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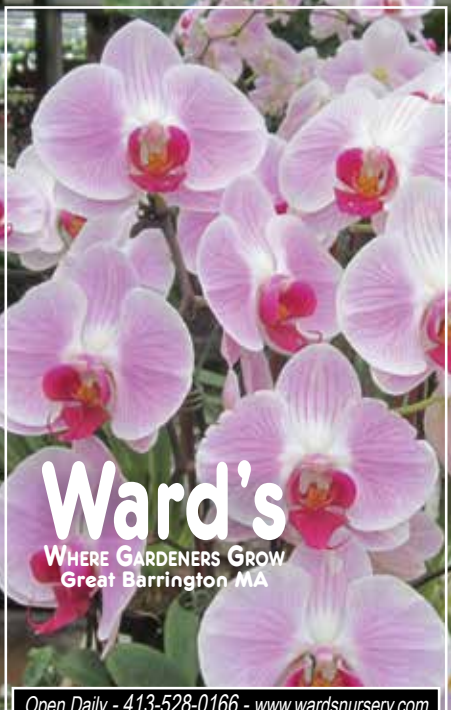
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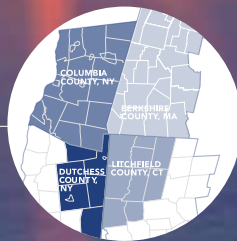
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What causes move you to action?

This will help you to understand WHY you want to volunteer.

Do you have time for a finite project or to serve on a board?

This will help you to identify the level of COMMITMENT you are able to make.

What skills and strengths do you bring to the table?

This will allow you to envision the IMPACT your involvement will elicit.

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MISSION

BerkShares, Inc. is a place-based, democratically structured non-profit organization that works in collaboration with participating local banks, businesses, and non-profits to strengthen the Berkshire regional economy through a local currency program and related pursuits.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BerkShares, Inc. issues BerkShares, a local currency for the Berkshire region of Massachusetts. Federal currency is exchanged for BerkShares at participating branch offices of four local banks and spent at locally owned participating businesses. The circulation of BerkShares encourages capital to remain within the region, building a greater affinity between the local business community and its citizens. BerkShares serve as a tool for community economic empowerment and development toward regional self-reliance. In addition to the currency, BerkShares, Inc. hosts Entry to Entrepreneurship, a business planning program taught by local business professionals with a special focus on the local economy.



"When you're spending BerkShares you're creating a relationship. It's saying, 'I support what you're doing, and I'm going to keep coming back.'"
– Phyllis Webb,
The Magic Fluke, Co.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Get Berkshares! Exchange \$95 for 1 BerkShare at participating branches of Adams Community Bank, Lee Bank, Pittsfield Co-op Bank, and Salisbury Bank & Trust Co
2. Use BerkShares! Pay for goods and services with BerkShares at over 400 locally owned businesses throughout Berkshire County
3. Become a member of BerkShares, Inc for 25 BerkShares or \$25 per year and run for the Board of Directors
4. Donate to BerkShares, Inc. to support ongoing publicity like the Business of the Month stories and educational programs like Entry to Entrepreneurship

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2006
- Program Coordinator/Board Chair: Rachel Moriarty/Jon Greene
- Number of constituents served: All of Berkshire County
- Number of part-time staff: 1



Berkshire Agricultural Ventures

314 Main Street, Suite 11
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 645-3594

info@berkshireagventures.org
www.berkshireagventures.org

MISSION

Berkshire Agricultural Ventures' mission is to provide capacity building resources to farms and food businesses to ensure they are viable and thrive and that all residents have access to fresh and healthy local food.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BAV provides nimble financing and technical assistance to farm and food entrepreneurs and local businesses to help them thrive in today's challenging economic landscape. We invest in the safeguarding of working farms, the food makers who add value, and the entrepreneurs striving to create and expand markets. Our resources are tailored to the specific needs of local farms and food businesses to help them grow and become more viable no matter what stage of the business lifecycle they are currently in. BAV offers: Low to no-interest loans, equity investment and matching grants to farms and food businesses; technical capacity-building assistance for entrepreneurs; assistance in helping farmers gain access to agricultural land; support for high-impact infrastructure projects like food hubs and regional processors.



BAV really met us where we were with our business. They made financing accessible and affordable for us and we didn't have to fit into their box. They came to us and asked us as business owners and farmers with respect and dignity what we needed, and they were able to actually provide it.

– Tess Diamond and Sean Stanton, North Plain Farm

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Community Revolving Fund or Community Matching Grant Program, our Annual Appeal or donate online
2. Subscribe to our newsletter and join us at our local events
3. Invest in local and regional projects
4. Join our network of Technical Assistance Consultants or our Advisory Committee
5. Volunteer your time and/or services

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2017
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Cynthia Pansing & Tom Gardner
- Number of constituents served: Over 31 farms and food businesses; Over 2300 acres
- Number of full-time staff: 2, plus 2 part-time





Berkshire AHEC

Berkshire AHEC, Inc

c/o BCC
1350 West Street, K213H
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 236-4500
sdargie@berkshireahec.org
www.berkshireahec.org

MISSION

Berkshire AHEC advances access to high quality healthcare & healthy lifestyles through academic and community partnerships.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire AHEC's mission is to improve the effectiveness, supply, and diversity of the county healthcare workforce. Through continuing education and certificate programs, Berkshire AHEC addresses the educational needs of the area's health care providers by supporting their professional development and helping health care providers fulfill their licensure needs. Berkshire AHEC participates in public health campaigns focusing on present-day health challenges impacting Berkshire County and engages in programs to improving the general health of Massachusetts residents. **Berkshire AHEC's programming includes: Continuing Education for the Health and Human Service Workforce, Tobacco-Free Community Partnership, Medical Interpreter Training, MA Food Allergen Training and Berkshire AHEC Health Scholars' Program @ BCC.**



"Berkshire AHEC does an excellent job of recruiting speakers with a wealth of information and knowledge. The Organization coordinates excellent programs with experts that provide the best and most current information to audiences. The staff manages each detail from initiation to the conclusion of each program."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a continuing education program (advertisement, presenter, food, venue or donation)
2. Attend a continuing education program
3. Refer a colleague/friend/family
4. Volunteer your time
5. Sponsor a student

FAST FACTS

- Year Established: 1979
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Thomas Colligan/Michele Darroch
- Number of Constituents Served: 6,541 individuals through programming
- Number of Full-time Staff: 5

Berkshire Arts & Technology (BART) Charter Public School

One Commercial Street, PO Box 267, Adams, MA 01220

(413) 743-7311

leah.thompson@bartcharter.org

www.bartcharter.org



BART

a college prep charter school

MISSION

BART Charter Public School prepares all students for college by promoting mastery of academic skills and content with a strong foundation in arts and technology. We provide middle and high school students with an educational community that regards everyone, including teachers and parents, as lifelong learners.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BART is a tuition-free, public charter school serving students in grades 6-12 throughout central and northern Berkshire County. BART's rigorous, individualized program focuses on building creative and technological skills to successfully navigate and be valued in today's world.

To date, 100% of BART graduates have been accepted into college.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a tax-deductible gift to support our nationally recognized programming at www.bartcharter.org/v2/support-bart
2. Schedule a tour to visit us and see what we do
3. Support our students by volunteering as a mock interviewer or portfolio review panelist
4. Get involved and stay connected! Follow us on social media

If you are interested in supporting BART in any of the above ways, contact Leah Thompson, leah.thompson@bartcharter.org, (413) 742-7311 ext. 708



"BART has demonstrated time after time that we are more than just an educational institution—we are a community. A community that tries to bring everyone together alike. Teachers, students, staff, and families, all working jointly to create a comfortable home for one another."

— Gerardo, class of 2018

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2004
- Executive Director/Board Chair: James White II, Ph.D./Dianne Cutillo
- Number of constituents served: 363+ enrolled students
- Number of full-time staff: 73





Berkshire Baby Box

PO Box 587
S. Egremont, MA 01258
(413) 591-8029
berkshirebabybox.org

MISSION

To facilitate the wellbeing of ALL new Berkshire County families we: 1) raise awareness of safe sleep issues and furnish a safe sleeping space for newborns; 2) provide needed items to help ease the transition to new parenthood; 3) facilitate connections for new families to local resources, parenting education, guidance and support.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Baby Box provides the Finnish style "Baby Shower in a Box" to all expectant families in the Berkshires. The Box serves as a safe sleeping space for infants up to 6 months old. Box distribution is tied to an educational program with the goal of providing information as well as creating community. This recognizes that new parenthood is a challenging and often isolating time for all. Boxes are given out at agencies throughout the county. Over 1,600 Baby Boxes were given out in our first 2 years, and we plan to have Baby Boxes become an anticipated rite of passage for all Berkshire families.



"The Berkshire Baby Box is much more than a gift. Our goal is for the Baby Box to bring families and resources together to form a supportive community where new families will feel welcome, prepared and supported, and all Berkshire County families will have the best possible beginning."

*– Hinda Bodinger,
Founder and President*

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Financial Support - Any amount is greatly appreciated
2. Donate items for the Boxes - Listed on our website
3. Join smile.amazon.com and list Berkshire Baby Box as the non-profit you want to support

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- President/CEO: Hinda Bodinger
- Number of constituents served: 1800
- Number of full-time staff: All volunteer staff

MISSION

Founded in 1934, the Garden fulfills the community's need for information, education and inspiration concerning the art and science of gardening and the preservation of our local environment.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Fifteen acres of display gardens provide an outdoor classroom for those wishing to expand their knowledge of horticulture and garden design. Year-round workshops, classes, and lectures provide educational opportunities for beginner to advanced gardeners; professional development programs are offered in conjunction with Berkshire Community College. The newly renovated Center House with its teaching kitchen, three galleries, botanical library, and classroom/meeting space provides a beautiful setting for classes and events. Ongoing youth programs focus on topics related to food, agriculture and sustainability, and the Farm in the Garden Camp provides a unique opportunity for children to learn about earth stewardship. Popular annual events include the Winter Lecture, Plant Sale, Grow Show, and Harvest Festival, enriching the garden community where common interests bring people together through its education, membership, and volunteer programs.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Visit the Garden
2. Enroll in a class or workshop
3. Become a member
4. Volunteer
5. Donate



"BBG is the perfect place for me, big enough to do good in the world, small enough to feel like family. They engage you in the most delightful ways, year-round. The gardens are spectacular; the events are exciting; the art shows, classes and community outreach programs are exceptional. Supporting BBG adds friendship and meaning to my life."

– Lauretta Harris, Trustee and Volunteer Association President

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1934
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Michael Beck/Matt Larkin
- Number of constituents served: 30,000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 15



Berkshire Center for Justice, Inc.

284 Main Street, Ste. 7
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 854-1955
flcberkshire@gmail.com
berkshirecenterforjustice.com

MISSION

To provide support for persons who otherwise would not have access to legal services. Educate clients as to their rights and empower them to self-advocate within the systems where appropriate. BCJ is a non-profit, charitable organization.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BCJ is one of only 23 non-profit sliding scale direct legal service providers in the country and the only one to offer legal, social, and community service referrals. Since 2006 our Free Legal Clinics and Justice for Elders support programs have helped the most vulnerable in our community. BCJ is a trauma sensitive organization and offers free interpreters and mediation services.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a free legal clinic
2. Sponsor our pro bono representation and education programs
3. Participate in our annual appeal
4. Volunteer, serve on a committee, or join our Board of Directors



"I learned about BCJ through social services provided to my grandmother. BCJ helped my family in a time of need when my sick grandmother was being sued. The organization was able to get the case dismissed, answered all our questions and communicated with us thoroughly on a weekly basis explaining the civil process and details on my grandmother's case. I am happy to know BCJ is an influential organization in Berkshire County. I recommend this service to others." RT

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2006
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Eve Schatz, Esq./Ruth Tucker
- Number of constituents served: 150 per year; over 2000 since inception.
- Number of full-time staff: Part-time staff and 8 volunteers



Berkshire Children and Families

480 West Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 448-8281
info@berkshirechildren.org
berkshirechildren.org

MISSION

Every child in a family. Every family in a community.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Children and Families promotes the well-being of children and the strength of families to build better communities in the Berkshires and Pioneer Valley. We provide education, parenting skills and support, prevention and intervention, advocacy, and life skills across a spectrum of programs serving children and families in four areas: early education and care; foster care and adoption; child and family well-being; youth and community development.



"All the staff at Berkshire Children and Families... are so kind. They have welcomed my children into their programs and made them feel comfortable. All of us are grateful for their support."

– A BCF family member

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. **VOLUNTEER** Be a mentor for a young person, train to be a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), read to children, or share your expertise by running a program
2. **DONATE** to improve the lives of children, youth, families, and individuals in our community
3. **ATTEND** a Kids 4 Harmony Concert or Family Resource Center event
4. **FOSTER** hope and open your home by becoming a foster family
5. **FOLLOW** us on social media

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1987
- President & CEO/Board Chair: Colleen Holmes/Christopher King
- Number of constituents served: 4200
- Number of full-time staff: 130



Berkshire Community Diaper Project



Berkshire Community Diaper Project

PO Box 5, 14 Main Street

West Stockbridge, MA 01266

Berkshirecommunitydiaperproject.com

MISSION

The Berkshire Community Diaper Project (BCDP) provides diapers for parents who struggle to afford them for their children. Diaper need is a most important practical issue that is documented to affect the mental health of parents, and potentially of their children.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We supply four food pantries throughout the County with diapers, as well as one WIC Program and multiple agencies that work with families and children. To date, we have given out over 500,000 diapers to families in need. We also speak to school, civic groups and religious organizations about diaper need, a significant but hidden issue.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Provide financial assistance
2. Sponsor a Diaper Drive in your business, civic club, church, synagogue or business
3. Learn more about this hidden issue and advocate about it
4. Drop off any unused diapers to the sites listed on our website

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2014
- Board Chair: Marie Rudden
- Number of constituents served: thousands of Berkshire families
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Berkshire Country Day School

Mailing: PO Box 867, Lenox, MA 01240

Physical: 55 Interlaken Road, Stockbridge, MA 01262

(413) 637-0755

aheddinger@berkshirecountryday.org

berkshirecountryday.org

MISSION

Berkshire Country Day School exists to inspire the individual promise of every student, that each may become an exemplary citizen of the world.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Country Day School, voted Best Private School in the Berkshires, serves students from 2 years old through 9th Grade, nurturing wonder and building skills at each level. Through an intentional approach of inquiry, discovery, and discussion, the School blends challenge and creativity, incorporating proven methods with emerging best practices. BCD's strong reputation for balancing a comprehensive, curriculum with the culture and spirit of the Berkshires is the product of exemplary teachers, a robust program that strengthens foundational skills, an emphasis on hands-on projects that engage students, rich visual and performing arts classes, and a gorgeous 27-acre campus where students play and learn. Committed to a vibrant, diverse community, BCD has a generous financial aid program that provides access to a broad range of families.



The essence of BCD is that it's a great and unique learning environment—there's nothing else like it. BCD does more than any school to develop kids as creative thinkers, and the school is full of happy, engaged kids who are self-confident and inquisitive. The teachers are rockstars! It's terrific to see our kids inspired to learn.

– 3rd Grade Parent

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Enroll your child or grandchild in BCD's extraordinary program!
2. Contribute to BCD's Scholarship Fund for expanded access
3. Make a gift to the Annual Fund for BCD's people, program, and place
4. Participate in the School's annual Gala Soirée
5. Volunteer to share your expertise with our students or teachers

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1946
- Interim Head of School/Board Chair: Dr. Mark Segar/Cara Vermeulen
- Number of constituents served: 120
- Number of full-time staff: 27





Berkshire County Arc

395 South Street, PO Box 2
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 499-4241
bcarc@bcarc.org
bcarc.org

MISSION

"Berkshire County Arc is committed to assisting and supporting individuals in their quest to identify and realize their chosen lifestyles."

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Founded in 1954, Berkshire County Arc (BCArc) is a non-profit, tax-exempt, human services organization offering a broad range of community-based services to individuals with developmental disabilities, brain injuries and autism throughout Berkshire and Hampden Counties in Massachusetts. BCARC serves more than 1,000 individuals annually through the following programs: Advocacy and Family Support, Adult Family Care (AFC), Day Habilitation, Transitions, Employment, Residential Services, Brain Injury Services, Autism Outreach Services, Zip 'N Sort Mail Services, and Special Needs Pooled Trusts.



Over many years, our family has developed a deep relationship with the BCARC family. The Agency has always provided incredible guidance/support to our son and family in navigating the special needs landscape. From early childhood programs to educational advocacy to meaningful job training, their services have been invaluable. Our heartfelt thanks for their support.
– Mike, JoAnn/Charlie Ferry

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Campaign
2. Support the Buddy Walk of the Berkshires
3. Donate to the BCARC Annual Golf Classic
4. Other Ways To Donate – volunteer, donate via Amazon Smile, donate a vehicle

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1954
- President & CEO/Board Chair: Kenneth W. Singer & Joseph Woitkoski
- Number of constituents served: 1000+
- Number of full-time staff: 500+ (800+ total)

Berkshire County Kids' Place & Violence Prevention Center, Inc.

63 Wendell Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 499-2800

lbaran@kidsplaceonline.org
kidsplaceonline.org



MISSION

The mission of Berkshire County Kids' Place and Violence Prevention Center, Inc. (Kids' Place) is to provide an interdisciplinary, cooperative team approach to address the needs of all children subjected to violence, as victims or as witnesses, and the needs of their non-offending family members.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Sexual Assault Intervention Network (SAIN): A multi-disciplinary team run by the Berkshire District Attorney, housed at Kids' Place coordinates child sexual and physical abuse investigations so children only have to tell their story once.

Trauma Recovery Program: Provides trauma focused therapeutic services to child victims and their non-offending family.

Violence Prevention Outreach & Education: Kids' Place provides education to the community on prevention and awareness of child abuse.

SAFE Berkshires Program: A joint collaborative between Elizabeth Freeman Center that provides advocacy and counseling services to survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program (Pedi-SANE): The Pedi-SANE nurse provides free, highly specialized medical examinations of child abuse victims.



When my son was 3 I took him and moved out of an abusive environment. My son disclosed that he had been hurt by an adult. Therapy at Kids' Place has been refreshing and uplifting. Our therapist has changed our lives for the better. She brought my son back to me.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Appeal
2. Attend our annual Gala event in October
3. Volunteer on an event committee; we have 3 big annual events: our Gala (October), Golf Tournament (June) and Jimmy's Ride Motorcycle Run (July)
4. Sponsor one or more of our annual events listed above
5. Become an adult mentor for the Group Mentoring Program

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1993
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Heather Williamson/Rosemarie Phelps
- Number of constituents served: Over 400 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 9



Berkshire Dream Center

475 Tyler Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 358-8886



berkshiredreamcenter@gmail.com
berkshiredreamcenter.org

MISSION

Our mission is to simply love & serve others. Our mission statement is, "Find a need and meet it, find a hurt and heal it." We seek to provide hope by meeting both tangible and spiritual needs so that others may know the love of Jesus Christ.



"The Dream Center has changed my life in more ways than I can count."

