THE MANSFIELD WAY

Turning Generosity Into Opportunity

THE MANSFIELD FOUNDATION



INSIDE:

See how generosity takes root, opportunity grows, and thoughtful stewardship creates possibilities for generations to come.

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Cultivating What Matters Most

There is something remarkable about a healthy garden. Each year, someone prepares the soil, plants, waters, weeds, prunes, and eventually harvests. Yet no gardener believes the garden belongs to them. It is understand that they are simply caring for it during their season, leaving it ready for the hands that will come next. A healthy garden flourishes because generations of caretakers have shared that same purpose of leaving it healthier than they found it.

I have come to believe the Mansfield Foundation is much the same. For more than fifty years, donors, Board members, volunteers, staff, and community partners have each contributed something unique while embracing the privilege of caring for something far greater than themselves.

Today is our season. Our responsibility is not simply to preserve what has been entrusted to us, but to cultivate it, deepen relationships, steward every gift with integrity, and create opportunities for people and communities to flourish.

You will see some of those opportunities in this issue, such as a scholarship helping a student balance college, athletics, work, and financial challenges; grants helping young people develop leadership skills; and supporting organizations that care for our communities. Each is different, but each reflects the same belief that strong communities grow when we invest in one another.

Every partnership strengthens the roots of our communities. Every act of generosity plants seeds whose full harvest we may never see. That is the beauty of stewardship.

The Mansfield Foundation does not belong to any one person or generation. It belongs to a continuing legacy of people who believe in generosity, opportunity, and hope. Our task is to care for it during our season and leave it healthier and stronger than when it was entrusted to us.

As you read this edition of *The Mansfield Way*, I hope you will see more than grants awarded or scholarships received. I hope you will see a garden in bloom. Each life touched, partnership formed, and opportunity gained created part of a harvest made possible by fifty-one years of faithful stewardship.

That is the Mansfield Way.

Warm regards,

Mindy M. Engel

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Executive Director



Nuturing Those in Our Care

How an educator's compassion helped a simple idea take root







Teachers understand something about children that is not always found in a lesson plan. They know that learning does not begin when the bell rings. A child who is hungry, worried, cold, or without something as basic as a winter coat brings those concerns into the classroom. Teachers notice. They also respond.

Across our communities, educators routinely reach into their own pockets to purchase classroom supplies, snacks, clothing, and countless other necessities because they see a child who needs something and cannot simply look the other way. It is a quiet form of generosity that happens every day, often without recognition.

The Mansfield Foundation's Winter Warm-Up Kids' Coats program grew from that same spirit of caring. The program began through the generosity of retired educators who provided funding to the Foundation to help purchase new winter coats for children in the Southern Tioga School District. They had spent a career as an elementary school teacher and understood firsthand that something as simple as a warm coat can affect a child's physical, social, and emotional well-being. They understood because they had spent years paying attention.

A coat provides warmth, certainly. But for a child, having a new coat that fits, one selected especially for them, can provide something else as well: confidence. It allows a child to arrive at school comfortably, go outside for recess with classmates, stay healthy, and focus more fully on learning rather than on what they may be missing. That initial act of generosity became the seed for what has now become the Foundation's Winter Warm-Up Kids' Coats program.

The first coats were delivered to Warren L. Miller Elementary School in November 2024, with community volunteers helping organize the effort. However, like so many things that are planted with care, the real hope was never simply to meet a need for one winter. It was to create something that could continue growing. That is what makes this program such a natural expression of cultivating possibility.

What began with a simple desire to make sure local children had warm coats has continued to grow. Since that first delivery to Warren L. Miller Elementary School, Winter Warm-Up has expanded, thanks in large part to the continued support of donors to serve additional schools, providing 300 brand-new winter coats to children attending elementary school in Mansfield, Liberty, and Williamson as well as Bradford-Tioga Head Start. Each new school and each new coat represents another branch of an idea that began with educators who understood that meeting a child's basic needs helps create the conditions in which that child can learn, participate, and thrive.

That growth is a reminder of what can happen when generosity takes root. One thoughtful gift became a program. That program became a partnership with others throughout our communities. And with the continued support of people who share the same concern for children, Winter Warm-Up can reach even farther, ensuring that more students arrive at school warm, confident, and ready for the opportunities ahead.

Sometimes cultivating possibility begins simply by making sure a child is warm enough to grow.

