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News, Events & more!

Seeking HOSTS for 2025 EVENTS

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

BE A HOST and showcase your business, service and more...

CHAMBER EVENTS

Watch for Weekly Updates!!

November

12 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon - Residence Inn Mechanicsburg, Postponed until January.

19 - After Hours Mixer - Sponsored by Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation.
Location: Spice Restaurant and Bar, 125 W Main St, Mechanicsburg. 5:00 - 7:00pm.

29 - Annual Community Tree Lighting - corner of Market and Main Streets, on the square, in Downtown Mechanicsburg. 5:15 - 6:30pm

December

16 - Business Women's Networking Luncheon - The Bridges at Bent Creek, 2100 Bent Creek Blvd, Mechanicsburg. 11:30am - 1:00pm. FREE member event.

RSVP to info@mechanicsburgchamber.org

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

Thank You For Renewing Your Membership!

After-Hours Mixer

Tuesday, November 19th
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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FOUNDATION**

Join us and the **Mechanicsburg Area Community Foundation**
and enjoy an evening of networking, refreshments
and a chance to win a prize!

Learn how the Foundation is supporting the Mechanicsburg community
and how you may help, too.



EVENT LOCATION:
Spice Restaurant and Bar
125 West Main Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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



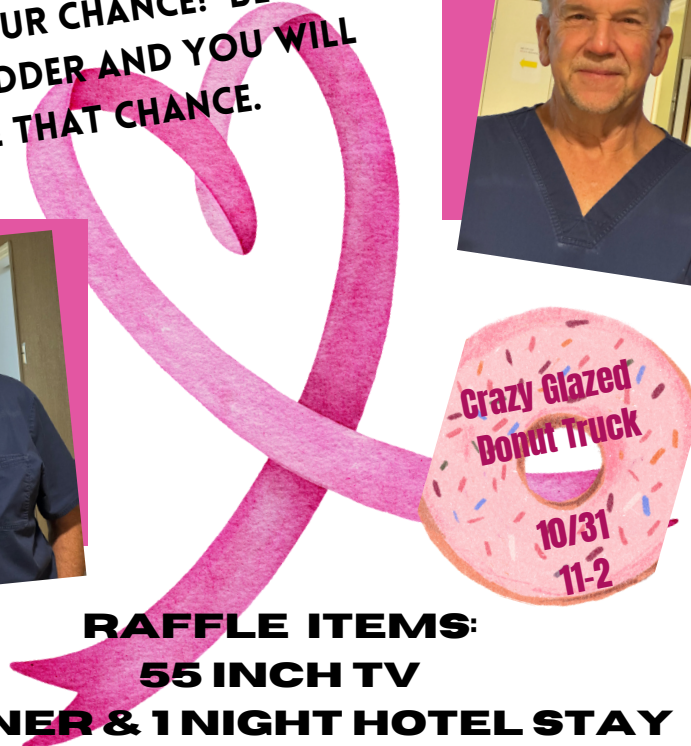
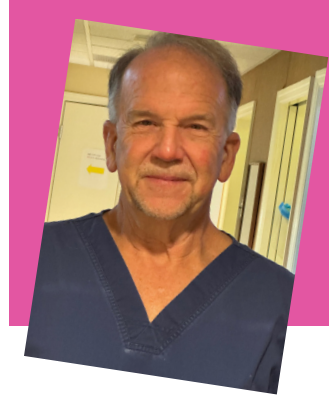
Welcome Kingdom Custom Decks

The Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce joined Levi Lupton, government representatives, family, friends and the crew of Kingdom Custom Decks to cut the ribbon for their new showroom. With an eye towards creating functional, quality, and aesthetically pleasing outdoor living spaces, Kingdom Custom Decks works to provide an environment designed to enhance the quality of life of their clients. The new showroom is located at 6 State Road, Suite 112, Mechanicsburg in the Trindle State Town Center complex.



