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WELCOME TO THE FOURTH ANNUAL GIVING BACK GUIDE

This little booklet has really come into its own as the indispensable directory for connecting to nonprofits. It sits on the desks of nonprofits and businesses alike, and in the homes of individuals who often tell me they've read the book from cover to cover.

Our Berkshire nonprofit sector certainly is fascinating. You know it's huge, but did you know that it employs 25% of our workforce (the 27th highest in the U.S.)? According to Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies, over the past decade, nonprofit job growth outpaced for-profit job growth by 3 to 1 in the U.S., and now represents the 3rd largest payroll in America.

People are using the *Giving Back* guide in so many ways. Retirees are finding new meaning by identifying a nonprofit to get involved with. Giving Circles find new organizations to support. Teachers use it to engage students in service-learning projects.

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in the beautiful Berkshires and I feel I owe it to our community to contribute as much as I can. If you feel likewise, next year you can purchase

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Laura & John Katz

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We appreciate your interest in nonprofits and encourage you to read the articles about Age Friendly Berkshires, Berkshire United Way and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), all of which promote volunteerism for the health of our region and its inhabitants. Writer Hannah Van Sickle is superb at describing the heart of nonprofit missions and the people who work to achieve advancement.

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As always, feel free to reach out to me with any comments or suggestions.

Liana Toscanini
Executive Director

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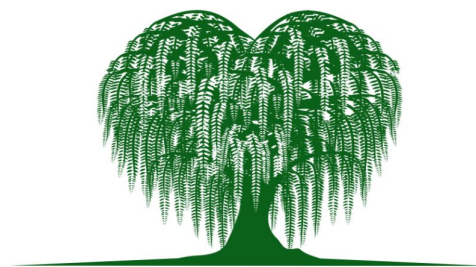
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EXPANDING THE NONPROFIT NARRATIVE

By Liana Toscanini

Depending on your point of view, we either have a scary or healthy number of nonprofits – over 1,000 in Berkshire County if you include all the churches, fire departments, teachers' unions, international aid organizations, arts and cultural organizations and civic and social groups. Each of these nonprofits has dedicated founders, volunteers and staff, and manages to forge ahead fulfilling their missions to improve life in our community despite their limited resources. Sure, the competition for funding is intense. But resources have ALWAYS been limited for nonprofits. That's practically the definition of nonprofit, and certainly the daily reality for many.

If you're a local business, you're experiencing limited resources too! It's called "donor fatigue." Requests for funding far outpace available dollars no matter how philanthropic you'd like to be. Processing the multitude of requests from many great organizations isn't easy and has probably developed into what seems like a full-time job for someone in your organization. It's hard to turn people away and it can all seem utterly unsustainable.

Nonprofits are a significant part of our economy

While corporate (and individual) donor fatigue is of real concern, it's important to continue to invest in our vital nonprofit sector. It is a huge economic engine, employing a significant chunk of our local workforce. In fact, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Berkshire

County has one of the highest rates of nonprofit employment in the U.S. And, as we've seen since the economic downturn of 2008, it's a resilient sector too. What's more, over the past decade, nonprofit job growth outpaced for-profit job growth by 3 to 1 in the U.S., as reported by Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies.

Our community has what it takes to support a large nonprofit sector

At Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires (NPC), we believe there are unleveraged assets in Berkshire County. Our mission is to connect nonprofits to those resources. Our local legislators are well aware of the vitality and importance of nonprofits and they work hard to advocate for funding. Berkshire media outlets do an admirable job covering nonprofit life and events. Local businesses are extremely generous, investing private capital to effect social change. Corporate earnings have increased under the new tax laws so corporate sponsorships and grants may even fuel nonprofit program growth. Many longtime second home owners are feeling the desire to become more involved and supportive of their Berkshire neighbors. And retirees, some of whom are choosing the Berkshires over Florida, are looking for community engagement opportunities. We are sitting on a wealth of skilled volunteers and potential donors waiting to be connected to those nonprofits that can creatively find and engage those folks.

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Identifying resources

The NPC, itself a small nonprofit, supports other nonprofits by connecting them to resources such as educational workshops, consultants, publications, and networking vehicles. Founded in 2016, the NPC is a support and capacity-building organization helping nonprofits connect, learn, and grow. In our trifurcated county, with no regional government and thousands of nonprofits, this is a challenging job. With hard work, persistence and the help of many businesses that support the idea of strengthening the sector, the Nonprofit Center is making inroads in identifying more resources for nonprofits and building an infrastructure of support for this important sector of our economy.

Tapping into volunteers

The NPC has recently teamed up with Age Friendly Berkshires, Berkshire United Way and OLLI to launch a volunteer fair on November 15 at Saint James Place in Great Barrington. For each of our organizations, volunteerism is core to our mission and operations. We're excited to engage volunteers to help nonprofits, and we know that some of those volunteers will also become donors. In a newly released Independent Sector analysis, the value of an hour of a volunteer's time in Massachusetts rose 3.1% last year to \$32.15, making it the highest among the 50 states.

Making it easier to give back

We may have an extraordinary number of nonprofit organizations, but we also have a lot of people who want to help. The Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires facilitates connections between nonprofits and potential volunteers and donors through its annual *Giving Back*

guide, a free publication distributed throughout the community. The majority of organizations are small and rely heavily on individuals for a good portion of their revenue. These small nonprofits also tend to fly under the radar, so increasing awareness of their missions is key to their success.

The annual edition of *Giving Back* comes out in early November and can be found in coffee shops, banks, libraries, shops and online at npcberkshires.org. In it, individuals will find a directory of over 1,000 nonprofits by category of interest (Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, etc.), as well as full-page profiles on over 100 nonprofits. Within those profiles are descriptions of mission and program, fast facts, a list of ways to help, and contact information.

Local experts enjoy giving back

The NPC's value is in connecting nonprofits to those who can and want to help. Local experts serve as educators, guest columnists, service providers and pro bono consultants, and our community is richer for it. This work is time-consuming but critical to planning programs that steward the best use of our existing resources.

By partnering with individuals, businesses and foundations, and focusing on capacity building, skills-based volunteerism and network creation, we have built an enormous amount of human and intellectual capital. We'll harness those relationships to explore more complex solutions going forward, including resource sharing, more formal collaborations and earned income streams. Anything that strengthens nonprofit organizations helps make our community a better place for all.



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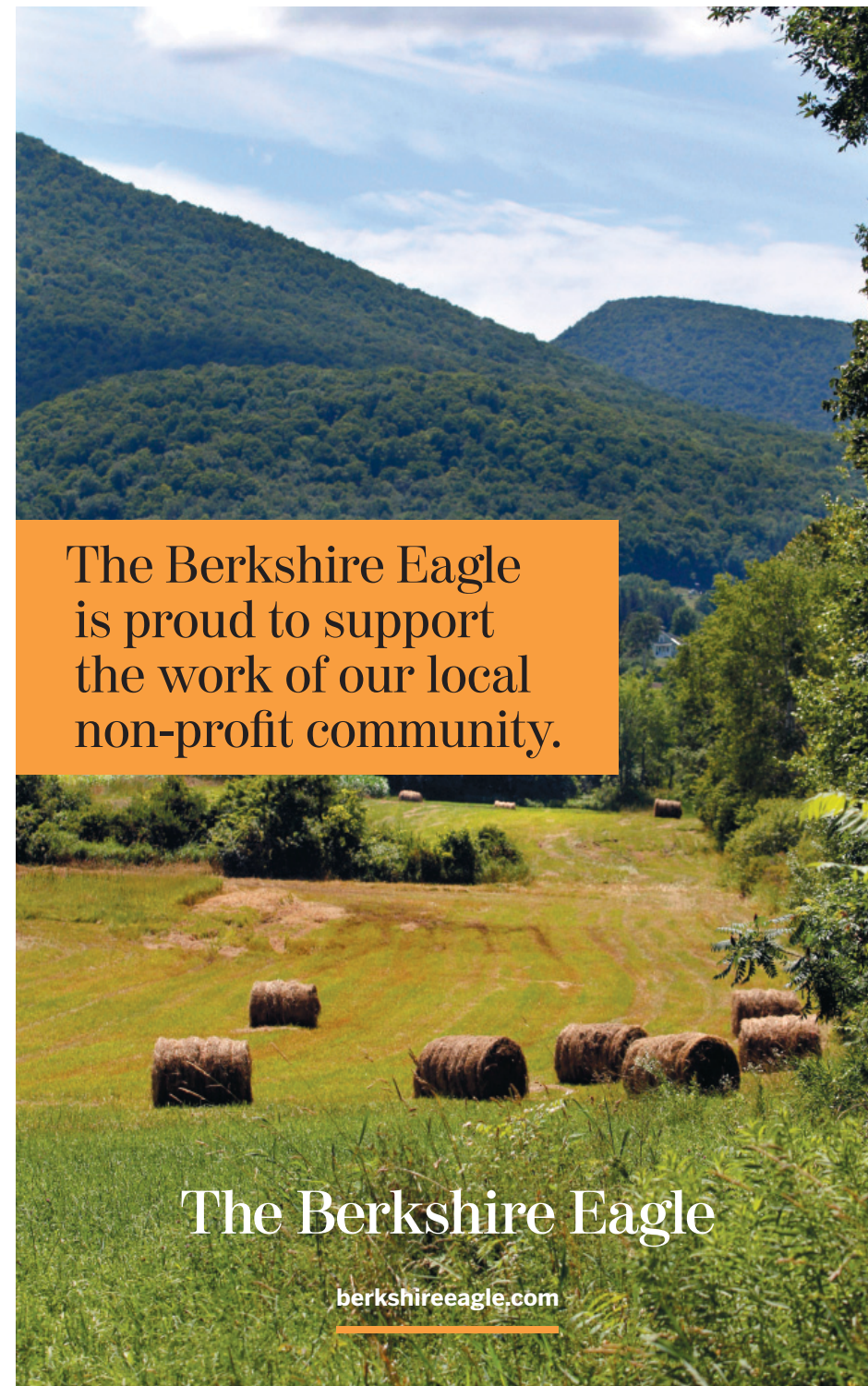
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OLLI: FOR THE JOY OF LEARNING

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By Hannah Van Sickle

When Ken Stark and his wife first came to the Berkshires, they were welcomed by the community—citing cultural institutions, like Tanglewood and Berkshire Theatre Group, as captivating their attention. “I wanted to give back to show my commitment and appreciation,” says Stark whose volunteer work keeps him connected to the community. Today, after a 35-year career in the field of special education, he is one of dozens of instructors at the helm of myriad courses in the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Berkshire Community College—a vibrant, member-led program that provides exciting educational, social and volunteer opportunities designed especially by and for people 50 years old and up in Berkshire County.

“Our biggest challenge is finding space for our classes,” says Megan Whilden, Executive Director of OLLI—as evidenced by the more than 50 students enrolled in Stark’s “Great Conductors of Great Orchestras,” part of OLLI’s 2019 Midsummer Encore Semester. On the day I visit, Stark is painting a vivid picture of Charles Munch—noted for his mastery of the French orchestral repertoire—and his rise to fame as Music Director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO) between 1949-1962. “He wanted to be a locomotive engineer,” Stark shares from the lectern as laughter erupts, quickly adding that Munch premiered 39 new works with the BSO. “The members liked him for being more

laid back than Koussevitzky,” Stark adds, demonstrating just the tip of his iceberg-sized knowledge surrounding the topic at hand—a side passion for Stark, who holds his Masters Degree in clinical psychology.

The genesis of lifelong learning for older adults can be traced back to a group of retired professors at The New School in New York who organized a program for the simple love of learning—“and it spread like wildfire across the country and around the world,” Whilden adds. “OLLI at BCC, 25 years old this year, was begun by a group of local retirees who wanted to keep learning, teaching and having spirited discussions,” explains Whilden. Today, OLLI at BCC is one of 124 Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes spanning the country—from Maine to Hawaii—each the program of an established college or university, and each offering intellectually stimulating programming designed especially by and for seasoned adults. In 1994, Williams College was the fiscal agent for OLLI and BCC offered them free space. In the ensuing decades, the program has morphed into a program of Berkshire Community College and programs span the county—from Williamstown to Great Barrington and many locales in between.

As to the allure? “I take OLLI classes to fill my brain with great knowledge and information,” says Craig Vickers, a “snow bird” who remains an active OLLI participant when he returns to southern California. Vickers enjoyed the fresh, local

view of the BSO gleaned in Stark’s class, a key factor in what keeps many members coming back for more: the instructors’ knowledge is deep and their enthusiasm is infectious. Whilden calls OLLI a learning community, one run by its members, “where the staff simply helps bring things to fruition,” she adds. In the five years since Whilden stepped into her role, membership has increased 50%, with the current number hovering around 1,300 members. And OLLI at BCC is growing—often in creative ways. Under Whilden’s leadership, there has been increased and diversified programming. She is a self-described “yes” person; when someone comes to her with an idea, her approach is to say, “Yes! Let’s figure out how to do this.” One member came to her with the idea for a cookbook—to celebrate the 25th anniversary; Berkshire Music School also reached out with hopes of partnering to create a music program for older adults. To date, the cookbooks have been printed and 80% of OLLI members at BCC expressed interest in the prospect of the music program. “There is a great joy in learning for the sake of learning—not for the test, the grade or a promotion at work,” Whilden explains, pointing to the culture and ethos of both volunteer engagement and volunteer leadership as creating an additional draw.

Ed and Barbara Lane, OLLI’s Board President, were supporters of Berkshire Institute of Lifelong Learning (BILL), OLLI’s predecessor. Despite limitations on participation—they were living in the mid-Hudson Valley at the time—they felt it was a program worth supporting. One of the first things Barbara did upon moving to the Berkshires full time—a handful of years ago—was to look for BILL, only to find it had morphed into OLLI. After she began taking classes,

she was quickly approached about getting involved. In what Lane calls a very concentrated period of time, she has gone from being the Chair of the Membership Committee to Vice President of the Board and now President. “While we have taken one class together, we pursue our own interests,” she says of her husband who is also an active OLLI member. As to the draw for Lane? “Initially, I was interested in the content of the courses, the intellectual stimulation, but what I found—the icing on the cake—is that I met amazing, interesting, wonderful people,” she explains, citing OLLI as her primary source for developing friendships in the Berkshires.