– Tina Barnes

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Food, clothing, Adopt A Block (home visits & street clean up), BDC TV: our Pittsfield community TV show (PCTV aired every Sunday), Connection to Assistance programs, community gardens, job assistance, Project Connection, mobile food pantry, holiday blessings (Thanksgiving & Christmas), disaster relief, Sunday service, small groups, spiritual counseling, annual community events (back to school bash, block party, Christmas programs), short term mission trips, laundry ministry, coffee and prayer.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a monthly financial partner
2. Volunteer and serve alongside of us
3. Help spread the word
4. Host a food drive
5. Corporate sponsorship

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2011
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Katelynn Miner
- Number of constituents served: 5,200
- Number of full-time staff: 1 FT & 3 PT

Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)



29 Highland Ave.
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 230-7321
team@thebeatnews.org
thebeatnews.org

MISSION

The Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) is a 501(c)3 non-profit. We work with our community to protect the environment for wildlife in support of the natural systems that support us all. Anybody who knows us will tell you that we take the “Action” part of our name seriously. We welcome everyone to join our work!

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BEAT's work involves environmental watchdogging, stewardship, and education and outreach. As watchdogs we advocate for sustainable, affordable energy options and against toxic fossil fuel infrastructure through our No Fracked Gas in Mass Program. As stewards we remove invasive plants without chemicals, participate in a regional wildlife connectivity initiative, and monitor stormwater quality flowing into the Housatonic River. Our education and outreach encompasses our weekly e-newsletters, a free tree planting program in Pittsfield, MA, and community events. All of our programs are grounded in our community and our partnerships with municipalities and other Berkshire-based organizations. We couldn't do our work without you.



As a young person in Berkshire County, my time at BEAT has illustrated the opportunities that are available within my interests as well as all the vibrant community daily happenings. I have been inspired by all that can be done within our community and the positive changes that have been and will be accomplished.

– Jen Evans, 2018 Intern

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate online or by check – we stretch every dollar as far as it will go
2. Volunteer your time – pulling trash out of the river, cutting and pulling invasive hardy kiwi, working in the office, or whatever your specialty might be
3. Sponsor a program or put on a show with the proceeds going to BEAT
4. Give an in-kind gift – BEAT needs loppers, handsaws, snowshoes, ice-trax for icy hikes
5. Become a sustaining donor

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2003
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Jane Winn/Bruce Winn
- Number of constituents served: 2,297
- Number of full-time staff: 1





Berkshire Family YMCA - Pittsfield & North Adams

292 North St. (Corporate Office)

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 499-7650

rkinnas@bfymca.org

bfymca.org

MISSION

The Berkshire Family YMCA puts caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. The Y fulfills this mission by strengthening our communities through three areas of focus - Youth Development, Healthy Living & Social Responsibility.



"As a single mom to three beautiful kids, I was so thankful to the Y for offering my family financial assistance to keep my kids active - mentally, socially and physically - and to keep them away from bad influences. For me the YMCA is not a place for just sports, it is a place that made my dream come true."
– Jessica V.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

With branch locations in Pittsfield and North Adams, the Berkshire Family YMCA serves more than 10,000 community members through three areas of focus. Youth development aims to nurture the potential of every child and teen through programs such as childcare, education and leadership, swim lessons and camp. Healthy living programs aim to improve the nation's health and well-being through programs that focus on family time, evidence based disease prevention programs, well-being and fitness, sports and recreation. Social responsibility incorporates giving back and providing support to our neighbors with programs that include social services, family reconnection, volunteerism and advocacy.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our annual campaign
2. Participate in our fundraising events
3. Sponsor an event or program
4. Volunteer your time

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1886
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Randy Kinnas/Tracy L. McConnell
- Number of constituents served: 4,500 members
- Number of full-time staff: 24

Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative



66 Allen Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 528-4223
www.berkshirefilm.org

MISSION

Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative creates educational, workforce and production opportunities in the film and media industry as an economic initiative for the Berkshire region of western Massachusetts.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BFMC develops educational and workforce enrichment courses, offers networking events for industry professionals, acts as a resource for productions shooting locally, creates jobs for our community in the film industry, and provides an online productions guide and locations database as a resource for filmmakers.

BFMC is launching a new Community Film Fund to help our non-profits make videos for their branding, marketing and fundraising. The Fund will match whatever monies are raised by an organization to help them create high-quality, message driven videos.



"We are so fortunate in the Berkshires to have an active and engaged film industry thanks to the efforts of the Berkshire Film/Media Collaborative. They work with us in many partnership projects as 1Berkshire showcases the region to the world!"

– Lauri Klefos,
Executive Vice President, 1Berkshire

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate to our Community Film Fund to help give our non-profits a voice through video
2. Sponsor one of our classes, workshops or the Western MA Film and Media Exchange conference
3. Attend our "Posh Picnic" annual fundraiser

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2009
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Diane Pearlman/William Beautyman
- Number of constituents served: 750
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Berkshire Food Project

PO Box 651, 134 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 664-7378
Berkshirefoodproject.org



MISSION

The Berkshire Food Project seeks to alleviate hunger, food insecurity, and social isolation by serving healthy, no cost meals and connecting people to other resources, all in a dignified and respectful manner.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Based out of the dining hall of the First Congregational Church North Adams, we provide free meals to anyone. Hot meals are served at noon time each Monday-Friday. We also provide take-home meals for those needing an evening or a weekend meal, as well as such services as consumer advocacy, on the job training, cooking and nutrition classes, community education, and emergency food during the week.



"I came in because I was hungry today and someone placed their hand on my shoulder and asked if I needed anything. It was nice to feel a human connection. I left feeling that someone cared."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Provide financial assistance
2. Volunteer
3. Provide companionship in the dining room - share a meal with someone
4. Share information about the Berkshire Food Project with others
5. Donate in-kind goods and services

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1987 by Williams College students
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Kim McMann/James Mahon
- Number of meals served: 27,908 in 2017
- Number of full-time staff: 2



Berkshire Grown

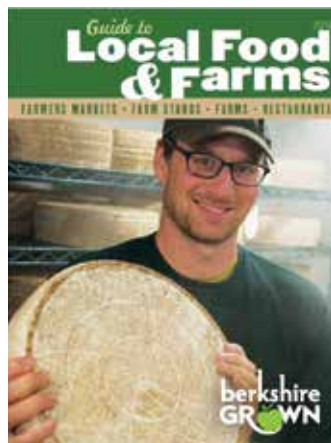
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(413) 528-0041
buylocal@berkshiregrown.org
Berkshiregrown.org

MISSION

Berkshire Grown supports and promotes local agriculture as a vital part of the Berkshire community, economy, and landscape.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Grown hosts eight winter farmers markets November through April, extending the season for farmers and the community. Through Share the Bounty, Berkshire Grown purchases shares from local CSA farms and donates those shares to local food pantries, kitchens, and WIC families. Networking events connect over 160 farmers and food producers with buyers.



"Berkshire Grown is the region's prime champion of farms and local food. We are creating a county-wide food economy, bringing the community together to promote eating local, to make sure our farms are viable businesses, and to preserve the Berkshires' rural character."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Come to a delicious locally grown event
2. Introduce your friends and colleagues to the Berkshire Grown Winter Farmers Markets
3. Contribute to our media campaign
4. Support Share the Bounty - our win-win program that buys shares in local farms for food pantries and kitchens
5. Become a member of Berkshire Grown

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1998
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Margaret Moulton/Allison Rachele Bayles
- Number of constituents served: 7500+ attend farmers markets
- Number of full-time staff: 3





Berkshire HorseWorks Inc.

101 Patton Road
Richmond, MA 01254
(413) 698-3700 • cell: (310) 488-9777
berkshirehorseworks.org

MISSION

To transform lives through the powerful interaction with horses utilizing EAGALA Model Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, Equine Assisted Life Skill Development and Equine Assisted Team Building.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

New offerings: "Equine Assisted Team Building for Families and Organizations", "Pony Paint Parties", "Mentorships" and "Meditative Hikes with Horses". Multiple ground-based EAGALA Model equine assisted programs including "Life Skills Development" and "Bully Intervention/Prevention" for youth; "Girls Rule!" and "Sister Sense" focusing on leadership development and empowerment for adolescents and women; "Special Skills for Special People" for those with special needs; "Family Integration" to solidify the support structure around those in need; "Own It and Up" for inmates and "Horse Powered Veterans" for service members, both to facilitate reintegration and increase resiliency.



"Berkshire HorseWorks EAGALA program is the finest I have ever seen. We have witnessed firsthand the positive impact these horses have on those in our community - increased confidence, self-esteem, resiliency and accountability."

– Berkshire County Sheriff
Thomas Bowler

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation toward EAP or Life Skill Development programs for at-risk youth, veterans and families
2. Volunteer your time/expertise/services
3. Sponsor a horse for the year
4. Join our Board of Directors
5. Book an Equine Assisted Team Building session for your staff, family or Board

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2014
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Hayley Sumner/Don Fulford
- Number of constituents served: 674
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Berkshire Humane Society

214 Barker Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 447-7878

info@berkshirehumane.org
BerkshireHumane.org

MISSION

Berkshire Humane Society (BHS) has a two-fold mission: to ensure the compassionate care, treatment, and whenever possible, placement of homeless animals through the shelter operation; and to promote and improve the welfare of all animals through community education and outreach.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Humane Society (BHS) is a private, non-profit organization not affiliated with any other animal welfare group. As the only open admission shelter in the Berkshires, BHS shelters and rehomes homeless, companion animals. BHS also provides numerous programs and services benefiting people and pets. Our Pet Food Pantry and spaying/neutering initiatives provide free or low-cost services assisting pet owners in need. The SafePet Program offers temporary foster care for pets of owners who are in crisis. BHS boasts multiple humane education opportunities such as Camp Humane, Humane Heroes, The Defenders, and the Coffee House Speaking Series, which is a program for adults. You can also support BHS by shopping at Catwalk Boutique, a resale shop specializing in women's clothing.



"To be a humane society means that we must view all the people and all the animals whom we serve as being equally deserving of our compassion and our fullest effort to improve their welfare."

– Fred Pomerantz,
Vice President,
BHS Board of Directors

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a generous donation
2. Volunteer your time and talents
3. Become a Compassionate Caregiver
4. Sponsor a special event
5. Underwrite a program

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1992
- Executive Director/Board President: John Perreault/Cindy Bartlett
- Number of constituents served: More than 50,000 animals since 1992
- Number of full-time staff: 14





Berkshire Immigrant Center

67 East Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 445-4881
berkshireic.com

MISSION

Berkshire Immigrant Center assists individuals and families in making the economic, psychological and cultural adjustment to a new land, not only by meeting basic needs, but also by helping them to become active participants in our community. The Center also aims to build bridges of understanding and cooperation across cultures, to fight racism and discrimination in all forms, and to advocate for the rights of immigrants from all backgrounds.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Our multi-lingual staff provides immigration legal services including application support, information and distribution of forms for a variety of immigration issues including adjustment of status, green cards, visas, political asylum, work authorization, family sponsorship and citizenship; naturalization exam preparation; orientation, information and referrals for immigrants; and advocacy and public education including workshops. Our caseworkers are available by appointment and at our weekly walk-in clinic on Wednesdays. For a full list of services, please see berkshireic.com.



"BIC helped me reunite with my daughter who I had not seen since we became separated in a Cambodian refugee camp in 1979. I didn't even know that she was still alive. The Center helped me complete all of the paperwork to bring my daughter to the U.S. The entire process took 4 years. You cannot imagine the joy when she stepped off the plane."

*– Jorani, Pittsfield resident,
via Cambodia*

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Spread the word about BIC's services
2. Donate online or by check
3. Follow us on Facebook and join our email list
4. Ask your friends & faith-based communities to support BIC
5. Learn more about us on our website, or visit us

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1997
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Brooke Mead/Rose Ellis
- Number of constituents served: 700 clients/year from more than 70 countries
- Number of full-time staff: 3 (plus 3 part-time)



Berkshire Interfaith Organizing

PO Box 1133
Pittsfield, MA 01202
(413)464-1804
office@biorganizing.org
berkshireinterfaithorganizing.org

MISSION

We work together to make social justice real and improve the quality of life for all in the Berkshires.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

At BIO, we build relationships across lines of difference in order to understand our shared interests, develop the skills of community leaders interested in building collective power, and take action on issues of common concern to improve the lives of community members. One of our recent successes was the Great Barrington Trust Policy campaign, in which we worked with Multicultural BRIDGE and other partners to write and pass a local ordinance to prevent local police from working with ICE to target and deport undocumented immigrants outside of criminal cases.

Our top priority issue areas, as identified through our 2018 Listening Campaign, are Immigrant Justice, Racial Justice, Transportation, and Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. We invite you to join us in our work for justice!

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contact one of our organizers to set up a one-to-one conversation and learn more; check out our website (see link above) for our contact information
2. Come to the monthly Priority Issues Research Team meeting to learn how you can get involved in our campaigns and issue work! (4th Tuesdays, 6-7:45pm, St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield)
3. Subscribe to our newsletter and follow us on Facebook and Twitter; see website
4. Donate to BIO
5. Encourage your faith community to join BIO, or join as an individual member

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2015
- Board President: Rev. Joel Huntington
- Number of constituents served: Representing 18 member groups in Berkshire County
- Number of full-time staff: 3 part-time staff



Organizing, at its heart, builds relationships across lines of difference based on commitment to bring systemic change for the betterment of the community... it is a magic, born of materials we all have - stories, interest in others, being moved to action on behalf of relationships... all these elements coming together deepens and enriches community.



Berkshire Lyric

PO Box 347
Pittsfield, MA 01202
(413)499-0258
www.berkshirelyric.org

MISSION

Berkshire Lyric is a community of choral groups for adults, teens and children. We are passionate about continuing our multi-generational approach to music education and performance. We strive for artistic excellence and seek to strengthen our role as the premiere advocate for fine choral singing and vocal music education in the Berkshires.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Berkshire Lyric Chorus is comprised of between 70 and 100 singers representing all walks of life from Berkshire County and the three nearby states.

The Blatfield Children's Chorus strives to provide a high quality music experience for children of Berkshire County ages 6 to 13. The goal is to foster in each child a love of music by training them in the demanding art of choral singing.

Melodious Accord is a select ensemble for high school age girls. They perform both a cappella and accompanied music from several centuries and traditions.

Ubi Caritas was formed in 2011. This is a select a cappella group of up to twenty-two singers ages 16 to 28, who work for two months every summer, when many are home from college. They present a series of a cappella sacred concerts on the first Sunday of August that directly raises funding for area food pantries. The concerts have been supported by a dozen churches throughout the county and have raised over \$10,000 for local food pantries.



"Thank you for the wonderful performance yesterday. The Lyric Chorus was fabulous, the little ones dear, the soloists were outstanding. You inspire your musicians to give their best. Thank you for what you give to this community."

– A local choral director

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend our concerts
2. Advertise in our season program
3. Donate on our website or through the mail
4. Sponsor a concert

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1963
- Board Chair: Amy Najimy
- Number of constituents served: 165 singers, 2,950 live audience, and radio
- Number of full-time staff: 3 part-time

Berkshire museum

MISSION

The mission of the Berkshire Museum is to bring people together for experiences that spark creativity and innovative thinking by making inspiring educational connections among art, history, and natural science.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Berkshire Museum has been serving the community since 1903 through a wide range of exhibitions, programs, and activities integrating art, history, and natural science. The skilled Museum educators on staff provide more than 29,000 educational experiences for students and teachers each year. Berkshire Museum's extensive education programs are designed to encourage students to think critically, problem-solve, and collaborate while taking full advantage of the Museum's unique collections.



"Curiosity, culture, community."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a member
2. Attend the annual Gala
3. Participate in the annual Festival of Trees
4. Participate in the annual appeal
5. Sponsor an exhibition or educational program

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1903
- Number of constituents served: 95,000
- Number of full-time staff: 26



Berkshire Music School

30 Wendell Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-1411
berkshiremusicschool.org

MISSION

It is the mission of the Berkshire Music School to foster the love and pursuit of music for all ages through quality music education activities, community collaborations, and performance opportunities.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BMS offers private music instruction on nearly every instrument or voice, along with music theory, music history, and composition. Chamber ensembles for beginning and adult students in classical, jazz and cabaret; classes for youngsters and an ambitious string program for young string players; outreach program serving the 55 year and older populations; and public school collaborations to bring in music enrichment programs and in-school assemblies by BMS faculty members.



"This distinguished milestone (BMS 75th Anniversary) reveals a deep legacy of creativity, learning, and engagement that has, and continues to, benefit Pittsfield and the greater Berkshire community."

– Pittsfield Mayor Linda Tyer
at BMS's 75th celebration at the
Colonial Theatre, April 3, 2016.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Support and attend the annual Student Performathon (April 6, 2019)
2. Provide scholarship support for students seeking financial aid to study at BMS
3. Underwrite a concert, chamber music program, outreach or a public school assembly

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1940
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Tracy Wilson/Jeff Bradway
- Number of constituents served: 300 students, 1,000+ outreach programs
- Number of full-time staff: 3 plus 35 faculty members



Berkshire Natural Resources Council

20 Bank Row
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 499-0596
frontdesk@bnrc.org
www.bnrc.org

MISSION

To protect and preserve the natural beauty and ecological integrity of the Berkshires for public benefit and enjoyment.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BNRC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit land conservation organization working to preserve threatened lands throughout Berkshire County in western Massachusetts. The Council places special emphasis on protecting the integrity of the Berkshire landscape. BNRC has conserved more than 22,000 acres in Berkshire County, 10,470 of which are open to the public and owned by BNRC; another 12,128 acres are protected in perpetuity through conservation restrictions. BNRC finds ways to create access to the land to help connect people to nature.

We build trails, offer educational and outreach programs including hikes and school programs, and, in partnership with the Berkshire Athenaeum, have developed the “Library in the Wilderness” program which provides backpacks filled with field guides, maps, binoculars and other supplies so anyone can experience the wonder and beauty of nature.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contact us if you are interested in conserving or protecting your land
2. Contribute to our annual fund to provide education and outreach programs to connect people to nature and keep our lands protected forever
3. Donate to the High Road campaign to connect the Berkshires with walking trails
4. Volunteer to work on a trail, pull invasives, or help with mailings in the office
5. Participate in one of our many year-round, free walks, hikes and outings to learn more about the Berkshires and connect with others

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1967
- President/Board Chair: Jenny Hansell/Tim Crane
- Number of constituents served: All who live in and visit Berkshire County
- Number of full-time staff: 8



“The Berkshires have been my spiritual home for more than 82 years. From days spent with my mom picking blueberries on mountain tops and seeking out all the waterfalls the Berkshires have to offer with my kids, grandkids and now great-grandkids, I love the Berkshires with all my heart. I am honored to support you.”

– BNRC Supporter

Berkshire Playwrights Lab



352 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-2544

admin@berkshireplaywrightslab.org
Berkshireplaywrightslab.org

MISSION

BPL is the only theater company in Berkshire County that focuses exclusively on new play development. It provides emerging and established playwrights with a supportive environment to develop their work while offering local audiences high-quality theater experiences at little or no cost.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BPL offers readings and productions of new plays. Our Summer Reading Series is staged readings of four new plays. The Radius Playwrights Festival in January offers staged readings of 5 or 6 new plays by local playwrights. Our Berkshire Voices program is a workshop series for local writers that culminates with the reading of two new plays in development each spring and fall.



They are an incredible group of really smart people who are passionate about new plays, passionate about text, who will partner with the playwright. That's invaluable.

