

# About Community Foundations



*Serving Donors  
and Enriching  
Communities*

***Affiliates:***

***Williamsport-Lycoming  
Community Foundation***

***Danville Area Community  
Foundation***

***Union County Community  
Foundation***

Community foundations are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations.

Community foundations share the common goal of building resources for their communities both now and in the future.

The community foundation sector is the fastest growing sector of philanthropy in the United States.

Community foundations held approximately \$44.8 billion in assets in 2005. That same year, community foundations gave \$3.2 billion to charitable causes worldwide.

There are nearly 700 community foundations in the United States.

The Council on Foundations is the international organization that sets forth standards and best practices for community foundations ([www.cof.org](http://www.cof.org)).

The first community foundation in the United States was formed in 1914, in Cleveland, OH.

Community foundations make grants to a wide variety of charitable causes.