



CREATING A SENSE OF PLACE.

Harry C. Trexler Trust

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



WE RESIDE IN LEHIGH COUNTY, a place graced with a collection of unique people, places, and institutions gathering together to form an exceptional community. As Trustees of the Harry C. Trexler Trust, we are fortunate not only to live here, but to provide vital financial support to nurture and strengthen organizations that improve the lives of our neighbors.

In 2024, we awarded 89 grants to non-profit organizations that provide life-changing and life-enriching services and programs. Our grants, determined after thorough review and deep reflection, serve to underwrite diverse needs ranging from shelter, food, and education to wellness, culture, and recreation.

The Trust was established almost 90 years ago by two visionary Allentonians, General Harry C. and Mrs. Mary Mosser Trexler. They stipulated that the Trust would perpetually provide monetary support to organizations based in Lehigh County for the benefit of community residents.

Fostering a tangible sense of place has been at the core of the Trexler Trust since its genesis. Together, the Trexlers prioritized the City of Allentown’s parks through their bequest of one-third of the Trust’s annual giving. After consulting with members of the community, with expert guidance and much consideration over several years, in 2024 we Trustees decided to augment those funds by providing seed money to form The Allentown Parknership. As an independent non-profit organization, the Parknership will raise funds, seek grants and generate support for the City’s beloved parks. The Parknership will strengthen the City’s ability to provide equitable access to places where people gather, exercise, play and connect with nature and each other. It’s a unique opportunity to align Trexler’s interests in all aspects of Lehigh County life and leverage our resources to create greater capacity for good.

During our long history we have distributed over \$188 million to Allentown and Lehigh County charities. Every year, we are amazed and humbled to learn about the different and very real ways that Lehigh County charities make our region better. We look forward to continuing to support those many different charitable works.

The figures in this annual report are more than numbers. They reflect the Trust’s commitment to the charities that are dedicated to the tireless work of serving their neighbors. We are grateful to the staff and volunteers of all Lehigh County charities who direct their passion and energy to improving lives and creating a distinct and supportive sense of place.

Donald M. Bernhard
DONALD M. BERNHARD



**A PLACE
WHERE WE'RE
STRONGER TOGETHER**

By strengthening dozens of Lehigh County charities every year, we improve the lives of thousands of our neighbors every day.



FINANCIAL Statements



STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

	2024	2023
REVENUES		
Dividends and Interest	\$2,180,670.99	\$2,377,509.62
Realized Capital Gains (Losses)	2,458,643.94	4,875,725.86
TOTAL REVENUES	4,639,314.93	7,253,235.48
EXPENSES		
Administrative and General	722,756.69	722,001.52
Professional Services	111,399.94	125,848.26
Allentown Parknership	57,259.00	30,395.00
Occupancy	101,602.03	92,538.96
Insurance	16,524.50	11,702.23
Excise Tax	221,631.00	224,047.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	1,231,173.16	1,206,532.97
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES BEFORE GRANTS	3,408,141.77	6,046,702.51
CHARITABLE GRANTS	5,401,000.00	6,151,000.00
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES AFTER GRANTS	(1,992,858.23)	(104,297.49)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(1,992,858.23)	(104,297.49)
FUND BALANCES – BEGINNING OF YEAR	120,944,503.25	121,048,800.74
FUND BALANCES – END OF YEAR	\$118,951,645.02	\$120,944,503.25

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Investments		
Mutual Funds	\$95,158,107.33	\$96,980,633.21
Alternative Investments	23,619,549.25	23,726,438.18
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	118,777,656.58	120,707,071.39
Cash	102,646.70	61,763.99
Other Non-Investment Assets	249,725.48	353,177.11
TOTAL ASSETS	119,130,028.76	121,122,012.49

The figures contained in this report are compliant with accounting procedures for estates in Pennsylvania and provisions of the Will of Harry C. Trexler. Asset values are shown at acquisition cost rather than market value.