– Jane Anderson, playwright

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Appeal in November
2. Attend our annual Gala in June
3. Sponsor a production or play reading
4. Advertise in our playbill
5. Volunteer your home as lodging for cast members

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2007
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Tristan Wilson/Stacey Gills Weber
- Number of constituents served: 2,000
- Number of full-time staff: 4



Berkshire Pulse

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Housatonic, MA 01236
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berkshire.pulse@gmail.com
berkshirepulse.org

MISSION

Berkshire Pulse is a dynamic nonprofit dance and performing arts education center in Housatonic. Its mission: to build and strengthen community life through diverse and accessible programming. At Pulse, youth and adults experience the rewards of commitment, community involvement and the vast emotional and physical benefits of artistic expression.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Pulse's Performing Arts Program provides beginner through advanced level programming in Ballet, Modern, Contemporary, Choreography, Broadway Jazz, Tap, African dance, Flamenco, Hip Hop, and World Music Percussion to youth ages 4-18.

Classes run 6 days a week and the program includes special workshops, summer intensives and performance opportunities throughout the year. Pulse partners with area schools through its In-School Program, integrating artistic expression and exploration into the academic curriculum. Community Classes for adults and teens make the joy of movement accessible to all. The Young Choreographers Initiative (YCI) for teens creates innovative work on site and with community partners such as the Kimball Farms retirement community.



"Berkshire Pulse has given me somewhere to learn, share my knowledge, and be a part of a loving community, all while teaching me to be a beautiful dancer."

– 13-year-old student

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Support our Tuition Assistance and EBT Card to Culture Programs, which serve more than 30% of our youth and adult students and guarantee that no one is ever turned away for an inability to pay
2. Take a class and become part of our expansive and diverse community
3. Sponsor our in-school programs, YCI or other special partnership through the donation page on our website
4. Attend our year-end performance-fundraiser; advertise in the program
5. Make a general donation because you believe in arts education and its positive impact on communities around the world

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2005
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Bettina Montano/Diane Pearlman
- Number of constituents served: 1000+ annually
- Number of full-time staff: 3



Berkshire South Regional Community Center



15 Crissey Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-2810
berkshiresouth.org

MISSION

Our mission is to build a sense of community and common purpose throughout the region, and to enhance the recreational, educational, cultural, health, and social well-being of the residents of the Southern Berkshires. Berkshire South is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization open to all, regardless of ability to pay.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Programs and offerings address the five elements essential to living a balanced, healthy life: recreation, education, culture, health and social well-being. Over 125 programs including adult fitness and aquatic programs; free weekly community supper prepared by local chefs; free cultural activities; youth leadership and development program; Sunshine Preschool; and community gardening.



"Berkshire South is a unique resource and a safe place where common purpose and inclusivity is not a hope, but an actuality. Southern Berkshire residents come together to improve their health and well-being in programs and activities that are informed by community needs and responsive in their development."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer your time to prepare a meal for the Community Supper
2. Give to our annual appeal
3. Sponsor a program such as TONE: Teen Outreach Nutrition Exercise
4. Attend our annual fundraising Gala
5. Advertise in our tri-annual catalog or weekly e-blasts

FAST FACTS

- Year established: Opened July 13, 2002
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Jenise Lucey/Ethel Patterson
- Number of constituents served: 5,000 +/- annually
- Number of full-time staff: 15



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Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

800 North Main Street
Sheffield, MA 01257
(413)229-0370

Berkshire Taconic
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

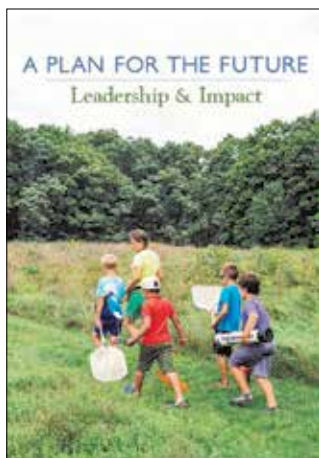
PhilanthropicServices@berkshiretaconic.org
BerkshireTaconic.org or ACloserLook.net

MISSION

Strengthening community through philanthropy and leadership

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is a tax-exempt public charity created by and for the people of the Berkshire Taconic region. For over 30 years, we have helped people establish charitable funds to make life better in the communities they love. We work with individuals, families, businesses, financial advisors and nonprofits. Through the generosity of our donors, we provide essential funding for programs in education, health and human services, the arts, the environment and more—helping our community thrive now and long into the future. Each year, we help thousands of donors reach their philanthropic goals and hundreds of nonprofits achieve their missions.



"Residents here have a common bond: protecting the natural beauty of the area, its cultural and educational assets, and the well-being of its people. The foundation provides a way to advance and nurture this common bond in perpetuity."

– Robert E. Blum, BTCF's late founder

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Create a Fund: Support a cause or organization you care about by opening a fund with us; there are many reasons to give and many ways to be generous through a BTCF fund
2. Leave a Legacy: Join our Legacy Circle by naming us in your will or estate plan
3. Support our Priorities: Together we can increase educational attainment, economic opportunity and community engagement in our communities - talk to us about getting involved

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1987
- President/Board Chair: Peter Taylor/Sarah Stack
- Number of constituents served: 240,000 residents in four counties
- Number of full-time staff: 17





Berkshire United Way

200 South Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-6948
info@berkshireunitedway.org
Berkshireunitedway.org

MISSION

Berkshire United Way ignites the collective power of individuals and organizations to build a stronger community together.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

For more than 90 years, Berkshire United Way has been building a stronger community right here in the Berkshires. We support children and families by investing in a broad range of programs that provide early education opportunities, so children enter school ready to learn; give young people the tools they need to make healthy decisions and develop a plan for college or a career; and help working families increase their income and assets. As part of a worldwide effort to create lasting change, we partner with local agencies to tackle the tough issues that no one person, program or agency can solve alone.



"I do not have enough words to tell you of all the lives I have observed made better, the families I have seen made stronger, the communities I have witnessed made more cohesive, through the work of Berkshire United Way."
– Dr. Jason (Jake) McCandless, Superintendent of Pittsfield Public Schools.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. **GIVE** – The easiest and most powerful way you can make an impact is through a tax-deductible donation
2. **ADVOCATE** – You can make change happen with your voice. Get informed. Tell your friends. Write a Letter to the Editor. Contact your legislators or elected officials
3. **VOLUNTEER** – Join a committee or community coalition, help at an event, intern with us, develop and lead a project, read to a child, mentor a youth, prepare taxes

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1924
- President/CEO & Board Chair: Kristine Hazzard & Richard E. Rowe
- Number of constituents served: 17,977 residents in FYE 6/30/18
- Number of full-time staff: 12



MISSION

To preserve Jazz, America's indigenous art form, and nurture its growth by presenting high quality jazz programs, fostering jazz education and promoting the local jazz scene.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We program two major jazz festivals each year: the Berkshire Gateway Jazz Weekend (Father's Day weekend) and the Pittsfield City Jazz Festival (spanning the first two weekends of October), plus several smaller events throughout the year. The newest addition to our offerings is the Berkshire Jazz Showcase, a one-day outdoor festival that features five local bands (free to the public, thanks to grants and sponsorships). With the knowledge that the study of music assists students in all subjects, we have a three-pronged approach to jazz education: performances and demonstrations in elementary schools; master classes and workshops in middle schools; and joint concerts with touring headliners and the Berkshires Jazz Youth Ensemble.



"It was by far the best assembly we have had in many years. The music was outstanding and the children learned so much about jazz. Encouraging the students to get up and dance the Charleston was great way to include movement into the presentation. Your group did an outstanding job introducing their inspirational performance."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. The Pittsfield Sister City Jazz Ambassadors visit as many elementary schools each year as the budget allows; donations can be targeted to our education outreach
2. Sponsoring a master class or workshop
3. Underwriting a single concert during the course of the year
4. Donating during our annual appeal
5. Donating at will (our needs are not seasonal ... we are happy to put your funds to work year-round)

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2009
- President: Edward J. Bride
- Number of constituents served: 50,000
- Number of full-time staff: 0

BFAIR (Berkshire Family & Individual Resources)

771 South Church Street
North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 664-9382
www.bfair.org



MISSION

To enrich the lives of people of all ages and abilities by providing positive life experiences and advocacy through distinctive, individualized, quality services.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BFAIR provides residential, vocational, day habilitation, community outreach and clinical support services for adults with developmental disabilities and clinical services for children and adolescents with autism. Ancillary programs include case management, recreation, day and transition services for people with an acquired brain injury, an Adult Family Care program, clinical counseling services and Homecare services for older adults. Services are provided throughout the Berkshires, as well as in Hampshire & Hampden counties.



"BFAIR provides a home and family atmosphere and an opportunity for independence to individuals living with cognitive disabilities and acquired brain injuries that is so vital to a positive quality of life."

– Patti Messina, family member/Clerk of the Board of Directors

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Campaign
2. Attend our Annual Walk for Independence
3. Become a mile or trail sponsor at the Walk for Independence
4. Support organizations that support BFAIR - like the Williamstown Community Chest and Northern Berkshire United Way
5. "LIKE" us on Facebook and shop with us at AmazonSmile

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1994
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Rich Weisenflue/Alex Kastrinakis
- Number of constituents served: 600 throughout Berkshire, Hampden/Hampshire Counties
- Number of full-time staff: 300 full and part-time staff

The Bidwell House Museum

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Monterey, MA 01245

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bidwellhouse@gmail.com

bidwellhousemuseum.org



MISSION

The Bidwell House Museum is a New England heritage site providing a personal encounter with history, early American home life, and the Berkshire landscape through its land, house and collection. The Museum is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to preservation, scholarship and enjoyment of the landmark site.



"A local gem with family-friendly grounds in Monterey"

– The Berkshire Eagle

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Bidwell House Museum, in Monterey, is an elegant Georgian saltbox originally built circa 1760 as a parsonage. Authentically restored, filled with antiques and surrounded by 192 acres of beautiful grounds and hiking trails, the museum tells the story of the early settlement of the Berkshires. The museum is open Thursday through Monday between 11 am and 4 pm from Memorial Day to Columbus Day, with tours on the hour. In addition to tours the Museum also offers a history lecture series, a country fair, music events and guided walks each season.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to the Museum Annual Appeal
2. Donate to our education program fund to support our Young History Scholars, our Garden Interns and our seasonal Resident Docent
3. Become a Museum member
4. Attend our summer and fall fundraising parties in August and November
5. Advertise in our summer brochure The Bidwell Almanac

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1990
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Heather Kowalski/Robert Hoogs
- Number of constituents served: 1500
- Number of full-time staff: 1



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Blue Rider Stables, Inc.

PO Box 924, Great Barrington, MA 01230

15 Farm Lane, Egremont, MA 01258

(413) 528-5299

Bluerider.org

MISSION

Our mission is to offer a holistic educational environment, in which people and animals can safely interact, and through their mutual therapeutic experiences, broaden the scope of their lives.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We offer bareback riding lessons for individuals of all ages and abilities, an after-school youth development "Helper Program," Mommy & Me program (for children 18 months - 3 years old with care giver), half- and full-day summer camp, vaulting programs, home school programs, and first rides for children as young as 18 months. Blue Rider hosts several annual community events including: candy-free Easter Egg Hunt, Circus, Hoe Down, Family Fun Day at French Park, and a Horse Show.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. BOOK A LESSON - For you, for a friend, for your family
2. GIVE - Your tax-deductible contribution supports individuals who otherwise couldn't afford it
3. SPONSOR A HORSE - Your sponsorship helps underwrite the care of the equine of your choice
4. VOLUNTEER - Your time and your talents in the barn or office, at a special event, or on a committee!
5. ATTEND - One of our many community events!



"The purpose of Blue Rider is not merely to teach bareback riding ... it is to teach the harder things, like how to be patient, kind, assume responsibility, care for others and for yourself. I consider this small barn tucked away in the mountains a magical place."

– Olivia Dhaliwal, BRS intern
2013-14

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1991
- Board Chair/Co-Chair: Anna Stanton/Laurie Lindner
- Number of constituents served: 900 per year
- Number of full-time staff: 5



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The Brien Center

PO Box 4219
Pittsfield, MA 01202
(413) 499-0412
Briencenter.org



MISSION

The Brien Center is a community-based, nonprofit agency with a 95-plus-year history of providing a continuum of care for children, adolescents, adults and families who are living with serious and persistent behavioral health disorders. We are guided by the belief that everyone in Berkshire County benefits when people are emotionally healthy.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Quality, affordable, accessible mental health and addiction services including 24/7 Acute Care behavioral health crisis assessments in community settings, crisis stabilization and respite programs for adults; Adult and Family services; Child and Adolescent Services available for children up to 21 years of age and their families; and Community Services, including comprehensive services for persons living with serious and persistent mental illness, community outreach support, residential services and adult day healthcare.



"I tried two or three programs, but they just didn't help. When I was at the end of my rope, I called the Brien Center. Soon afterward, I found myself starting the program at Keenan House. I think it probably saved my life. They helped me see I had my whole life still in front of me and gave me tools to help fight my addictions."

– Terry

WAYS TO SUPPORT

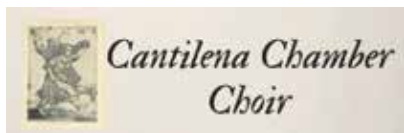
1. Funding to provide holiday gifts for our residents
2. Support our addiction treatment programs
3. Attend our annual UNICO dinner
4. Support our Patrick Miller Youth Substance Use Education, Prevention and Treatment Program

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1920
- President/CEO & Board Chair: Christine Macbeth & Linda Febles
- Number of constituents served: 10,000 per year
- Number of full-time staff: 500



Cantilena Chamber Choir



32 Bracelan Court

Lenox, MA 01240

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satbchoir@yahoo.com

cantilenachoir.org

MISSION

The Cantilena Chamber Choir perpetuates a tradition of musical excellence and an appreciation of the classical choral repertoire by performing for diverse audiences in Berkshire County. It strives to collaborate with other area arts groups to enrich the Berkshire cultural scene and creates a welcoming environment for serious avocational singers.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Cantilena Chamber Choir is comprised of 24 dedicated singers of the highest caliber, who possess vocal training, excellent sight-reading skills and considerable choral experience. Its season includes five programs of the highest of choral art. Accolades include an on-going multi-year Cultural Portfolio grant awards from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and two Choral Arts New England Alfred Nash Patterson awards for innovative programming. The Choir has collaborated with more than ten local non-profit institutions. Past season highlights include an all-Berkshire composers' concert, benefits for the Lenox Library and the Berkshire Immigrant Center, a concert with author Geraldine Brooks, and a critically acclaimed showing of the silent film the Passion of Joan of Arc performing the original 1928 score for orchestra and choir.



Berkshire Edge review of *The Passion of Joan of Arc* film. "The music in this performance underscored the powerful emotional resonances of the film. Andrea Goodman conducted a superb force of chorus and musicians with energy, drama, and passion."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Buy a ticket and become an audience member
2. Become a donor
3. Volunteer to help us with ushering, ticket-taking, putting up our posters, office work, etc
4. Audition to become a Cantilena Chamber Choir singer
5. Sign up for our email list of concert announcements

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2004
- President: Andrea Goodman
- Number of constituents served: 1500
- Number of full-time staff: 0

Catwalk Boutique

Berkshire Humane Society's Resale Boutique



325 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 717-4005
catwalkboutique.org

MISSION

Catwalk Boutique was founded to provide a steady and predictable revenue stream to help financially support Berkshire Humane Society, the only open admission animal shelter in the Berkshires.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Founded by volunteers who love animals, Catwalk Boutique is an upscale resale shop specializing in women's fashion and accessories. From designer labels to casual chic, the eclectic clothing at Catwalk Boutique is hip, stylish and always affordably priced. All proceeds benefit the homeless animals of the Berkshire community.



"I love shopping at Catwalk – it's the ultimate treat to myself. The shop is beautiful, the clothing is unique, and the prices are great. I never know what I might find, which is the excitement of resale shopping. Best of all, I'm supporting homeless animals with every purchase."

– Elizabeth, a satisfied shopper

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Shop at Catwalk Boutique and tell your friends
2. Donate women's clothing, shoes, accessories and jewelry
3. Host a clothing drive
4. Sponsor a special event
5. Make a monetary donation to Berkshire Humane Society

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2012
- Founders: Mimi Rosenblatt, Marsha Weiner, Leslie Weil
- Number of Volunteers: 10

Center for Ecotechnology



112 Elm Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 445-4556
cetonline.org

MISSION

The Center for Ecotechnology's mission is to research, develop, demonstrate and promote those technologies which have the least disruptive impact on the natural ecology of the Earth. The Center for Ecotechnology helps people and businesses save energy and reduce waste. We make green make sense.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Annually we serve over 20,000 people and engage with the community at over 120 events. We provide resources to help people take green actions in their lives, saving energy and money and reducing waste and carbon emissions.

Our EcoFellowship program provides five emerging environmental leaders with a 10-month paid position, working alongside and receiving mentoring from CET staff. We have graduated seven cohorts of EcoFellows, who have gone on to work across the nation at organizations including the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, BuildingGreen, Inc., the Union of Concerned Scientists, Smith College, and Boeing.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Follow us on social media and sign up for our newsletter
2. Make a contribution at www.cetonline.org/donate. 100% of your donation supports our EcoFellowship and community education programs
3. Expand your support: Make a monthly contribution or consider making a legacy gift during your estate planning (www.cetonline.org/legacy)
4. Ask your employer if they match donations, or if they might like to become a corporate sponsor or partner
5. Get involved! Come see us at an event near you (check out our events webpage at www.cetonline.org/events)



"We believe that every step you take makes a big difference and we want to make it as easy as possible for you along the way. Whether you are a complete beginner or a seasoned expert, we can help."

*– John Majercak, President,
Center for Ecotechnology*

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1976
- President/Board Chair: John Majercak/Paul S. Gavity
- Number of constituents served: 32,000 per year
- Number of full-time staff: 60

Center for Peace Through Culture

PO Box 54, 151 Front Street, Suite 1
Housatonic, MA 01236
(413) 274-7002

info@centerforpeacethroughculture.org
centerforpeacethroughculture.org

MISSION

To educate and empower people and communities to live more creatively and peacefully.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Our vision is a world culture of peace. We provide experiential education to increase self-awareness, encourage self-expression and enhance self-regulation, in order to live more mindful, peaceful and compassionate lives.

CPC has 3 initiatives to cultivate peaceful individuals and communities.

LifeSchool™ is a science-based program that is tailored for schools, companies and nonprofits to support skillful and creative living. Training in meditation, mindfulness, yoga and psychology mitigates stress and engages people in their life with new skills to enhance resilience and meaning. Our current focus is working with teachers and students in Berkshire elementary schools to create peaceful schools.

Community Projects initiative facilitates creative expression in community- sharing cultural values of beauty, truth and harmony to unite humanity.

Through the annual Banner of Peace Award, CPC joins with peacemakers across the globe, by recognizing visionary individuals and organizations making outstanding contributions in their communities and around the world.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Provide financial support for our LifeSchool for Teachers Program
2. Throw a pot luck dinner to introduce us to your friends
3. Propose community projects/workshops we can facilitate
4. Volunteer: for events, administrative support or to teach yoga in our schools
5. Consider joining our Board of Directors or Board of Advisors

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1978
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Susan Lord, MD/Kathleen Frome
- Number of constituents served: approx. 1000 teachers and students
- Number of full-time staff: 1



"I have come to understand that a peaceful classroom, as with all else, begins and ends with the teacher leading, modeling and actually experiencing mindfulness."

– (B.K. elementary school teacher)

Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity



314 Columbus Avenue, PO Box 2717
Pittsfield, MA 01202
(413) 442-3181
info@berkshirehabitat.org
berkshirehabitat.org

MISSION

Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity builds strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- Housing Services
- Financial Education
- Community Development
- VITA Tax Service
- Voice of Women
- ReStore

"You helped me build my home; let's build the next one together."