OLLI members touring High Lawn Farm

All OLLI offerings—more than 100 each year—are open to all, regardless of age, with no prerequisites. Each semester is 4-6 weeks long and features 15-29 classes held throughout the Berkshires. Class size ranges from 5 (Reading Latin Poetry Together) to 90 (think history, current events). The ever-popular OLLI Distinguished Speakers Series runs April-October and there are special events—ranging from workshops and day trips to Art Shows and Theater Parties throughout the year. Membership, required in order to take classes, is \$60 each year.

Tuition starts at \$50 for one class; \$95 for

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two or three classes; and \$125 for four or more. Partial scholarships are also available to make OLLI affordable and accessible for all. The winter semester begins January 14, 2020.

OLLI hinges on three tenets: learning, volunteerism and socialization—all of which have been shown to benefit an individual's physical and mental health, as well as improving overall quality of life. As the population of Berkshire County ages—and a push to attract young families to the area ensues—Whilden makes a salient point: We are all aging, and each of us is as old as we have ever been. Furthermore, people have a lifetime of experiences and expertise; it's important to allow them both to use it and to share it. "Retirees are big contributors, and an untapped resource, bringing knowledge, expertise, context and [their] kids [to the Berkshires]—many of whom are doing exciting things!" she emphasizes. Whilden sheds light on the fact that stereotypes about older adults are not only incorrect, but they are also harmful; in fact, research shows when an older person feels that old age is equitable with decline, they fare less well in their aging." Bit by bit, the vibrant OLLI community is helping to eradicate these negative perceptions about aging. Members create and curate the programs they attend; they make new friends; and they give back by volunteering, mentoring BCC students, and so much more. In short, OLLI is not only good for its members, but it's a valuable asset for our community.

Hannah Van Sickle is a regular contributor to various regional publications including *Berkshire Magazine* and *The Berkshire Edge*.

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BUILDING AN AGE-FRIENDLY BERKSHIRES. ONE STEP AT A TIME.

By Hannah Van Sickle

The Town of Lenox made a bold albeit prudent move more than 15 years ago when it placed the longstanding Council on Aging under the Parks and Recreation umbrella and moved its headquarters into the Community Center on Walker Street. In Adams, plans to convert a former elementary school into a senior center hinge on a similar thought process: if the gymnasium is left intact, young people will inevitably flock to the public space and cross paths with aging adults. Both scenarios, while seemingly unpretentious in nature, cut straight to the core of creating age-friendly communities in which everyone thrives.

Berkshire County is the second oldest county in the state of Massachusetts—trailing only behind Barnstable County which encompasses Cape Cod and is largely seen as a vacation/retirement destination. Our median age of 44 surpasses both the whole of Massachusetts (39) and the United States (36); in fact, according to the United States Census Bureau, over 50% of Berkshire County residents will be age 50 or older by 2030. This concentration of older adults led to the formation of a coalition, in 2015, called Age-Friendly Berkshires—aimed at addressing the needs of the aging Berkshire population. The movement, largely considered a collaborative effort, hinges on a simple mission: To create a more livable Berkshire County for people of all ages, with a focus on the needs of an aging population.

“The Age-Friendly Berkshires initiative is a movement to create a community that helps older adults, and even younger adults, be healthy, secure, active and engaged as they age,” explains Bobbie Orsi, of Home Instead Senior Care, and founder of Age-Friendly Berkshires. Orsi’s idea was born of a stark reality: Berkshire County is not equipped to handle the growing number of people over the age of 50 who live here. Orsi called for a coordinated approach, hence the current structure. “It’s a coalition movement, a cooperative effort,” says Peg McDonough, Coordinator for Age-Friendly Berkshires. The organization’s beginnings were voluntary, originally falling under the fiscal umbrella of Berkshires Tomorrow, Inc. which is housed at Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) in Pittsfield. After joining the AARP Livable Communities Network in 2015, the partner organizations began a 2+ year planning phase. BRPC has since become the backbone organization for Age-Friendly Berkshires, providing staff to both support and now implement the County-wide action plan launched at the start of 2018. The big picture takes into consideration myriad systems and policies—the scope of which ranges from transportation to housing and includes the breadth of systems and services for older people in between. The coalition is comprised of activist residents, businesses, government and political leaders, nonprofit organizations and community groups across Berkshire

County with an ambitious Action Plan to create a more livable region that allows all residents to be healthy, active, safe and connected throughout their lifetimes. It’s about making the Berkshires a great place to grow up and a great place to grow old.

Successfully managing the changing needs of an aging population is a challenge magnified by our rural location. Berkshire County is the second largest in the State by area (931 square miles, lagging only behind Worcester County’s 1,513 square miles); in terms of population, it ranks 4th smallest with 126,313 residents (as of the 2017 census). This translates to a region lacking accessible transportation and housing variety; requiring longer travel time to access health and community services; and lagging in technological infrastructure that makes communication and information sharing easy. In short, it does not take a rocket scientist to see the proverbial writing on the wall: working toward a more age-friendly Berkshires will attract young people and families, too—making this a symbiotic relationship worth cultivating.

“We use any available network and means to get the word out,” says McDonough, who calls this past year “pivotal [insofar as] gaining traction in name recognition.” Citing the size and diversity of the county, there is demand for a more coordinated, cost-effective approach for product and service delivery to residents, one that keeps pace with advances in technology, health and lifestyle choices. A necessary first step is to create a communications platform, “to let people know what we are doing and trying to achieve,” explains McDonough. Strategies run the gamut, from a newly designed website and Facebook page to regular newsletters

and press releases. A 12-minute video, launched in June, highlights the work of Age-Friendly Berkshires and serves as a pivotal point of departure for individuals to get involved with the movement (visit agefriendlyberkshires.com or YouTube to view the video).

“To be an age-friendly Berkshires means a community where, regardless of your age, you have everything you need to thrive and live well,” says State Senator Adam Hinds, a champion of the movement. “Age-friendly Berkshires, to me, means finding ways to bridge the generational gaps,” is how Glenda Matos-Carter, of Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, sees it. “What can youth provide for the seniors and vice-versa?” she adds. And herein lies the catch: while older adults outnumber those under the age of 18 by a wide margin, any improvement to the quality of life for an older person benefits young people and children.



Active Ager, Adams, MA 2016

It’s what McDonough calls, “actively looking to create connections that don’t exist.” When we make sidewalks safer for seniors, moms with strollers benefit; when we build outdoor exercise spaces, with pedestrian footpaths to get there, families with young children benefit; when we provide day-glo vests to safeguard

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pedestrians, drivers benefit; when we make our communities more accessible for an aging population, everyone benefits. "There's no question that when we have very deliberate intergenerational activities made available that we all are better off," says Hinds, adding "we [need to] bring that into more elements of our daily life." It's what Orsi calls an age-friendly lens, which "allow us to help people whether they are 8 years old or 80 years old," she says.

Age-Friendly Berkshires has received funding from AARP and Tufts Health Plan Foundation, and its conversations with municipalities have resulted in nine resolutions to date from officials designating their city or town as being age-friendly. "We are trying to pull it all together to demonstrate that we are making progress, building [the initiative] out," says McDonough of the 32 cities and towns in Berkshire County, each of which is doing something that is age-friendly. "The age-friendly initiative is important to everyone who lives here," says Orsi. "It's where we work, where we live, and where we play. Without a strategy to embrace that fully, and create a future that is better than the one we have, we will not see it happen in our lifetime. We have to step forward and we have to create an age-friendly community together." Which, while it might feel like a Herculean task, is in fact the antithesis. How? "One conversation at a time, one vest at a time, one good deed at a time," surmises Heather Barbieri, Emergency Management Director at Fairview Hospital.

"We have to be age-friendly," says Orsi. "We really don't have a choice. This is an ALL age-friendly effort that will benefit every Berkshire County resident for years to come."

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BERKSHIRE UNITED WAY: #HEREFORGOOD

By Hannah Van Sickle

Candace Winkler has been fine-tuning her elevator pitch as the new president and CEO of Berkshire United Way (BUW). Since taking the helm in July, she has distilled the 95-year-old organization's work down to a powerful tagline, Here for Good. As she describes it, "BUW has served South and Central Berkshire County for close to a century and we are not going anywhere. We are committed to improving the lives of people working and raising families right here – from Dalton to Pittsfield to Great Barrington. We bring donors, nonprofits and volunteers together to solve problems and do good." Simply put: Together, we do more.

Supporters of BUW not only help fund local nonprofits working on critical issues, but they also support the data collection and coordination of services that lead to improved individual circumstances and elevated quality of life here in Berkshire County. BUW's work hinges on a clear vision: ensuring this county is a dynamic, engaged community that provides opportunities for all. "We leverage gifts from lots of different individuals," says Winkler, ranging from donors in the workplace to individuals who want to invest in the community. As to the results? "We are able to magnify those gifts in ways that make a real difference in people's lives," she explains. A wider lens on what the community needs, coupled with substantial data, allows BUW "to make strategic investments that help solve community problems."

BUW has a track record of success. In 2010, the organization identified teen pregnancy as an imminent and growing problem and launched the Face the Facts coalition to tackle the issue. BUW developed shared data points, community goals, hosted a multitude of community conversations and funded dozens of local nonprofits to implement a county-wide campaign and on-the-ground mentoring and intervention services. Within seven years, this collaborative approach had worked, reducing the teen pregnancy rate by 50%. Winkler's commitment to this collaborative, data-driven approach is interconnected with BUW's three community goals: children are ready for school, teens are prepared for college or career, and our neighbors are earning a living wage that enables them to support their families.

By having a finger on the pulse of the community, BUW has provided significant support and funding to programs that focus on early childhood education and positive youth outcomes. Three funded programs – the Hello It's Me Project led by Dr. Claudia Gold; the Expressive Arts Program at Lee Elementary School led by Principal Kate Retzel; and Project Connection at Monument Valley Regional Middle School led by 21st Century Coordinator Thomas Kelly and Will Conklin of Greenagers – exhibit both the scope and interconnectedness of BUW's partners in action.

Gold has made a career of thinking — in

a big way — about how to raise healthy children. A pediatrician turned children's mental health care specialist, she is the director of the Hello It's Me Project, a community-based initiative to promote healthy parent-infant relationships from birth. "To get things going in a healthy way from the very beginning is not the end of the story," says Gold, whose primary aim is to empower new parents by shining a spotlight on the tremendous capacity for connection babies have when they enter the world. The project, which debuted in Pittsfield last spring, not only brings together a wide variety of partners committed to protecting and nurturing these tender new relationships, but is also a key component to BUW's mission to ensure every child arrives at kindergarten ready to learn and is on a path to school success.



Greenagers, a funded partner by Berkshire United Way, engages teens and young adults in meaningful work in environmental conservation, sustainable farming and natural resource management. Photo credit: Jeffrey Byrnes.

A cornerstone of Gold's project — now a funded partner of BUW — is the Newborn Behavioral Observations (NBO) system, a relationship-building tool that draws on the work of renowned pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton. Annual two-day trainings (the next is slated for April 2020) bring together a spectrum of individuals — from pediatricians and

maternity nurses to early intervention specialists and lactation consultants — and call attention to the need to support early relationships through referral connections among programs. The next level will be to implement the NBO for newborns and their families at Berkshire Medical Center.

Retzel's work to create a trauma-informed school in Lee came out of multifaceted community conversations initiated by BUW's Chapter One early childhood initiative in South County. "We began to see how one part of the community is affected by all others," Retzel explains. This interconnectivity fueled her belief she had a wider context in which to work and "that gave me the confidence to change the culture at our school with the vision of trauma sensitive/heart-centered care for all individuals in the community." Her work with Chapter One has allowed her to network with individuals across different sectors to help support the birth to age 5 population — all of which feeds her elementary school and affects her families directly.

This year, Lee Elementary School has partnered with BUW to pilot a trauma-informed Expressive Arts (EA) program for grades K-1 aimed at enhancing protective factors of children at high risk of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). The Trauma and Learning Policy Institute estimates that 16% of children in Massachusetts will experience one or more ACE; at Lee Elementary, a startling 22-39% of students are at serious risk of ACEs. The pilot program addresses this elevated risk through an intentional, research-based intervention that provides a safe and nurturing space for at-risk children to explore the arts with a trained, trauma-informed teacher.

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"The support from BUW is valuable to Project Connection/Berkshire Hills Regional School District in many ways," says Tom Kelly, program director. The year-round program funded by BUW provides support for high-need students and their families. Recent funding from BUW has been instrumental in supporting collaborative work with Greenagers to connect seventh- and eighth-grade students to their community. "They are discovering challenges and making a real impact through service-learning projects," explains Kelly.

Greenagers introduces students to local individuals and organizations who work to preserve our local environment and create a culture of climate-friendly and sustainable practices in our community. Students get to see what working on a Greenagers Trail Crew entails and learn about employment opportunities. When middle schoolers make connections with community members and work directly to address real-world challenges, change happens. Funding also ensures safe and reliable transportation is provided for students to various farms and trails throughout the region.

"BUW helps align and leverage the resources of Project Connection and many other local organizations who have a common mission to strengthen our community through positive youth development," Kelly explains, citing the timing as critical. Students will synthesize skills to succeed as they progress to high school and begin to develop goals and plans for post-secondary experiences.

Winkler, her board and staff continue to look at ways to get more resources out into the community — "where the rubber meets the road." Each of the 34 youth programs BUW funds is paving

a successful pathway for local children, from birth through adolescence. "Through our work we have realized you can't just support kids, you have to support the whole family. When parents have the resources they need to be successful, children do better. We live here, work here, and play here and as a community partner, BUW is Here For Good," explains Winkler. It's that simple.

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WAYS TO SUPPORT

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2. DONATE: financially or through in-kind offerings
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: 1887
- President & CEO/Board Chair: Colleen Holmes/Christopher King
- Number of constituents served: 4,200
- Number of full-time staff: 135

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The AAAB promotes economic and community development through the arts and serves as a networking and information catalyst for the arts in the Town of Adams, MA.