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities	178,383.74	177,509.24
Fund Balances	118,951,645.02	120,944,503.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$119,130,028.76	\$121,122,012.49



DISTRIBUTION TO Beneficiaries



“
 There are few local enterprises that have not been aided by his substantial assistance. Public institutions have been much benefited by his benevolence, even whole families to a greater number than is dreamed of, have been made happier by his open-handed charity.
 ”

WRITTEN IN 1897 BY CHARLES W. WEISER



ALLENTOWN ACADEMY OF THE ARTS ALLIANCE

purchase band uniforms for the William Allen Canary Marching Band \$15,000

ALLENTOWN AREA ECUMENICAL FOOD BANK

general operating expenses \$75,000

ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM

general operating support \$175,000

ALLENTOWN BAND

program support for Lehigh County concerts and Lehigh County youth education initiatives..... \$3,000

ALLENTOWN PARKNERSHIP

general operating support.....\$275,000

ALLENTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

general operating support\$75,000

ALLENTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Teacher Innovation Grants..... \$25,000

ALLENTOWN SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION

general operating support \$60,000

ALLENTOWN, CITY OF

improvement, extension and maintenance of all its Parks \$1,801,762.50

ANIMAL FOOD BANK SERVICES

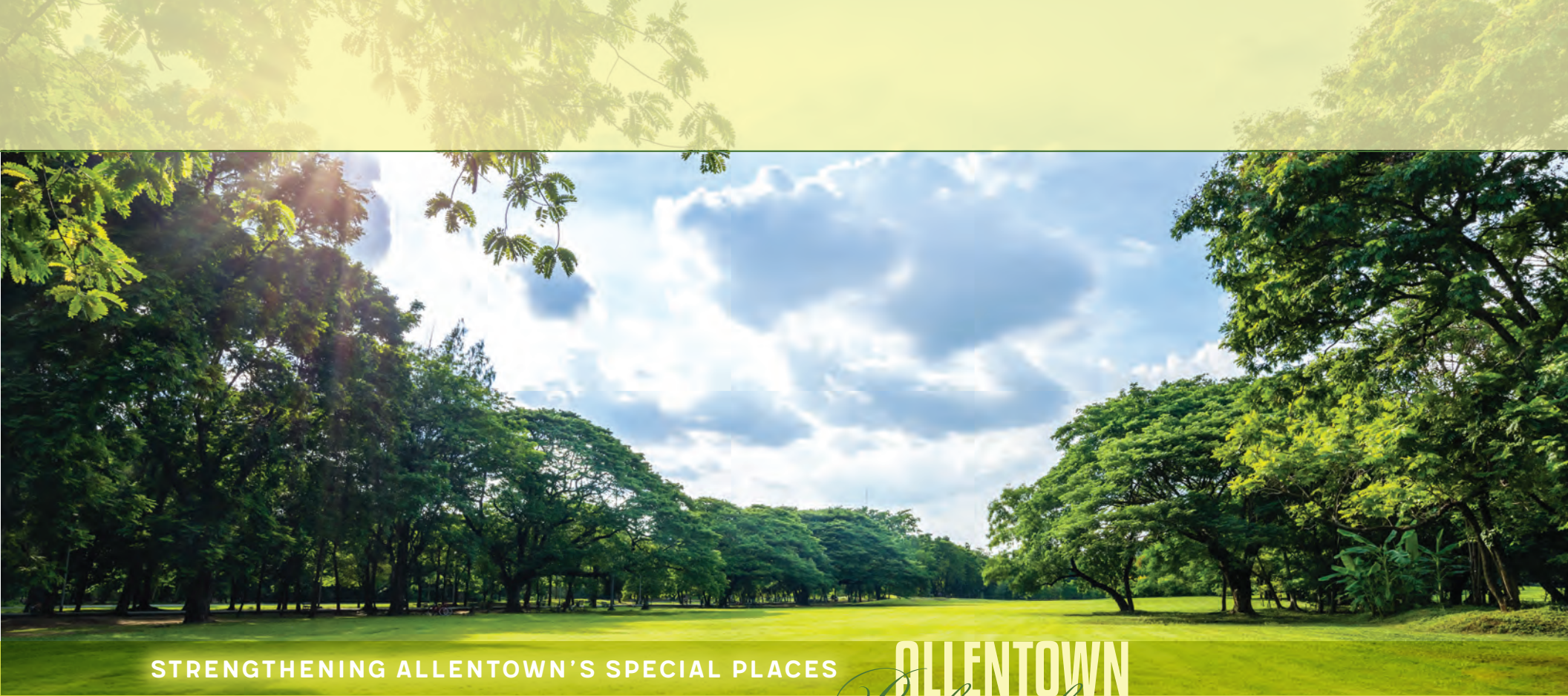
general operating support \$5,000

BAUM SCHOOL OF ART

capital project planning and management \$25,000

City Arts Camp support \$27,525

general operating support \$100,000



STRENGTHENING ALLENTOWN'S SPECIAL PLACES

ALLENTOWN *Parknership*

Allentown's unique collection of 44 parks has a new champion: **The Allentown Parknership**. The Parknership is an independent, community-driven non-profit organization created to work with the City to continually improve its parks.

Nurtured over five years with great energy and an investment of more than a half million dollars from the Trexler Trust, the Parknership will collaborate with the City of Allentown to expand and enhance the city's parks, playgrounds and programs.

The Allentown Parknership will raise funds, seek grants and plan fundraising efforts to help the city realize projects and initiatives that meet the community's diverse needs and improve equitable access to parks and activities. Already, the Rider-Pool Foundation has granted

\$75,000 toward operating expenses and another half million dollars for The Dorothy Rider Pool Endowment for Culture, Arts and Education. This early support positions the Parknership for significant community impact.

Guided by a City comprehensive parks plan, the Parknership will focus on unmet needs, particularly capital investments such as restoration projects, new facilities and amenities, and park enhancements and improvements.

