

The Comm

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THE DONOR ISSUE

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Thank
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For Your

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Your Donor Dollars At Work

We are incredibly grateful for the generous contributions from our donors during our 2025 Sustaining Fund Campaign, which have made a significant impact in helping us complete several key projects. Thanks to your support, we have successfully completed the following improvements:

- Fresh paint on the lampposts in front of our building
- Installation of new bulbs in the lampposts
- New lighting for the flagpole area
- Fresh concrete in the spaces around the Comm Kids Preschool
- A full repainting of the wrought iron around the building
- Staining and painting of our Playground
- Library enhancements, including new books and furniture
- Ceiling repairs near the Commercial Kitchen area
- New plumbing installed in the Comm Kids restroom
- Fresh paint in the dance studio area

These updates would not have been possible without your continued support. Thank you for helping us make these improvements a reality.

What's on the Horizon for 2026

Looking ahead, we're excited to share some of the projects we're planning for 2026:

- HVAC System Replacement: We'll be upgrading our building's HVAC system on a wide scale to ensure a more efficient and comfortable environment for everyone.
- Terrace Repairs: Much-needed repairs will be made to our terrace area.
- CRB Room Refresh: We'll be giving the CRB Room a complete refresh to better serve our community and improve the overall experience.

And more to come! As we continue to preserve and care for our historic building, we remain committed to maintaining and improving its legacy for future generations.

Dear Reader,

This newsletter is our opportunity to pause and say thank you. We are proud to recognize the individuals, families, and businesses whose generosity has supported the Comm over the past year. Your support plays a vital role in keeping our programs strong, our historic building cared for, and our doors open to the community each day.

Looking ahead, I am excited about what lies ahead for the Comm and grateful to be part of a community that believes in our mission to enrich the lives of individuals and families through educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities.

On behalf of myself and the entire Waverly Community House staff and Board of Trustees, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the many ways you help sustain our Comm.

Gratefully,



Gia Tugend
Executive Director

Save the date!



The Waverly Community House
proudly presents

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA FILM FESTIVAL

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nepafilmfestival.com

New Faces on our Board of Trustees



Colin Florey

Colin Florey grew up in Clarks Summit. He attended Our Lady of

Peace and Abington Heights High School. Colin graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor's degree in biology. After college he worked locally for MTF Biologics and subsequently DePuy Synthes.

Currently, Colin is a Project Supervisor with Florey Homes. He enjoys golf, pickleball, and spending time outdoors, and is passionate about conservancy and meaningful engagement with the surrounding community. Colin is especially interested in supporting building and grounds initiatives, bringing a practical, detail-oriented perspective to committee work, and supporting sound financial planning through thoughtful budgeting and accounting.

Colin is also motivated to increase community engagement by welcoming younger—and next-generation—participants into local involvement in Waverly and the Abingtons.



David Hubble

David was born and raised in the state of Indiana, and he and his

wife Susan have lived in South Abington Township since 1994.

Dr. Hubble is the Executive Director of Life Catalyst, a faith-based non-profit that works with individuals in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction in NEPA and Southern NJ. They also train health care and counseling professionals, work extensively with family members of those in addiction, and with families that have lost loved ones due to addiction. Susan is an Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Peoples Security

Bank. David and Susan are the parents of 5 children. David has worked in the non-profit world for a whopping 47 years and has previously served on the board of the Waverly Community House for 9 years.



Janice Jacobs

Janice Jacobs is a seasoned veteran in the healthcare consulting

industry. Currently she is a Managing Director at Berkeley Research Group in their Washington, DC office with over 40 years of industry experience, including hospital accounting and auditing, inpatient, outpatient and professional fee coding and compliance, and revenue cycle management.

Janice has worked nationwide at many of the country's top Academic Medical Centers, including Stanford, Duke, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Illinois at Chicago. Janice and her team have worked on hundreds of compliance-related due diligence reviews for mergers and acquisitions.

Additionally, Janice has served as an expert witness and provided expert testimony in litigation cases involving disputes regarding healthcare compliance issues.

She has recently served on the Board of Directors for Northeast Community Healthcare in Susquehanna County, PA where she was Vice-President and a member of their Finance Committee.

Janice is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of Pennsylvania, a Certified Professional Coder, a Certified Professional Compliance Officer, and an Ambassador with the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC), a Certified Coding Specialist, and a Radiation Oncology Certified Coder with the American Medical Auditing Company (AMAC).



Joey Zarcone

Joey is the Vice President of Posture Interactive, a digital marketing

agency in downtown Scranton. He leads a creative team that develops brands, fine-tunes messages, and enhances digital experiences. With nearly 20 years in the creative field, Joey has harnessed the evolution of technology to drive purpose and amplify impact for a diverse range of brands.

Joey's passion for technology inspires innovative solutions in business, art, and education. He graduated from Marywood University, where he has spent many years as an adjunct instructor in the Graphic Design department. He is devoted to the NEPA community, contributing countless hours to non-profit organizations and arts-in-education initiatives.

A New Face at The Comm:

Danielle Stella



Danielle was born and raised in Green Ridge and holds a degree in

Communications from the University of Scranton, as well as an MBA from Colorado State University.

She brings strong experience in donor relations and stewardship, fundraising strategy, DonorPerfect, and revenue planning.



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By Molly Mariano

New event for NWHM 2026! The Waverly Small Works Gallery will host

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH collaborative exhibit



Opening
Reception:
Friday, March 6,
2026 • 5-7pm

- Nan Burti*
- Elena Colombo*
- Renée Emanuel*
- Zoja Forsberg*
- Samuelle Green*
- Lisa Hinkle*
- Chala Jan*
- Pam Parsons*

Memorials and Celebrations

*In memory of
Jeffrey Orr Haudenschild
Susan and John Scanland*

*In memory of
Patricia Lewis
Margaret Roth*

*In memory of Hugo Mori
Susan and Dorrance Belin*

*Merry Christmas to
Dorrance and Susan Belin
Nancy and Charlie Belin*

*Merry Christmas to
Mary Rhodes
Nancy and Charlie Belin*

*In memory of John Atkins
Spencer Atkins*

*In memory of
Michael Poremba
Ronald Ulias
Janice and Russell Jacobs*

WAVERLY SMALL WORKS GALLERY ▪ MARCH 6-APRIL 17

Opening Reception: Friday, March 6th, 5-7 PM
Live music and light refreshments. On display through April 17th.