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PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The AAAB:

- advises the Town Administrator on arts and the creative economy issues;
- hosts the annual Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival, a whimsical celebration of the arts;
- convenes weekly creativity sessions open to anyone seeking help, inspiration, and support for an arts project in the area;
- leads the Project Sunflower public information campaign to support the Susan B. Anthony Celebrations in Adams during 2020; and
- catalyzes awareness of and implementation of arts projects and events produced by community, nonprofit, business, and other organizations.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Join the AAAB and volunteer for our events such as the BMFF
2. Attend our weekly creativity sessions - call for time and place
3. Bring your creative project idea to the AAAB for support
4. Attend our Berkshire Mountains Faerie Festival (BMFF)
5. Donate to the AAAB

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2015
- President: Richard Tavelli
- Number of constituents served: the community of Adams and the region
- Number of full-time staff: all-volunteer organization



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– Alison LaRocca

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5. Become a board member

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1969
- Founder: Madeline Cantarella Culpo
- Number of constituents served: 5,000-10,000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 2.5



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FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1972
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Susan B. Obel/Catherine Liddell
- Number of constituents served: 2,500+
- Number of full-time staff: 0



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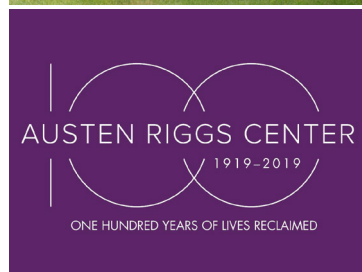
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FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1919
- Medical Director/CEO: Eric M. Plakun, MD
- Number of constituents served: 115 per year
- Number of full-time staff: 130



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FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2013
- Executive Director: Kathy Arabia
- Number of constituents served: 1,500+
- Number of full-time staff: 100% Volunteer



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FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1966
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Ian Bickford/James M. Clark, Jr.
- Number of constituents served: Over 8,000 alumni
- Number of full-time staff: 155



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FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- Executive Director: Karen Christensen
- Number of constituents served: International
- Number of full-time staff: 0 (with a host of amazing volunteers)

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Co-founded in 1995 by Artistic Director Julianne Boyd, Barrington Stage Company (BSC) is a not-for-profit professional theatre company with a three-fold mission: to produce top-notch, compelling work; to develop new plays and musicals; and to find fresh, bold ways of bringing new audiences into the theatre, especially young people.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

In addition to producing ten productions a year, we offer a wide range of education initiatives including KidsAct! and TeensAct!, year-round acting programs for students, a Musical Theatre Conservatory that provides professional training, and a Student Matinee Program, where local high school students receive low cost tickets to attend our fall production. Central to our efforts to engage our at-risk youth is our Playwright Mentoring Project, where teenagers use theatre to reflect upon their challenges and to learn conflict resolution skills.



Pictured: The Cast of *Into the Woods*, 2019. Photo: Daniel Rader.

"There is something wonderful about a theatre full of laughter, a theatre that educates, challenges social change, and becomes an integral part of a city. I believe you experience all of this at BSC. Come frequently, bring a friend, give to the Annual Fund, and savor the unforgettable."

– Marita Glodt, Board President

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5. Donate to our Playwright Mentoring Project, our education program for at-risk youth

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1995
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Julianne Boyd/Mary Ann Quinson
- Number of constituents served: 60,000
- Number of full-time staff: 24



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FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2006
- Executive Director: Rachel Moriarty
- Number of constituents served: All of Berkshire County
- Number of part-time staff: 1



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berkshireagventures.org

MISSION

Growing the future of food in our region by investing in local farms and food businesses.



"BAV was able to put together a loan that was exactly what we needed at the right time in a really quick and flexible way. And that was really critical for us to take our next step and keep moving forward."

– Nick Martinelli/Marty's Local

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We provide patient, flexible capital and capacity-building assistance that farms and food businesses need to grow throughout the four-county, three-state area of Berkshire County, MA, Columbia and Dutchess Counties, NY, and Litchfield County, CT. This area comprises a regional foodshed bordered by the Berkshire-Taconic mountain ranges and a portion of the easternmost Hudson Valley. Our products include low-interest, flexible term loans, community matching grants, customized free 1:1 technical assistance and regional infrastructure financing.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Community Revolving Fund or Community Matching Grant Program
2. Give to our Annual Appeal or donate online
3. Join us as an Investor in local and regional projects
4. Join our network of Technical Assistance Consultants or Advisory Committee
5. Volunteer your time

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2017
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Cynthia Pansing/Tom Gardner
- Number of constituents served: Over 48 farms and food businesses; Over 3,300 acres
- Number of full-time staff: 1 FT, 3 PT



Berkshire AHEC

Berkshire AHEC, Inc.

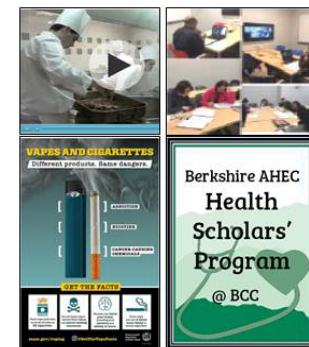
395 Main Street
Dalton, MA 01226
(413) 842-5160
sdargie@berkshireahec.org
berkshireahec.org

MISSION

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

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire AHEC's mission is to empower communities to better health, connect professionals to development and connect students to careers. 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 improve 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, support and attend our programs
2. Let us help you plan your next educational program
3. Refer a colleague, friend or family member to one of our programs
4. Sponsor a Health Scholar
5. Volunteer

FAST FACTS

- Year Established: 1979
- Center Director/Board Chair: Sheila Dargie/Michele Darroch
- Number of Constituents Served: 8,163 individuals through programming
- Number of Full-time Staff: 4

Berkshire Arts & Technology (BART) Charter Public School

One Commercial Street, PO Box 267, Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-7311

info@bartcharter.org
bartcharter.org



MISSION

Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School (BART) prepares students for college by promoting mastery of academic skills and content with a strong foundation in arts and technology. The school provides middle and high school students in Berkshire County with an educational community that regards everyone, including teachers and parents, as lifelong learners.



BART middle school students working in science class

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BART is a tuition-free, public charter school serving 363+ students in grades 6-12 throughout Berkshire County. BART teaches a classic college preparatory curriculum with a focus on building the creative and technological skills that are necessary to successfully navigate today's world. BART prepares all students for success in college by promoting the mastery of academic skills through a rigorous, individualized program.

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 programing at http://bit.ly/support_BART
2. Schedule a tour to visit us and see our students in action
3. Attend and/or sponsor our major fundraising event in April – Get BART Smart!
4. Stay connected! Follow us on social media (Facebook and Instagram)

If you are interested in supporting BART in any of the above ways, contact Leah Thompson, leah.thompson@bartcharter.org, (413) 743-7311 ext. 708.

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2004
- Executive Director/Board Chair: James White, Ph.D./Gina Puc
- Number of constituents served: 363+ enrolled students
- Number of full-time staff: 70



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 3 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 nonprofit you want to support

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- President & CEO: Hinda Bodinger
- Number of constituents served: 1,800
- Number of full-time staff: All volunteer staff

Berkshire Bach Society

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

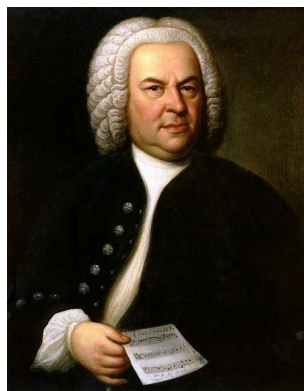


MISSION

To concertize the vast musical repertoire of Bach, his Baroque contemporaries, the composers who influenced his work and those he inspired, and to have the most talented musicians available perform this music for audiences in the Berkshires and beyond.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Berkshire Bach Society produces concerts and special events from the full array of Baroque works with J.S. Bach's vast repertoire as anchor, including chamber, choral, instrumental, organ and the festive and iconic "Bach at New Year's" performances on New Year's Eve at the Mahaiwe, New Year's Day at the Troy (NY) Music Hall, and the Academy of Music in Northampton. Experience our programming which includes lesser known yet important and gorgeous pieces as well as your time-honored favorites. Join us throughout the seasons. Bring your friends. And remember, your support means the world to us!



This year, Eugene Drucker, Emerson String Quartet co-founder, performs in and directs Bach's six Brandenburg Concerti in our celebratory "Bach at New Year's" series. James Bagwell returns to conduct our season-opening cantata concert, and Juilliard Pre-College students perform at Bach's Birthday Dinner Party. Visit our website and subscribe to our email list for more exciting information.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contribute your time, talent and/or resources, OR bring those with time, talent and/or resources to us
2. Underwrite our Season-Long Playbill
3. Make a recurring Membership donation
4. Sponsor a concert
5. Bring your family and friends to our concerts

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1990
- Executive Director/Chairman of the Board: Paula M. Hatch/Adrian van Zon
- Number of constituents served: 3,000
- Number of full-time staff: Admin staff plus 60 volunteers



Berkshire Bounty

33 Commonwealth Avenue
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 717-5842/Mark • (201) 306-1964/Jay
info@berkshire-bounty.org
berkshire-bounty.org

MISSION

Berkshire Bounty involves a broad community of food donors, food distribution organizations and volunteers to create a flow of nutritious food from food sources to those people in the Berkshires who are experiencing food insecurity.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Bounty collects excess fresh produce, meat and baked goods from supermarkets, farms, farmers' markets and property owners with trees, and delivers that food to pantries, senior centers and other distribution organizations for use by those people experiencing food insecurity in South County and Pittsfield.

Through the generosity of our food donors, our growth has been significant: we collected 8,000 pounds in 2017, 33,000 pounds in 2018, and we expect to achieve well over 100,000 pounds in 2019. We have identified further growth opportunities that can be realized as we attract more volunteers.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer to help Berkshire Bounty
 - Pick-up and deliver food donations (which could involve lifting boxes weighing 25-45 pounds)
 - Pick fruit from trees during late Summer/early Fall
2. Make a tax deductible donation by going to our website or mailing a check payable to Berkshire Bounty



Founders Jay Weintraub (L) and Mark Lefenfeld (R)

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2017
- Co-Presidents: Jay Weintraub and Mark Lefenfeld
- Number of constituents served: Food provided at rate of 80,000 meals per year
- Number of full-time staff: All volunteer staff

Berkshire Business & Professional Women



Berkshire Business &
Professional Women

PO Box 3152
Pittsfield, MA 01202-3152
Bbpwpresident.com
berkshirebpw.org

MISSION

To help women rise up and maximize their potential in their careers as well as their lives. The Berkshire Business and Professional Women's organization provides professional and personal development and networking opportunities for working women in all fields.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- Monthly networking and learning dinners, featuring inspiring and timely speakers.
- Monthly newsletter and other opportunities for members to shine.
- Ongoing opportunities for member growth, development and leadership.
- Annual Gala honoring a Woman of Achievement from Berkshire County. This is our key fundraiser, with all monies going to our annual scholarship program for working women in Berkshire County.



"What I value about BBPW is the advocacy and education, great group support and teamwork, networking and wonderful committees!"
– Sharon Connors, Berkshire BPW Member

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. COME TO ONE OF OUR MONTHLY DINNERS—calendar is on our website
2. JOIN OUR GROUP! You will meet a wonderful and inspiring group of women, just like you
3. DONATE TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR WORKING WOMEN—winners announced in September every year!
4. BECOME A SPONSOR—of our Woman of Achievement recognition event and fundraiser
5. JOIN OR PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES—build your leadership skills

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1919, National Organization/1965, Berkshire County Chapter
- Board President: Celia Clancy
- Number of constituents served: 70 members
- Number of full-time staff: All volunteer staff



Berkshire Center for Justice, Inc.

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

MISSION

A legal, social and community justice organization, we strengthen equal protection under the law by providing legal services for persons who otherwise would not have access to representation.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We are one of only 23 nonprofit sliding scale direct legal services providers in the country and the only one to offer legal, social and community service referrals. Since 2006 our weekly Free Legal Clinic, Justice For Elders, Know Your Rights, and Self-advocacy Programs have helped the most vulnerable in our community. Our health and environmental social/community initiatives are uniquely situated to improve the lives of all people. BCJ is a trauma sensitive organization and offers free interpreter services.



"BCJ got the case dismissed when my sick grandmother was being sued. They answered our questions and updated us with the details in my grandmother's case. I am happy to know BCJ is an influential organization in Berkshire County. I recommend the service to others."

– RT

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a weekly free legal clinic
2. Sponsor our pro bono and education programs
3. Participate in our annual appeal
4. Volunteer or serve on a committee

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2006
- Executive Director: Eve Schatz, Esq.
- Number of constituents served: over 2,000
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Berkshire Coalition for Suicide Prevention

PO Box 472
Pittsfield, MA 01202
info@berkshirecoalition.org
berkshirecoalition.org

MISSION

To save lives, build resilience in our community, educate the public and strengthen the response to the public health crisis of suicide in the Berkshires.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Founded to address the growing public health crisis of suicide in our county, we provide suicide prevention education to Berkshire County schools, suicide awareness and alertness trainings for the community, PSAs and live interviews for Community Television, public broadcast radio, and online access. BCSP also provides material at school and community health fairs for public distribution. Support for survivors of suicide loss is available through Jim McAleer (413-734-3676, mcaleer2006@verizon.net) providing trained volunteers to meet in person with newly-bereaved survivors and their families. Also, Peggy Morse (413-441-6316, peggyf@verizon.net) runs a Healing after Suicide Loss Peer support group the: 1st Thursday of every month from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. 18 Degrees (formerly Berkshire Children & Families) Family Resource Center, 480 West Street, Pittsfield.



"Our vision at BCSP is for everyone to find an alternative to suicide and self-harm, to find relief from unbearable psychological pain, and for our community to meet their needs."

– Lee Watroba/President
and Bertha Connelley/Vice
President, BCSP

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Share the crisis line number 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or text 741-741
2. Donate checks to: BCSP, PO Box 472, Pittsfield MA 01202-472
3. Visit www.berkshirecoalition.org and sign up for our newsletter!
4. Learn how to help save lives. Contact president@berkshirecoalition.org
5. Advocate www.afsp.org/our-work/advocacy

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2009
- President: Lee Watroba
- Number of constituents served: 1,600 - 2,000 per year
- Number of full-time staff: 0

Berkshire Community Diaper Project, Inc.