The Allentown park system reaches throughout the City, and beyond, inviting all residents to play and relax. **The Allentown Parknership** is proud to build on the legacy of General Harry C. Trexler, who established Allentown's first park, West Park, in 1907, expanded it with Lehigh Parkway, made a gift of his summer home, now Trexler Park, and continues to support it through his perpetual trust.

DISTRIBUTION TO *Beneficiaries*



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Community-Based Mentoring Program Support in Lehigh County..... \$16,000

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

general operating support \$65,000

BRADBURY-SULLIVAN LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

general operating support \$25,000

CAMELOT FOR CHILDREN

program support for children with special needs \$3,000

CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY

support program services for Lehigh County people with cancer..... \$3,000

CASA GUADALUPE CENTER

Pa'Lante Education Program support..... \$120,000

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN

Immigration Services Program support..... \$45,000

CEDAR CREST COLLEGE

support Laptops for Learners program \$20,000

CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR

general operating support for Refugee Program \$35,000

CIVIC THEATRE OF ALLENTOWN

general operating support \$35,000

COALITION FOR APPROPRIATE TRANSPORTATION

program services support in Lehigh County \$7,500

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Integrated Students Support Program in the Allentown School District \$110,000



COMMUNITY ACTION DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

Sixth Street Shelter operating support \$20,000

COMMUNITY BIKE WORKS

general operating support for Lehigh County programs \$70,000

COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

general operating support for Lehigh County services..... \$35,000

COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

second installment on a \$225,000 grant to support the Downtown Expansion Project..... \$65,000

COPLAY PUBLIC LIBRARY

general operating support \$15,000

DA VINCI DISCOVERY CENTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

general operating support \$20,000

fourth installment of a \$500,000 grant to support the Allentown Expansion Project \$100,000

EASTERSEALS EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

developmental screenings for Lehigh County children \$5,000

EMMAUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

toward the HVAC system for the Museum..... \$7,500

EMMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

technology costs and services \$15,000

EVERLASTING LIFE MINISTRIES

general operating support to serve Lehigh County residents \$35,000

FAMILY PROMISE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

general operating support to serve Lehigh County residents \$20,000

FUND TO BENEFIT CHILDREN & YOUTH

purchase basic needs for Lehigh County children..... \$3,000



A PLACE FOR EQUITY

The charities that we support serve an amazingly diverse group of people representing various communities, ethnicities, abilities and income levels.