Financial Highlights

June 30, 2025
(with comparative totals for 2024)

Assets	2025	2024
Cash/Cash Equivalents	$ 205,307	$ 214,981
Investments	$ 24,952,112	$ 22,810.755
Other Assets	$ 2,389,101	$ 2,376,813
Total Assets	$ 27,546,520	$ 25,402,549
Liabilities		
Annuities	$ 193,429	$ 194,634
Accounts Payable	$ 4,658	$ 20,270
Total Liabilities	$ 198,087	$ 214,904
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	$ 2,471,850	$ 2,460,338
With Donor Restrictions	$ 24,876,583	$ 22,272,307
Total Net Assets	$ 27,348,433	$ 25,187,645
Total Liabilities & Net Assets		
	$ 27,546,520	$ 25,402,549

(Fiscal year: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Total Net Assets
$27,348,433

Financial Statement

Investment Strategy
The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies to support current as well as future generations. The goal of the investment strategy is to protect the inflation-adjusted spending power of the Foundation's assets over time.

Financial Partner
The Mansfield Foundation uses certain financial institutions to manage portions of our charitable pool.

They Include:
Commonfund
Citizens & Northern Bank

Auditor's Report
The Mansfield Foundation's financial statements are audited by independent public accounting firms. The audit for the years ending June 30, 2024, and 2025 were performed by Mengel, Metzger, Barr + Co.

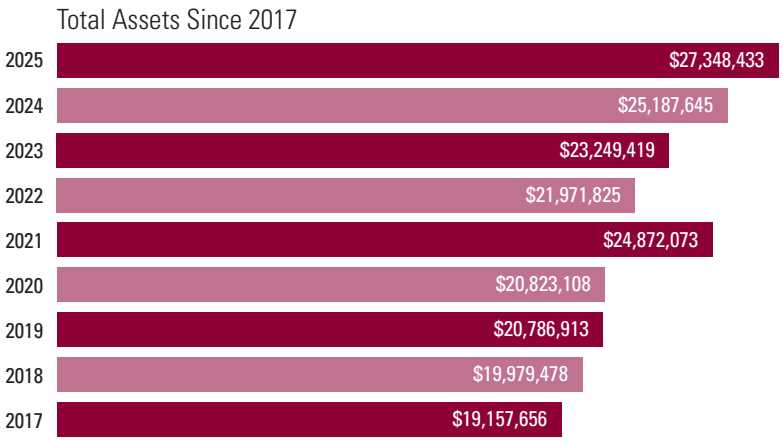
Stewardship in Action...
The Mansfield Foundation Board of Directors

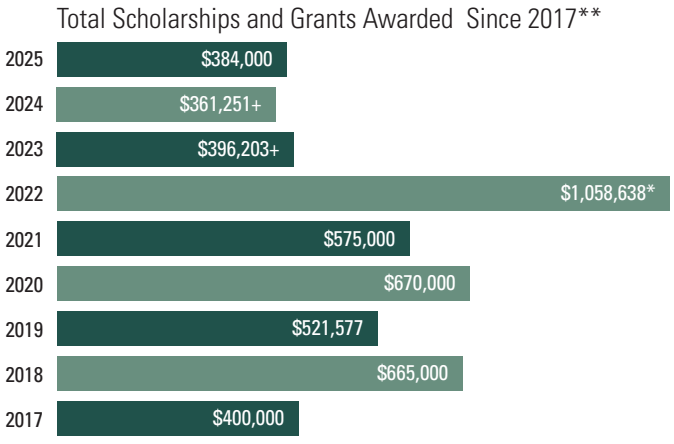
At the Mansfield Foundation, stewardship means more than managing the resources entrusted to us. It means caring for them with the understanding that they are intended to serve students and our communities for generations. Our Board of Directors takes that responsibility seriously, providing thoughtful oversight and ensuring that the decisions we make today strengthen the Foundation for tomorrow.

Central to that work is our Finance Committee, whose members bring valuable financial expertise, careful analysis, and a long-term perspective to the management of the Foundation's assets. Working closely with our investment professionals and the Board, the committee regularly reviews investment performance, policies, spending practices, and risk to help ensure that our resources are managed prudently and responsibly. Through disciplined oversight and a commitment to sound fiscal stewardship, our endowment continues to provide a strong and growing foundation for scholarships, grants, and community investments.

Every endowed gift carries with it a promise that we will honor the donor's intent and care for their generosity so it can continue making a difference far into the future. Our Board and Finance Committee serves as guardian of that promise. Their work may often happen quietly behind the scenes, but its impact can be seen in every opportunity the Foundation is able to cultivate today and every opportunity we are preparing to make possible tomorrow.

That, too, is the Mansfield Way.





*Amount includes special allocation of $400,000 by the Board of Directors to Commonwealth University - Mansfield for unrestricted scholarships to assist with increasing enrollment.

**The Foundation's annual allocation often exceeds the total amounts awarded depending on finding qualified student recipients for each award.

Ways to Help

Everyone can make a difference and play a vital role in strengthening the Foundation's mission. For fifty-one years, donors have trusted us to steward their generosity and turn it into meaningful change.