– Norma DelSonno
2017 Habitat home buyer

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Consider a financial and/or legacy donation, car, goods or services
2. Volunteer your time, services and skills
3. Join our Board of Directors and/or one of our committees
4. Become a Corporate Sponsor
5. Engage as a community or restaurant partner

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1992
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Carolyn Valli/Thomas Whalen
- Number of constituents served: 1,662
- Number of full-time staff: 6

The Christian Center of Pittsfield, Inc.



193 Robbins Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 443-2828
emeritt.ccp@verizon.net
christiancenterpittsfield.org

MISSION

Our mission is to uplift the community by empowering individuals with dignity, nourishment, and hope. We are committed to the principle that the cycle of poverty can be broken only by giving children and adults the tools, motivation, and the self-esteem to succeed. Our vision is for a safe, stable and prosperous community.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

For more than one hundred and twenty five years, the Christian Center, a secular organization, has been helping low income individuals and families attain basic goods and services in a supportive and diverse environment. Serving over 2,000 people annually, we meet people where they are as they deal with challenges of poverty, food insecurity, addiction, homelessness, mental illness and a lack of formal education. Many of the children in our community are considered “at risk” due to a serious lack of resources. We collaborate with community organizations to provide a wide spectrum of services. We serve breakfast and lunch every weekday, operate “client choice” food pantry, have free clothing, household essentials and basic family needs. Children’s programs include summer and vacation programs, arts/music programs and holiday events.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Appeal
2. Contribute clothing, small household goods or food for our Food Pantry and meals
3. Become a monthly donor
4. Sponsor a program
5. Volunteer

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1892
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Ellen Merritt/Pat Gable
- Number of constituents served: 2,000
- Number of full-time staff: 3.5



“The people that walk through our door feel valued and respected. We are a family and just as food, clothing and shelter are basic needs, so is love, which we give out freely.”
– Ellen Merritt, Executive Director.

Sentiments often expressed; “I don’t know what I would do without the Christian Center”
“great energy, helpful staff and good food!”

Clinton Church Restoration, Inc.

CLINTON CHURCH RESTORATION

PO Box 1075
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(860) 435-9505

www.ClintonChurchRestoration.org

MISSION

Clinton Church Restoration's goal is to save, preserve and repurpose the former Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church at 9 Elm Court in downtown Great Barrington. Now deconsecrated, the 130-year-old church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a site on the Upper Housatonic Valley African American Heritage Trail.



"The historic and cultural value of the Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church cannot be overstated. Generations of African Americans, including W.E.B. Du Bois, have looked to the Church as a place of worship, education, political and social activism, and entertainment."

*—Dan Bolognani,
Housatonic Heritage*

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Once preserved, the historic Clinton Church property will be a vital, self-sustaining entity for community use that celebrates and honors the church's vibrant history, its first female pastor, Rev. Esther Dozier, the local African American community, and the legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois, Great Barrington's most famous native son. In the interim, fundraising events, educational films, talks and other programming will be offered at nearby venues.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation to the restoration fund
2. Provide in-kind or pro bono services
3. Volunteer on a committee
4. Attend CCR programs
5. Spread the word

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- Board Chair: Wray Gunn
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Close Encounters With Music

PO Box 34
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(800) 843-0778
cewmusic@aol.com
cewm.org

MISSION

To engage the imagination of diverse concert audiences in a welcoming setting; connect listeners to performers & composers; foster the excitement & sense of community that live performance arts builds; establish a comfortable listening environment & turn performances into intellectually enriching & educational & artistically uplifting experiences.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Join our community of friends & patrons as we celebrate our 27th season of bringing together sublime chamber music, distinguished performers, & musical commentary by artistic director Yehuda Hanani, all in convivial settings. Six concerts are held at the Mahaiwe PAC & a seventh at Saint James Place, followed by an "Afterglow" reception. "A Rossini Extravaganza," "Haydn Seek—Humor in the Works of Papa Haydn," The American Brass Quintet & the Escher String Quartet are just a few of the sparkling programs offered. "Conversations With..." presents notable speakers on lively topics. A spirit of cultural adventure prevails! And CEWM becomes a year-round presence in the region with the transfer of Berkshire High Peaks Festival to the Berkshire School in Sheffield for ten days in August.



"The Berkshires are home to distinguished cultural events, but none so brilliant, perhaps, as the chamber music series, Close Encounters With Music."
– [Berkshire Record](#)

"The Close Encounters With Music chamber music series is a living embodiment of all the right ways to present classical music." – [Berkshire Edge](#)

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a subscriber and patron and enjoy the performances
2. Underwrite the commissioning of a new chamber music work or guest artist appearance
3. Attend our concerts, talks and fundraising musicales
4. Advertise in our playbill
5. Contribute to our High Peaks Festival scholarship fund

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1991
- Board Chair: Marcie Setlow
- Number of constituents served: 3,000+ at concerts; thousands for radio broadcasts
- Number of full-time staff: 4 part-time



Community Access to the Arts - CATA



40 Railroad Street, Ste. 6
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-5485
CATAarts.org

MISSION

Community Access to the Arts nurtures and celebrates the creativity of people with disabilities through shared experiences in the visual and performing arts.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Through dynamic arts workshops and public events, CATA artists tap into their potential, explore new talents, and share their unique points of view with the wider community. CATA collaborates with 49 partner organizations to bring over 1,300 visual and performing arts programs to 700 people with disabilities across Berkshire County. Together, we're creating a vibrant and inclusive community through the arts.



"CATA has given me my art. I never knew I had this in me."

– Carol Neuhaus, CATA artist

"CATA is offering people with disabilities the opportunity to learn and to grow. The lift that they get is profound. CATA isn't just an organization. It's a revolution."

– Mitch Nash, Blue Q/CATA supporter

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a gift to support our vibrant programs
2. Purchase art, providing commissions to artists with disabilities
3. Attend our events, including annual performance, readings and year-round art shows
4. Sponsor a program or event
5. Volunteer and share your time and skills

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1993
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Margaret Keller/Stephen Shatz
- Number of constituents served: 700
- Number of full-time staff: 7

Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire



PO Box 733, 17 Bridge Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-7788
info@cdcsb.org
cdcsb.org

MISSION

Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire (CDCSB) creates affordable housing and economic opportunity for low and moderate-income households in the southern Berkshires.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

CDCSB is solving the affordable housing crisis in the southern Berkshires for our youth, our working families and our elderly, and creating stronger, more vibrant and inclusive communities across the region. Working with town governments and other local non-profits, CDCSB has helped build over 60 affordable housing units and leveraged over \$36 million in private and public investment in the region. CDCSB's current projects include over 100 housing units, 40,000 sq. ft. of commercial space and a one-acre riverfront park on Bridge Street in Great Barrington, MA. Collaborating with regional economic development organizations, CDCSB is helping create new and expanding locally-owned businesses that provide living wage jobs.



"Organizations like CDCSB are vital to families looking for affordable housing, and their work helps to strengthen the local and regional economy."

– Rick Cantele, President and CEO of Salisbury Bank and Trust Company

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. MAKE a financial contribution of any size (100% tax deductible)
2. GIVE a donation of \$1,000 or more and get a 50% (\$500+) tax credit or cash refund from the state
3. PLAY in our annual charity softball game
4. JOIN our volunteers or Board of Directors
5. SUBSCRIBE to our mailing list or FOLLOW us on Facebook for events and updates

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1988
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Timothy Geller/James Harwood
- Number of constituents served: 1,500
- Number of full-time staff: 2.5



Community Health Programs

444 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-9311
CHPBerkshires.org



MISSION

To improve the health of people throughout the Berkshires by delivering exceptional, compassionate health care. Vision: To be a leading choice for health care in the Berkshires within an inclusive culture that champions patient-centered care, staff engagement, superb operational performance, relevant technology and community partnerships.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Community Health Programs (CHP) is a Federally Qualified Health Center. We serve those who have limited access to health care. All are welcome. We welcome low income individuals, the uninsured and underinsured. CHP now consists of ten health facilities located throughout Berkshire County: Adams Internists, Barrington OB/GYN, Berkshire Pediatrics, CHP Family Dental Center, CHP Family Services Center, GB Health Center, Lee Family Practice, Neighborhood Dental Center, Neighborhood Health Center and North Adams Family Medicine.



"Community Health Programs is honored to be a part of and serve the Berkshire County community. It is our hope that our programs and services always keep pace with the needs of our patients and our community. Our goal is to provide the highest quality care and support."

– Lia Spiliotes,
Chief Executive Officer

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our annual appeal
2. Sponsor a program
3. Give to Project Milk Emergency Fund
4. Volunteer your time

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1975
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Amelia "Lia" Spiliotes/Christopher Phillips
- Number of constituents served: 32,000
- Number of full-time staff: 203

Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires



PO Box 276, Great Barrington, MA 01230

(413) 528-4472

office@berkshirecommunitylandtrust.org

berkshirecommunitylandtrust.org

MISSION

The Community Land Trust in the Southern Berkshires (CLTSB) holds community-owned land for homes, farms and businesses to ensure permanent access, affordability, control, and stewardship.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Our unique leases allow lessees to build equity while upholding community goals of diversity, sustainability and reduction of speculation. We hold and lease 49 acres of community-owned land to Indian Line Farm, the Schumacher Center for a New Economics, Life Needs Co-op, and 21 homes at Forest Row (Great Barrington) and Alvastra (Egremont). In 2015, CLTSB formed the Berkshire Community Land Trust, a 501(c)(3). The two organizations work together to increase public awareness of the interconnectedness of land values, social diversity, food security and economic opportunity.



"The Community Land Trust provided us with access to farmland at a time in our lives when we wouldn't have been able to afford it otherwise. In the years since, we've grown a lot of food for folks in this community. We are grateful for the jump start that the CLT provided."

– Al Thorp, Indian Line Farm

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a member to support education and land acquisition (\$10 or 10 BerkShares)
2. Sign up for our e-newsletter at www.berkshirecommunitylandtrust.org
3. Learn about how land trusts can transform the Berkshires on our website
4. Tax-deductible donations of land or funds to purchase land

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1980
- Board Chair: John Fülöp
- Number of constituents served: 96
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Community Recreation Association (CRA)



400 Main Street
Dalton, MA 01226

(413) 684-0260

apeters@daltoncra.org

daltoncra.org

MISSION

The Dalton Community Recreation Association's mission is to build a sense of community by offering social, educational, recreational, cultural and wellness programs to the Central Berkshire community in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment. We are a collaborative non-profit charitable organization open to all ages since 1923.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

With over 100 programs available to people of all ages, the Dalton CRA is a community house in its truest sense. We place a strong emphasis on children, families, and their health and wellbeing. We have a fitness center, basketball courts, racquetball courts, Pickleball courts, exercise classes including yoga, Zumba® and Spin® as well as a pool with swim programs for all ages. We also have holiday celebrations and a wide variety of enrichment programs for our community members.

Additionally, our youth center (DYC) offers many programs for children and their families including before and after school care, tutoring, day camps, summer camps, park programs and sports leagues. We also have programs that teach our children the meaning of leadership, teamwork, respect and community service from Leader's Club and the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) to the Big Buddies and Adaptive programs.



"It's always nice to have other adults that your children come into contact with that help reinforce positive values and life lessons that can come from playing team sports."

– C. Mathews,
CRA Member

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Join our FAN Club (Friends, Alumni and Neighbors – our annual appeal)
2. Attend our Gib Kittredge Auction and Awards Ceremony
3. Volunteer
4. Sponsor a team or program
5. Advertise in our tournament programs

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1923
- Executive Director/Board President: Alison Peters/Bernie Klem
- Number of constituents served: 2,000
- Number of full-time staff: 8



Construct Inc.

41 Mahaiwe Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-1985
constructinc.org

MISSION

To change and save lives through housing options and a continuum of related services. Vision: A socially vibrant and economically healthy community with housing for everyone including our most vulnerable residents and our vital workforce.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- Cara Davis Project Home: Named in honor of Construct's long time leader, Cara B. Davis.
- Crisis Intervention and Economic Empowerment
- Housing Advocacy and Counseling
- Adult Education -High School Equivalency
- Pathways to Careers in the Trades
- House That Ernie Built: Affordable Housing for Everyone: Named in memory of long time benefactor, Ernie Schnesel
- Work and Housing Readiness Certificates

Over 80 units of housing in the south Berkshires for people coming out of homelessness, as well as those living at 60% of median income or less. Housing includes 20 sober living congregant-style units as well as permanent lease up opportunities. Most programs have waiting lists.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become an annual contributor or business sponsor
2. Volunteer
3. Attend 50th Anniversary Mayfest May 20th at Crissey Farms
4. Click for a Brick at www.constructinc.org
5. Work with Construct and your town to ensure housing all our neighbors can afford

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1969
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Jane Ralph/Elizabeth Rosenberg
- Number of constituents served: Over 500 households
- Number of full-time staff: 4



"The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned."

– Maya Angelou



Dewey Hall

PO Box 92, 91 Main Street

Sheffield, MA 01257

(413) 229-2357

deweymemorialhall@gmail.com

deweyhall.org

MISSION

To cultivate a sense of excitement about our future and to increase the camaraderie within Sheffield and surrounding communities, Dewey Hall provides cross-generational social, cultural and educational opportunities, for community organizations, businesses, and the general public.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Dewey Hall regularly plays home to a variety of events including: swing and contra dances, theater productions, lectures, and concerts throughout the year. Dewey Hall is also a popular venue for private rentals - perfect for hosting weddings, rehearsal dinners, birthdays, anniversary celebrations, workshops, bridal and baby showers, and class reunions.



"Great place to have events and banquets." – Jade H

"Intimate performance space. Good acoustics." – Robert F

"Wonderful venue for concerts and dancing." – Nicholas A.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation
2. Volunteer
3. Attend an event
4. Become a sponsor
5. Rent our space

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1887
- Board Chair: Lynne Jablonski
- Number of constituents served: 3000+per year
- Number of full-time staff: 0



The Eagle Fund

c/o Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257
(413) 229-0370

www.berkshiretaconic.org
(search using keywords Eagle Fund)

MISSION

The Eagle Fund, an endowed educational excellence fund operating under the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity, was created in 1998 to make possible exceptional and innovative educational opportunities for Southern Berkshire Regional School District (SBRSD) students. The projects funded enrich and complement the curriculum and are awarded to students, faculty, staff or community members in the SBRSD. Grant applications are due annually by March 1st and can be found at berkshiretaconic.org.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Sampling of past funded programs: Weather Watchers & Earth Movers with Mass Audubon; Climate Action with Greenagers; Empathy Awareness Workshop; Solving Rural Energy Needs with Flying Cloud Institute; Experiential Learning Adventure for Life Skills Students; Learning Through the Arts with IS183; Senior Citizen Lunch; VEX Competitive Robotics; Health and Wellness Fair; Mt. Everett Music Department Competition; Peru Field Trip; Inspiring Young Minds Through Clay; National FFA Convention Trip



"The Eagle Fund has been our main sponsor since the inception of this program. I'm not certain the program would exist without their continued support. To all those that support the fund, we cannot thank you enough."

– Chris Thompson, Mt. Everett Middle/High School Robotics Team Mentor

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate online at www.berkshiretaconic.org
2. Give during our annual student-led phoneathon each November
3. Volunteer your time (to find out how please contact the Eagle Fund Board via Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation at 413-229-0370)

FAST FACTS

- Year Established: 1998 - we are proud to be celebrating our 20th year
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Catherine B. Miller/Melissa Zdziarski
- Number of Constituents Served: SBRSD, approximately 730 students
- Number of Full-time Staff: 11 Board Members





Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc.

877 South Street, Suite 4E, Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 499-0524

outreach@esbci.org

esbci.org

MISSION

The mission of Elder Services of Berkshire County, Inc. (ESBCI) is to provide Berkshire elders, caregivers, and individuals with disabilities the opportunity to live with dignity, independence, and self-determination, and to achieve the highest possible quality of life.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

ESBCI provides a wide variety of services to Berkshire seniors and individuals with disabilities, including: Meals on Wheels and Congregate Meals; Information & Referral; Case Management; Homemaker; Personal Care; Grocery Shopping; Companionship; Laundry Service; Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS); Money Management; Supportive Housing; Health Insurance Counseling (SHINE); Caregiver Services (including respite care, support groups and one-on-one support); Group Adult Family Care; Options Counseling; Nursing Home Screening; Long Term Care Ombudsman program; Adult Family Care; and a Senior Training and Employment Program.



"Thanks to all case managers, supervisors, and administrative staff at your agency. What you do is amazing and as you know, we couldn't have kept Mom at home without your assistance."
– Jay C. and family

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer for an hour or every day, we have opportunities for all skills, interests, and levels of availability
2. Donate online at www.esbci.org
3. Give a gift in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one
4. Speak with our planned giving officer about estate gifts of any size
5. Become an employee of ESBCI and make a difference every day

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1974
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Christopher McLaughlin/Toni Fontana
- Number of constituents served: Thousands
- Number of full-time staff: 55



ExtraSpecialTeas

2 Elm Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 645-3247
extraspecialteas@gmail.com
extraspecialteas.org

MISSION

ExtraSpecialTeas employs and empowers extra special people to serve their community tea and inspire new possibilities, purpose and belonging.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

ExtraSpecialTeas (EST) serves savory moments and magical possibilities to the Great Barrington community we are part of. We offer a uniquely blended teahouse experience that empowers adults with special abilities starting at age 17 as servers, cashier assistants, and craft makers who find meaningful employment. Our community-based day program offers engaging and stimulating projects - we prepare community lunches, learn work place social skills, and participate in art therapy and supportive individualized programs. Through our sponsored group employment program, participants work on the tea room floor, respond to customers, run the cash register, and other work to prepare them for similar employment. ExtraSpecialTeas assists to find other appropriate employment experiences. With our new van we can transport our participants across our Berkshire County.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Come enjoy our sparkling tea house and enjoy 50+ teas and gluten-free baked goods
2. Stop by and discover your signature cup of tea!!
3. Hold a meeting in our upstairs tea room or plan a special tea event with friends
4. Share or enjoy ExtraSpecialTeas experiences on Instagram and Facebook:
#extraspecialteas
#thefuturebelongstoeveryonebelonging
5. Become a kind donor and/or come volunteer your special self!



"At ExtraSpecialTeas we are crafting lives and learning with a purpose!" – Brie Hamilton, ExtraSpecial Server.

"I enjoy being in the tea shop because I find the atmosphere most rewarding. Working together in one place as a team is the big idea. Creativity defines the inner self." – Dan Waite, ExtraSpecial Server

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Cherri Sanes/Scott Sanes
- Number of constituents served: 14 ExtraSpecial Servers + countless customers
- Number of full-time staff: 6



Fair Ground Community Redevelopment Project (GBFG)



1554 Boardman Street, Sheffield, MA 01257

(413) 229-2226

info@gbfg.org

gbfg.org

MISSION

To preserve and restore the environmental health of the Fairgrounds site, and to provide agricultural, educational, recreational, and other beneficial opportunities to the local community and visitors through the preservation and sustainable development of this historic site.



The Fair Ground Community Redevelopment Project was established to guide the positive redevelopment of a parcel of land that is environmentally rich, physically central and historically vital to the Berkshires. The property's agricultural and community heritage brought to new life!

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

GBFG is working to balance long-range planning with immediate projects, which both harness and promote community interest in this asset. A vibrant Community Garden project engages community members in growing their own food, and the site welcomes festivals and events.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Community members are welcomed and encouraged to contact info@gbfg.org to discover the many ways in which they can participate in this significant undertaking, including hands-on help with site clean-up and maintenance, assistance with outreach and social media, financial support, and advocacy within the community.