Berkshire Community Diaper Project

PO Box 5
West Stockbridge, MA 01266
(413) 232-0236
mgrudden@gmail.com
berkshirecommunitydiaperproject.com

MISSION

The Berkshire Community Diaper Project's mission is to educate our community about diaper need, a very real problem in our county, and to raise funds and encourage diaper donations to provide to families who need them. We are a 100% volunteer organization: all donations go directly to the purchase of diapers.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We offer speakers for civic groups, churches and synagogues, schools and businesses.

We provide diapers through four food pantries and seven agencies helping families with small children throughout the Berkshires.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Send a check to BCDP, Inc. Personal donations are responsible for 66% of our budget!
2. Call or email us to find out how to sponsor a diaper drive
3. Encourage your civic organization, book group, garden club, school, business, or church group to sponsor a diaper drive

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2015
- Board President/Board Secretary: Marie Rudden, MD/ Daltrey Turner, LICSW
- Number of constituents served: 500+ families
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Berkshire Country Day School

PO Box 867, Lenox, MA 01240
55 Interlaken Road (Rt. 183), Stockbridge, MA 01262
(413) 637-0755
admissions@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

Located in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts, Berkshire Country Day School is an independent school for children 2-years-old through Grade 9 that intentionally balances a comprehensive, challenging curriculum with the culture and spirit of the Berkshires and Columbia County. The school offers innovative and dynamic approaches to a classic liberal arts education in an engaged community that encourages, celebrates, and inspires the potential of each individual, so that they may be exemplary citizens of the world.

"The service & experiential learning programs have opened our child's eyes to a world beyond the Berkshires. BCD takes science, arts, languages, history, English, and brings them to life. As a family, we have been welcomed by a warm group of parents from all backgrounds."

– BCD Parents

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Enroll your child or grandchild in BCD's extraordinary program!
2. Contribute to BCD's Scholarship Fund
3. Make a gift to the Annual Fund for operating support
4. Participate in the School's annual Gala through sponsorship or with tickets
5. Volunteer to share your expertise with our students or teachers

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1946
- Head of School/Board President: Jenifer Fox/Stephanie Buchanan
- 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 nonprofit, 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: 1,000+
- 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
info@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.



"It's a safe haven where no one ever forced me to talk about what was happening but every week they were there for me when I needed it! The bond that I shared with my therapist truly gave me hope! I am truly eternally grateful for these people."

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 nonoffending 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 Kids' Place and the 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.

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 events: our Gala (October), Jimmy's Ride & After Party (August), and Monopoly Tournament (April)
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: 11

Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT)



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

MISSION

BEAT works 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 us!

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 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.



Local students participating in a Berkshire BioBlitz at Burbank Park in Pittsfield.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate – online or by check. We stretch every dollar as far as it will go.
2. Volunteer Your Time – pull trash out of the river, remove invasive species, work in the office, or whatever your specialty might be.
3. Give An In-Kind Gift – e.g. snowshoes or gardening gloves, or give us a call!
4. Become a Sustaining Donor by donating monthly any amount!
5. Remember us in your will. Contact BEAT to discuss the many ways your legacy can live forever.

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2003
- Executive Director: Jane Winn
- Number of constituents served: 2,300
- Number of full-time staff: 4



Berkshire Film and Media Collaborative

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



"It is so important for us to develop the art and craft of cinema here in the Berkshires. With BFMC's educational programs and events, film and media are emerging as a viable industry for our community, especially for our young people."
– Tina Packer, Founder Shakespeare & Company

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

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

BFMC is launching a new Community Film Fund to help our nonprofits 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 and impactful message-driven videos.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate to our Community Film Fund to help give our nonprofits a voice through video.
2. Sponsor one of our classes or workshops.
3. Underwrite the tuition for a student to take our summer Young Filmmaker's Workshop.
4. Find out how your company or organization can make a video!

FAST FACTS

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

Berkshire Food Project

PO Box 651, 134 Main Street, North Adams, MA 01247
Inside the First Congregational Church
(413) 664-7378
info@berkshirefoodproject.org
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 resources, in a dignified and respectful manner.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The BFP serves a free community meal each weekday at noon to all who join us. Other community organizations table in our dining room so diners may learn about other resources and services available in North Berkshire. Our meals are cooked from scratch in our kitchen and include local ingredients whenever possible. Menu is posted on Facebook each day and everyone is encouraged to join us for coffee and snack at 11:30 AM and lunch from noon to 1 PM.

"Thank you - that was delicious!"
"This is my favorite restaurant!"
"You always make everything so good!"
"Thank you."

These are words we hear at the BFP every day from elementary school age kids, from elders, from families and individuals.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate funds - most of our funding comes from individual donations
2. Volunteer - volunteers make it all happen!
3. Ask for a tour - come and see us in action and then tell others about us!
4. Join our e-mail list and stay up to date with our activities
5. Donate paper products, coffee, postage stamps, gift cards, et cetera

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1987
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Kim McMann/James Mahon
- Number of meals served: 35,000 meals provided last year
- Number of full-time staff: 2



Berkshire Grown

PO Box 983, 314 Main Street, Ste. 17
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(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: 7,500+ 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: 800
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Berkshire Humane Society

214 Barker Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 447-7878
info@berkshirehumane.org
BerkshireHumane.org

MISSION

Our mission is to ensure the compassionate care, treatment, and placement of companion animals while promoting and improving the welfare of all animals through education and outreach.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Berkshire Humane Society (BHS) is a private, nonprofit organization not affiliated with any other animal welfare group. As the only open admission shelter in the Berkshires, BHS shelters and rehomes more than 1,200 pets each year. 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 including Camp Humane, Humane Heroes, and The Defenders. You can also support BHS by shopping at Catwalk Boutique, an upscale resale shop in Lenox and Great Barrington.



"I adopted the love of my life from BHS. I found the staff to be extremely helpful and professional, and it was apparent how much they care for the animals in their charge. I appreciate that they consider themselves to be advocates for the animals, and that I had to pass approval before I could adopt."

– Mary McGurn, Supporter

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: 16



Berkshire Immigrant Center

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

MISSION

The Berkshire Immigrant Center advocates for the rights of all immigrants by helping them navigate the complex U.S. immigration system with affordable legal services, local resources, and education.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Berkshire Immigrant Center offers fee-based appointments and walk-in clinics, free civics classes, and workshops. Our office is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to 3pm, or later by appointment, and Wednesdays from 10am to 6pm. We also hold walk-in hours every Wednesday from 11am-2pm, including a monthly legal clinic conducted by a local attorney. Our multilingual staff can assist with applications for adjustment of status, green cards, visas, work authorization, family sponsorship, and citizenship. Our complete list of services is available on our website at Berkshireic.org.



Senior Case Worker Lorena Dus working with clients

"The Berkshire Immigrant Center is a pillar of hope and humanity for our community. BIC lifts people up, reminds them of their essential value, and helps them work their way through our broken immigration system to the miraculous conclusion of citizenship in the United States. We know that the people served by the Center are our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers, and partners in making the Berkshires and the state a healthy place to live. BIC provides a place of possibility for all who need their assistance through counseling, effective legal advice, referrals, and companionship in these dark times."

– The Rev. Janet W. Zimmerman, Ph.D.,
Grace Church, Great Barrington

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate online or by check
2. Give to our Annual Appeal
3. Sponsor a naturalization ceremony
4. Host a fundraiser
5. Volunteer at an event

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1997
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Michelle Lopez/Rose Ellis
- Number of constituents served: 700-800 clients per year
- Number of full-time staff: 3



Berkshire Interfaith Organizing

PO Box 1133, 175 Wendell Avenue
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 taking action on issues of common concern to improve the lives of community members. One of our recent successes has been securing a commitment from Pittsfield Public Schools Superintendent Jason McCandless to restore Black and Intercultural Studies to the Pittsfield Public Schools curriculum in the fall of 2019. We're proud to report that the course has 50 students enrolled for the fall term!

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



Organizing 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 deepen and enrich community.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contact one of our organizers to set up a conversation and learn more
2. Subscribe to our newsletter to stay current on upcoming actions and events!
3. Encourage your faith community to join BIO or join as an individual member!
4. Donate to BIO
5. Like and follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2015
- Board President: Martha Congdon
- Number of constituents served: Empowers constituencies throughout the Berkshires
- Number of full-time staff: 3 part-time staff



Berkshire Lyric

PO Box 347
Pittsfield, MA 01202
(413)499-0258
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 Blafeld 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.

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



"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

Berkshire museum

Berkshire Museum

39 South Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 443-7171
berkshitemuseum.org

MISSION

Bringing 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 that combine art, history, and natural science. With your support, the Museum will open its doors even wider with free admission for all children in 2020. 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.



"A treasure in downtown Pittsfield."
– Long-time Berkshire Museum member

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a Berkshire Museum member
2. Attend the annual Gala
3. Participate in the annual Festival of Trees
4. Give to our Annual Appeal
5. Sponsor an exhibition or educational program

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1903
- Executive Director: Jeff Rodgers
- Number of constituents served: More than 60,000 visitors each year
- Number of full-time staff: 26



Berkshire Music School

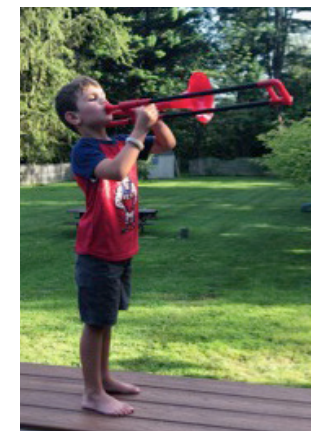
30 Wendell Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-1411
twilson@berkshitemusicschool.org
berkshitemusicschool.org

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

We offer private music instruction on nearly every instrument or voice, along with music theory, music history, and composition. We offer chamber ensembles for beginning and adult students, both classical, jazz and cabaret. We have classes for youngsters and offer a variety of summer camps (guitar and ukulele workshops, for example) in addition to private instruction. Berkshire Music School is a private nonprofit organization with three full-time staff members, four part-time staff members, and 35 faculty members/employees. BMS has a 13-member Board of Trustees. Celebrating the School's 80th anniversary in 2020 is a testament to the quality of music instruction, an outstanding and involved Board of Trustees, engaged faculty members, and dedicated and hard working staff members.



Maxim learning the trombone with his red P-Bone.

"Learning to play a musical instrument can boost brain connections and improve academic test scores for young students, and can help keep the brain sharp as we age."

– WEBMD.Com

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend one of our recitals, faculty recitals or special programs
2. Attend and support our annual Student Performance
3. Make a contribution to the BMS Annual Fund
4. Make a contribution to our scholarship fund to support music lessons
5. Attend our annual Gala

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1940
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Tracy Wilson/Paul Houston
- Number of constituents served: 5,000
- Number of full-time staff: 3



Berkshire Natural Resources Council

20 Bank Row
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 499-0596
frontdesk@bnrc.org
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 23,000 acres in Berkshire County, 11,066 of which are open to the public and owned by BNRC; another 12,210 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, provide loaner backpacks filled with field guides, maps, binoculars and other supplies so anyone can experience the wonder and beauty of nature; this year the program will launch at the North Adams library as well.



"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

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contact us if you are interested in conserving or protecting your land
2. Contribute financially to conserve land, provide education and outreach programs to connect people to nature, build and maintain trails, and keep our lands protected forever
3. Volunteer to work on a trail, pull invasives, or help with mailings in the office
4. 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: 10



Berkshire Playwrights Lab

352 Main Street, Suite 202
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-2544
admin@berkshireplaywrightslab.org
Berkshireplaywrightslab.org

MISSION

The lifeblood of the theater IS the new play! BPL is the longest running theater company in Berkshire County that focuses exclusively on new play development and progression to the next level through workshops and full productions, providing emerging and established playwrights with a supportive environment to develop their work while collaborating with professional actors and directors in fully staged readings. Be a part of an exciting little company doing great big work!

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

BPL offers multiple readings, workshops and productions of new plays and playwrights. Our Summer Reading Series consists of 4-6 staged readings of new plays. The Radius Playwrights Festival in February offers staged readings of up to 10 new plays to specifically encourage local playwrights. Our Berkshire Voices program is an Autumn/Spring workshop series for local writers that culminates with the reading of two new plays in development each season.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a gift to our year-end Annual Appeal and attend our Opening Night Party/Gala.
2. Become a Season Sponsor and underwrite a full production or one of our readings or workshops.
3. Donate to operations, offer housing, salaries, or sustenance. It may not be "sexy," but it'll keep the typewriters humming for our company, guest artists and cast members!
4. Advertise in our playbill OR purchase tickets towards local outreach charities.
5. Become a Board Member or Board Advisor

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2007, with 57 Full Plays Born to Date!
- General Manager/Co-Artistic Directors: Casey McShain/Joe Cacaci and Matthew Penn
- Number of constituents served: 2,000+ annually
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Wendell Pierce and Roger Robinson in James Anthony Tyler's *Some Old Black Man* (BPL, 59E59 Theaters, NY)

"...Where people are there in the moment, experiencing it in the moment...that is what it's all about. That's when all this work, all this effort pays off."

– Matt Williams, 2019 Playwright, *Uncertainty*



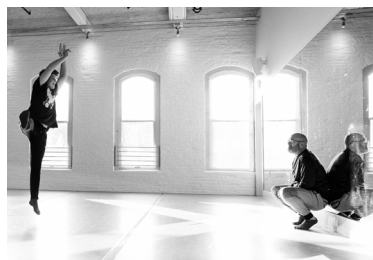
A Center for the Creative Arts

Berkshire Pulse

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(413) 274-6624
berkshire.pulse@gmail.com
berkshirerpulse.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.



"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

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.