**PINK OCTOBER @ EAST MAIN DENTAL
Fundraiser/Raffle to benefit
Pink Hands of Hope
in Mechanicsburg**

**HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO PUT A
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HAVE THAT CHANCE.**



**RAFFLE ITEMS:
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TAKE HOME WHITENING TRAYS
HERSHEY BEARS TICKETS**

**Stop in at 324 E Main St Mechanicsburg to bid and purchase
raffle tickets. October 1-31 Mon- Wed 8-5 Thur 7-1. Pieing will
happen 10/31 @ 1:30**

Chamber Chatter is published on-line every Thursday.

We encourage member businesses to send us information on sales, promotions, news and events. It is a great way to promote your business or organization.

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

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

****Chamber Chatter advertising is a FREE member benefit.****



UPMC to Host Multiple Events Throughout Region

In October, UPMC is hosting multiple events designed to make it easier and more accessible for job seekers to find new careers and for high school students to learn about opportunities in health care. These events will be held at or near UPMC hospitals in Carlisle, Hanover, Harrisburg, Lititz, Mechanicsburg and York.

With a variety of event styles and locations, all potential job seekers can find an event that fits their needs, from experienced professionals looking to make a change to recent graduates preparing to start their careers to high school students seeking more information about the many opportunities available in health care fields. Registration and details for all events can be found at [careers.UPMC.com/events](https://careers.upmc.com/events).

Talk to Us Tuesday Walk-in Career Events

The final [Talk to Us Tuesday](#) walk-in career events of the year will be held on the second Tuesdays in October (Oct. 8) and November (Nov. 12) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in each UPMC hospital lobby. Attendees can explore rewarding careers at UPMC, meet with recruiters and hiring teams and get assistance with resumes, job searches or applications. Talk to Us Tuesday is open to anyone, from experienced professionals to students. No appointment is needed. Although not limited to these areas, these events are focused on a variety of roles in imaging technology, laboratory, nursing, pharmacy, patient care support and allied health.

Registration: Individuals can register online for any of these events to select a location and area of focus. Registration is not required but is highly encouraged for Find Your Fit and Health Care Career Night, especially for those wishing to complete an interview at the event. Visit [careers.UPMC.com/events](https://careers.upmc.com/events).

Free Hernia and Reflux Screening and Educational Event

Do you have swelling, a bulge, or pain in the abdomen, pelvis, or groin area – possible signs of a hernia? Do you have frequent heartburn or pain in the chest or upper abdomen, use reflux meds daily, or have you been diagnosed with a hiatal hernia? Join us for a free private screening and educational talk and let our UPMC doctors determine the best treatment plan for you. Where available, try our robotic-assisted technology for yourself.

- o Sat., Nov. 2, 9 a.m. – noon
- o UPMC West Shore – 1995 Technology Parkway, Mechanicsburg
- o Advance registration is required. Register at UPMC.com/CentralPaEvents or call 717-231-8900.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Grief and Bereavement Support Group

1st Monday of each month

6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Legend at Silver Creek
425 Lambs Gap Road
Mechanicsburg, PA

Join us for a FREE monthly support group, open to anyone who has experienced grief and loss.

Grief is the natural emotional response to the loss of someone close, such as a family member, friend, or pet. It can also occur as a result of a serious illness, divorce, or other significant loss.

This open group provides a safe space for community members to connect, share their experiences, learn new coping skills, and support one another. Everyone is welcome to join.

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Protecting Consumers from Auto Renewals



We've all dealt with the frustrations of automatic renewals for services we may or may not still want. The state House unanimously approved legislation this week that aims to help consumers avoid those frustrations by requiring companies to be more transparent about the terms of such contracts.

House Bill 116 would amend the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law by requiring businesses that offer automatic renewals to:

- Provide renewal terms, cancellation policy and how to cancel.
- Allow a customer who signs up online to cancel online.
- Require any material changes in the automatic renewal be provided in a clear and conspicuous manner.

