

FCP NEWS

FOUNDATIONS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP | SUMMER 2017

SPRING 2017 GRANTS

FCP's Board of Directors approved \$92,000 in program grants, \$116,687 in capital grants, and \$2,500 in technical assistance at the June 15, 2017, Board meeting.

BUCKS INNOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (BIIG)

- **Artists in Residence**
Mural Arts Bristol Twp Elementary Schools
- **Bethany Christian Services**
Safe Families for Children™
- **Bucks County Intermediate Unit**
Project IU Hope
- **Bucks County Opportunity Council**
Wheelz to Work Expansion
- **KidsPeace National Centers**
Doylestown Program for Foster Families
- **One House at a Time**
Beds for Kids
- **Special Equestrians**
Horses Heal Program
- **The Peace Center**
Girls Unlimited
- **Valley Youth House**
Camp Fowler Summer Program
- **Woods Services**
Trauma Informed Care Staff Training

CAPITAL GRANTS

- **Bristol Riverside Theatre**
LED Lighting Upgrade
- **Bucks Assn. Blind & Visually Impaired**
Sensory Community Garden
- **Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22**
Preschool Sensory Play Equipment
- **Family Service Association**
Opioid Addiction Facility Upgrade
- **Christ's Home**
Family Learning Center
- **Friends of Kids Castle**
Play Equipment for Special Needs
- **Lenape Valley Foundation**
Crisis Residential Project
- **Libertae**
Family Center Playground Equipment
- **Pearl S. Buck International**
Safety Upgrades for Blacktop Areas
- **Potential Inc.**
Therapeutic Playground

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Dates & Deadlines! Summer & Fall 2017 Grant Cycle

Partnership in Youth Services – (grant award range: \$3,000—\$5,000)
Application opens **July 1st, 2017**, and closes **September 1st, 2017**.
Note: PYS applications do not require an LOI before starting a full application.

Bucks Innovation & Improvement (BIIG) – (grant award range: \$10,000—\$25,000)
LOIs are due no later than **October 1st, 2017**. Following an LOI meeting with FCP, full applications are due no later than **October 15th, 2017**.

Capital Improvement – (grant award range: \$10,000—\$25,000)
LOIs are due no later than **October 1st, 2017**. Following an LOI meeting with FCP, full applications are due no later than **October 15th, 2017**.

For full information on FCP grant programs and application requirements, go to www.fcpartnership.org/grants.

FCP Meets 10-Year Milestone!

This month marks 10 years since the creation of Foundations Community Partnership following the sale of Foundations Behavioral Health in July 2007. Over the past 10 years, FCP has supported human services throughout Bucks County through Grants, Professional Education Workshops, Scholarships, and the Summer Youth Corps Program. It's a privilege to work with wonderful organizations and individuals in our community:

Grants

More than 4.2 million in grant funding through Bucks Innovation & Improvement Grants (BIIG), Capital Grants, Technical Assistance, Partnership in Youth Services, and Target Funding

Scholarships

Nearly 200 individual scholarships totaling more than \$150,000 for students in Bucks County High Schools, Bucks County Community College, and in partnership with the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce

Workshops

More than 5,000 attendees at 60 Professional Education Workshops featuring esteemed speakers presenting the latest research and practice in the Behavioral Health field

Summer Youth Corps

Over 10 summers, 142 interns have been employed with leading non-profit organizations in Bucks County. Non-profit gain helping hands and the students get meaningful work experience with groups that are making a difference in the community, as well as earning college credit through a partnership with Bucks County Community College.

Spring 2017 Grants continued

- **Snipes Farm & Education Center**
Pedestrian Bridge
- **Woods Services**
Training Kitchen Renovation
- **Worthwhile Wear**
Education & Counseling Center

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDING

- HealthLink

ABOUT FCP

Foundations Community Partnership was formed in July 2007, as a result of the sale of Foundations Behavioral Health. Foundations Community Partnership is a philanthropic grant-making foundation supporting the behavioral health and human service needs of children and young adults in Bucks County. Foundations Community Partnership provides grants and technical assistance to non-profit organizations, awards scholarships to Bucks County high school seniors, subsidizes service learning internships for college students, underwrites community education programs and supports behavioral health education and research.