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: 1,000+ annually
- Number of full-time staff: 3

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

800 North Main Street
Sheffield, MA 01257-9503
(413) 229-0370

Berkshire Taconic
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

info@berkshiretaconic.org
BerkshireTaconic.org • ACloserLook.net

MISSION

Strengthening communities through philanthropy and leadership

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

For more than 30 years, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has tapped the potential of our people and place to make life here even better. We channel generosity to where it is needed, bringing together resources and passion to tackle our region's most pressing issues and create lasting change. We are grantmakers who go beyond traditional philanthropy with vision and leadership to make sure our neighbors have opportunities for economic mobility and a high quality of life. We are a trusted partner to donors, organizations, and civic leaders, doing all that we can to strengthen our communities. Each year, we work with hundreds of generous residents to reach their philanthropic goals, support thousands of nonprofits to achieve their missions, and help students in every school district learn new skills and pursue their college dreams.



"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."

– Founder Robert E. Blum

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Champion your favorite causes or nonprofits by opening a fund with us
2. Invest in our strategies to boost education, engagement and economies
3. Give to one of 500+ scholarship, health, environmental or other funds
4. Create a brighter future by naming us in your will or estate plan

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1987
- President/Board Chair: Peter Taylor/Bob Norris
- Number of constituents served: Serves a four-county region with over 240,000 people
- Number of full-time staff: 18

Berkshire Theatre Group

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BERKSHIRE
THEATRE GROUP

111 South Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 997-4444

info@berkshiretheatre.org
berkshiretheatregroup.org

MISSION

Berkshire Theatre Group's mission is to support wide-ranging artistic exploration and acclaimed performances in theatre, dance, music and entertainment.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Founded in 1928 by the Three Arts Society, Berkshire Theatre is one of the oldest continually running theatres in the country. In 2010, The Colonial Theatre Association and Berkshire Theatre Festival merged to form Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG). Berkshire Theatre Group's celebrated four stages reflect the history of the American theatre; they represent a priceless cultural resource for the community. Berkshire Theatre Group annually serves 68,000 patrons and has a comprehensive education program that serves 13,000 students in Berkshire County each year. With produced and presented works spanning all genres, BTG truly offers something for everyone. Our vision is to be a center for creative work that enriches, educates, invigorates, transforms, and strengthens our community for the better.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Support Meaningful Theatre by Donating Today
2. Attend a Show at one of our Celebrated Four Stages
3. Join our Monthly Member Club
4. Sponsor a Program
5. Advertise in our Program Book

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1928
- Artistic Director/CEO: Kate Maguire
- Number of constituents served: 68,000
- Number of full-time staff: 24



"In theatre, we take on tough topics. We bring understanding to the audience, and we teach kids to take positive risks in a creative and artistic way. It's about accepting differences and celebrating each other as we are... no matter who we are."

– Lillian Colvin, Aladdin JR.

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Berkshire United Way

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 financial stability. Together, with our community partners, we accomplish more than any one person, program or agency can achieve alone.



"Berkshire United Way has a stellar reputation for supporting high-quality, effective programs throughout Berkshire County. We appreciate their support and funding. It helps us to enrich the lives of the children and families who use our programs, even as the needs of our community keep changing."

– Sharon Terry/Executive
Director of Lee Youth Association

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. GIVE – The easiest and most powerful way you can make an impact is through a tax-deductible donation
2. 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, help prepare taxes
3. 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

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1924
- President/CEO & Board Chair: Candace Winkler & Christina Wynn
- Number of constituents served: 16,914 residents in FYE 6/30/19
- Number of full-time staff: 10



Berkshires Jazz, Inc.

46 Glory Drive
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-7718
ed@berkshiresjazz.org
BerkshiresJazz.org

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 CityJazz Festival (spanning two weekends in mid-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
info@bfair.org
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, day and transition services for people with 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 and Hampden Counties.



"BFAIR provides a home and family atmosphere and opportunities for independence for people with cognitive disabilities and acquired brain injuries that is so vital to a positive quality of life and diverse community"

– Patti Messina, family member/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 NBUW & WCC
5. "LIKE" us on Facebook and shop with us on AmazonSmile

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1994
- CEO/Board Chair: Rich Weisenflue/Alex Kastrinakis
- Number of constituents served: 600
- Number of full-time staff: 200

The Bidwell House Museum

100 Art School Road, PO Box 537
Monterey, MA 01245
(413) 528-6888
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 nonprofit 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 October, 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 fund to support our Young History Scholar Internship Program and our Summer Garden Interns
3. Become a Museum member
4. Attend our summer and fall fundraising parties in August and November
5. Contact the Museum to ask about volunteer opportunities

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1990
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Heather Kowalski/Robert Hoogs
- Number of constituents served: 1,500
- Number of full-time staff: 1



Blue Rider Stables, Inc.

PO Box 924, Great Barrington, MA 01230
15 Farm Lane, S. Egremont, MA 01258
(413) 528-5299
info@bluerider.org
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 are a Therapeutic Horseback Riding Stable.

Therapeutic Riding, Vaulting, Lessons, Bodywork, School break programs, and summer camp.

By offering a variety of disciplines with a focus on balance, safety, and communication between Equine and student, we welcome all ages, to gain knowledge and ability.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our Annual Appeal
2. Sponsor a program
3. Attend our community and Fundraising events
4. Volunteer
5. Come visit us

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1991
- Founder: Christine Sierau
- Number of constituents served: 600
- Number of full-time staff: 4



"My time on a horse is life saving. As soon as I walk into the stable I feel comfort. I know my instructor will observe how I move and the energy I enter with. Blue Rider is my safe place, a space where humans and equines accept me, wherever I am at in the moment."

– Program Participant

BRIDGE - Berkshire Resources for Integration of Diverse Groups and Education



17 Main Street, Suite B3, Lee, MA 01238
(413) 394-4305
adminsupport@multiculturalbridge.org
multiculturalbridge.org

MISSION

To promote mutual understanding, accountability 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 classes and events to support thriving, safe communities for all. We provide access to training, education and consulting services for businesses, schools, nonprofits and other workplaces in cultural competence, bias awareness, privilege and poverty analysis, and racial justice work. Topics include immigration, gender identity, poverty, multigenerational workplace teams, pay equity and more. Join us for a community course on cultural competency, multicultural literacy and diversity, and attend our public forums and events that encourage dialogue and understanding of civil rights and social justice. We also offer tailored training and technical assistance in youth leadership and development, health and equity, community engagement, parent education and more.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become an Annual Member as a business, family or individual
2. Donate to BRIDGE to support our work for equity and justice for all
3. Engage in our learning opportunities through 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

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2007 (inc. 2008)
- Co-Founder & CEO: Gwendolyn VanSant
- Number of constituents served: Thousands of students, trainees and community members
- Number of full-time staff: 4 - 6 FTE of staff and professional volunteer staff time



"I'm proud to sign on to the NIOT pledge and promote it within our district because I believe it promotes unity in the area while bringing to light conversations and an awareness of topics that might not have occurred otherwise. Working with BRIDGE has been so valuable because I've learned about ideas, expressions and feelings of others in our area that I was unaware of or blind to."
– Chief Jeffrey E. Coe,
Dalton Police Department

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.

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 & part-time staff: 500



"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



Catwalk Boutique

Berkshire Humane Society's Resale Boutique

26 Church Street, Lenox, MA 01240
325 Stockbridge Road, GB 01230
(413) 551-7417
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.



"The absolute best part of Catwalk Boutique is helping the animals. We're always talking about the animals. The dress on this hanger will buy a bag of dog food. These shoes will buy a bag of cat litter. Everything we do is for them. That's what it's all about."

– Amy Santella, Lenox Store Manager

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 is hip, stylish and always affordable. All proceeds benefit the homeless animals of the Berkshire community.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Shop at both Catwalk Boutiques 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 staff: 1 full-time, 10 volunteers

Center for EcoTechnology



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

MISSION

The Center for EcoTechnology helps people and businesses save energy and reduce waste. We work with partners throughout the country to address climate change by transforming the way we live and work - for a better community, economy, and environment. For more than 40 years, our innovative nonprofit organization has offered practical solutions to save money, increase the health and comfort of our homes, and help businesses perform better. We make green make sense.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Annually we serve over 20,000 people and engage with the community at over 100 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 11-month paid position, working alongside and receiving mentoring from CET staff. We have graduated eight 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, Ceres, Smith College, and Boeing.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter
2. Make a contribution at www.centerforecotechnology.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.centerforecotechnology.org/donate)
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.centerforecotechnology.org/events)

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1976
- President/Board Chair: John Majercak/Paul S. Gavrity
- Number of constituents served: 32,000 per year
- Number of full-time staff: 70



"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

Center for Peace Through Culture



PO Box 54, 151 Front Street
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. Through our three initiatives, 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.

LifeSchool™ is a science-based program that is tailored for schools, companies and nonprofits. 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, funded through the generosity of Berkshire United Way, is a groundbreaking pilot at the Crosby Elementary School in Pittsfield.

Our new Arts 4 Us program introduces families to Berkshire arts venues often for the first time.

The annual Banner of Peace Award recognizes visionary individuals and organizations.



"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)

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 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. 1,000 teachers and students
- Number of full-time staff: 1

Central Berkshire Habitat for Humanity



314 Columbus Avenue, PO Box 2717
Pittsfield, MA 01202 • (413) 442-3181

ReStore: 399 Hubbard Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201 • (413) 443-2106

info@berkshirehabitat.org • berkshirehabitat.org

MISSION

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

Habitat uses a simple equation: Hardworking family + volunteers + generous donors like you = stable families and a stronger community. But we can't make the change without you.

OUR VISION: A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- BuildCorps – Workforce Development & Paid Training
- Community Development
- Financial Education
- Housing Services
- ReStore
- VITA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
- Women Build

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Will you consider a legacy gift, or a donation of goods or services?
2. Do you have a few hours to volunteer your time, services and skills?
3. Your experience and leadership is valuable, would you join our Board of Directors and/or one of our committees?
4. Do you own a business? Can you become a Corporate Sponsor?
5. Our Restaurant/M meal Partners provide volunteers with a solid foundation so we are able to move our mission forward. Could you commit to providing a nutritious lunch to our volunteers once a month?



"Habitat isn't just a lender or a builder—it's a community. I got support, guidance, and financial tools. Habitat takes that late night phone call when there's no one else to turn to."
– Courtney McArdle
2019 Habitat Homebuyer in Dalton, MA

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1992
- CEO/Board Chair: Carolyn Valli/Mark Harris
- Number of constituents served: 1,368
- Number of full-time staff: 11

The Christian Center of Pittsfield, Inc.



193 Robbins Avenue
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 443-2828
director@ccofp.org
christiancenterpittsfield.org

MISSION

To uplift our community by empowering individuals with dignity, nourishment, and hope.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Christian Center is a nonprofit, secular, community based organization that helps over 2,000 individuals and families by providing programs, meals, groceries, clothing and household items at no cost. The Center runs overdose prevention programs and Narcan training, health screenings and financial education counseling. Throughout the year we have gatherings for children including holiday occasions, birthday celebrations and “back-to-school” distributions. Our unique approach relies on a team of volunteers, donors and community partners to deliver compassionate, client-centered services. Our values embrace inclusiveness, generosity, teamwork and collaboration. Our intern and volunteer programs build life and employment skills steering people to employment and an overall better quality of life.



“We have been here many times as our kids grew up in Pittsfield... we needed help for Christmas.... we received help with food and the times we were given a feast for our family at Thanksgiving! Our family is always treated with dignity and respect. We are always greeted with a cheerful smile and greeting.”

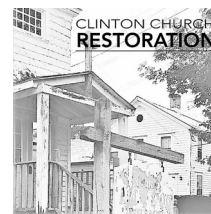
– Mona & Myra & the boys

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Contribute to our Annual Appeal
2. Contribute food, clothing and small household items to our free store
3. Become a monthly donor
4. Sponsor a program
5. Volunteer

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1895
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Elizabeth Sherman/Pat Gable
- Number of constituents served: 2,049
- Number of full-time staff: 3.5



Clinton Church Restoration, Inc.

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

MISSION

Clinton Church Restoration’s mission is to restore the Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church for adaptive re-use as a vibrant heritage site and cultural center that celebrates the Berkshire’s rich African American heritage, honors the history of the church and the work of its first female pastor, Rev. Esther Dozier, and interprets the life and legacy of renowned intellectual and civil rights leader W.E.B. Du Bois.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Built in 1887 by the A.M.E. Zion Society, a formative influence in the life of Du Bois, the church served as the spiritual, cultural, and political heart of local Black life for more than a century. Planned offerings for the restored National Register property include the following:

- Visitor center with interpretive exhibits & tours
- Talks, film screenings, concerts & events in a flexible performance space
- Oral history recording booth
- Library & writing studio
- Community meeting space & fellowship hall



“This initiative will not only preserve an important piece of African American history in rural New England, it is vital to interpreting the life and legacy of W.E.B. Du Bois in his hometown.”

– Dr. David Levering Lewis,
Pulitzer Prize-winning
Du Bois biographer

WAYS TO SUPPORT

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

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- Board Chair/Interim Executive Director: Wray Gunn/Eugenie Sills
- 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

The mission of Close Encounters With Music is to engage the imagination of diverse concert audiences in a welcoming setting and connect listeners to performers and composers.



"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*

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We foster the excitement and sense of community through seven live classical music performances from October-May, two stimulating, music-oriented lectures in November and April, and our educational residency in the summer.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Advertise in our Playbill
2. Subscribe to the concert series
3. Donate to our programming or festival
4. Attend a concert and bring a friend
5. Attend the Berkshire High Peaks Festival

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1995
- Board President: Marcie Setlow
- Number of constituents served: 2,000
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Common Room

74 First Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-3525
events@acommonroom.org
acommonroom.org

MISSION

An affordable, accessible community space, Common Room is available for a range of activities and events. Stained glass, pine ceilings, and a welcoming atmosphere create an unforgettable experience.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

With over 4,000 square feet of space, the latest technology, and flexible seating arrangements, Common Room is an unparalleled venue in downtown Pittsfield. From community dinners to farmers' markets, recitals to jazz concerts, nonprofit meetings to public workshops, we host a wide variety of events year-round. We welcome you to experience the beauty of the historic Common Room and the joy of building community in the Berkshires by attending our frequent events or by inquiring about hosting your own. As a ministry of Zion Lutheran Church of Pittsfield, Common Room is a vibrant space open to all.