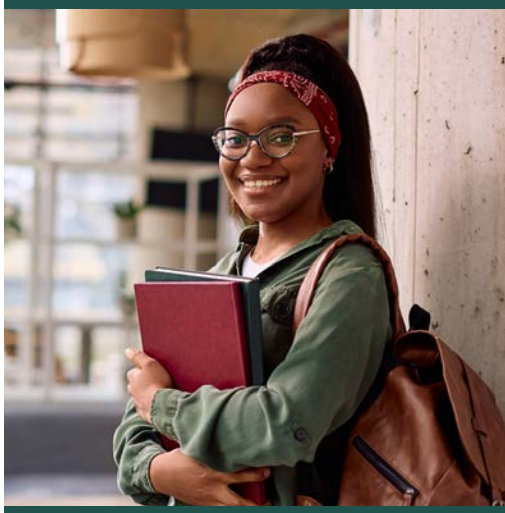
You can help be that change by contributing to an existing fund or create your own charitable legacy. Our team is here to work with you, your financial advisor or attorney to ensure your philanthropic goals are met.

Together, we can continue building opportunities, one act of generosity at a time.

Ways to Donate:

- IRA Charitable Rollover
- Planned Giving
- Gifts of Stock
- Cash

For more information on developing your family's philanthropic plan or information on how you can help, visit us at: mansfieldfoundation.org or contact us at mufdn@mansfieldfoundation.org or Mindy Engel (570) 463-4041



Students Give Thanks 2025-2026 Academic Year

Every scholarship represents an act of faith in the future. Years ago or perhaps only recently, a donor chose to plant a seed by creating a scholarship and entrusting the Mansfield Foundation with its care. Through thoughtful stewardship, those gifts continue to grow, creating opportunities for students year after year. But the true measure of that generosity is found not in the value of an endowment, but in the lives it touches. On the following pages, we are proud to recognize scholarship recipients and share, in their own words, what these gifts have meant to them. Their messages of gratitude remind us that when generosity is carefully tended, its impact can reach far beyond what the original donor may ever have imagined.

50th Anniversary Scholarship
"Thank you for your generosity! Your support is helping me pursue my education at Mansfield and continue toward my goal of graduating."
Katherine Mossman, Covington, PA

Ada Mae Frailey Saxton Music Endowed Scholarship
"Coming from a working-class rural family, I am especially grateful for your generosity, which has given me the opportunity to grow as a musician, form lasting friendships, and create cherished memories."
Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

Albert Dalmolen Endowed Scholarship in Political Science
"Receiving this scholarship means so much to me and will help make my educational goals more attainable."
Annabelle Woodburn, Candor, NY

Albert J. Crispell Elementary Education Award Endowment
"Thank you so much for providing me with this scholarship. Support from people like you made it possible for me to reach my goals, graduate and become a teacher."
Stephanie Dorn, Covington, PA

Albert L. & Dr. Marcella Hyde-Smith Endowed Scholarship
"As I complete my final semester as a secondary education social studies major and my student teaching, I am grateful to be doing what I love while preparing for my career as an educator. This generous support means more than I can express."
Marissa Allen, Mifflinburg, PA

Alexander E. Sidorowicz Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship means so much to me, easing the financial burden of my education and allowing me to focus more fully on my future."
Martina Bradford, Troy, PA

Alumni Basketball Scholarship
"Thank you for investing in me through the Alumni Basketball Scholarship and giving me the opportunity to continue pursuing my goals both on the court and in the classroom."
Julian Wilson, Williamsport, PA

Alumni Track/Football Scholarship
"Thank you for investing in Mansfield students like me. Your generosity is helping me pursue my dream of competing as a collegiate thrower while continuing my education. I am grateful to be supported by alumni who believe in today's students and remain connected to Mansfield."
Calvin Cragle, Big Flats, NY

Amy Place Barnes Nursing Endowed Scholarship
"Your generosity eases the financial burden of my education and allows me to focus on becoming the compassionate, skilled nurse I hope to be."
Rachel Jelliff, Columbia Cross Roads, PA

Anthony & Patricia Fiamingo Athletic Endowed Scholarship
"I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and for your belief in me as I continue working toward my goals as a student-athlete."
Kathryn Thomas, Christiana, PA

Arden D. Smith Baseball Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship provides more than financial support. It allows me to focus on my studies in Business and Marketing with less financial stress."
Isaiah Dull, Spring Grove, PA

Art Scholarship
"I've always been passionate about making art and this scholarship helps me continue bettering my skills. I truly appreciate those who have invested in me."
Emilyn Buckingham, Meshoppen, PA

Athletic Women's Endowed Scholarship
"Support is always so appreciated in athletics, and it means the most to me knowing that our team has supporters that are willing to donate to help provide for the members of the Track and Field team."
Zalayna Brown, Elmira, NY

