



# COLLABORATING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

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# ON A MISSION

1889 Foundation supports  
innovative programs and  
initiatives that improve and  
transform the overall health  
and wellness of our region.



Dear friends and supporters,

By working together, we accomplish so much more! The fiscal year of 2017-2018 has been a year of collaboration and growth for 1889 Foundation, thanks to your support. We are delighted to show and tell you about some of the highlights in this annual report.

Transforming the overall health and wellness of our region is 1889 Foundation's mission, and we continue to make progress on so many fronts – including education, prevention, and health promotion – by bringing innovative programs to our community. Cambria and Somerset Counties face many challenges related to health and wellness, but we are making a positive impact.

As in the past, collaboration with like-minded organizations on key priorities continues to be vitally important, and we have

forged several new partnerships this year as well. The 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health is firmly established and making strides, while we continue our partnerships with United Way, Cambria County Drug Coalition, and others.

There are many factors that influence the overall health of a community, and we are working in collaboration with leaders across many community sectors to create a better quality of life for all.

We are grateful to you for your interest in 1889 Foundation as our organization strives to meet these challenges and make a difference in our community. Thank you for making our 2017-2018 work possible, and for your support as we move into another successful year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Cascio'.

James Cascio  
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan M. Mann'.

Susan M. Mann  
President

# BY WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE



1889 collaborated with other funders to present the Johnstown Police Department with \$250,000 for new equipment.

Combining forces and resources with organizations that have similar goals helps 1889 Foundation make an even bigger impact. Some of the ways we’ve been able to do that include:

**United Way of the Laurel Highlands Community Impact Grants:** Once again this year, 1889 Foundation contributed a matching grant of \$500,000 to increase the reach and impact of the United Way’s Community Impact Grants, which provide evidence-based programming that helps prepare children for kindergarten, increase parental knowledge of child development and care, and prevent youth drug and alcohol use.

**Cambria County Drug Coalition (CCDC):** We are collaborating with the United Way, Lee Initiatives, and the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in our support of the CCDC as the organization works to diminish all drug-related issues in our community, through law enforcement, treatment, education, and prevention.

**Johnstown Police Department equipment:** On Sept. 27, 2017, 1889 Foundation held a joint press conference with the Johnstown police, Lee Initiatives, and the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to announce a \$250,000 grant to modernize and expand police equipment. 1889 Foundation provided \$150,000 of the total grant, which was used to purchase dashboard cameras, portable tablet computers, and three new patrol cars.

**Creative Health Impact Grants:** 1889 Foundation partners with the Pennsylvania Rural Arts Alliance to provide funding for health-related arts projects throughout our region. In the 2017-2018 year, projects included a mindful arts initiative, art therapy, arts opportunities for the Deaf, music education programs, a public art project, and more.

**Cambria City Cultural Partnership:** Announced in November 2017, this new partnership is a cooperative funding agreement that will provide matching funds for capital improvements to four cultural entities in Cambria City (Bottle Works, Venue of Merging Arts, The Steeples Project, and Johnstown Concert Ballet), with the goal of growing the partnership to include additional arts and cultural entities in Cambria and Somerset Counties. “The partnership secures a future for these non-profit arts organizations, who with 1889 Foundation, have taken the lead in continued development of a dynamic section of the city,” says Jeanne Gleason, who is assisting in carrying out the collaboration. “Growth is visible in each of the partners’ buildings.”



Trina Thompson was invested as the first Heiser Professor of Population Health at Jefferson University in a ceremony featuring David McCullough.

## 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health makes strides

First established in 2016 with a \$7.5 million, five-year gift from 1889 Foundation, the 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health is now firmly established, conducting research, and making decisions about priorities as it works to fulfill its mission of improving health and wellness by building resilient communities through collaboration, research, and education.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the Center became fully staffed under the direction of Trina Thompson, executive director, and welcomed two new project managers. Thompson herself was invested as the first Victor Heiser, MD Professor of Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University, in a special ceremony featuring renowned historian David McCullough.

After extensive research and community input, the Center has identified several priorities: diabetes; mental health; drug, alcohol, and tobacco use; and obesity

and physical activity; and is beginning the process of addressing them.

Diabetes, which is a leading cause of premature death in rural communities, has been determined to be the Center’s top priority – specifically, the Center will focus on the everyday factors of life that impact people’s propensity to develop diabetes, or to manage the disease once they’re diagnosed. The Center issued a request for proposals to find proven community interventions that address the many lifestyle factors that play a role in this increasingly common disease.

“It’s been interesting to see other community organizations who are interested in partnering with us to teach us how to replicate their efforts,” Thompson says. “Thanks to 1889 Foundation’s generous grant to fund this proposal, we have 11 applicants! By the end of this year, we will identify a national partner, pair them with local partners, and begin implementation in 2019.”

# FUNDING EDUCATION & PREVENTION INITIATIVES

Donations from restricted funds allow 1889 to fund a wide variety of initiatives designed to educate and train the next generation of healthcare professionals, encourage healthy lifestyles, help people with serious illnesses, and provide early detection and prevent disease.



1889 sponsored free registrations for 114 youth runners in the Path of the Flood Historic Races in May 2018.