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2013
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Bart Elsbach/Janet Elsbach
- Number of full-time staff: Entirely volunteer-run

MISSION

We inspire young people and educators through dynamic experiences with science and art that ignite their creativity.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

In school, after school, and during vacations, FCI offers science and art experiences all over Berkshire county. Through S•M•Art Schools (Science Meets Art), FCI offers multi-week residencies in K-8th classrooms, conferences, and professional development, reaching over 7,000 students and teachers.

Flying Cloud's after school programs include Girls Science Clubs, middle school STEAM teams, Robotics teams, and MakerSpaces. And our intensive Summer programs are offered at a sliding scale, making science and art experiences accessible to everyone. Activities include ceramics, chemistry, robotics, landscape painting, graphic novels, nature exploration, filmmaking, and more!

Our learning philosophy is simple: we see young people and educators as scientists, engineers, and artists. We promote learning through direct experience, inquiry-based teaching, and collaboration with our fantastic local cultural and educational resources.



"Flying Cloud Institute doesn't just teach science and art: they see children as scientists and artists who just happen to be young."

– Lindy Marcel,
Engineer and FCI alum

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a student or educator with your financial support
2. Volunteer in our after-school programs
3. Share your fundraising, marketing, legal, or HR experience to help us increase our impact

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1984
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Maria Rundle/Daniel Michaud-Weinstock
- Number of constituents served: 2,500
- Number of full-time staff: 4.5



Flying Deer Nature Center

122 Daley Road
East Chatham, NY 12060
(518) 392-6687
flyingdeernaturecenter.org

MISSION

Flying Deer Nature Center is a wilderness school and community dedicated to mentoring children, youth, adults, and families in deep connection to nature, self, and others. We facilitate immersive experiences, fostering lifelong relationships with the natural world and an ability to listen deeply to ourselves, our fellow beings, and our environment.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We offer school and home school programs, summer camps, corporate curricula, rites-of-passage experiences for adolescent boys and girls, and adult nature-immersion programs and tracking and bird language clubs. Our core program elements include foraging for wild edibles, tracking animals, building shelters and crafts from the gifts of the earth, making fires in all conditions, identifying bird calls and alarms, honing our awareness through sensory games, and learning to travel lightly on the earth. Our special events bring people of all ages together to celebrate seasonal changes and build community.



"My children are stronger mentally and physically from their time with Flying Deer. They have gained respect for the earth and many skills—shelter building, fire making, foraging, team building, problem solving, and self-awareness."

– Kelli F.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a contribution to support our mission to make nature education accessible to all
2. Spread the word about Flying Deer
3. Donate something from our wish list at flyingdeernaturecenter.org
4. Join the Giving Circle, a committed group of donors who make long-term visionary change possible

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2010 (as a non-profit)
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Michelle Apland/Meg Agnew
- Number of constituents served: 1,200 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 4



Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center

165 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5174

pamk@brighamcenter.org
brighamcenter.org

MISSION

The Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center is a multi-service organization empowering children and youth, with a special emphasis on girls, to become responsible, confident and personally fulfilled individuals.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- Early Childhood Education provides a safe, nurturing, educational environment for children infant - five; focus on Kindergarten readiness
- School-Age Enrichment programs focus on literacy, education support, life-skills programming for children K - 14, before and after school, vacations, summers
- Youth Empowerment Services for adolescent girls/boys concentrates on character, values, leadership development; interventional case management
- Girls Inc. of the Berkshires, affiliate of national Girls Inc., teaches girls skills in economic literacy, violence prevention, healthy sexuality
- Camp Stevenson-Witawentin day camp for girls brings activities to curb summer learning loss, nature deficit disorder with traditional pursuits coupled with activities promoting literacy/science
- Aquatics offers group/private lessons, water aerobics, family/lap swim



My twins started at the Brigham Center as babies and have grown up there. It's been nice to know they spent their days with teachers genuinely interested in the development of children in their care.

– Tasha, mom to Lylah and Landon

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. DONATE any time of year to support programs that serve Berkshire children, youth and families
2. SUPPORT programs for girls, like Eureka!, Informed and In Charge, and Action for Safety
3. SEND a child to summer camp through our Campership Appeal
4. APPLAUD the achievements of area girls and women by attending the Ruth P. Boraski Celebration Evening; scholarships for further education presented and the annual "She Knows Where She's Going" award is given
5. SPONSOR, and attend, our Special Events – Party on the Patio, Bizarre Bazaar and Celebration Evening

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1911
- CEO/Board Chair: Kelly A. Marion/Melissa Mazzeo
- Number of constituents served: 3,200+ throughout Berkshire County
- Number of full-time staff: 24 FT/29 PT



Gould Farm

100 Gould Road
Monterey, MA 01245
(413) 528-1804
gouldfarm.org

MISSION

Gould Farm is a therapeutic community that promotes recovery for people with mental health and related challenges through meaningful work, community living, and clinical care.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Gould Farm is a psycho-social rehabilitation program for people living with mental health and related challenges. This healing community is located on a 700-acre working farm in the Berkshire Hills of western MA. We serve adults with diagnoses of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, major depression, and related mental health challenges. Gould Farm's continuum of services includes: a structured work program with varied activities on the farm; life in a caring community of peers and staff and their families; clinical services and support; and transitional services.



"Gould Farm is a unique and pioneering refuge for people with mental disorders ... a place where respect and relationship, work and friends, are central to the healing process. We need many more such places in the world."

– Dr. Oliver Sacks

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Visit the Farm and learn more about what we do. Call us to schedule a visit or tour
2. Make a contribution to support financial assistance for a guest in our program
3. Dine at the Roadside Cafe or shop at the Harvest Barn Bakery. See firsthand how our program supports recovery
4. Run or walk with us in our annual 5k, check our website for details

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1913
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Lianne Finston/Phyllis Vine
- Number of constituents served: 100
- Number of full-time staff: 48



Great Barrington Historical Society

PO Box 1106, 817 S. Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 591-8702
gbhistory.org

MISSION

GBHS was formed in 1977 to provide an organization for people interested in collecting and preserving town historical artifacts, creating programs and exhibits to share these artifacts, to stimulate interest and appreciation in the role our town's people played in history, and to establish a town museum.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Our programs are designed to share and stimulate interest in our history, and more importantly, to educate and engage people in understanding our town's role in history. The museum has two rooms with permanent displays featuring items from our collection, and photographs from Dominic and Marie Tassone, Frank Demars, and Lucien Aigner. Two additional rooms are dedicated to rotating displays of interest with items from both our collection and what local citizens will loan to the museum on a short-term basis.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a member
2. Donate to our work
3. Volunteer your time as a guide or at an event
4. Donate your artifacts
5. Volunteer your time in our archives

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1977
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Robert Krol/Barbara Syer
- Number of constituents served: Serves the Town of Great Barrington
- Number of full-time staff: One Part-time Executive Director



"In fulfilling their mission to preserve and present Great Barrington History, the Society is this community's energetic leader in making the town's rich past accessible to both residents and tourists. Its abundant program offerings are informative and fun, and have clearly heightened public awareness and appreciation of our history." – Paul Ivory



The Great Barrington Rudolf Steiner School

35 West Plain Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-4015
gbrss.org

MISSION

The Steiner School is a modern Waldorf School at the intersection of nature and culture in the Berkshires. We empower students to change the world through a rigorous education that also nourishes creativity, flexibility, passion and focus. Our teachers encourage students to be critical thinkers and fearless collaborators.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Steiner Advantage is a core set of principles that engage students throughout the curriculum, from early childhood through 8th grade:

- ★ Visualize Solutions – Be a Visionary
- ★ Build Creativity – Be a Maker
- ★ Finish What You Start – Be a Collaborator
- ★ Embrace Challenge – Be an Explorer
- ★ Engage Community – Be a Connector
- ★ Water the Roots – Be a Cultivator
- ★ Grow Empathy – Be a Peacemaker
- ★ Ignite Passion – Be a Problem solver
- ★ Discover the Story – Be a Booklover
- ★ Take Action – Be a Catalyst
- ★ Lead by Example – Be a Change maker

WAYS TO SUPPORT

The Waldorf Opportunity Fund is designed to support strategic priorities that will influence the trajectory of the school over the long term.

Donors can direct their philanthropic gifts to the Tuition Assistance Bank, Campus Infrastructure, the Faculty Mentor Initiative and the Biodynamic Farming Program. For more information, contact Director of Development Ed Brozman ebrozman@gbrss.org.

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1971
- School Director/Board Chair: Michael Junkins/Chris Lee
- Number of constituents served: 187
- Number of full-time staff: 30

GREENAGERS

MISSION

To provide employment, education, and volunteer opportunities for teens and young adults in conservation, sustainable farming, and environmental leadership.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Greenagers offers educational and employment opportunities in environmental education and land stewardship. Our programs include: Trail Crews in Berkshire County, MA and Columbia County, NY; Farm Apprenticeships on small farms in Southern Berkshire County; Housatonic River Walk Stewardship Apprenticeships; and Middle School Environmental Education programming - after school and summertime service learning at Monument Valley and Mt. Everett Middle Schools.



"Working can be exhausting, but at the end of the day, the feeling that you actually accomplished something important to not only you, but to an entire community, makes it totally worth it."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a program
2. Sponsor a youth participant
3. Purchase a Front Lawn Food Garden
4. Give to our annual appeal
5. Spread the word!

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2013
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Will Conklin/David Sheehan
- Number of constituents served: 200
- Number of full-time staff: 3



Irie's Pet Food Pantry

PO Box 63, 1 Maple Street
Stockbridge, MA 01262
(413) 298-4686
irielab@yahoo.com

MISSION

The mission of Irie's Pet Food Pantry is to provide pet food and supplies to individuals and families in need so that, despite financial challenges, pets may remain in their homes with their families.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Believing in the deep and healthful bond between people and their pets, we work to ensure that these relationships may endure regardless of financial struggles resulting from under-employment, physical or mental illness, disasters and other financial burdens. We do so by providing free pet food and supplies to individuals and families in need, with distribution through local food pantries in Southern Berkshire County. We believe that, during the most difficult of times, when a variety of sacrifices are necessarily made, the family pets should not need to be sacrificed but should be further embraced for the comfort, stability, and healthful benefits they unselfishly provide.



*You become responsible,
forever, for what you have
tamed. 'The Little Prince',
– Antoine De Saint-Exupery*

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donations by check, or gift cards to local pet supply stores, may be mailed to the address above
2. Bagged or canned pet food and gently used pet supplies may be delivered to the address above or phone us for pick-up
3. Share our business information with your friends and family so that others may also support our mission

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2005
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Heather A. Drake
- Number of constituents served: 250-300 households
- Number of full-time staff: 0



IS183, Art School of the Berkshires

PO Box 1400, 13 Willard Hill Road
Stockbridge, MA 01262
(413) 298-5252
is183.org

MISSION

IS183 is a non-profit community art school encouraging people of all ages, means, and skill levels to enrich their lives through hands-on art-making.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

IS183 Art School is the leading provider of high quality, hands-on instruction in the visual arts year-round at sites throughout Berkshire County. Founded in 1991, as a place where, “people who love art, regardless of age or ability, can gather to experience creative expression,” IS183 has evolved to reaching over 2,500 students each year through studio based classes, artistic events, and out-of-school engagement programs. IS183’s Learning Through Arts program, launched in 2007, brings the studio art experience directly to the desks of our county’s K-12th grade students. IS183’s classes provide opportunities for our community to feel what it’s like to create the art seen in our local museums, to connect with local artists, and to be empowered to make something with their own hands.



“The creative outlet, the affirmation of her talent and process...IS183 gives my child a chance to feel acceptance and success”

– IS183 Art Camp Parent

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a gift to support access to art-making in the Berkshires
2. Become a member (and benefit from discounted tuition on studio classes)
3. Share your expertise as a studio, classroom, or office volunteer
4. Attend our annual Spring Gala
5. Visit our gallery and support our faculty artists

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1991
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Lucie Castaldo/Andy Foster
- Number of constituents served: 2,500
- Number of full-time staff: 3 full time, 1 part time





Jacob's Pillow

358 George Carter Road
Becket, MA 01223
(413) 243-9919
Jacobspillow.org

MISSION

To support dance creation, presentation, education and preservation; and to engage and deepen public appreciation and support for dance.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Jacob's Pillow is a National Historic Landmark, recipient of the National Medal of Arts, and home to America's longest-running international dance festival. Each Festival brings more than 50 national and international dance companies and 350+ free and ticketed performances, talks, tours, classes, exhibits, events, and community programs. The School at Jacob's Pillow is one of the most prestigious professional dance training centers in the U.S. Throughout the year, the Pillow hosts artistic residencies in the Pillow Lab, social dance parties, pop-up performances throughout the county, and numerous community engagement and education programs, plus an impressive historic archive of groundbreaking work and an online dance resource enjoyed by people all over the world.



"There are so many ways that Jacob's Pillow nourishes the community-through education, history, and, most of all, experience."

– Alana Chernila

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend our annual Gala in June
2. Become a Member and receive exclusive benefits
3. Attend a ticketed performance during the Festival every summer
4. Sponsor a dancer of The School at Jacob's Pillow
5. Become an advertiser or business partner

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1933
- Director/Board Chair: Pamela Tatge/Mark Leavitt
- Number of constituents served: 100,000+ annually across Berkshire County
- Number of full-time staff: 40

Kiwanis Club of Sheffield



PO Box 683
Sheffield, MA 01257
info@sheffieldkiwanis.org
sheffieldkiwanis.org

MISSION

Sheffield Kiwanis is part of a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.



"Our greatest rewards are the smiles on the faces of the children we serve".

– Jim Collingwood, Past President

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Award scholarships to graduating students from Monument Mountain HS and Mount Everett HS (\$23,000 in 2018); sponsor Warm The

Children (200 local children in need received new winter clothing in 2017); sponsor Foster Family Appreciation Day (150 Berkshire County foster children and their foster families enjoyed a carefree day of fun at Jiminy Peak Mountain Adventure Park in June).

In addition to tried and true service projects we seek new ways we can serve the community and encourage the public's input and suggestions. In the past year we painted dugouts at Olympian Meadows with our sponsored Key Club. We sponsored a diaper drive to benefit CHP and the Berkshire Community Diaper Project and a school supplies drive for the 3 elementary schools in our area. We assembled early childhood safety packets for Berkshire Baby Box. Fun fundraisers support these activities. 100% of funds we generate benefit community programs (no fundraising dollars are used for administrative expenses).

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor Warm The Children or Foster Family Appreciation Day – our two signature service projects benefitting hundreds of local children
2. Sponsor or participate in our annual fundraisers
3. Become a member of one of the largest volunteer organization in the world. Help us serve our communities – food pantries, youth sports, scouts, elderly transportation, Toys for Tots, holiday dinners for our neighbors in need and more
4. Our success depends on our members. You are welcome to join us at a weekly dinner and meeting to learn more about Kiwanis and how you can help the community. We meet every Tuesday at The Bridge Restaurant, Sheffield. 6:30 Dinner & Fellowship, 7:15 Meeting. Please join us! We'll even pay for your first dinner!

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1954
- President and Board Chair: Tim Ryan
- Number of constituents served: hundreds of children and adults annually
- Number of full-time staff: All volunteer organization



Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health

PO Box 309, 57 Interlaken Road
Stockbridge, MA 01262
(800) 741-7353
kripalu.org



MISSION

Our mission is to empower people and communities to realize their full potential through the transformative wisdom and practice of yoga.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health is the largest yoga-based retreat center in North America and the premier destination for individuals and organizations seeking a joyful, inclusive, and compassionate environment for wellness, learning, and retreat. Located on a breathtaking campus, Kripalu offers more than 700 programs a year that deliver life-changing, immersive experiences and skills for optimal living through education for the whole person: body, mind, heart, and spirit. Program topics include wellness, Ayurveda, nutrition, fitness, personal growth, relationships, meditation, spiritual practice, professional training, and much more. Yoga programs are offered for people at all levels, feature all yoga traditions and styles, and include therapeutic yoga, yogic anatomy, and more. The campus is also home to the renowned Kripalu Schools—inspiring yoga, integrative yoga therapy, Ayurveda, and mindfulness outdoor teacher trainings for those who want to deepen their practice and share their passion with the world.



"Seekers who believe they must practice yoga only in the meditation room are under a great illusion. They must practice yoga in society as well."

– Swami Kripalu

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give during our annual appeals (spring and fall)
2. Support RISE, our evidence-based conscious leadership program
3. Donate to our Scholarship Fund
4. Register for a program, Kripalu R&R, professional training, or Healing Arts service
5. Make a purchase in the Kripalu Shop

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1974
- VP of Institutional Advancement: Kathy Durivage
- Number of constituents served: 50,000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 236 full-time, 234 part-time



Literacy Network of South Berkshire, Inc.

100 Main Street, Lee, MA 01238

(413) 243-0471

info@litnetsb.org

litnetsb.org

MISSION

To transform the lives of adult learners, both immigrant and U.S.-born, through the power of literacy, education, and advocacy.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

LitNet provides free, individualized, one-on-one instruction in reading, high-school equivalency test preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages, and citizenship test preparation. Our professional staff and trained team of volunteer tutors offer generalized educational support and promote access to a network of community resources.

LitNet's work is guided by our four core values: We believe everyone has a right to an education. We believe in the power of literacy to transform lives. We believe challenges in life and learning should be met with patience and flexibility. We believe a connected community is a stronger community.



"It's the one-on-one relationship that is developed over time between tutor and student that makes a difference for me.... Literacy Network is local community building at its finest!"

– LitNet Tutor

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer as a tutor
2. Support our annual appeal
3. Underwrite a special project
4. Attend or sponsor a LitNet event

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1991
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Jennifer Vrabel/Lucy Prashker
- Number of constituents served: 130 active tutor/student pairs
- Number of full-time staff: 2



Louison House, Inc.

PO Box 54, 395 Old Columbia, Adams, MA 01220
 149 Church Street, North Adams, MA 01247
 (413) 663-6323
director@louisonhouse.org
louisonhouse.org

MISSION

The mission of Louison House is to meet the needs of our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Louison House offers the emotional & physical support structures necessary for providing safe housing & Rebuilding Hope within our community. We do this by providing quality, compassionate programming that fits the growing & changing needs of homeless individuals & families. Our programs include: transitional (shelter) housing, supportive housing units (apartments), Representative Payee services for social security recipients, & preventative, emergency & supportive outreach services. We address the ongoing concerns of homelessness by collaborating with community partners to find innovative approaches, & by working with individuals & families to strengthen skills, improve their education & training, secure employment or adequate living income, & overcome other barriers (disability, addictions, domestic abuse, etc.) in order to secure successful permanent housing.



"What was supposed to be the lowest point in my life turned out to be the BEST thing that's ever happened to me and I'm now twice the woman I was leaving there as I was the day I crawled in. I truly wish that this happened to me years ago. I will never regret being there!!!"