A community discussion held in the recently renovated Common Room.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend an upcoming event
2. Follow us on social media
3. Book the Common Room for your own event
4. Make a referral to a local organization looking for a venue
5. Sponsor a community activity in the Common Room

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2017
- Executive Director: Pastor Timothy Weisman
- Number of constituents served: 10,000
- Number of full-time staff: 1

Community Access to the Arts - CATA



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

MISSION

Community Access to the Arts (CATA) nurtures and celebrates the creativity of people with disabilities through the 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 47 residences, day habilitation programs, schools, and nursing homes to bring over 1,500 visual and performing arts workshops to 800 people with disabilities across Berkshire and Columbia counties. Together, we're creating a vibrant and inclusive community through the arts.



"CATA isn't just an organization. It's a revolution."

– Mitch Nash, CATA supporter

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

– Carol Neuhaus, CATA artist

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Make a gift to support our innovative programs
2. Purchase art, providing commissions to artists with disabilities
3. Attend our events, including annual performance, readings and 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: 800
- Number of full-time staff: 7

Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire



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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 nonprofits, 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
info@chpberkshires.org
chpberkshires.org



MISSION

To improve the health of people throughout the Berkshires by delivering exceptional, compassionate health care.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Community Health Programs (CHP) offers outstanding medical and dental care for patients of all ages in the Berkshire County region. Our “whole person” approach to care for all patients – from infants to elders – also includes pediatrics, behavioral health, women’s health, vision care, physical therapy, nutrition counseling and an array of services to support families and children. CHP accepts most forms of insurance, and we welcome all patients regardless of income, immigration status or ability to pay. As a federally qualified health center, CHP has a unique philosophy that embodies the concept of “health care for all.”



“CHP is honored to be 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: 38,000
- Number of full-time staff: 228

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
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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 nonprofit 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 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 of Governors President: Alison Peters/Bernie Klem
- Number of constituents served: 2,000
- Number of full-time staff: 9



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 Schiesel
- Work and Housing Readiness Certificates

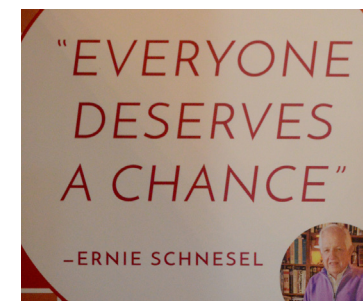
Over 80 units of housing in the south Berkshires for people coming out of homelessness, as well as those living at 60% of median income or less. Housing includes 20 sober living congregant-style units as well as permanent lease up opportunities. Most programs have waiting lists.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a supporter or sponsor at www.constructinc.org
2. Volunteer
3. Attend Mayfest, our annual food and drink tasting
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



Crescendo

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Lakeville, CT 06039
(860) 435-4866
Crescendo@worldclassmusic.org
Worldclassmusic.org

MISSION

Crescendo is dedicated to the performance of music with cultural significance that is of high quality, is emotionally alive and personally meaningful for its audiences and musicians.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Founded by its Artistic Director Christine Gevert in 2004, Crescendo is a national award-winning music organization that has presented concerts and other musical programs in the Berkshires, Connecticut, New York City and New York's mid-Hudson Valley.

Ms. Gevert is celebrated for her innovative programming including Renaissance, Baroque, Contemporary, Latin American (of Baroque and Contemporary times) and new commissions. Our audiences often hear programs of rarely-heard and newly discovered works. Crescendo has presented thirteen US premieres.

Our choral singers include highly-trained amateurs and local professionals. Many of our soloists and instrumentalists are internationally-known musicians. We are dedicated to educational outreach—to amateur and professional singers, audiences and students.



"Crescendo has a stellar reputation in the early music world, consistently reflecting high musical values with its unique combination of amateur and professional musicians. Its premieres have garnered national and international attention"

– Early Music Soprano Julianne Baird

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend our concerts and other events
2. Tell your friends about Crescendo
3. Donate!
4. Volunteer your time
5. Join our board

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2004
- Founder: Christine Gevert
- Number of constituents served: 1,300
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Dewey Memorial Hall

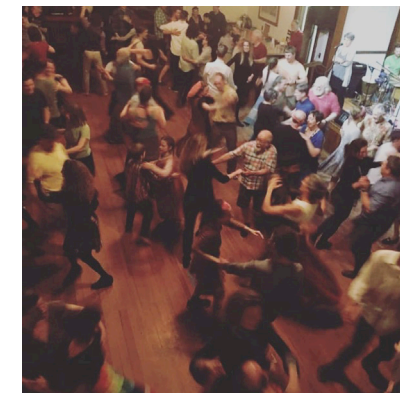
PO Box 92, 91 Main Street
Sheffield, MA 01257
(413) 229-2357
deweymemorialhall@gmail.com
deweyhall.org

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.



Pictured above: Contra Dancing at Dewey Hall

"Quaint little Hall for town events."

– Mike Q.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Give to our annual appeal
2. Volunteer your time
3. Attend the public events offered
4. Attend our Annual Gala
5. Rent the hall for your private event

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1887
- Board President: Lynne Jablonski
- Number of constituents served: 3,000+/year
- Number of full-time staff: 1



The Eagle Fund

c/o Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257
(413) 229-0370
berkshiretaconic.org
eagle-fund.net

MISSION

To make possible exceptional and innovative educational opportunities for students in the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. Projects funded enrich and complement the SBRSD curriculum.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Sampling of past funded programs:
World Education Alliance & Symposium;
Environmental Education Project with Flying Cloud; Mt. Everett Life Skills Outings; Ceramics Through the Year; Parsons Fashion Design Summer Program; Senior Citizen Luncheon; Nat'l Art Honor Society Trip; FFA Convention Trip; Learning Through the Arts w/ISI83; Juniper Institute of Young Writers Camp; Empathy Awareness Mentoring Workshops; Competitive Robotics; Community Work Initiative w/ Greenagers



"The Robotics program has been a game changer for our son. Please send along our gratitude to all board members of the Eagle Fund. This is what schools need - programs that will get students engaged, invested and energized, which also provides them with team building skills."

– SBRSD Parents

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate online at www.berkshiretaconic.org
2. Give during our annual student-led phoneathon each November
3. Volunteer your time, find out how by contacting The Eagle Fund Board
4. Contact The Eagle Fund Board at sbrsdeaglefund@gmail.com

FAST FACTS

- Year Established: 1998
- Board Chair: Melissa Zdziarski
- Number of Constituents Served: 730 SBRSD students
- Number of Full-time Staff: 11 Board Members



**Elder Services
of Berkshire County, Inc.**

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; 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

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Great Barrington, MA 01230
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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 workplace 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.



"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

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
#everyonebelongs
5. Become a kind donor and/or come volunteer your special self!

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

Flying Cloud Institute

Where Science
Meets Art

Flying Cloud Institute

St. James Place, 352 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 645-3058
Flyingcloudinstitute.org

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.

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 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

gladys allen
BRIGHAM
COMMUNITY CENTER



Gladys Allen Brigham Community Center

165 East Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5174
news@brighamcenter.org
brighamcenter.org

MISSION

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



My daughter has grown up at the Brigham Center. It's been nice to know that she spends her days with teachers who genuinely care about her and all the children in their care.

– Sarah, Carina's Mom

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- Early Childhood Education provides a safe, nurturing educational environment for children infant-five; focus on Kindergarten readiness
- ABC School-Age Enrichment programs focus on literacy, education support, life-skills activities for children K-14, before/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., builds girls skills in economic literacy, healthy sexuality/life choices, academic enrichment
- Camp Stevenson Witawentin day camp for girls offers traditional camp pursuits combating nature deficit disorder and literacy/science activities to curb summer learning loss
- Aquatics programs – group/private lessons, family/lap swim, water aerobics

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. DONATE to support educational programs that support children and youth
2. SUPPORT Girls Inc. programs like Eureka!, Informed and In Charge
3. SEND a child to summer camp through our Campership Appeal
4. APPLAUD achievements of girls/women at the Ruth Boraski Celebration Evening
5. SPONSOR, ATTEND our events-Party on the Patio, Bizarre Bazaar, Celebration

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1911
- CEO/Board Chair: Kelly A. Marion/Melissa Mazzeo
- Number of constituents served: 2,800+ throughout Berkshire County
- Number of full-time staff: 24



Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires & Southern Vermont, Inc.

158 Tyler St, Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-0061
jgage@goodwill-berkshires.org
goodwill-berkshires.com

MISSION

Goodwill helps individuals in our community overcome barriers to employment, attain independence, gain confidence, and enhance their quality of life through vocational and educational training, and other support services.



"Anything is possible. I'm living proof."

– Derrick Cameron

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Custodial Cleaning Certification, Dell Reconnect Recycling Program, Popcorn Wagon Project, Retail Sales Job Training, Employability Skills Training, Suit Yourself, and Thrifty Rags Recycling Programs

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate Gently Used Items
2. Monetary Contributions
3. Monetary Pledges
4. Donate your Car

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1956
- CEO: David K. Twiggs Jr.
- Number of constituents served: 7,000-10,000
- Number of full-time staff: 34 & 108 part-time staff



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: Lisanne 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



Great Barrington Land Conservancy

PO Box 987
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 644-9521
info@gbland.org • gbland.org

MISSION

The Great Barrington Land Conservancy is a small town land conservancy with a big mission: To preserve natural places, agricultural land and wildlife habitats within Great Barrington and to enhance recreational opportunities for residents and visitors through the creation of trails, walking paths, and programs.



Our Community Cares for Lake Mansfield! For over 14 years, friends & neighbors have gathered each spring to spruce up the Lake together & ready the space for summer fun.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

GBLC is a volunteer nonprofit promoting land conservation and stewardship of our community's natural resources and special places, farm preservation and community trails. Our projects include the Housatonic River Walk, the Lake Mansfield Alliance and GB Trails and Greenways as well as community trails such as Pfeiffer Arboretum at Long Pond, the trails at the Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest, and Three Mile Hill Trail at Fountain Pond. Through our projects we engage the community in the understanding, appreciation and care of our natural resource areas. In addition, GBLC works to support the exploration and understanding of our natural places and resources through guided hikes, paddles, workshops and programs. Our efforts are made possible through community support, grants and volunteers.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Help us raise required matching funds for the NEW Riverfront Trail
2. Join your neighbors at the annual Lake Mansfield Cleanup Day each May
3. Walk the trails or join us at a community program
4. Sponsor, volunteer for or run our annual Run for the Hills Race each October
5. Become a member by donating at least \$50 via mail or online at gbland.org

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1992
- Board President: Janice Kabel
- Number of constituents served: Hundreds visit our trails annually
- Number of full-time staff: Volunteer-run Organization

GREENAGERS

Greenagers

PO Box 157
62 Undermountain Road
South Egremont, MA 01258
(413) 644-9090
greenagers.org

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 partnerships with small farms in Southern Berkshire County; Land Conservation and Stewardship Apprenticeships; and Middle School Environmental Education programming - after school and summertime service learning at Monument Valley and Mt. Everett Middle Schools. Greenagers is now the proud owner and steward organization of April Hill Conservation and Education Center in South Egremont, MA.



"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: 4



High Spirit Community Farm

142 Seekonk Cross Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 717-5250
contactus@highspirit.org
highspirit.org

MISSION

High Spirit Community Farm fulfills an essential need for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities by providing meaningful work, a dignified home and a rich social and cultural life.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We provide and support lifesharing homes where our community members live as a family. We offer a community based day program that focuses on a land-based work program, offering on the job training in agricultural work and sustainable practices. We expect our members to be responsible, participatory, considerate citizens of the High Spirit community and the larger world. We train young volunteers to provide care to disabled peers and inspire them to be leaders as respectful, inclusive and conscientious adults. We serve as a catalyst for investment in this model of care, community and service.



"Everyone at High Spirit has done more than I ever could have dreamed to create a nurturing environment where my daughter can finally thrive. What High Spirit has given my daughter is a truly dignified existence."

– Michael Staub, Father of resident Lucy Staub

WAYS TO SUPPORT

Contribute to our expansion by:

1. Donating online through our website at www.highspirit.org
2. Sending a check by mail to High Spirit Community Farm, 142 Seekonk Cross Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230
3. Volunteer in our Garden Program

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2008
- Board President: Robert E. Swain
- Number of constituents served: 6-10, and Number of interns trained: 35
- Number of full-time staff: 6



RIVER WALK

Housatonic River Walk

PO Box 1018
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-4061
river@gbriverwalk.org
gbriverwalk.org

MISSION

River Walk is a greenway trail that follows the Housatonic river as it flows behind Great Barrington's Main Street. Now a National Recreation Trail, the half-mile trail is managed by the Great Barrington Land Conservancy and cared for by community volunteers.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Over 3,000 volunteers have toiled for 31 years to give our community a healthy riverside habitat and trail. Education is key to our success. Free, educational programs share what we have learned with local students and the broader community. Through a partnership with Greenagers we provide a laboratory for teenagers and young adults to learn about natural resource protection and acquire professional training in horticulture and environmental stewardship.

You can ensure a healthy, vibrant River Walk future where sound environmental standards and education inform the community action needed to restore and maintain healthy riverside habitats and trails by donating to the **River Walk Future Fund**.

"Rescue the Housatonic and clean it as we have never in all the years thought before of cleaning it..." W.E.B. Du Bois said in 1930.

"It took a while, but today, the cumulative number of volunteers for River Walk exceeds 3,100, and the removed debris totals over 400 tons. Neighbors no longer live adjacent to a 'sewer.' Now, thousands of townsfolk and visitors have a view of the River and easy access to a walking trail through native habitat."