1889 funded nearly 200 presentations of Stop the Bleed, which trained about 7,000 people in how to stop bleeding before help arrives.

**Stop the Bleed:** 1889 Foundation is funding Stop the Bleed kits. This nationwide education program enables people to learn how to manage a person who is severely bleeding before emergency help arrives. A person can bleed to death in five minutes, but training and proper education can drastically increase survival rates. About 200 training programs have been presented by the trauma department of Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center to many area police and fire departments, over 90 percent of the region’s school districts, and a wide variety of community organizations.

Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center estimates that more than 7,000 people and 40 additional instructors have been trained in Stop the Bleed. “Our goal is to not only provide the education, but now also have instructors based within the schools so the program becomes part of the school environment and continuing education,” explains Thomas Causer, trauma coordinator for Conemaugh.

**Path of the Flood Races:** 1889 sponsored free youth registrations for children and youth running the 5K or 12K in the Path of the Flood Races, which took place on May 26. A record number of youth – 114 – took part in the races, which are presented by the Johnstown Area Heritage Association and Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority.



Farm Safety Day helps kids in rural communities know what to do in case of a farm accident, before first responders arrive.

**Farm Safety Day:** Many children growing up in rural environments help on their families’ farms, often working alone while using heavy equipment. 1889 helped to fund Farm Safety Day to teach them and their families what to do in the event of an accident before first responders arrive.

**Support for health and human services needs:** 1889 Foundation funds a variety of initiatives to provide services for people with serious illnesses, including nutritious meals during cancer treatments; transportation to chemotherapy appointments; blood pressure cuffs and weight scales for those with heart disease; and support groups for people with serious diseases. The foundation also supported the May 2018 Rural Conference for Cancer Survivors.

**Respite for Alzheimer’s caregivers:** 1889 Foundation presented a \$35,000 check to the Laurel Highlands Alzheimer’s Foundation (see inside back cover for photo) to provide much-needed respite care for people with Alzheimer’s, to provide temporary relief to their caregivers.

**Free vascular screenings:** 1889 Foundation funded free community screenings for peripheral vascular disease, a common circulatory problem affecting veins and arteries outside the heart. While there is no cure for the condition, it can be successfully managed and treated if caught early. More than 20 screening sessions were held in Johnstown, Meyersdale, and Hastings.

**Cribs for Kids:** This initiative provides needy families with safe, sturdy cribs for their newborns when their families take them home from the hospital.

**Second Chance video:** 1889 Foundation helped fund this educational video with Second Chance Fundraising, in which Craig Smith, a heart transplant recipient and founder of Second Chance, encourages people to enroll as an organ donor.



**Support for students entering healthcare professions and healthcare practitioners:** 1889 Foundation continues to support students who are seeking careers in healthcare, like the nursing students pictured above — in fact, more than \$45,000 was distributed this fiscal year. These included scholarships from the E.MAP/1889 Foundation Critical Skills Scholarship Fund and the Dana Petrunak Conemaugh School of Nursing Alumni Association Fund, among others.

1889 Foundation also continues to provide \$30,000 in support to the Apollo Scholarship Fund, a

collaboration among several area funders that provides an award to a member of the Cambria/Somerset medical community as well as a scholarship to third- and fourth-year medical students who commit to returning to practice medicine here.

The Laurel Highlands Nurse Practitioners Conference was held April 20, 2018 at Penn Highlands Community College with 1889 Foundation support. The conference is a vital networking and educational opportunity for nurse practitioners, who play an increasingly important role in providing healthcare in rural areas throughout western Pennsylvania.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SPECIAL EVENTS

*The 1889 Classic  
was held at  
Sunnehanna  
Country Club on  
a beautiful sunny  
day in July 2017.*



1889 Foundation is grateful to the many people and organizations who work so hard and give so much to fundraisers benefiting our organization. We thank all our sponsors, volunteers, donors, and everyone who attended these successful special events!

**12th Annual Pet Therapy Day:** Pet Therapy Day is an initiative of Golden Girls Pet Therapy with 1889 support. The free event celebrates the special bond between animals and humans, while publicizing the need for more pet therapists. More than \$6,000 was raised for 11 animal non-profit organizations at the 2017 event, which was held on July 23.

**1889 Classic:** This golf scramble took place on July 31, 2017, and was a tremendous success with \$37,000 raised for 1889 Foundation. Sincere thanks to all who supported the event!

**10th Annual Chef Auction:** We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Chef Auction on Oct. 11, 2017. It was a delightful evening of food and fun that raised more than \$39,000 to benefit grief support programs for children in our community. The foundation is extraordinarily grateful to the many chefs and restaurants who continue to donate their time and expertise to make this event so successful.

*The Chef  
Auction featured  
a live auction  
of a variety of  
tasty packages  
from chefs and  
restaurants.*



**School and volunteer fundraisers:** Each year we are inspired by the dedication and initiative of people in our community who hold fundraisers to benefit 1889 Foundation. This year, Bishop Carroll High School, Conemaugh Township School District, Holy Name Elementary School, Somerset High School Cheerleading Boosters, and Westmont Hilltop High School are among the groups who worked hard to raise money to help those in need in their communities.

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