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Valley Youth House Receives Target Funding for Rapid Re-Housing

FCP awarded a \$50,000 Target Funding Grant to Valley Youth House to support rapid re-housing for youth in Bucks County. The funding will help to improve outcomes for homeless youth in Bucks County through rental assistance, case management, and short-term emergency assistance. These services will ensure a stable living environment while youth work from their individualized plan to complete high school and further education according to career goals; prepare for and gain employment; develop life skills; and build linkages with community resources to sustain their independence. The grant specifically will support youth that have a history of trauma and abuse within the family, which led to homelessness.



Ron Bernstein, Executive Director, Foundations Community Partnership; Tom Harrington, President & CEO, Valley Youth House; Joelle Pitts, Associate Director of Bucks County Housing & Emergency Services, Valley Youth House; Chad Guth, Supervisor of Bucks County Independent Living Programs, Valley Youth House.

SAVE THE DATES! FALL 2017 WORKSHOP SERIES

November 1, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. – noon

Prevention of Suicidal Behaviors Among Young People

Presented by: Holly Wilcox, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

Children and adolescents commonly keep their thoughts about suicide to themselves and many suicide attempts go unrevealed to parents and other adults. Proactive screening programs for adolescent suicidality rely on the identification of the principal risk factors for completed suicide (i.e., current suicidal ideation, previous attempt behavior, and the presence of a mood, anxiety, or substance use disorder). Access to services and defeating the stigma of suicide are the biggest obstacles for suicide prevention. This workshop will address suicide prevention research that is being conducted in schools, discuss the known impact the research has made, identify needed research and practice going forward, and describe methods for long-term suicide prevention.

**Workshops are held at the Doylestown Health & Wellness Center.
Visit the FCP Web Site at www.fcpartnership.org to view full information!**

November 29, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. – noon

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Behavioral Health Issues in Children and Adolescents

Presented by: Gender Specialist Michele Angello, Ph.D., author of "Raising the Transgender Child" and "On the Couch with Dr. Angello"

This workshop will provide an overview of best practices when working with children and youth whose self-identifications don't quite fit societal gender restrictions. Working with families is also an integral part of this work and salient factors around systems work will also be covered.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
FCP's 2017 Partnership in Youth Services luncheon will be held Tuesday, October 24th, at the Doylestown Country Club.

Fourteen Local Students Join Foundations Summer Youth Corps

Fourteen college students from Bucks County have been chosen to participate in FCP's 2017 Summer Youth Corps, which offers paid internships at local non-profit human service agencies in Bucks County serving children, youth and families.

This is the 10th consecutive year that Foundations has offered the internship program. Non-profit agencies have the benefit of additional helping hands and the students gain meaningful work experience with groups that are making a difference in Bucks County, as well as earning college credit through a partnership with Bucks County Community College.

"Through our relationship with Bucks County Community College, students are able to really experience "service-learning," a form of experiential education in which students learn to solve community problems and achieve real objectives for the community while earning college credits," said Ron Bernstein, Executive Director of Foundations Community Partnership. "Many of our Partnership in Education winners have been selected for the Summer Youth Corps so they can continue their community service work."

Field Supervisor Julie Tokar leads this year's Summer Youth Corps. A Yardley resident, Julie is currently a social work graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania.

Students in the 2017 Summer Youth Corps program have been placed in the following locations:

1. Croydon resident **Jewel Cook** is working at the Cancer Support Network Philadelphia in Warminster. She is studying Chemical Engineering at Bucknell University.
2. Newtown resident **Dona Lisciotto** is assisting the Churchville Nature Center in Churchville. She is majoring in Health Sciences at Ohio State University.
3. Chalfont resident **Ariel Hannum** is working at RidgeCrest in Sellersville. She is a Health Sciences major at the University of Delaware.
4. Quakertown resident **Chet Friday** is assisting the Upper Bucks YMCA in Quakertown. He is an Engineering major at Vanderbilt University.
5. Upper Holland resident **Sarah Devlin** is interning at Libertae in Bensalem. She is attending the University of Pennsylvania as a Nursing major.
6. New Hope resident **Theodore Carroll** is interning at NOVA. He is studying Political Science at West Chester University.
7. Newtown resident **Emma Lambert** is interning at The Conservatory in Doylestown. She is a Music Therapy major at Temple University.