– Suzie Fowle, Biologist

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Help River Walk build a sustainable future by donating to the Future Fund
2. Volunteer for a River Walk workday day: Thursdays in May-July and September
3. Walk the trail during daylight hours in spring, summer and fall for free
4. Visit the River Walk website and learn about our work
5. Tell your friends! Help us spread the word about this local treasure

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1988
- Director: Christine Ward
- Number of constituents served: 12,000+ annually
- Number of full-time staff: Volunteer-run Organization



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
info@is183.org
is183.org

MISSION

IS183 is a nonprofit 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/Interim Board Chair: Lucie Castaldo/Lia Spiliotes
- Number of constituents served: 2,500
- Number of full-time staff: 3 & 2 part-time

JACOB'S PILLOW

Jacob's Pillow

358 George Carter Road
Becket, MA 01223
(413) 243-9919
info@jacobspillow.org
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 500+ 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
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Pamela Tatge/Christopher Jones
- 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



Kiwanis
CLUB OF SHEFFIELD

MISSION

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

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Award scholarships to graduating students from Monument Mountain and Mount Everett High Schools (\$23,000 in 2019); sponsor Warm The Children (250 local children in need received new winter clothing in 2018); sponsor Foster Family Appreciation Day (200 Berkshire County foster children and their foster families enjoyed a carefree day of fun at Jiminy Peak Mountain Adventure Park in 2019).

On-going projects include: sponsoring Key Club at Monument Mountain High School; partnering with Berkshire South Regional Community Center to sponsor a school supplies drive to re-stock the shelves at the 3 elementary schools in our area; assembling early childhood safety packets for CHP and Berkshire Baby Box; sponsoring Rudolf's Way, the entry to Santa's home during the Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Shop, Sip & Stroll.

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 organizations in the world. Help us serve our communities - food pantries, youth sports, scouts, elderly transportation, Toys for Tots, holiday turkeys 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!

FAST FACTS

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



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

– Jim Collingwood, Past President



Literacy Network of South Berkshire

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 offers generalized educational support and promotes 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.



"Without the support of the Literacy Network I would have not been able to achieve one of my biggest academic goals. Most importantly, I would like to thank them for believing in me even when I lacked the confidence to believe in myself."

– LitNet Student

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
- Board President: Marianne Deignan Ellrodt
- Number of constituents served: more than 130 tutor/student pairs each month
- Number of full-time staff: 2.5



Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

PO Box 690, 14 Castle Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-0100
info@mahaiwe.org
mahaiwe.org

MISSION

The mission of The Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center is to be the leading year-round presenter of performing arts, film, educational and family programs for the Berkshires and neighboring communities.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

With a roster that ranges from Pilobolus to John Mulaney, 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 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/Margaret Deutsch
- Number of constituents served: 40,000 annual visitors
- Number of full-time staff: 11

Manos Unidas Multicultural Educational Cooperative



PO Box 122, South Lee, MA 01260
(413) 841-0298
manosunidasorg@gmail.com
manos-unidas.wix.com/manos-unidas-

MISSION

Manos Unidas is a multicultural, cooperative based organization that strives to unearth the common strengths of our under-heard community through shared bilingual resources empowerment, living arts, popular education, and cooperative economy initiatives.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We seek through our empowerment process to honor the voices of people who have felt outside the locus of power as full voices in their lives and in the community. Our projects are member led, and are generated from our work with the Hopeseed Empowerment Coop, which meets weekly to support our members visions for change. Our current focus is on working with women and families coming out of trauma through the Living through the Arts program we are developing to reconnect children and families with their creative and cultural roots. We are core partners of the Tyler St Lab at 730 Tyler as well and hope to develop spaces in our community that speak to the sense of hopelessness and desperation by giving refuge to healing, connection, and action for change.



"Manos is a focal point for social transformation. It is almost impossible to walk into a Manos meeting and not be changed by the diverse voices, spirited interactions, and mind altering dialogues."

– Anaelisa

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become involved in our weekly and biweekly organizing meetings (Hopeseed Coop and Our Harvest of Hope Festival planning team and more)
2. Attend our annual Our Harvest of Hope Multicultural event in September
3. Attend our ongoing events such as I Have A Dream/Four Kings Day in February
4. Become a volunteer and/or sponsor of any of the above
5. Donate economic and human resources that will aid in our building a stronger multicultural community through a shared resource framework

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1997
- Director/Codirectors: Anaelisa Jacobsen/Mariam Orengo & Katiria Pimentel
- Number of constituents served: 500 including annual events
- Number of full-time staff: 3



Moments House, Inc.

400 Main Street
Dalton, MA 01226
(413) 684-2800
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: 800-1,000 annually
- Number of full-time staff: 1

The Mount, Edith Wharton's Home

THE MOUNT
EDITH WHARTON'S HOME

2 Plunkett Street, PO Box 974
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 551-5127
info@edithwharton.org
EdithWharton.org

MISSION

The Mount is a National Historic Landmark and cultural center that celebrates the intellectual, artistic, and humanitarian legacy of Edith Wharton, one of America's greatest authors. Wharton wrote over forty books in forty years, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *The Age of Innocence*. The Mount is now a year-round cultural center providing programs and exhibits for over 50,000 visitors annually.



"We love the Mount because it represents the essence of what we love about the Berkshires... the arts, literature, music, conversation."

– Setsuko & Simon Winchester

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Mount shares Edith Wharton's life and achievements through tours of her house and gardens, special Library Tours, weekly Backstairs Tours focused on Wharton's servants, and Ghost Tours. In addition, The Mount hosts lectures by national authors and scholars, dramatic readings, live theater, outdoor musical events and sculpture exhibits, storytelling, yoga, birding hikes, an annual writers-in-residency, and literary offerings for younger audiences. In presenting these programs, The Mount partners with more than 40 local organizations, including Shakespeare & Company, SculptureNow, LitNet, CATA, WordXWord, Mass Audubon, and Lift Ev'ry Voice.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Visit, become a member, and bring a friend!
2. Contribute to our annual fund.
3. Sponsor a program (lectures, writers-in-residence, education programs, etc.).
4. Join the National Committee, a dedicated group of supporters from around the country.
5. Include The Mount in your estate planning and join the Edith Wharton Legacy Society.

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1979 (The Mount – Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc.)
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Susan Wissler/Daniel M. Kasper
- Number of constituents served: 50,000 and growing!
- Number of full-time staff: 13; Seasonal staff: 25; Volunteers: 10



Giving Back: Your Guide to Charitable Opportunities in the Berkshires

Berkshire Resource Project d/b/a MS Support Foundation

MS SUPPORT FOUNDATION
Better Living with MS Through New Information and Old Tricks

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, April 25, 2020
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



Giving Back: Your Guide to Charitable Opportunities in the Berkshires



This year's recipient of the Robin L. W. McGraw award was presented at the MS Support Foundation's 11th Annual Gala/Fundraiser held on April 27, 2019 to William A. Goodman, Psy.D. - photo left to right William A. Goodman, Psy.D, Wende Carver, Board President of the MS Support Foundation and Robin L. W. McGraw. This award is given in recognition of a person who shows exemplary Citizenship and Dedication to helping those in our community living with Multiple Sclerosis.



Music In Common, Inc.

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

MISSION

To strengthen, empower, and connect communities through the universal language of music.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

- **JAMMS** participants explore their common ground, then write, perform and record a music video of their song, expressing their collective vision for a better world.
- **Amplify** musicians learn and perform a concert of songs written by their MIC peers around the world, connecting their messages with a broad audience.
- **Community MeetUps** bring together high school and college-aged youth for popup-style workshops that blend collaborative creative expression with cross-cultural immersion.
- **Harmonic Connections** are free, salon-style events that showcase people and organizations doing important work aligned with Music In Common's mission.
- **FODfest** concerts honor the life of Daniel Pearl with local, regional, and national musicians in a unique format that is part concert, part song swap, and part jam session.



"I learned the importance of listening to the story of individuals, empathizing with them, and thinking creatively about how both parties can win when it comes to transforming conflict among people from different backgrounds."

– 2019 Amplify Participant

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate or become a MIC Sustainer with a recurring donation
2. Attend, host, or organize a MIC event or program
3. Become an Event Sponsor or Annual Sponsor
4. Host a Raise the MIC Concert in your community
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: 1,500+
- Number of full-time staff: 1



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, Nonprofit Boot Camp, Board Trainings, a web site with links to resources, *Connections* magazine, the *Giving Back* guide, the Nonprofit Resource Directory and a listserve.



"Thank you for facilitating the Nonprofit Board Member Training. Prior to attending I really believed board work was for other people; your course showed me that I do, and can, bring something to the board room"

– Kate F.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Become a Member or Business Supporter
2. Advertise in our publications
3. Write an article for *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/Ronald Bernard
- Number of constituents served: Over 1,000 nonprofits
- Number of full-time staff: 1 full-time Marketing Manager

Northern Berkshire United Way



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

MISSION

Northern Berkshire United Way unites people, resources and member agencies to improve lives and build a stronger community.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Annual Agency allocations - funding to 20 member agencies that provide critical human service programs in Northern Berkshire.

Northern Berkshire Housing and Homeless Collaborative-seeks solutions to the complex issue of homelessness in Northern Berkshire with local community partners.

Born Learning Trail - Located at Joe Wolfe Field in North Adams offers fun, active learning activities using signs with ideas for activity for young children and their families. It helps parents, caregivers and communities create quality engagement opportunities.

Emergency Food and Shelter Grants - Local administrator of grants through FEMA to local organizations. The program helps to meet the needs of hungry and homeless people throughout the United States and its territories by allocating federal funds for the provision of food and shelter.



Born Learning Trail in
North Adams

Photo credit: iBerkshires

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Support our Annual Campaign
2. Attend our Spirit of Caring Awards and Celebration
3. Ask your employer to take part in a Workplace Campaign
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
- Number of full-time staff: 2



The Nutrition Center, Inc.

PO Box 1082
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 429-8110
nutrition@tnc413.org
thenutritioncenter.org

MISSION

The Nutrition Center (TNC), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose aim is to promote overall health and well-being for 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 Registered Dietitians in five locations throughout Berkshire County, Pioneer Valley and Hudson, NY. Food Adventures, a hands-on nutrition education program developed specifically for children, is available for in school and afterschool formats as well as single and multiple exposures. Cooking classes are available for adults as well! TNC provides nutrition consulting services tailored to fit the needs of each organization or individual. Consulting services include large-scale menu planning, internal nutrition program development and implementation, on-site nutrition counseling and corporate wellness programs. 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, afterschool or summer programming
2. Sponsor Berkshire Food Web, a listing for countywide food access sites
3. Provide a scholarship for individual clinical nutrition counseling for a diagnosis not covered by insurance
4. Volunteer to assist with Food Adventures classes
5. Tell us your talents and let's talk about how it can help TNC with our mission

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2007
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Peter Stanton/Iona Smith
- Number of constituents served: 1,200 children; 1,200 clinical
- Number of full-time staff: 3



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

16 Oak Street, Great Barrington MA 01230

(413) 528-2346

kalin.rachel@gmail.com

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: 13
- Number of full-time staff: 3

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Berkshire Community College



1350 West Street

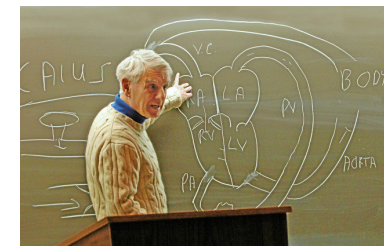
Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 236-2190

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 over 100 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 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/Barbara Lane
- Number of constituents served: 1,300 OLLI members + 24 BCC student mentees each year
- Number of full-time staff: 2

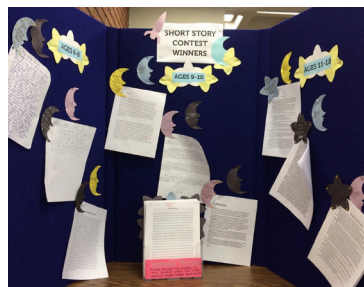
Pittsfield Education Foundation



23 North Street, 3rd Floor
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(978) 758-3445
pittsfieldeducationfoundation@gmail.com
pittsfieldeducationfoundation.org

MISSION

Pittsfield Education Foundation is committed to improving the achievement and success of the children and teachers in the Pittsfield Public Schools by enhancing educational opportunities.



"With PEF's funding for the program, and the help of our great teacher, Ms. Belle, I was able to become a stronger writer."

– Testimonial from Hailie, a Berkshire Athenaeum Short Story Contest Winner, ages 11-18, student in PEF sponsored 2019 Summer Writers' Workshop

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We support Pittsfield students and educators through a variety of partnerships with local community sponsors. We provide funding for a variety of services including but not limited to; tutoring, before and after school programming, summer programming, field trips, supplemental curriculum resources, professional development and training opportunities for teachers, writing workshops for students, curriculum mapping and lesson planning, and more!

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donate
2. Attend our Annual Wine Tasting
3. Sponsor a program
4. Advertise

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2016
- President & Founding Member: Kimberlee Chappell
- Number of constituents served: more than 6,000
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Railroad Street Youth Project

PO Box 698, 60 Bridge Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-2475
info@rsyp.org
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: 1999
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Ananda Timpone/Melissa Lydon
- Number of constituents served: 700-800
- Number of full-time staff: 7

Riverbrook

where exceptional women thrive

Riverbrook Residence

PO Box 478, 4 Ice Glen Road
Stockbridge, MA 01262
(413) 298-4926
info@riverbrook.org
riverbrook.org

MISSION

Riverbrook empowers women with intellectual and developmental disabilities to lead enviable adult lives.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

For over 60 years, Riverbrook Residence has provided a dynamic home environment in which women with intellectual/developmental disabilities can find community, opportunity, respect, and safety. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Riverbrook offers residential placement, day program, and supported employment services for women with a range of disabilities. Riverbrook's person-centered planning recognizes each individual for the whole person she is, while creating supportive social experiences at home and in the community. In their beautifully updated historic residences in the vibrant Berkshire Hills, Riverbrook women are empowered to lead exceptional adult lives!



"I love being around my friends at Riverbrook, and I like that I can be myself with people here. I like that I can say 'I love you' if I want to, because that's who I am."

– Esther G., Riverbrook Resident

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Volunteer your time
2. Make a gift to support our unique programs
3. Hire a supported employee
4. Become a recurring donor
5. Join the mailing list on our website

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1957
- Executive Director: Rebecca Amuso Wendell
- Number of constituents served: 23
- Number of full-time staff: 21



Saint James Place

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

MISSION

Saint James Place is a year-round state-of-the-art performance space for music, drama, and dance. Saint James Place also serves as a home for local arts groups as well as other organizations that serve the community.