DISTRIBUTION TO *Beneficiaries*



GIRLS ON THE RUN LEHIGH VALLEY & POCONO <i>program support for Lehigh County participants</i>	\$7,500
GRACE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION <i>food pantry operating support</i>	\$35,000
GRACE MONTESSORI SCHOOL <i>underwrite scholarships for low-income students residing in Allentown</i>	\$12,000
GUARDIANSHIP SUPPORT AGENCY <i>general operating support</i>	\$10,000
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY <i>Home Repair Program for low-income Lehigh County homeowners</i>	\$90,000
HAVEN HOUSE <i>building improvements</i>	\$25,000
JERUSALEM HOUSE MINISTRIES <i>general operating support</i>	\$50,000
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF ALLENTOWN <i>general operating support</i>	\$90,000
JEWISH DAY SCHOOL OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY <i>building security program</i>	\$25,000
JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY <i>Community Connections program support</i>	\$45,000
LEHIGH CARBON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION <i>Community to the Classroom program support for education paraprofessional students</i>	\$75,000
LEHIGH CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES <i>general operating support for services in Lehigh County</i>	\$125,000



LEHIGH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

general operating support \$45,000

LEHIGH COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Community Vet Clinic program support for Lehigh County residents..... \$10,000

LEHIGH COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS

general operating support \$25,000

LEHIGH VALLEY CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

general operating support \$30,000

LEHIGH VALLEY CHILDREN’S CENTERS

renovation of playground at LVCC Park Avenue, Neffs..... \$30,000

LEHIGH VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS COUNCIL

program support for Lehigh County veterans \$5,000

LITERACY CENTER

general operating support \$70,000

A PLACE OF LEARNING

Trexler Trust grants make it possible for thousands of people of all ages to acquire knowledge and skills to improve their lives.



DISTRIBUTION TO Beneficiaries

A PLACE FOR CULTURE AND THE ARTS

The arts help us find joy, beauty and wonder in everyday life. We are proud to support organizations that fill our world with music, visual art, theatre and imagination.



LOVE RAN RED FOUNDATION	
<i>support strategy to increase workforce for Lehigh County persons with autism</i>	\$5,000
MACUNGIE BAND	
<i>Lehigh County concert expenses</i>	\$1,000
MANITO LIFE CENTER	
<i>support therapeutic riding services for Lehigh County residents</i>	\$35,000
MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY	
<i>meal delivery in Center City Allentown</i>	\$30,000
MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING	
<i>general operating support</i>	\$50,000
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE	
<i>Allentown experiential learning opportunities for students</i>	\$20,000
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER	
<i>general operating support</i>	\$42,000
NORTHERN LEHIGH RECREATION AUTHORITY	
<i>summer program support for Lehigh County children.....</i>	\$10,000
PENNSYLVANIA SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL	
<i>support youth programs in Lehigh County.....</i>	\$20,000
PENNSYLVANIA SINFONIA ORCHESTRA	
<i>season support.....</i>	\$7,000
PINEBROOK FAMILY ANSWERS	
<i>building improvements</i>	\$25,000
<i>support Lehigh County youth behavioral health programs</i>	\$90,000

PIONEER BAND OF ALLENTOWN

concert support for Lehigh County \$1,000

PRATYUSH SINHA FOUNDATION

Mindful Child Initiative program support in Allentown School District.....\$7,000