For subscriptions including a free trial period, businesses would also be required to disclose the price that would be charged after the trial period ends and the deadline to cancel to avoid charges, as well as give customers the ability to cancel before being charged.

The bill now heads to the Senate for consideration.



TFEC Properties Realtor Connect: The Next Step

Date: November 5, 2024

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Location: Zeroday Brewing Company Taproom

925 N Third Street

Harrisburg, PA 17102

RSVP: To Brooke Clark at bclark@tfec.org or

717-236-5040, ext 125



Learn how you can help your clients give the gift of real estate while earning a commission! Join us at our networking happy hour, TFEC Properties Realtor Connect: The Next Step, to learn more about how you can help a diverse range of clients looking for unconventional answers to their real estate needs.

JAZZ ME BAND

KIRK WISE UPCOMING
SOLO, DUO & BAND
PUBLIC DATES

Fri 11/1 – Dill Tavern First Friday, Dillsburg...
Kirk solo 6-8

Sat. 11/2- Grandpa's Love Shack BBQ
Restaurant, Shermansdale...
Kirk & Beth Duo 6-8

Tue. 11/5 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

Fri. 11/8 – Sage Lane Pop Up sale,
Dillsburg...Kirk solo 1-4

Fri. 11/8 – Hook & Flask, Carlisle...7-10
Kirk, Dave & Beth

Sat. 11/9 – Crossings Creek & Co,
Dillsburg Event...Kirk solo 11-2 (?)

Sat. 11/9 – The Doyle Hotel, Duncannon...
Kirk solo 6-9

Tue. 11/12 – S. Hanover Parks & Rec.
Luncheon ...Kirk solo 12-2

Tue. 11/12 – Greystone Brew House@
Range End , Dillsburg...Kirk solo 6-9

For complete up-to-date
schedule, information,
and photos go to
www.jazzmeband.com

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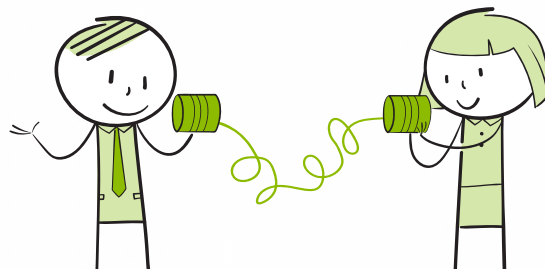
GFWC (General Federation of Women's Clubs) Mechanicsburg

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:45 PM at Buhrig's Gathering Place parking lot, 25 East Main Street, Mechanicsburg. The program will be a mystery trip.

Would you like to know more about how we serve the community while helping Veterans, libraries and schools? Come for a visit to find out.

For more information, contact Sue at 717.243.9872 visit our website at <http://gfwcmech.tripod.com/>

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Economic Development Strategy Seminar

DCED Secretary Rick Siger will discuss the Commonwealth's Economic Development Strategy and how this year's budget investments will create growth. Following his presentation, a funding panel will share insights from the applicant's perspective.



Rick Siger
DCED Secretary

Nov 13, 2024 • 8:30 am- 11:30 am

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GET TO KNOW

Jennifer J. Doyle

TFEC President & CEO

Join us for a warm and engaging “drop-in” event to meet Jennifer J. Doyle, the new President and CEO of TFEC. As she ushers in a fresh vision for our community, we invite you to come by, say hello, and share in this exciting new chapter.

**Click the button below to find
an event near you.**

NEXT EVENT

Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Wednesday,
November 13
4-7 p.m



**THE FOUNDATION
FOR ENHANCING
COMMUNITIES**

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The Corporate Transparency Act

Starting January 1, 2024, the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) requires certain entities to disclose beneficial ownership information (BOI) to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). This is separate from tax filings with the IRS. Entities required to report include any entity created by filing a document with a secretary of state or any similar office under the law of a state or Indian tribe (i.e., Limited Partnership, Limited Liability Partnership, Limited Liability Company, Corporation, etc.). Penalties for willfully not complying with the BOI reporting requirement can result in criminal and civil penalties of \$500 per day and up to \$10,000 and/or up to two years of jail time.