– Brandy Grover - Yelp
 review of Louison House.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation to support our ongoing programs to Rebuild Hope for more people struggling with homelessness or housing insecurity
2. Attend our Fundraisers including December 1, 2018 Musical Bingo Fundraiser
3. Donate to Louison House's Bi-annual appeals (February and late summer)
4. Donate items for our Basic Needs Support initiative that helps people move into new housing in the community with necessary items (furniture, household goods, and supplies)

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1990
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Kathy Keeser/Mike Goodwin
- Number of constituents served: 5,000 families
- Number of full-time staff: 4 FT & 6 PT

Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center



14 Castle Street, PO Box 690
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 644-9040 (Admin. Office)
info@mahaiwe.org
mahaiwe.org

MISSION

The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center offers year-round performing arts, film, educational and family programs. We present a variety of events of the highest quality that appeal to all ages and interests, at prices affordable to our community in our beautifully restored historic theater.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

With a roster that ranges from Arlo Guthrie to Aimee Mann, from classic movies such as "The Wizard of Oz" and "It's a Wonderful Life," to community events and HD Broadcasts from the Met Opera, London's National Theatre and the Bolshoi Ballet- the Mahaiwe has something for everyone all year long.

The Mahaiwe hosts thousands of local kids at special live school-time performances every year. Tickets start at \$15 for everyone 30 and under to all events.

Now, when community means more than ever, we appreciate your support for the local landmark that has become a regional treasure - the Mahaiwe.



"I was so happy to get the invitation to play there again. It is [a] really nice theater, one of the best in the whole Northeast. A perfect size and a really good sounding room."

– Pat Metheny,
NEA Jazz Master

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a member to receive benefits and support our mission
2. Advertise in our playbill or sponsor an event
3. Name a seat to leave a permanent mark at the Mahaiwe or to honor a loved one
4. Attend our Gala
5. Volunteer as an usher

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2005
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Beryl Jolly/Maggie Buchwald
- Number of constituents served: 40,000 annual visitors
- Number of full-time staff: 11





Miss Hall's School

492 Holmes Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 443-6401
lmarrs@misshalls.org
misshalls.org

MISSION

Miss Hall's School inspires and encourages each girl to pursue the highest standards of learning and character; to contribute boldly and creatively to the common good; and to seek a purposeful life based on honor, respect, growth, and personal authenticity.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Founded in 1898, Miss Hall's School was one of the first all-girls boarding schools established in New England. Today the School is a nationally recognized, boarding and day, independent, secondary school that combines an exceptional college-preparatory curriculum with two acclaimed leadership programs, Horizons and the Girls' Leadership Project. Both programs are central to our belief that, in addition to outstanding academic preparation, girls need additional skills that allow them to step confidently into college and beyond, when they will be expected to communicate effectively and authentically, voice opinions with resolve and respect, and be comfortable having influence, leading change, and contributing boldly and creatively to the common good.



At a time when women worldwide are stepping increasingly into roles of influence, women's rights are also being constrained at many levels. At Miss Hall's, we believe in developing voice in our students, so that they can advocate for human rights for all, so that 'I, too, have voice in this world.'

— Julia Heaton, Head of School

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Refer a prospective student
2. Host a Horizons student
3. Support academic programs (Faculty and Staff Excellence, Expressive Arts, Humanities, Engineering and Technology Innovation)
4. Underwrite student-centered initiatives (i.e. Scholarships, Horizons (service learning/ community internships), Girls' Leadership, Athletics, Community Life)
5. Make a planned/legacy gift to Miss Hall's School

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1898
- Head of School: Julia Heaton
- Number of constituents served: 220
- Number of full-time staff: 97



Moments House, Inc.

2 South Street, Suite 120
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 443-6800
momentshouse.org

MISSION

To provide free support and programs to anyone in Berkshire County who has been impacted by a diagnosis of cancer.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Moments House is run by a caring staff of volunteer cancer thrivers and caregivers. All programs and services are offered free of charge. Advocacy, financial assistance, mentorship, legal assistance, Berkshire County's only free wig bank, grief counseling, End of Life Doula services, Reiki, massage, foot reflexology, acupuncture, healing touch, aromatherapy, hypnotherapy, yoga, meditation, art and music therapies, lending library, kid's programs.



"Neighbors helping neighbors ... so no one faces cancer alone."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Host a fundraiser
2. Cash or in-kind donations
3. Attend one of our fundraising events
4. Share our information with someone impacted by a cancer diagnosis
5. Volunteer your time or talent

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2011
- Executive Director: Alice Trumbull
- Number of constituents served: 800-1000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Monterey Community Center

PO Box 302, 468 Main Road
Monterey, MA 01245
center@ccmonterey.org
ccmonterey.org

MISSION

The Monterey Community Center is a project of Friends of Wilson McLaughlin House, Inc, a non-profit corporation since 2005. FWMH was formed to renovate the Wilson McLaughlin House (WMH) as the MCC, to enhance the cultural, artistic, educational & social life of the community. The MCC opened for events & activities in April 2017.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The MCC is a wheelchair-accessible community space for public and private events, activities, workshops, classes, & meetings, subject to scheduling. It is host to numerous activities by Town of Monterey groups such as Council on Aging and the Parks Commission; events and gatherings by private organizations such as Gould Farm, Hume and Construct Inc., and private use by citizens for a book club, a painting group, a holiday art sale, parties and support group meetings. It can also be used for music gatherings and lessons. Regular activities include a chorus, exercise classes, cards, and a fiber arts group. On the property adjacent to the MCC, FWMH has fostered a community garden and honeybee hives.



"We came to the MCC this summer with teachers from around the county to learn about renewable energy and spent the afternoon making wind turbines and learning to inspire future innovators. The teachers enjoyed the beautiful grounds and we used the flexible space to test our designs."

– Maria Rundle, Director of Flying Cloud Institute

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation via check or on our web site via PayPal
2. Send us a program proposal or let us know if you would like to volunteer
3. Attend one of our community events or classes

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2017
- Executive Director: Joe Baker
- Number of constituents served: 532
- Number of full-time staff: 1 Part time coordinator

Berkshire Resource Project d/b/a MS Support Foundation

85 Main Street Suite 202
North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 664-2011

jbombardier@msresource.org
mssupportfoundation.org



MISSION

We provide education, support, and resources for those individuals affected by Multiple Sclerosis, as well as families and healthcare providers who are dedicated to improving the lives of those afflicted “Better Living with MS through new information and old tricks.”

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We offer free informational materials regarding Multiple Sclerosis, as well as a lending library of educational DVDs and books. For those without computer access, we can schedule in office computer use. We are available to answer any questions, or help in any way we can, with insurance issues, equipment necessities (wheelchairs, walkers, etc.). If we are unable to answer questions, we will find the right source or agency that can.

Our support group meets the **THIRD THURSDAY** of the month, in our office at 85 Main Street, Suite 202, North Adams, Massachusetts, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Several times throughout the year, we will invite guest speakers to our facility to speak on topics important to those living with MS. We also host 3-4 free educational programs with guest speakers per year at local restaurants with dinner included.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Appeal
2. Sponsor one of our free educational programs
3. Attend our Annual Gala/Fundraiser
4. Sponsor an Exhibit Table at our Gala and or one of our educational programs
5. Help our MS Foundation advertise our programs through social media

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2006
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Judy Bombardier/Wende Carver
- Number of constituents served: 280 +
- Number of full-time staff: 2 PT



Pictured above: Judy Bombardier, Wende Carver, Donna B. Briggs

Kathy Mazzeo, an individual living with MS was our Inspirational speaker at the MS Support Foundation Gala. State Senator Adam Hinds, our MC congratulated Kathy after her speech. She has found support from her family, colleagues, and Our MS Support Foundation and closed with:

“Our greatest glory is not ever falling but rising when we fall.”

Multicultural BRIDGE



17 Main Street, Suite B3, Lee, MA 01238
(413) 394-4305

adminsupport@multiculturalbridge.org
multiculturalbridge.org

MISSION

To promote mutual understanding and acceptance among diverse groups, serving as a resource to both local institutions and the community at large—in the Berkshires, throughout the state, and across the country. We serve as catalysts for change and social justice through collaboration, education, training, dialogue and fellowship.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BRIDGE offers workplace training and consulting on diverse topics such as cultural competence, immigration, gender identity, multigenerational workplace teams, bias, poverty and privilege. We host public forums and events to encourage dialogue and understanding of civil rights and social justice and offer tailored training and technical assistance for youth leadership, parent education and more. We provide culturally responsive support for immigrants such as advocacy and language services. We have spearheaded and continually steward local initiatives such as the Not in Our County Campaign to help ensure equity, safety, inclusion and justice for all community members.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become an Annual Member
2. Donate to Multicultural BRIDGE to support our work for equity and justice for all underserved groups
3. Engage in our community and workplace trainings
4. Stand up to hate by taking the Not in Our County pledge (available on our website)
5. Attend the next Towards Racial Justice meeting to connect with other local community members working for change



W.E.B. DuBois

"BRIDGE is a leader in fostering greater inclusion and equity in Berkshire County—values that are critical for the success of our communities and local businesses.

Their trainings in cultural competencies have helped our business with workplace priorities in recruitment and retention practices and increased our intentional support and positive impact in our Berkshire communities.

-- John Bissell, President & CEO, Greylock Federal Credit Union

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2007
- CEO/Founding Director & Board Chair: Gwendolyn VanSant & Dr. Lara Setti
- Number of constituents served: Thousands of students and trainees
- Number of full-time staff: 3 FTE employees/6 part-time staff with several additional certified trainers, translators & educators



Music In Common, Inc.

PO Box 1190
Sheffield, MA 01257
(413) 248-6070
todd@musicincommon.org
musicincommon.org

MISSION

With a mission to strengthen, empower, and connect communities through the universal language of music, Music In Common (MIC) creates space for diverse cultures and faiths to discover common ground through collaborative songwriting, multimedia, and performance.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

JAMMS (Journalism as Music, Multimedia, and Songwriting) is an experiential program for high school and college-age youth of diverse faiths, cultures, and ethnicities to engage in constructive dialogue and creative collaboration. After facilitated discussion on culture, race, religion, and current events, participants write and record a song, produce a video addressing an issue important to them collectively, and present their project publicly.

Amplify is an advanced program and a riveting concert experience in which talented young musicians study and perform songs written around the world by youth in the Music in Common JAMMS program.

Community Meet-ups are community gatherings providing a fun and informal opportunity for high school and college age youth from diverse backgrounds to build relationships while exploring personal creative expression.

FODfest Free Community Concerts, started to celebrate the life of Daniel Pearl, have been performed by thousands of musicians of all ages and backgrounds around the world since 2005.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation to support our programs or become a MIC Sustainer with a recurring donation
2. Attend, host, perform, or organize a Raise the MIC concert and/or film screening or program
3. Host MIC Community Meet-ups in your community as a facilitator, venue, presenter or partner
4. Become an Annual Sponsor to support year round programming
5. Volunteer or offer in-kind services

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2005
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Todd Mack/John Van Vlack
- Number of constituents served: 1000+
- Number of full-time staff: 1



"Music in Common has had a tremendous impact in my life. It has shown me that music is a powerful tool to break down barriers, stigmas, and stereotypes and bring people together." – Crystal, Pittsfield, MA, MIC participant, 15 years old

NAMI Berkshire County

333 East Street, Room 417

Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 443-1666

namibc@namibc.org

namibc.org



MISSION

NAMI Berkshire County supports, educates and advocates for all those in Berkshire County whose lives are affected by mental illness.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Support: Family support groups are unique as they are led by trained family members who have been there, done that. It offers you a safe and confidential setting, hope, a place for your voice to be heard, a productive discussion and a sense of community.

1:1 support to assist with negotiating the mental health system. Education: Family to Family provides better understanding of mental illness, increases coping skills and empowers participants to become advocates for their family members, but you'll also find out that you're not alone. Basics is for parents of children who have a mental health diagnosis learn the facts about mental health conditions and how best to support your child at home, at school and when they're getting medical care. Advocacy: Legislative, monitoring at BMC and assisting with public benefits.



Pictured above: Brenda Carpenter

No one should have to navigate the impact of mental illness alone and NAMI makes certain that it does not have to happen. You learn you can't change other people, you can only change how you react to them.

*– Kate Fitzpatrick,
NAMI Board Member*

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a gift to support our programs
2. Volunteer to facilitate a NAMI program
3. Become a NAMI Member
4. Join our hard working Board of Directors
5. Assist with fund development

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1984
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Brenda Carpenter/Ruth Healy
- Number of constituents served: 140
- Number of full-time staff: 1 PT



Nature Matters

37 Reservoir Road
Lee, MA 01238
(413) 446-6959
naturemattersinc.org

MISSION

To foster understanding and appreciation for the natural world, and the need for it's conservation, through direct experiences with animals and the outdoors. Vision: Connecting people with animals and the environment to fuel the fire of interest and compassion, so that we will make choices and take action to protect and preserve our shared world.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Nature Matters is home to a unique and diverse group of education animals, both wild and domestic, that represent species of amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We offer interactive educational programs for audiences of all ages that provide direct experiences with live animals and the environment. Our programs always involve hands-on opportunities and encourage questions and exploration.

Programs are run at our home base, Leahey Farm in Lee, a 300 acre working organic dairy farm, as well as schools, libraries, community centers and other venues. "Animal Experience" programs offer an introduction to a variety of species, while other themed programs such as "Nocturnal Animals" and "Adaptations" are also offered.



"I have been rehabbing wildlife in Massachusetts for the past 20 years and in that time have been actively involved with a number of educational facilities. Nature Matters stands out as one of the best, both for their extensive knowledge and curriculum as well as their genuine love and enthusiasm for all things wild."

– Dawn Collins, Founder,
Berkshire Wildlife Services

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation of any size to support our animals and programs
2. Book a Nature Matters program
3. Sponsor a Nature Matters program
4. Sponsor an animal for a year
5. Assist with grant writing

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2017
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Jennifer Dustin Leahey
- Number of constituents served: 2,000+
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Naumkeag (*The Trustees of Reservations*)



PO Box 792, 5 Prospect Hill Road
Stockbridge, MA 01262
(413) 298-3239

naumkeag@thetrustees.org
thetrustees.org/naumkeag

MISSION

The Trustees of Reservations preserve, for public use and enjoyment, properties of exceptional scenic, historic, and ecological value in Massachusetts forever, for everyone.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

At Naumkeag, we are open daily for house and garden tours from April to October with a robust schedule of community programming including our Daffodil Festival, Naumkeag at Night concert series, Halloween events and our Winterlights holiday attraction.

"Our visit to Naumkeag was magical - it captured everything that we came to the Berkshires expecting to see and more. The view of Monument Mountain and the Berkshire hills from the gardens was so impressive that we found ourselves returning for a concert they were having that evening to watch the sunset. We became members on the spot as we plan on spending much more time here."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer working in our gardens or interior collections
2. Become a corporate sponsor to one of our seasonal festivals
3. Donate
4. Attend our annual Garden Party
5. Become a member of the Trustees where we offer varying levels of membership

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1891
- CEO/Board Chair: Barbara Erickson/Peter Coffin
- Number of constituents served: As a statewide organization with 117 properties, we serve the entire Commonwealth of MA/surrounding areas.
- Number of full-time staff: 230



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Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires

40 Railroad Street, Suite 10
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 645-3151
info@npcberkshires.org
npcberkshires.org

MISSION

The NPC helps nonprofits connect, learn and grow. Our mission is to facilitate growth for charitable organizations through shared resources, affordable products and services, and creative collaborations.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The NPC is a clearinghouse for information, education, resources, connections, advice, and support. A primary resource for the Berkshire nonprofit sector, NPC fields calls for information and referrals, meets individually with nonprofits, coaches, and represents the Berkshires on the Board of the Massachusetts Nonprofit Network. NPC programs include an annual Nonprofit Awards breakfast, educational workshops, a web site with links to resources, Connections magazine, Giving Back guide, and a listserve.



"I can't thank you enough! ~ Just keep me on your list so I can come to any sessions you run and get an annual injection of how to work smart, not just hard...."

– Kate

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a Member or Business Supporter
2. Advertise in "Giving Back" & "Connections" Magazine
3. Subscribe to "Connections" Magazine
4. Sponsor the Berkshire Nonprofit Awards
5. Volunteer to teach a workshop or help in the office

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- Executive Director/Board President: Liana Toscanini/Ron Bernard
- Number of constituents served: Over 1,000 nonprofits
- Number of full-time staff: 1 paid part-time staff



Northern Berkshire United Way



PO Box 955, 40 Main Street
North Adams, MA 01247
(413) 663-9062
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nbunitedway.org

MISSION

Northern Berkshire United Way is dedicated to enhancing individual and family well-being in the communities of Adams, North Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Cheshire, and Florida in Massachusetts, and Stamford, Vermont.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Northern Berkshire United Way (NBUW) fundraises for and provides annual funding for 20 member agencies that provide critical human service programs in Northern Berkshire. We focus on working with our member agencies and community partners to eliminate duplication of services, while attempting to maximize community resources. In addition to providing funding to member agencies that provide health, education and financial stability programs, we remain committed to provide funding in the area of safety-net services: meal programs, shelter, fuel assistance and other crisis services. The Northern Berkshire Housing and Homeless Collaborative, administered by NBUW, is seeking solutions to the complex issue of housing insecurity and homelessness in Northern Berkshire.



The agencies that Northern Berkshire United Way supports help kids, families, adults and elders in need right here in our hometowns live happier, healthier, safer and better lives.

– Dianne Cutillo and Bernie Pinsonnault, 2018 Campaign Co-Chairs

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Support our Annual Campaign
2. Ask your employer to take part in a Workplace Campaign
3. Attend our Annual Spirit of Caring Awards and Celebration
4. Volunteer for one of our community projects
5. Support one of our 20 member agencies directly

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1937
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Christa Collier/Jason Dohaney
- Number of constituents served: 10,000 + served through 20 member agencies
- Number of full-time staff: 2



The Nutrition Center Inc.

PO Box 1082, 205 N Plain Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 429-8110
peter@tnc413.org
thenutritioncenter.org

MISSION

The Nutrition Center (TNC), is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose aim is to promote overall health and well-being for all residents of Berkshire County and beyond. Our mission is to inspire a healthy relationship with food through counseling, nutrition, and culinary education.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Clinical nutrition counseling is offered by our team of Registered Dietitians and Nutritionists in four locations throughout Berkshire and Hampshire counties and in Hudson, NY. Our Wellness in 5 program sets patients up for a lifetime of delicious healthy food choices and cooking skills. Food Adventures, a hands on nutrition education program developed specifically for children, with a goal to help children to develop a healthy relationship with food by preparing meals through an interactive, peer supportive, fun and empowering approach. TNC provides nutrition consulting services tailored to fit the need of each organization or individual. Lastly, TNC clinicians deliver several different public and private health and nutrition presentations and cooking classes/demos.



"Food Adventures is not just a nutrition education program, it is a form of preventative medicine."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a child or group of children for Food Adventures in school, after school or summer programming
2. Sponsor Berkshire Food Web
3. Provide a scholarship for individual clinical nutrition counseling
4. Volunteer to assist with regular Food Adventures classes and website updates. Tell us your talents and let's talk about how it can help The Nutrition Center with its mission
5. Attend and support periodic Nutrition Presentations/Tastings and/or Events. Attend and support periodic Nutrition Presentations/Tastings and/or Events

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2007
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Peter Stanton/Iona Smith
- Number of constituents served: 1200 children, 1200 adults, 2400 total
- Number of full-time staff: 5





Oakdale Residences (a program of the Oakdale Foundation, Inc.)

16 Oak Street, Great Barrington MA 01230

(413) 528-2346

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www.oakdalefoundation.org

MISSION

Oakdale is a residential program for adults with special needs who strive for independence and thrive in community. We work with each individual to strengthen their existing competencies and emphasize independence and self direction. We want each person to see their challenges as only an aspect of their being, not their defining characteristic.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Oakdale offers support and guidance to our residents by providing the pathways to meaningful and productive community participation, employment and volunteerism, increased awareness and participation in personal health, wellness, safety and growth and the development of real relationships with friends, family and members of their community. The goal for every resident at Oakdale is to define their own unique path to create as satisfying, full and independent a life as possible with self direction and personal choice being recognized, respected and at the forefront at all times. Residents at Oakdale define it as their home and see other residents, as well as staff, as extensions of their own families. Oakdale offers a range of residential opportunities for those in need of long term support as well as transitional support.