Back row (from left) : Matt Pirollo, Jewel Cook, Sara Spatz, Logan Nelsen, Chet Friday

Middle Row (from left): Dana Weinstein, Paige Hawthorne, Amanda Mazuchowski, Dona Lisciotto, Ted Carroll

Front Row (from left): Sarah Devlin, Ariel Hannum, Kasey Coyle, Emma Lambert, Julie Tokar

8. Doylestown resident **Logan Nelsen** is working at the Mercer Museum in Doylestown. He is majoring in Political Science at University of South Carolina.
9. New Hope resident **Paige Hawthorne** is assisting the Bucks County Housing Group in Ivyland. She is attending Wheaton College studying Business.
10. Holland resident **Kasey Coyle** is assisting the YWCA in Trevoze. She is an undeclared major at Bloomsburg University.
11. Bristol resident **Matt Pirollo** is working at the Lower Bucks YMCA in Fairless Hills. He is studying Computer Science at Arcadia University.
12. Doylestown resident **Dana Weinstein** is working with the Central Bucks Family YMCA. She is studying Engineering at Purdue University.
13. Bensalem resident **Amanda Mazuchowski** is interning at the AARK in Chalfont. She is an Environmental Studies and Sustainability Major at Drexel University.
14. Newtown resident **Sara Spatz** is assisting Habitat for Humanity Bucks County in Chalfont. She is a Business student at Temple University.

Students who have completed their freshman through junior year at college and who are residents of Bucks County are eligible to participate in Foundations Community Partnership's Summer Youth Corps. Foundations Community Partnership subsidizes the 10-week service-learning internships

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT: FRIENDS OF KID'S CASTLE

Each day, Doylestown's majestic Kids Castle welcomes hundreds of children ages 2-12. Built in 1997, this nationally recognized recreation area has been substantially rehabilitated through the work of The Friends of Kids Castle, a volunteer committee of Doylestown Township. With the extensive rebuilding and repairs complete, the Friends have moved into the second phase, "Build the Kingdom," seeking to create an inclusive, fully accessible playground.

FCP was delighted to support this effort, providing \$10,000 Capital Grant this spring, which will help fund new playground equipment.



"We are so happy to receive this Capital Grant. It will provide funding for a new play environment at Kids Castle for children of all abilities including those with special needs," said Joe Salvati, Chairman of Friends of Kids Castle. "Children learn through play while having fun. These improvements at Kids Castle will provide play opportunities that include everyone so all children can grow in the self-confidence that comes along with that sense of belonging. Thousands of families visit Kids Castle each year and now many more will be included."

Learn more about the fabulous plans at Kids Castle at www.savekidscastle.org.

FCP Awards Scholarships to 19 Outstanding Bucks County High School Graduates!

Foundations Community Partnership awarded scholarships to 19 Bucks County high school seniors through its annual Partnership in Education in June. The program recognizes the achievements of Bucks County public and technical high school seniors for their demonstrated community service, commitment to academic performance, and quality of character. Students are nominated to receive the award by their guidance counselor or a member of the school's administration.

Ronald Bernstein, Executive Director of Foundations Community Partnership presented checks for \$1,000 to:

Bensalem resident Matthew Corbett at Bensalem High School (attending Fairleigh Dickinson)

Bristol resident Dakota Luna at Bristol-Boro Sr. High School (attending Penn State University)

Doylestown resident Sara Donnelly at Central Bucks High School East (attending University of Delaware)

Chalfont resident Anthony Scarpone-Lambert at Central Bucks High School South (attending University of Pennsylvania)

Doylestown resident Ashlynn Gunn at Central Bucks High School West (attending Arcadia University)

Newtown resident Allie Weiner at Council Rock High School North (attending Temple University)

Holland resident Ellen Kravchenko at Council Rock High School South (attending Duquesne University)

Levittown resident Amanda Dingley at Harry S. Truman High School (attending University of Delaware)

Sellersville resident Mariah Bryson at Upper Bucks County Technical School (attending Valdosta State)

Trevose resident Andrea Mumper at Bucks County Technical High School (attending University of Pittsburgh)

Morrisville resident Shanice Snead at Morrisville High School (attending Lincoln University)

Levittown resident Nora Okwara at Neshaminy High School (attending Columbia University)

New Hope resident Hannah Reszka at New Hope-Solebury High School (attending Georgia Institute of Technology)

Ferndale resident Michael Creighton at Palisades High School (attending Villanova University)

Perkasie resident Kaitlyn Moran at Pennridge High School (attending Drexel University)

Yardley resident Benard Cutrone at Pennsbury High School (Attending Penn State University)

Quakertown resident Madeleine Neiman at Quakertown Community High School (attending Gettysburg College)

Huntington Valley resident Jessica Lopez Arrieta at William Tennent High School (attending Philadelphia University)

Doylestown resident Daniel Pfeiffer at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (attending Temple University)