CTA Webinars

Corporate Transparency Act's Beneficial Ownership Information Requirement

November 20, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Presented by Andy P. Berger & Katherine Pandelidis Granbois at Saxton & Stump

In this webinar, Justin Abodalo will discuss the basics of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) and who the reporting obligations apply to, bringing about compliance obligations with FinCEN. Justin will also discuss the constitutional challenges made against the CTA in the Alabama District Court case *NSBA v. Yellen*, and anticipated results once an appellate court issues a decision on the appeal.

[Register Now >](#)

CTA Resources

- [Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirement Toolkit](#), from the The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), contains templates and sample content structured to allow private, public, and non-profit organizations to share and amplify this important information. It also includes a general background on the reporting requirements, templates for newsletters, websites, and emails, sample social media posts and images, and information on how to contact FinCEN.
- Trout CPA's [Corporate Transparency Act](#) handout includes information on the filing options, compliance requirements, and exemptions.

For questions or assistance, please contact your Trout CPA professional.

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
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www.troutcpa.com



VENDORS NEEDED

HOLIDAY SHOPPE

DECEMBER 1, 2024;
FROM 2PM-4PM

The Woods at Cedar Run

824 Lisburn Road, Camp Hill PA 17011
Annually, The Woods at Cedar Run hosts a Holiday Shoppe where our residents can shop for Christmas gifts for their loved ones from the comfort of their own home. We are currently seeking vendors who would be interested in displaying and selling their goods. There is no cost or entry fee to be a vendor. Simply RSVP by November 25th to secure your spot!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

Kimberly Alford, Community
Relations Director
717.660.1055
kalford@integracare.com



You're Invited!
Annual Payroll & Business Seminar

Please join us on Thursday, December 5, 2024, for our Annual Payroll & Business Seminar. This virtual event promises to provide valuable insights on key topics, including updates on payroll, AI in the workplace, DOL regulations, payroll fraud, and much more!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO RSVP](#)



Business Women's Networking Luncheon

Unfortunately due to construction delay, this event has been postponed and rescheduled for
Tuesday, January 14
11:30am - 1:00pm



Stay alert for Grand Opening information!



U.S. Small Business
Administration

SBA to Help Pennsylvania Businesses Affected by Drought and Heat

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that federal Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) are available in Pennsylvania for small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations with economic losses from drought and heat that occurred June 18 through Aug. 6. The declaration includes the primary County of Cumberland and the adjacent counties of Adams, Dauphin, Franklin, Perry and York in Pennsylvania.

“When farmers face crop losses and a disaster is declared by the Secretary of Agriculture, SBA working capital loans become a lifeline for eligible small businesses,” said Francisco Sánchez, Jr., associate administrator for the Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience at the Small Business Administration. “These loans are the backbone that helps rural communities bounce back and thrive after a disaster strikes.”

Under this declaration, the SBA’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. Apart from aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

The loan amount can be up to \$2 million with interest rates of 4% for small businesses and 3.25% for private nonprofit organizations, with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not accrue, and payments are not due, until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement. The SBA sets loan amounts and terms based on each applicant’s financial condition. Eligibility is based on the size of the applicant, type of activity and its financial resources. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The loans are not intended to replace lost sales or profits.

On October 15, 2024, it was announced that funds for the Disaster Loan Program have been fully expended. While no new loans can be issued until Congress appropriates additional funding, we remain committed to supporting disaster survivors. Applications will continue to be accepted and processed to ensure individuals and businesses are prepared to receive assistance once funding becomes available.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their loan applications promptly for review in anticipation of future funding.