"As parents, there has been nothing more miraculous, satisfying or rewarding to us than to have watched our child grow and evolve into such an amazing person. There is no doubt that without Oakdale and its staff, we would not have been able to have had this experience and gift and our child would not be who they are today".

– Parents

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a contribution or donation
2. Volunteer your time by spending time/participating in activities with our residents
3. Volunteer your fund raising and/or grant writing expertise
4. Hire Oakdale's Give Back Crew to help us give back to the community
5. Choose Oakdale Foundation, Inc as your charity on AmazonSmile

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1981
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Rachel Kalin/Jim Marden
- Number of constituents served: 12
- Number of full-time staff: 3



OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at BCC

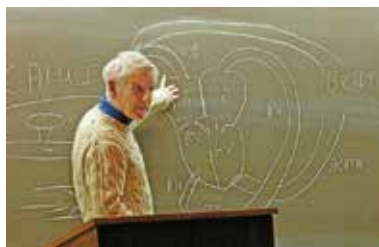
1350 West Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 236-2192
berkshireolli.org

MISSION

OLLI, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Berkshire Community College, enriches the lives of people 50 years old and up in the Berkshires through educational, volunteer and social opportunities.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

OLLI provides 80+ educational programs a year designed especially by and for people 50 years old and up in the Berkshires. Our educational, social and volunteer opportunities enliven the lives and invigorate the minds of our 1,000+ members. We offer four semesters a year from on a wide variety of subjects, including literature, history, science, the arts, politics, psychology and more. Many of our programs are open to the public. OLLI also runs the very successful Mentoring for Success program, which matches OLLI member mentors with Berkshire Community College students, many of whom are the first in their family to go to college.



"When we moved to the Berkshires, we would have been lost without OLLI. The courses provided us with wonderful intellectual stimulation and opened new doors for us. And the people we met were so friendly and welcoming. OLLI has provided us with a community of friends and that's what life is all about."

– Joan Brotman

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Join us
2. Teach a class
3. Volunteer
4. Donate
5. Make a planned gift

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1994
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Megan Whilden/Peter Bluhm
- Number of constituents served: 1,000+ members
- Number of full-time staff: 2



Pediatric Development Center, Inc.



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Pittsfield, MA 01201
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pediatricdevelopmentcenter.org

MISSION

The Pediatric Development Center provides Early Intervention services to Central Berkshire and South Berkshire Counties. Our mission is to offer education, therapy, and family support for children birth to age three who have developmental concerns. Children are eligible for PDC services if they have developmental difficulties due to identified disabilities, or if their development is at risk due to certain birth or environmental circumstances.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

For children, we offer home visits, monitoring of at-risk infants, developmental assessments, center based therapy as well as developmental playgroups. Therapy and consultations are given by a full team of specialists, including Early Childhood Educators, Psychologists, Social Workers, Physical/Occupational Therapists, and Speech Pathologists. For parents we provide ongoing developmental support and guidance, referrals to other local and statewide resources, and individual counseling. For the community, consultation services and workshops on developmental topics are offered, in addition to active involvement in community coalitions to support early childhood development initiatives throughout Berkshire County.



"PDC listened to my concerns about our son's speech development/gave him consistent speech services in our home. His language began to blossom/we couldn't believe the change in him! PDC also encouraged us to attend a playgroup at their center where he could hear other children his own age talking/communicating. Our time with PDC gave us the information we needed to keep his developmental skills in mind as we played with him each day. Thank you to the PDC Team from our family!"

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation
2. Spread the word about our services
3. Attend our annual events (listed on website)
4. Give to our annual appeal
5. Serve on a committee

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1982
- Executive Director/Board Presidents: Maureen Atwood/David Aldrich & Kathleen Phillips
- Number of constituents served: Over 600 children referred each year
- Number of full-time staff: Approx. 30



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PopCares, Inc.

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North Adams, MA 01247
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popcares@yahoo.com
popcares.org

MISSION

PopCares was established in memory of Bill “Pop” St. Pierre. Pop and his family were fortunate to have the support of each other and friends during his battle with cancer. It is our mission to ensure that every person fighting cancer and their caregivers in our local community has the opportunity to benefit from that same level of support.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We have all been touched by cancer in some way, and many struggle with the day-to-day reality of the disease. PopCares serves the communities of Northern Berkshire County (as defined by the registry of deeds) and bordering Southern VT towns by providing small acts of kindness and support to those battling cancer and their caregivers. Some ways we offer help include financial support for groceries, gas, dining, and lodging while patients are undergoing treatment; assistance with other expenses that don’t stop just because someone is sick; information and referral resources; small acts of kindness through cards and flowers.



We had a memorable moment while participating in a community event. A man walked by us several times, and finally stopped to thank us for the money we had given him. He told us he was down to his last \$5. He didn’t know how he was going to eat that week or pay his upcoming rent when he received an unexpected check in the mail from PopCares.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a donation to support our efforts
2. Attend any of our fundraiser events, a calendar is kept up-to-date on our website
3. Be a sponsor or item donor for our Annual Chicken Dinner and Auction held each fall
4. Spread the word about who we are
5. Submit a recipient request on our website if you hear of someone in our service area battling cancer

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2012
- Board President: Robert St. Pierre
- Number of constituents served: Support for 710 since inception
- Number of full-time staff: Volunteer-run organization



Railroad Street Youth Project

PO Box 698, 60 Bridge Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-2475
Rsyp.org

MISSION

Railroad Street Youth Project (RSYP) empowers young people by supporting youth-inspired projects that promote responsibility, self-worth and intergenerational communication.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

At Railroad Street, youth take the lead. They explore their full potential and become equipped to meet the challenging transition to adulthood. Programs include Drop-In Center, Youth Operational Board (YOB), Railroad Street Apprenticeship Program (RAP), Mentoring Program, Sexual Health Education Initiative, and South Berkshire Community Health Coalition.



"At RSYP, I was doing something of value that I really cared about. There is a direct relationship between my experience at RSYP and my success now."

– Alethea Root

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer: be a mentor, offer a workplace apprenticeship opportunity, or donate your time and expertise
2. Attend and sponsor RSYP events, including the annual Culinary Arts Dinner
3. Donate to our annual fund

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2000
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Ananda Timpane/Melissa Lydon
- Number of constituents served: 600-800
- Number of full-time staff: 7



Saint James Place

352 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-1996
Saintjamesplace.net

MISSION

Saint James Place was established to create and maintain a year-round performance space for music, drama, and dance and serves as a home for local arts groups as well as other organizations that serve the community in Berkshire County.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Saint James Place provides an excellent venue for year-round arts and cultural use as well as public programming such as lectures, panel discussions, and workshops on cultural, civic, and social topics. High quality performance spaces are equipped with professional lighting and sound grids, video projection, building-wide Wi-Fi, dressing rooms, and audience amenities. Three versatile performance venues, with audience capacity ranging from 87 to 304, along with rehearsal space, offices, meeting rooms, and a commercial kitchen are all under one roof. Saint James Place was incorporated as a 501C3 in 2010 to prevent the demolition of the 1857 church. Reopened in 2016, SJP held four world premieres. SJP is also the permanent home of The People's Pantry.



"The former St. James Church was known throughout the Berkshire classical music community for its superior acoustics. This is why Saint James Place is so special."

– Paula Hatch,
Executive Director,
Berkshire Bach

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Consider SJP for your wedding, meeting or rehearsal
2. Make a donation for the operation and upkeep of the facility
3. Attend some of the many concerts and lectures presented
4. Volunteer to usher for performing arts programs

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2010; Open to public 2016
- General Manager/Board Chair: Seth Keyes/Sally Harris
- Number of constituents served: thousands
- Number of full-time staff: 2





Sandisfield Arts Center

PO Box 31, 5 Hammertown Road
Sandisfield, MA 01255
(413) 258-4100
SandisfieldArtsCenter.org

MISSION

Provides educational and performing arts programs and gallery exhibits and preserves and maintains Southern Berkshires' nationally recognized former rural synagogue. We enrich the lives of people young and old by offering diverse and affordable programs, social events and volunteer opportunities.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We host plays staged by The Sandisfield Players, a town-based amateur theatrical company; present musical and performing arts programs; informative lectures, workshops and art shows. Collectively, these offerings engage area residents and visitors, nurture and enrich life among neighboring south-county towns and foster a sense of pride, community spirit and identity.



"Offering live music, theater, and informative educational workshops, the Sandisfield Arts Center's a hidden gem in the Berkshires."

– South county patron

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend our programs and fundraisers
2. Exhibit or purchase artwork in our gallery
3. Volunteer your time and talent
4. Make a cash contribution, donate securities or an in-kind gift
5. Become an Event Sponsor or advertise in our program and website

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1995
- Co-Presidents: Edward Brozman, Sheila Liberman, Barbara Penn, Rosanne Skrip, Hilde Weisert
- Number of constituents served: S. County, Sandisfield, Tolland, Otis, Monterey
- Number of full-time staff: 2 Part-time

The Sandisfield Times, Inc.

PO Box 584
Sandisfield, MA 01255
sandisfieldtimes.org



MISSION

To connect the community including current and former residents and town supporters with “reliable, regular, and relevant” local news and events as well as historical, cultural and life-style features.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Sandisfield Times is published in print and online on or about the 1st of each month 11 times per year including a combined January/February issue.

Circulation is approximately 950 copies per month including about 120 paid mail subscriptions and about 830 free locally distributed copies. The Times will publish special editions in print and/or on-line as important local events may occur, and supports all Sandisfield non-profits with free in-house designed public service ads when space is available.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Advertise
2. Be a Supporter
3. Subscribe
4. Participate in the annual fund campaign
5. This publication is dependent on financial support primarily from generous readers. Support also is provided through paid advertising from area and local businesses. Tax-deductible donations can be made on line via the web site or by mail at PO Box 584, Sandisfield, MA 01255



In March, 2015, in a national survey by the Nieman Foundation at Harvard University, the Times was featured along with two similar publications in California and Missouri as the best examples of how community newspapers fill a void left when regional dailies ignore small towns. The study's author, Journalism professor Barbara Selvin, concluded, “(the Times) is a robust report in a place that lacked anything like it.”

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2010
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Simon Winchester
- Number of constituents served: 1,500
- Number of full-time staff: 0





S.B.E.T.C. Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corp.

917 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-4773

MISSION

To provide transportation service to those in our consortium age 55 and older or individuals of any age with a disability who are unable to transport themselves. Door-to-door service will be provided for any personal need, which will improve emotional well being and quality of life and will enhance the stability of the communities.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We provide a true door-to-door service arriving at your home, escorting you to and from the vehicle for any personal need. This includes all types of medical appointments, shopping, visiting a friend, hair appointments, pet to the vet, post office, bank, to name a few. We also provide group trips to plays, museums and other social activities. We carry in your groceries and make sure you are safely in your home.

We are here to help your children, friends and caregivers who may not be able to take time off to get you where you need to go. We are a lifeline to many who may otherwise be home-bound.



"We are called Care Givers on Wheels. Our goal is to keep you in your home."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donations
2. Join our letter writing campaign
3. Become a Corporate Sponsor

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1986
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Dawn Valinaggi/Grace Zbell
- Number of constituents served: 892 riders for 10,881 trips/43,319 miles
- Number of full-time staff: 2

Schumacher Center for a New Economics



140 Jug End Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-1737
centerforneweconomics.org

MISSION

To educate the public about an economics that supports both people and the planet.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Schumacher Center combines theoretical research on economics with practical application, deliberately focusing on transformative systems and the principles that guide them. The Schumacher Library houses the personal collections of economist E. F. Schumacher. The Annual E. F. Schumacher Lectures, started in 1981, highlight the foremost voices on a new economics. The Local Currency and Community Land Trust programs call for new forms of monetary issue and land tenure; these include BerkShares and the Berkshire Community Land Trust. The Community Supported Industry initiative is a strategy to build resilient and diverse regional economies through facilitating the creation of import replacement businesses.



"Production from local resources for local needs is the most rational way of economic life."

E. F. Schumacher

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Spend BerkShares and become a member of BerkShares, Inc
2. Donate land to the Berkshire Community Land Trust
3. Attend the Annual E.F. Schumacher Lectures

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1980
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Susan Witt/Matt Stinchcomb
- Number of constituents served: 25,000
- Number of full-time staff: 6



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Sheffield Association Sheffield Times

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sheffieldtimes@hotmail.com
sheffieldtimes.org

MISSION

To foster communication among the people, businesses, and organizations of Sheffield and Ashley Falls.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Sheffield Association was founded to bring the Sheffield Times back to life as a community newsletter and to organize the annual Sheffield in Celebration weekend and its centerpiece, the Sheffield Fair, as community events. The Sheffield Times is published every other month and is mailed to donors or available for free at locations around town. The Sheffield Association publishes and mails to all households in town special issues of the Times for the Annual Town Meeting and any special town meetings, with the verbatim warrant and candidate profiles. Sheffield in Celebration and the Sheffield Fair take place the weekend after Labor Day each year. The Sheffield Association is also the fiscal sponsor of the Sheffield Farmers' Market, which is held on Friday afternoons during the season in the parking lot of Old Parish Church.



Sheffield Fair

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Sheffield Farmers' Market

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 Sheffield, MA 01257
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sheffieldfarmersmarket.org

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate to the Sheffield Association
2. Volunteer as a writer, news source, photographer, or other publication task for the Sheffield Times
3. Volunteer to help with the Sheffield Fair and other events
4. Patronize the Sheffield Farmers' Market
5. Volunteer to serve on a board or committee

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2001
- President/Vice-President: Andrea Scott/Kathy Orlando
- Number of constituents served: 1,200 copies of the *Sheffield Times* are distributed each issue.
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Sheffield Land Trust

PO Box 940
Sheffield, MA 01257
(413) 229-0234
Sheffieldland.org

MISSION

We are dedicated to protecting the land essential to Sheffield's natural, scenic, agricultural and rural character through a program of stewardship and by working with landowners, farmers and other partners. We also host the Sheffield Tree Project with its mission to plant and care for a diverse population of trees and educate on these topics. Sheffield includes Ashley Falls.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We help families protect their land to leave a lasting legacy for future generations. We also own land - through gifts or purchase - for agricultural, wildlife or trails, and educational purposes. Our outreach and education work includes property walks, public lectures, collaborating with the schools, our Annual Meeting, photographic and art shows, and more.



"Conservation is a neighborly act."

– Nancy Smith,

(former president of the Sheffield Land Trust)

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate funds or securities to help protect land and continue outreach and education efforts
2. Donate or sell land or development rights to protect the land in perpetuity
3. Donate non-conservation land or a trade-land/house for SLT to sell to support its work
4. Include the SLT in your will/estate planning
5. Become a member, volunteer, committee member or board member

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1989
- Executive Directors/Board President: Kathy Orlando/ED Land Protection, Bob Ronnow/ED Operations, Susan Rothschild/Board President
- Number of constituents served: Over 400 families/businesses
- Number of full-time staff: 1.5





Stanton Home

205 North Plain Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-0506
Stantonhome.org

MISSION

Stanton Home's mission is to partner with individuals with diverse abilities to actively pursue healthy, self-determined lives.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Stanton Home has six residential homes located in southern Berkshire County and Northwest Connecticut for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In addition, a thriving day program includes growing, harvesting, cooking and dining on food grown in our own organic farm, a 15-loom weavery, and activities throughout the community.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Get to know us. Come visit our main campus and Day Program in Great Barrington to learn more about the quality of care and life enriching activities we provide
2. Get involved. Volunteer your time to share your interests, passion, or special skills with our community
3. Give. The support of donors like you makes it possible for us to focus on what matters - healthy food grown in our own garden, participating in activities like hiking, swimming, and the arts, and creating a space where adults with disabilities are valued as members of the community



I see that always - always - Jimmy is treated with kindness and patience and love. Just like any family. It is not always easy but at the roots of it all, it's familial love and dedication that keep us anchored and inspire our best selves. In recognizing one family we truly honor and celebrate the extended family at Stanton Home. Speaking for the entire family, know that we feel blessed and humbled. Thank you!"

- Charlie Noyes, Board member and brother of former resident

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1986
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Peter Stanton/Christopher Schaefer
- Number of constituents served: 20
- Number of full-time staff: 40



Giving Back: Your Guide to Charitable Opportunities in the Berkshires



Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center

PO Box 115, 1515 & 1516 Savoy Hollow Road
Windsor, MA 01270
(413) 522-1505

Tamarackhollownatureandculturalcenter.org

MISSION

Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center conserves and manages over 32 acres of unique, high elevation spruce-fir boreal forest and wetlands and provides environmental education and community engagement opportunities for all ages. Tamarack Hollow is dedicated to “inspiring environmental and cultural awareness, appreciation and stewardship.”

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Environmental and cultural education such as: Guided fauna and flora ID programs; Boreal forest ecology; Hiking & snowshoeing; Conservation & ecology programs; Educator trainings; World music, drum and song classes; Trail work and trail building; Community engagement & citizen science opportunities; Collaborative programs with local conservation and youth organizations; World music festivals, fundraiser events and the annual Berkshire Drum Fest.



“Tamarack Hollow is a special place with a unique ecosystem and species. To have a Boreal forest in Massachusetts is truly special. Thanks for the opportunity to ‘meet the trees’ here!”

– Bob Leverett, old growth tree specialist, co-founder of the Native Tree Society/co-author of the Sierra Club guide to Ancient Forests of the Northeast

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend and/or sponsor our yearly fall fundraiser: The Berkshire Drum Fest
2. Provide funding for supplies and labor to build a sustainable nature center on the land
3. Sponsor our summer nature youth programs
4. Supply funding for equipment and labor to complete our 2-mile trail system
5. Support a conservation intern

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2013
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Aimee Gelinas M.Ed/Mary Hannah Parkman
- Number of constituents served: 1,000+
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Tanglewood

297 West Street
Lenox, MA 01240
(617) 638-9267

friendsoftanglewood@bso.org
tanglewood.org

MISSION

The mission of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) is to foster and maintain an organization dedicated to the making of music consonant with the highest aspirations of the musical art, creating performances and providing educational and training programs at the highest level of excellence.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Hailed as America's premier summer music festival, Tanglewood provides a sublime experience of musical performances of the highest artistry amidst the pastoral beauty of the Berkshire Hills. As always, the heart of the Tanglewood season is the BSO in performances of orchestral masterworks led by some of the world's great conductors. The Tanglewood Music Center offers a wide array of spectacular performances by its talented Fellows, who spend the summer working with many of the classical music world's finest artists, including members of the Boston Symphony and guests of the BSO. The season also includes performance dates by many acclaimed popular artists.



"Tanglewood has long been an integral part of our community. All of us benefit from the opportunity to experience Tanglewood with our families and friends. It is also a key economic driver for the Berkshires. Supporting Tanglewood helps make the Berkshires a great place to visit, live, and work."