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. High quality performance spaces are equipped with professional lighting and sound. Three versatile performance venues, with audience capacity ranging from 87 to 304, along with rehearsal space, offices, meeting rooms, dressing rooms, and a commercial kitchen are all under one roof. There is building wide WiFi and air conditioning in all spaces. Saint James Place is proud to be the permanent home of The People's Pantry.



Since opening in 2016 Saint James Place has hosted:

50 local arts and culture groups

Hundreds of performances

Dozens of lectures and meetings for the community

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Consider Saint James Place for your wedding, meeting, rehearsal, or performance
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
Celebrating our 25th Anniversary in 2020!

MISSION

Sandisfield Arts Center provides educational and performing arts programs and gallery exhibits and preserves and maintains Southern Berkshires' nationally recognized former rural synagogue.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

We enrich the lives of people young and old by offering diverse and affordable programs, social events and volunteer opportunities. 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 is a hidden gem in the Berkshires."

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Attend our programs and fundraisers
2. Exhibit or purchase artwork in our gallery
3. Get involved! 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: Sheila Liberman, Barbara Penn, Rosanne Skrip, Hilde Weisert
- Constituents served: S. County, Sandisfield, Tolland, Otis, Monterey, New Marlborough
- 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 nonprofits 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

FAST FACTS

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



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."



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.

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: 762 riders for 8,231 trips traveling 38,402 miles
- Number of full-time staff: 2



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

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



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



Southern Berkshire Ambulance

31 Lewis Avenue
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-3632
SBVAS.com

MISSION

Southern Berkshire Ambulance is committed to providing the finest out-of-hospital care to residents of the communities we serve in Southern Berkshire County Massachusetts.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Southern Berkshire Ambulance (SBA) provides Paramedic emergency medical services to the towns of Great Barrington-Housatonic, Alford, Ashley Falls, Egremont, Monterey, Sheffield, Mount Washington, West Stockbridge and paramedic mutual aid to New Marlborough, Southfield, Otis, Sandisfield and Stockbridge. We also provide patient transfer services to local long-term care facilities and Fairview Hospital.

Emergency Medical Services include 911 emergency calls, wilderness rescues, medical support for local Fire and Police departments and first aid coverage for charity fund raising events. SBA also offers training for those who would like to become Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT).

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Donations and Bequests
2. Participation in annual community support fund drives
3. Joining SBA as a volunteer or career Paramedic or EMT

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1968
- Director of Operations: William E. Hathaway, BS, NRP
- Number of constituents served: Respond to over 3,000 calls per year
- Number of staff: 43+ EMS Providers; fleet of 4 Ambulances & a rapid response vehicle



SBA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation with the largest coverage area of any EMS service in Massachusetts.



Stanton Home

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

MISSION

Stanton Home's mission is to partner with adults 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 with food grown in our own organic farm, a 15-loom weavery, and activities throughout the community.



"I see that - always - Jimmy is treated with kindness and patience and love.....speaking for the entire family, know that we feel blessed and humbled. Thank you!"

– Charlie Noyes, Board member and brother of former resident

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Get to know us: Visit our Day Program in Great Barrington to learn more
2. Get involved: Volunteer your time to share your passion or skills
3. Give: Support from donors like you makes our mission possible

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1986
- Executive Director/Board Chair: Peter Stanton/Christopher Schaefer
- Number of constituents served: 22
- Number of full-time staff: 40

Tamarack Hollow



Nature & Cultural Center

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.



"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

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Hailed as America's premier summer music festival, Tanglewood provides a sublime experience of musical performances and learning amidst the pastoral beauty of the Berkshire Hills. As always, at the heart of the Tanglewood season is the BSO, performing in dozens of concerts 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. The Tanglewood Learning Institute offers engaging programs for curious minds that inspire dialogue and deepen understanding of music, the arts, and the human spirit.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Join the Friends of Tanglewood – tanglewood.org/contribute
2. Join the Tanglewood Business Partners – tanglewood.org/businesspartners
3. Become a Volunteer – bso.org/volunteer
4. Attend a concert – tanglewood.org
5. Participate in a Tanglewood Learning Institute program – tli.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



Tapestry

296 Nonotuck Street
Florence, MA 01062
(413) 586-2016
tapestryhealth.org

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 Berkshire 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

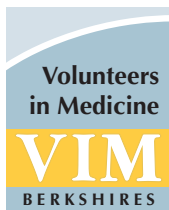
1. Donate online at <https://www.tapestryhealth.org/donate/>
2. Become a monthly sustainer
3. Give to our annual appeals
4. Host an awareness raising event
5. Visit our website and connect with us on social media @TapestryWMass

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: 81 FT/18 PT across Western MA



"Tapestry provided Narcan and trainings used to reverse 405 potentially fatal overdoses in 2018. That's more than 1 person a day. When Tapestry says 'harm reduction saves lives' we mean it."



Volunteers in Medicine Berkshires

777 Main Street, Suite 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: Yearly, over 1,000 in more than 6,000 patient visits
- Number of full-time staff: 10 full-time equivalents



Walking Our Talk

PO BOX 282
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 203-9448
info@WalkingOurTalk.org
WalkingOurTalk.org

MISSION

Walking Our Talk women's circles nourish individual accomplishment and build stronger, more resilient and diverse connections by catalyzing a culture of safety, trust, connection, and support.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Walking Our Talk circles of between 10 and 16 women currently meet in north, central and southern Berkshire County once a week for two hours over an 8-week period during the spring and fall of each year. Circle facilitators, who have been specially trained for their roles, create a structured environment of skilled guidance, safety, and compassion that supports individual growth and fosters community.

Each circle follows a specific, timed structure and a set of powerful agreements that have been refined over more than ten years. As women co-create community together they begin to drop past hesitations and step with greater confidence and tenacity toward advancing their personal initiatives, as well as those that powerfully impact the greater community for the better.



"It's been a revelation to me how much energy, support and love can be manifested in such a short time in a Walking Our Talk Circle when we listen to each other and bear witness to our authenticity. My life is changed forever!"

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Join a Walking Our Talk circle in your community
2. Volunteer your marketing or financial skills
3. Contribute to our scholarship fund
4. Share about our program with other women
5. Help to fund our first year admin costs

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2019
- Executive Director & Founder: Mary Campbell
- Number of constituents served: 300+
- Number of full-time staff: 0



Walnut Woods

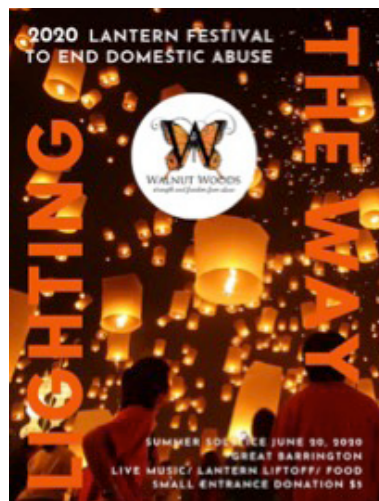
PO Box 386
Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 854-3044
thewalnutwoodsproject@gmail.com
walnutwoods.org

MISSION

The mission of Walnut Woods is to provide a path of strength and freedom from abuse through a nature-based educational intensive and transitional home for women and children who are dedicated to transforming, healing, and regenerating their lives after the impact of domestic abuse.

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

Walnut Woods provides a FREE workshop series called "Healing Hearts: Strength & Freedom from Abuse." This holistic approach ignites the inner healer to empower women to take back their lives and create solid new beginnings.



Lighting The Way: Lantern Festival to End Domestic Abuse June 20, 2020

"Your workshop has literally changed my life."

– M.M.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Get Involved & Invest Your Time, Energy, Gifts, Talents or Expertise
2. Spread the Word about Our Mission & Share Our Stories of Success on Social Media
3. Attend & Sponsor Our Annual Event: Light The Night on June 20, 2020
4. Sponsor Our Workshops So They Can Remain Free to Participants
5. Invest In Our Annual Appeal & Impact Generations

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2019
- Organization's Leadership: Julie Bishop, Tomma VanHaeften, Suzy Colpitts, Natalia Bystrianyk, Jackie Perez, Amy Hagerty
- Number of constituents served: 40+
- Number of full-time staff: Currently All Volunteer



WAM Theatre

PO BOX 712, 56 Church St., 2nd FL
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 274-8122
kristen@wamtheatre.com • tayla@wamtheatre.com
WAMTheatre.com

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.

**Woman/Women/Girl(s): WAM recognizes the limiting nature of the binary use of these words. We serve and welcome anyone on the gender spectrum who identifies either always or some of the time as a woman/girl and those who identify as nonbinary.*

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 \$65,700 to 17 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.

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



Jayne Atkinson in ANN.
Photo by David Dashiell.

"WAM offers the perfect blend of artistry and philanthropy. They use the creative process as a tool to inform and enlighten those who participate while also raising money for our community."

– John L. Bissell, Greylock Federal Credit Union CEO/President



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 County Kids' Place, BFAIR, Berkshire Family YMCA, Berkshire Immigrant Center, Berkshire Nursing Families, Brien Center, Child Care of the Berkshires, Community Legal Aid, Ecu-Health Care, 18 Degrees, Elizabeth Freeman Center, Louison House, Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, UCP of Western Massachusetts, 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) 458-3253
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.



Brooks Ashmanskas and Matthew Broderick in *The Closet*, Williamstown Theatre Festival 2018, photo by Carolyn Brown

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, accompanying cultural events including COMMUNITY WORKS and Late-Night Cabarets, and readings and workshops of new plays. Under Artistic Director Mandy Greenfield, artists create new work supported by a year-round play development program. WTF runs unmatched training programs for new generations of theatre talent, and artists and productions shaped at WTF fill theatres in New York, London, and around the country.

"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.

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 2020 Gala in NYC - Feb 10, 2020!

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1954
- Artistic Director/Board Chair: Mandy Greenfield/Jeff Johnson
- Number of constituents served: Approximately 39,000
- Number of full-time staff: 13

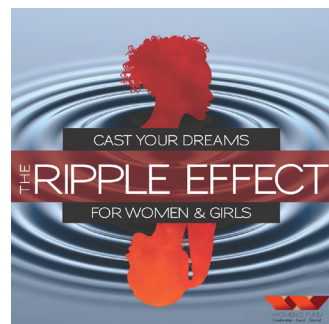


Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts

1350 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103
(413) 529-0087
info@mywomensfund.org
mywomensfund.org

MISSION

The Women's Fund fuels progress for gender equity by funding promising solutions, collaborating with results-oriented partners, and elevating the collective power of local women to lead with purpose.



"I can't wait to take every single thing that I have learned through the Women's Fund and use it to teach and empower others. ¡Gracias!"

– Karla Travieso, YWI '18, LIPPI '19

PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

The Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts advances gender equity by investing in the community through best practices locally and nationally. Community investments include responsive initiatives, which create the opportunity for women and girls to thrive, capacity building for nonprofits serving women and girls including technical assistance and research, and impact training through which women and girl leaders learn the advocacy and policy tools they need to dismantle systems of oppression.

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sign up for our e-newsletter to learn about events, updates, and more
2. Attend our events and engage with our community
3. Give to our annual appeal to empower women and girls in western MA
4. Encourage women to engage in our leadership development programs
5. Sponsor or underwrite our community investments and events

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 1997
- CEO: Donna Haghighat
- Number of constituents served: 750
- Number of full-time staff: 4

Youth, Education and Sport (YES) Initiative



YES INITIATIVE

437 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(518) 813-1574
info@yesforchange.org
yesforchange.org

MISSION

To mentor under-resourced student-athletes to become college-educated leaders in their communities.



PROGRAMS & OFFERINGS

YES Initiative is a youth mentorship organization focused on college access and success for high school and college student-athletes. YES is comprised of full-time mentors as well as 40+ volunteers ranging from college counselors to community leaders. YES works with its scholars to develop a personalized plan to help them achieve their athletic/educational/career goals. Scholars' plans are then put in to action through weekly mentorship sessions, community engagement projects, networking events, coaching sessions and more.

"YES has helped develop a path for me to grow as both a student-athlete and individual. It also has helped me to recognize and expand a broad network of individuals through the volunteer network."

– Seyvon Kouao, YES Scholar

WAYS TO SUPPORT

1. Sponsor a YES Scholar
2. Make a donation through our website
3. Become a YES Volunteer
4. Refer a potential YES Scholar
5. Sponsor a Community Event

FAST FACTS

- Year established: 2018
- Co-Founders: Patrick Gordon, Brandon Dory, TL Guest
- Number of constituents served: 50+
- Number of full-time staff: 2

DIRECTORY OF BERKSHIRE NONPROFITS

The following Directory of over 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 ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

PO Box 1766., North Adams, MA 01247
413-664-0197
berkshiremountainfaeriefestival.com

ADAMS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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

ALBANY BERKSHIRE BALLET INC.

116 Fenn St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-445-5382, AlbanyBerkshireBallet.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.

122 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201
413-499-5446, www.barringtonstageco.org

BASEBALL IN THE BERKSHIRES

PO Box 218
Lenox Dale, MA 01242
413-822-6738, baseballinberkshires.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

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

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

BERKSHIRE OPERA FESTIVAL

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

BERKSHIRE PLAYWRIGHTS LAB INC.

352 Main St., Ste. 202,
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 GROUP

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

BERKSHIRES JAZZ INC.

46 Glory Dr., 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

CRESCENDO

PO Box 245, Lakeville, CT 06039
860-425-4866, www.worldclassmusic.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

FRELINGHUYSEN MORRIS FOUNDATION

PO Box 2256, Lenox, MA 01240
413-637-0166, www.frelinghuysen.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 Box 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

PO Box 1400, 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

PO Box 170, Lee, MA 01238
413-243-1797
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.

PO Box 690, 14 Castle St.,
Great Barrington, MA 01230
413-528-0100, 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.minervaartscenter.org

THE MOUNT, EDITH WHARTON'S HOME

2 Plunkett St., PO Box 974
Lenox, MA 01240, 413-551-5100
www.edithwharton.org

MOVING ARTS EXCHANGE

352 Stockbridge Road
Great Barrington, MA 01230, 413-645-3453
www.movingartsx.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, 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, 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, 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

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