For information and to apply online visit [SBA.gov/disaster](https://www.sba.gov/disaster). Applicants may also call the SBA’s Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than June 16, 2025.

SPREAD
KIND
NESS

FOOD DRIVE

Support local **Blessing Boxes** and **Little Free Pantry** with your food donation! For the months of October and November, we ask that you collect nonperishable foods at your home or office. These Blessing Boxes provide barrier-free access to food any time.

Drop off items to First United Methodist Church Mechanicsburg (135 W. Simpson Street, 717-766-4611) or if you need it picked up, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com. Donations will be distributed to all three locations.



Most needed items

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Meat (tuna, chicken)
- Small Cereal Boxes
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Peanut Butter and Jelly

**UNEXPIRED &
NONPERISHABLE FOOD ONLY**

Blessing Boxes located at Trinity Lutheran Church (132 E. Main), Turning Point Church (near Finkenbinder Park) and Little Free Pantry at First UM Church, Mechanicsburg

Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com



Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region acquires York/Adams affiliate, changing name to Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA

BBBS of the Capital Region expands services to enhance support and increase mentoring opportunities for youth.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region (BBBSCR) is thrilled to announce a significant expansion of its service area, broadening its reach from 5 to 7 counties through the acquisition of the BBBS York & Adams Counties affiliate. To align with their new service region, BBBSCR is changing its name to Big Brothers Big Sisters of South-Central PA.

Amy Rote, President & CEO states, “We are now serving 7 out of 8 counties in the South-Central PA region. Our new name aims to enhance our visibility and strengthen our connection with the community.”

The nonprofit’s one-to-one mentoring programs are grounded in evidence-based practices that help young people develop the skills and confidence needed to navigate life’s challenges. By expanding into these new counties, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of South-Central PA is poised to make an even greater impact on the lives of youth, helping them reach their full potential.

The expansion is part of the organization’s commitment to ensure young people have access to the guidance, encouragement and positive role models that are vital for their development and success. “We were asked by our neighboring York & Adams affiliate to assist with the growth of services and to introduce innovative programs that respond to the challenges and needs of our youth in these communities,” says Rote.

“The York office will continue to serve York & Adams counties, just as it has for over 40 years,” explains Rote. “Through this acquisition, we are broadening our footprint and increasing the effectiveness of our network to better serve the youth across South Central Pennsylvania. As we tell our friends, volunteers and partners, ‘we are Bigger Together!’”

As part of this transition, BBBS of South-Central PA will be updating its logo, website, and marketing materials. These changes will be rolled out over the next few months.

BBBS of South-Central PA is actively seeking additional volunteers, partners, and supporters to help sustain and enhance its expanded services. Interested individuals and organizations can learn more about getting involved by visiting CAPBIGS.ORG or on social media @bbbscapregion.