– Vijay/Chrystal Mahida,
Berkshire Hospitality Partner

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Join the Friends of Tanglewood – tanglewood.org/contribute
2. Give to Tanglewood Forever Campaign – tanglewoodforever.org
3. Join the Tanglewood Business Partners – tanglewood.org/businesspartners
4. Become a Volunteer – bso.org/volunteer
5. Attend a concert – tanglewood.org

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1937
- President/CEO & Board Chair: Mark Volpe & Susan Paine
- Number of constituents served: more than 350,000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 174



MISSION

To provide compassionate health care, supportive services and education in Western MA, especially to those who otherwise might not receive care. We believe that everyone deserves access to high-quality health care in a supportive environment without fear of judgment or stigma.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

In the Berkshires, Tapestry provides Sexual & Reproductive Health Care and Harm Reduction (syringe service programs, overdose prevention, Narcan access and training and risk reduction counseling). When clients come to us, they pay based on what they can afford, and no one is ever turned away. Our Sexual & Reproductive Health clinics, in Pittsfield and North Adams, are the only Berkshires providers offering fully confidential, sliding-scale health services like breast exams, cervical cancer screenings, birth control, and testing and treatment for STIs and HIV. Tapestry's Harm Reduction site in North Adams, and Tapestry's outreach services, provide effective community health interventions to prevent the spread of HIV, and to reduce overdose deaths. We provide services in a caring, non judgmental manner, so everyone has a safe place to turn in difficult circumstances.

Tapestry has locations in all four counties of Western MA, providing Sexual & Reproductive Health, Harm Reduction and WIC Family Nutrition services.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

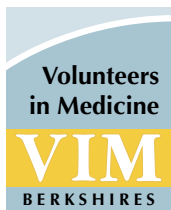
1. Donate online at <https://www.tapestryhealth.org/donate>
2. Become a monthly sustainer
3. Give to our annual appeals
4. Host an awareness raising event
5. Visit our website and connect with us on social media @TapestryWMass



"Tapestry provided Narcan and trainings used to reverse 338 potentially fatal overdoses in 2017. That's almost 1 person a day. When Tapestry says 'harm reduction saves lives' we mean it."

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1973
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Cheryl Zoll/Jeremy Melton
- Number of constituents served: Over 17,000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 67 FT/21 PT



Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires

777 Main Street, Ste. 4
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-4014
info@vimberkshires.org
vimberkshires.org

MISSION

Volunteers In Medicine (VIM) Berkshires provides access to free, comprehensive healthcare for those in the Berkshire region who are income-qualified and uninsured or underinsured.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Medical, dental and behavioral healthcare; optometry; nutritional counseling; acupuncture and therapeutic massage. VIM is a leading innovator among the area's health care providers with programs like Shared Medical Appointments, Non-Opioid Pain Management, Social Determinants of Health and Volunteer Drivers. We address all of our patient's health care needs - all under one roof.



"The Massachusetts Medical Society and Alliance Charitable Foundation applauds the rigorous and compassionate care that Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires freely provides to citizens in need throughout the Berkshire region."

– Corey E. Collins, DO,
Chair: Board of Directors

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer as a medical or other clinical professional or as non-clinical support staff or driver; contact us at info@vimberkshires to learn more
2. Make a donation to VIM Berkshires to help cover operating expenses or donate a high-value auction item
3. Attend our annual Gala, Fabulous Chefs' Dinner or Hopped Up for Health event
4. Purchase a VIM Coupon Book; for \$30 you receive over 150 coupons at local restaurants and businesses while supporting VIM and the local business community
5. Visit us for a tour of our extraordinary facility; we would love to show you around

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2004
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Ilana Steinhauer, FNP/Arthur M. Peisner
- Number of constituents served: Over 850 in almost 5000 patient visits
- Number of full-time staff: 10 full-time equivalents



MISSION

WAM Theatre serves the ambitious double-mission of: 1. producing theatrical events for everyone with a focus on women theatre artists and/or stories of women and girls; and 2. donating a portion of the proceeds from those theatrical events to organizations that work to benefit the lives of women and girls.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

WAM Theatre is Where Arts and Activism Meet. WAM's vision is to create opportunity for women and girls through the mission of theatre as philanthropy. Inspired by the book *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, WAM donates a portion of the proceeds from its theatrical events to organizations that benefit women and girls. WAM has provided work to more than 430 theatre artists since 2010 and has donated more than \$41,500 to 13 local and global organizations taking action for women and girls in areas such as girls education, teen pregnancy prevention, sexual trafficking awareness, midwife training and more.



"To be able to leave the theater so artistically saturated while also knowing that a portion of the proceeds from WAM productions go to causes that benefit women and children well, it doesn't get better than that!"

– Amy Brentano

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend WAM's Performances
2. Become a Sponsor
3. Give to our Annual Appeal
4. Attend our Annual Gala
5. Join our Community of Volunteers- aka the WAMily

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2010
- Artistic Director/Board Chair: Kristen van Ginhoven/Wendy Healey
- Number of constituents served: 5000
- Number of full-time staff: 1 FT, 4 PT, many independent contractors



Williamstown Community Chest

PO Box 204, 84 Spring Street, Williamstown, MA 01267
(413) 458-2443

info@WilliamstownCommunityChest.org
WilliamstownCommunityChest.org

MISSION

Strengthening community by mobilizing resources for organizations that assist our neighbors in need.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

100% of funds raised in our Annual Campaign support 17 local agencies: Berkshire Children and Families, Berkshire County Kids' Place, BFAIR, Berkshire Family YMCA, Berkshire Nursing Families, Brien Center, Child Care of the Berkshires, Community Legal Aid, Ecu-Health Care, Elder Services of Berkshire County, Elizabeth Freeman Center, Equus Therapeutic, Louison House, Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, United Cerebral Palsy, Williamstown Community Preschool, Williamstown Youth Center.

Mary & Henry Flynt Grants are awarded annually for projects that "...relate to the maintenance or improvement of the quality of life of the residents of Williamstown, defined broadly." Application deadline: October 1.

Events bring our community together: free movie at Images Cinema, Fun Run, Penny Social/Nonprofit Fair.



Since 1927, the Williamstown Community Chest has been a trusted presence in Williamstown and beyond. The board and staff are committed to prudent stewardship of donated resources, steadfast advocacy for community agencies, and nimble partnership in times of crisis.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contribute to the Annual Campaign
2. Get to know your neighbors and volunteer in the community
3. Participate in the Fun Run and Penny Social/Nonprofit Fair at the Williamstown Holiday Walk
4. Make a planned gift to assure a bright future for our community
5. Join us in reaching for our vision of thriving neighbors in a responsive community

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1927
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Anne Singleton/Susan Puddester
- Number of constituents served: 5,000+
- Number of full-time staff: 1.5

Williamstown Theatre Festival

PO Box 517

Williamstown, MA 01267

(413) 458-3200

support@wtfestival.org

wtfestival.org



MISSION

- To produce classic and new plays with distinction and verve, and to present artists with production opportunities and challenges seldom available elsewhere.
- To provide a training program in which emerging theater talents collaborate with accomplished mentors in a vital, professional, and educational atmosphere.
- To create and present programs that serve and engage a diverse community.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

For over six decades, Williamstown Theatre Festival, recipient of the Tony Award for Outstanding Regional Theatre and the Commonwealth Award for Achievement, has brought emerging and professional theatre artists together to create a thrilling summer festival of premiere work alongside fresh, new productions of the western canon, and offers a rich array of accompanying cultural events including COMMUNITY WORKS, Late-Night Cabarets, along with readings and workshops of new plays. Under Artistic Director Mandy Greenfield, the Festival launched a New Play and Musical Commissioning Program through which artists are creating new work year-round. The Festival runs unmatched training programs for new generations of theatre talent, and artists and productions shaped at the Festival fill theatres in New York, London, and around the country.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contribute to our Annual Fund and support the Festival's art & artists!
2. Make a gift in support of COMMUNITY WORKS and help expand access to theatre across Berkshire County!
3. Donate to the New Play and Musical Development Initiative and support the year-round development of ground-breaking new work!
4. Support the next generation of theatre artists by making a gift to help fund our Professional Training Program!
5. Attend our 2019 Gala in NYC - Feb 11, 2019!

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1954
- Artistic Director/Board Chair: Mandy Greenfield/Matt Harris
- Number of constituents served: Approximately 39,000
- Number of full-time staff: 1.5



"Williamstown is a uniquely vibrant place for making new work and I look forward, and back, with incredible excitement for and gratitude to the Festival."

– Martyna Majok, winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for COST OF LIVING, which was developed by and premiered at WTF.

DIRECTORY OF BERKSHIRE NONPROFITS

The following Directory of nearly 1,000 nonprofits in Berkshire County has been organized by category so that prospective volunteers can more easily find an organization that matches their interests. Please contact info@npcberkshires.org with any errors or omissions.

ARTS & CULTURE

ADAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

92 Park St., Adams, MA 01220
413-743-1799, www.adamshistorical.us

ALBANY BERKSHIRE BALLET INC.

116 Fern St., Pittsfield, MA 01202
www.berkshireballet.org

ART MUSEUM PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION INC.

PO Box 95, Williamstown, MA 01267
www.ampedmuseums.org

ASTON MAGNA FOUNDATION FOR MUSIC AND THE HUMANITIES INC.

PO Box 28, Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-3595, www.astonmagna.org

BARBARA AND ERIC RUDD ART FOUNDATION INC.

189 Beaver St., North Adams, MA 01247
413-644-9550

BARRINGTON STAGE CO INC.

30 Union St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-234-8888, www.barringtonstageco.org

BASEBALL IN THE BERKSHIRES

The Berkshire Mall, 655 Cheshire Road
Lanesborough, MA 01237
413-822-6738, baseballintheberkshires.org

BECKET ARTS CENTER OF THE HILLTOWNS

7 Brooker Hill Rd., Becket, MA 01223
413-623-6635, www.becketartscenter.org

BERKSHIRE AMISTAD INC.

306 West St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-344-4027, berkshireamistad@gmail.com

BERKSHIRE ART ASSOCIATION INC.

28 Renne Ave., Pittsfield, MA 01201
www.berkshireartassociation.org

BERKSHIRE BACH SOCIETY

PO Box 1002
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-9555, www.berkshirebach.org

BERKSHIRE CAROUSEL INC.

50 Center St. (PO Box 3123)
Pittsfield, MA 01202
413-499-0457, www.berkshirecarousel.com

BERKSHIRE CHILDREN'S CHORUS INC.

PO Box 18, Sheffield, MA 01257
413-229-2465
www.berkshirechildrenschorus.org

BERKSHIRE CHORAL INTERNATIONAL INC.

245 N. Undermountain Rd.
Sheffield, MA 01257
413-229-8526, www.berkshirechoral.org

BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY RADIO ALLIANCE INC.

PO Box 152, Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-644-9797, www.berkshireradio.org

BERKSHIRE CONCERT CHOIR INC.

PO Box 452, Pittsfield, MA 01202
413-442-6120, www.berkshireconcertchoir.org

BERKSHIRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

780 Holmes Rd, Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-442-1793, www.berkshirehistory.org

BERKSHIRE DANCE THEATRE INC.

PO Box 359, Adams, MA 01220
413-743-4645, www.berkshiredance.org

BERKSHIRE FILM & MEDIA COLLABORATIVE

66 Allen Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
413.528.4223 www.berkshirefilm.org

BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY ASSOC. INC.

PO Box 1437, Pittsfield, MA 01202
www.berkshirefamilyhistory.org

BERKSHIRE GATEWAY PRESERVATION INC.

220 East St., Lee, MA 01238
413-243-3589
www.berkshiregatewaypreservation.com

BERKSHIRE HIGHLANDERS INC.

PO Box 1023, Pittsfield, MA 01202
www.berkshirehighlanders.org

BERKSHIRE HILLS CHORUS OF SWEET ADELINES, INT'L

PO Box 521, Lanesboro, MA 01237
413-881-4059, www.berkshirehillsschorus.com

BERKSHIRE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL INC.

PO Box 237, Great Barrington, MA 01230
www.biffma.org

BERKSHIRE LYRIC THEATRE INC.

PO Box 347, Pittsfield, MA 01202
413-499-0258, www.berkshirelyricinfo.org

BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

39 South St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-443-7171
www.berkshiremuseum.org

BERKSHIRE MUSIC SCHOOL INC.

30 Wendell Ave., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-442-1411
www.berkshiremusicschool.org

BERKSHIRE OPERA FESTIVAL

352 Main St., Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-213-6622
www.berkshireoperafestival.org

BERKSHIRE PLAYWRIGHTS LAB INC.

PO Box 118, Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-2544
www.berkshireplaywrightslab.org

BERKSHIRE PULSE INC.

PO Box 37, Housatonic, MA 01236
413-274-6624, www.berkshirepulse.org

BERKSHIRE SCENIC RAILWAY MUSEUM INC.

PO Box 2195, Lenox, MA 01240
413-637-2210
www.BerkshirescenicrailRd.org

BERKSHIRE THEATRE FESTIVAL INC.

6 East St., Stockbridge, MA 01262
413-997-4444
www.berkshiretheatregroup.org

BERKSHIRES JAZZ INC.

27 Dewey Avenue, Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-442-7718, www.berkshiresjazz.org

BOSTON MICROTONAL SOCIETY INC.

55 Beacon St., North Adams, MA 01247
413-663-6600
www.bostonmicrotonalsociety.org

BPW-BCEC INC.

PO Box 599, Hinsdale, MA 01235

CANTILENA CHAMBER CHOIR

32 Bracelan Court, Lenox, MA 01240
518-791-0185, www.cantilenachoir.org

CLINTON CHURCH RESORATION

PO Box 1075, Great Barrington, MA 01230
860-435-9505
ClintonChurchRestoration.org

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH MUSIC

PO Box 34, Great Barrington, MA 01230
800-843-0778, www.cewm.org,
www.berkshirehighpeaksmusic.org

COLONIAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION INC.

111 South St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-997-4444
www.berkshiretheatregroup.org

COLUMBIA ARTS TEAM INC.

35 S. Prospect St., Lee, MA 01238
413-243-4306, www.columbiaartsteam.org

COMMUNITY ACCESS TO THE ARTS INC. (CATA)

40 Railroad St., Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-5485, www.cataarts.org

COMMUNITY IMAGES INC.

PO Box 283, Williamstown, MA 01267
413-458-5612, www.imagescinema.org

CULTURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

27 E. Housatonic St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-499-1733, www.creativeground.org

DESTINATION WILLIAMSTOWN INC.

65 Spring St., Williamstown, MA 01267
www.destinationwilliamstown.org

DEVANAUGHN THEATRE CO INC.

99 Veazie St., North Adams, MA 01247
www.devanaughn.org

DEWEY MEMORIAL HALL INC.

PO Box 92, Sheffield, MA 01257
413-229-2357, www.deweyhall.com

DOWNTOWN PITTSFIELD CULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC.

33 Dunham Mall, Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-443-6501
www.downtownpittsfield.com

DRURY HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS

1130 Church St., North Adams, MA 01247

DU BOIS CENTER OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE INC.

684 S. Main St., Gt. Barrington, MA 01230
www.dubouiscentergb.org

EAGLES BAND INC.

PO Box 1946, Pittsfield, MA 01202

EARTH ANGELS

PO Box 286, Lee, MA 01238

EMPIRE BRASS QUINTET INC.

PO Box 528, West Stockbridge, MA 01266
413-232-8517

FESTIVAL LATINO

235 Bradley St., Lee, MA 01238
413-243-3961, www.festivallatino.org

FRIENDS OF THE BERKSHIRE ARTISANS INC.

1450 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201

FRIENDS OF THE HOOSE HOUSE

161 Raymond Drive, Dalton, MA 01226

**GREAT BARRINGTON
HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.**

PO Box 1106, Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-591-8702, www.gbhistory.org

GUILD OF BERSKHIRIE ARTISTS

PO 147, West Stockbridge MA 01266
617-868-7082
www.BerkshireArtists.org

GUTHRIE CENTER CORP.

4 Van Deusenville Rd.
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-1955, www.guthriecenter.org

GUTHRIE FOUNDATION INC.

2 Van Deusenville Rd.
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-1955, www.guthriecenter.org

HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE INC.

PO Box 927, Pittsfield, MA 01202
www.hancockshakervillage.org

HOUSATONICS BARBER SHOP CHORUS

1391 Barnum St., Sheffield, MA 01257

I AM INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION INC.

139 Lime Kiln Rd., Lenox, MA 01240
518-728-9256
www.laminternationalfoundation.org

**INSTITUTE FOR THE VISUALIZATION
OF HISTORY INC.**

151 Bridges Rd., Williamstown, MA 01267
413-458-1788, www.vizin.org

**IS183 ART SCHOOL
OF THE BERKSHIRES**

13 Willard Hill Rd.
Stockbridge, MA 01262
413-298-5252, www.IS183.org

JACOBS PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL INC.

358 George Carter Rd., Becket, MA 01223
413-243-9919, www.jacobspillow.org

LA FESTA DI SAN ANTONIO INC.

PO Box 1704, North Adams, MA 01247

LEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

PO Box 170, Lee, MA 01238, 413-243-1797
www.leehistoricsociety.homestead.com

LENOX HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PO Box 1856, Lenox, MA 01240
www.lenoxhistory.org

**LIGHTWING INSTITUTE
IN THE BERKSHIRES INC.**

PO Box L, Cheshire, MA 01225

MAHAWE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER INC.

14 Castle St., Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-644-9040, www.mahaiwe.org

MASS LIVE ARTS INC.

22 Old Village Rd., Alford, MA 01230
617-877-3407, www.masslivearts.org

**MA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY
ART FOUNDATION INC.**

1040 Mass Moca Way
North Adams, MA 01247, www.massmoca.org

MILL CITY PRODUCTIONS

PO Box 108, North Adams, MA 01247
www.millcityproductions.org

MINERVA ARTS CENTER INC.

115 Water St., Williamstown, MA 01267
413-475-6228, www.minervartscenter.org

THE MOUNT, EDITH WHARTON'S HOME

PO Box 974, Lenox, MA 01240
413-551-5111, www.edithwharton.org

MT WASHINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

118 East St., Mount Washington, MA 01258
413-528-5405
www.mountwashingtonhistoricalsociety.org

MUSIC IN COMMON INC.

PO Box 1190, Sheffield, MA 01257
413-248-6070, www.musicincommon.org

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DANCE
AND AFFILIATED ARTS INC.**

20 Pleasant Place, Williamstown, MA 01267
www.nadaa.com

**NATIONAL COMMITTEE
FOR HISTORY OF ART INC.**

Clark Art Institute, 225 South St.
Williamstown, MA 01267, www.wp.nchart.org

NEW MARLBOROUGH VILLAGE ASSOC. INC.

154 New Marlborough-Hartsville Rd.
New Marlborough, MA 01230
413-229-2785, www.newmarlborough.org

NEW PHOENIX INC.

42 Cold Spring Rd.
Williamstown, MA 01267

**NEW STAGE PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER INC.**

80 Castle Hill Ave.
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-418-0999, www.newstageperformingarts.org

**NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM
AT STOCKBRIDGE INC.**

9 Glendale Rd., Stockbridge, MA 01262
413-298-4100, www.nrm.org

**NORTH ADAMS HISTORICAL
SOCIETY INC.**

PO Box 333, North Adams, MA 01247
413-664-4700, www.northadamshistory.org

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE CHORALE

PO Box 416, Williamstown, MA 01267
www.nbchorale.org

NUTSHELL PLAYHOUSE INC.

76 Brunell Ave., Lenox, MA 01240
413-637-1245, www.nutshellplayhouse.org

OLGA DUNN DANCE COMPANY

PO Box 157, Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-9674, www.olgadunndance.org

PITTSFIELD PARADE COMMITTEE INC.

PO Box 1738, Pittsfield, MA 01202
413-447-7763, www.pittsfieldparade.com

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