PROMISE NEIGHBORHOODS OF LEHIGH VALLEY

support of Promise Food and Wellness Center at Hays Elementary School \$10,000

general operating support \$50,000

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CATASAUQUA

general operating support \$15,000

REPERTORY DANCE THEATRE

educational program support in the Allentown School District..... \$8,000

RESURRECTED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

building improvements at Old Allentown Campus \$25,000

RIPPLE COMMUNITY

general operating support \$125,000

SALVATION ARMY

Allentown shelter building improvements..... \$50,000

Allentown shelter operating support \$175,000

SIGHTS FOR HOPE

Lehigh County program support \$15,000

SLATINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

equipment and operating expenses \$20,000

TURNING POINT OF LEHIGH VALLEY

support for Counseling Services program at Allentown YWCA..... \$20,000





DISTRIBUTION TO Beneficiaries

A PLACE FOR NATURE

As Lehigh County continues to grow, it is essential that we preserve and support opportunities for recreation and outdoor enjoyment. Trexler Trust grants support Allentown parks as well as conservation and recreation across the county.



UNION AND WEST END CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

general operating support \$7,500

VIA OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

support of Community Employment Services program for Lehigh County residents..... \$15,000

WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

building improvements \$7,500

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

purchase food for the pantry for Lehigh County residents..... \$7,500

WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY

general operating support \$35,000

WILDLIFE INFORMATION CENTER

general operating support \$30,000

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

general operating support \$75,000





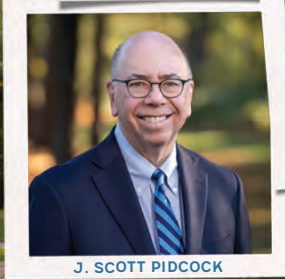
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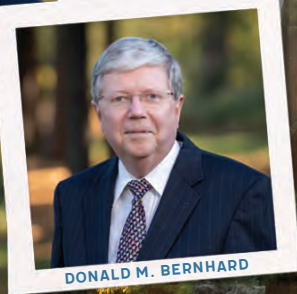
JAMIE P. MUSSELMAN



L. CHARLES MARCON



J. SCOTT PIDCOCK



DONALD M. BERNHARD



BOARD OF *Trustees*

By his Will, General Trexler appointed five valued friends to manage his legacy and invested them with broad discretionary powers. General Trexler further directed in his Will that their successors should be chosen by the Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas, Orphans' Court Division, which has jurisdiction over the administration of testamentary trusts.



HARRY C. TREXLER TRUST

TESTAMENTARY TRUSTEES

<i>Nolan P. Benner</i>	1934-1980
<i>Victor E. Fritz</i>	1951-1963
<i>Granville J. Heintzleman</i>	1934-1940
<i>J. Thomas Schantz</i>	1934-1951
<i>George F. Seiberling</i>	1934-1945
<i>John C. Shumberger Sr.</i>	1945-1958
<i>Joseph S. Young</i>	1934-1985

APPOINTED TRUSTEES

<i>William B. Butz</i>	1940-1986
<i>Elmer H. Bausch</i>	1958-1964
<i>Carl J.W. Hessinger</i>	1963-2001
<i>Richard K. White</i>	1964-2000
<i>Dexter F. Baker</i>	1982-2006
<i>Kathryn Stephanoff</i>	1985-2010
<i>Philip I. Berman</i>	1987-1997
<i>Daniel G. Gambet</i>	1997-2017
<i>Malcolm J. Gross</i>	2000-2020
<i>Robert C. Wood</i>	2002-2011
<i>William F. Greenawald</i>	2007-2008
<i>Barnet H. Fraenkel</i>	2008-
<i>Jamie P. Musselman</i>	2010-
<i>L. Charles Marcon</i>	2012-
<i>J. Scott Pidcock</i>	2017-
<i>Donald M. Bernhard</i>	2020-

STAFF

<i>Cynthia H. Feichtel</i>	<i>Office Manager</i>
<i>Laura Herzog Kaplus</i>	<i>Program Officer</i>
<i>Janet E. Roth</i>	<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>