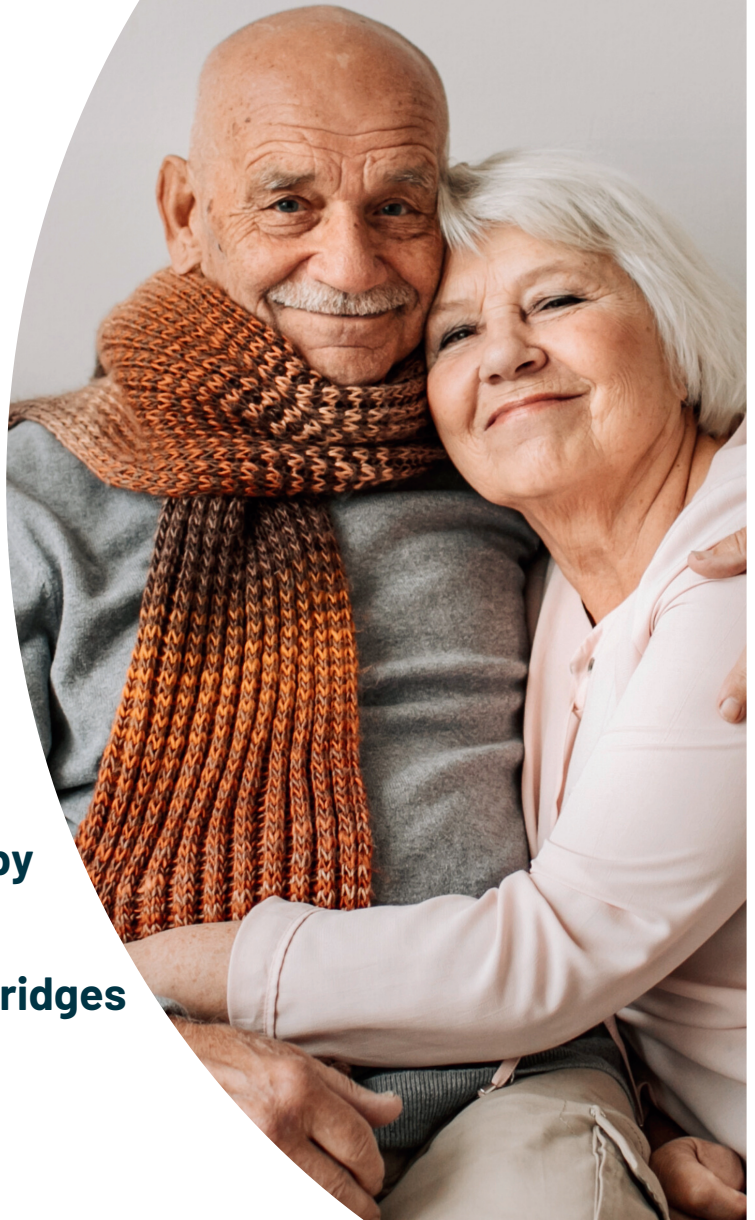
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LOCAL MOVES ONLY. MOVE IN BY 12/31/24.



THE FOUNDATION FOR ENHANCING COMMUNITIES

Philanthropy Isn't Scary – The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Helps Donors Take the First Step

In this “spooky season,” there is a lot of talk about what we’re all afraid of – witches, vampires, and zombies, for instance. At the Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC), they encounter some more mundane fears, namely, folks who are afraid or unsure how to get started with their philanthropy goals.

It’s understandable for those looking to establish a legacy to be cautious – after all, in many cases, they have spent a lifetime obtaining assets or disposable income. That’s why the first step in speaking with potential philanthropists is for TFEC to sit down and listen to them.

“The key is to sit down, face to face with prospective donors, find out what they want, and TFEC can tailor our many options to their goals. Listening to donors lets us figure out their needs, and how we can help people plan for their legacy in the future,” says Kirk Demyan, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at TFEC. “We not only invest in the local community, but we also are a convener – we know the community nonprofits in Central Pennsylvania, and we can connect philanthropists with local nonprofits who are fulfilling the missions they care about.”

It’s a common misconception that only the uber-wealthy can become philanthropists – that is not the case at TFEC. “You don’t need billions of dollars to make an impact in your community,” says Demyan. “We can start working with prospective donors and nonprofit organizations no matter their current monetary status. After all, philanthropy isn’t just about money, it’s about what else you can give to the community.”

For more than 100 years, TFEC has been helping donors invest in their communities and creating lasting legacies. The goal at TFEC is to invest in perpetuity, establishing a true legacy so that a philanthropist’s initial investment can continue to provide grants for decades to come.

By listening to philanthropists' needs and helping them along every step of the process, TFEC seeks to make legacy-creating as painless as possible. For many people, taking the first step to learn more is the scariest part.

“There are so many ways we can help individuals support their community,” says Demyan, “and donors can be as involved – or as hands-off – as they’d like to be.”

If you’re interested in learning more about TFEC, please visit www.tfec.org. Even if you’re a little scared!