B. Foster & Marlene Borck Wetmore Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for your contribution to my education at Mansfield. I graduated this past semester and started a nursing program. Your generosity has made this next step possible."
Melanie Esh, New Holland, PA

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bea Klingaman Music Education Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for making my college experience possible. This eases the financial pressure of pursuing my degree and gives me more time to focus on becoming the best educator I can be. Even during late nights spent planning lessons, I am grateful to have that time to spend on studies instead of working another job."
Jason Gao, Athens, PA

Bertram Francis Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for this scholarship award and investing in my future as I pursue a music career."
Miriaha Myers, Wyalusing, PA

Bob Bridgeman Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for this scholarship award. It makes the financial burden of school a lot less stressful. It is really inspiring to know someone cares."
Guy Longenberger, Catawissa, PA

Caitlin Knoll Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Social Work
"I am deeply honored to receive a scholarship that carries forward the memory of a fellow student, and as I pursue a career in social work, I hope to honor Caitlin's legacy by bringing compassion, hope, and positive change to the lives of others."
Elaina Kinney, Troy, PA

Carl Ruck Music Scholarship
"I am truly honored to receive this scholarship, and your generosity will make a meaningful difference."
Michael Andreula, Jackson, PA

Carrie Krise Carl Endowed Scholarship
"I am truly grateful for this scholarship and for your generous support, which inspires me to work hard, pursue my goals, and make the most of every opportunity ahead."
Cody Weaver, Waverly, NY

Charlie Allen Scholarship
"I am so grateful for your help. Thank you again."
Lillie Maynard, Wyalusing, PA

Christine S. Lewis Endowed Scholarship
"Music has always been a big part of my life, and I can't wait to share my love of music with future students. This scholarship helps me continue to pursue my goal of being a music educator."
Michael Andreula, Jackson, PA

Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship
"Your support has allowed me to pursue my education in a way that relieves my financial worry. I am constantly looking for opportunities to grow and expand my skillset that will benefit me in my career, and to be supported in this way has allowed me to do so!"
Natalie Bliss, Mansfield, PA

Class of 1954 Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much, and it means more than you know. This will help so much with books, tuition, and so many other things. It makes me happy that you are helping me become my best self. Thank you again, and I appreciate you so much."
Karson Dominick, Mansfield, PA

Class of 1955 Endowed Scholarship
"I am honored to receive the Class of 1955 Scholarship and deeply grateful to its members for creating a legacy of generosity that continues to support students like me today."
Isaac Braucht, Spring Mills, PA

Class of 1956 Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for this scholarship. It means a lot to me, and I hope more students can receive it for many years to come."
Lorena Marquardt, Muncy Valley, PA

Class of 1957 Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for helping me pay for my tuition. I am planning to be an electrical engineer, and your scholarship is helping me get started on my path."
Mazie DeMedio, Collegeville, PA

Class of 1958 Endowed Scholarship
"I am sincerely grateful to the Class of 1958 for their generosity and for creating a lasting legacy that continues to open doors for students like me."
Sarah Shupp, Beavertown, PA

Class of 1959 Endowed Scholarship
"I am grateful for the enduring generosity of alumni who continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of today's students."
Annabelle Woodburn, Candor, NY

Class of 1960 Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for investing in the dreams and future of students like me."
Lily Baird, Harrisburg, PA

Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for providing this scholarship. It has helped me (and my family) to ease the financial burden and stress around tuition bills."
Natalie Brunick, Reinholds, PA

Class of 1962
Endowed Scholarship
"This really helps take off the financial pressure of paying for college, and it truly means a lot to me and my family."
Sophia Castaldo, Endicott, NY

Class of 1963
Endowed Scholarship
"I am a full-time nontraditional student pursuing a Music Education degree and I also work 30-40 hours a week on top of that to help pay for school. You cannot understand what a gift this scholarship is. It's not just a gift of financial support, it's also a gift of time to allow me time to experience some of the extra things Mansfield has to offer. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart."
Michael Andreula, Jackson, PA

Claverack/Tri County Rural Electric Cooperative
Endowed Scholarship
"I am sincerely grateful for this scholarship and for your commitment to supporting the families and students in the communities you serve. It means so much to know you are investing in my education and future."
Katherine Mossman, Covington, PA

Clio Reinwald Home Economics Scholarship
"I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the opportunity it gives me to pursue my education with confidence and excitement for the future."
Caelyn Pine,
Columbia Cross Roads, PA

Commonwealth
Scholar Award
"I appreciate your belief in my future, and the meaningful difference your kindness and investment in students like me make. I hope to one day pay it forward and support others in the same way."
Madison Nelson, Morrisdale, PA

D. Keith Palmer
Endowed Scholarship
"As a freshman business administration major, I am truly grateful for this scholarship."
Rocco DelGiudice, Stroudsburg, PA

David J. Dick Memorial
Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for making this gift possible! It has been a huge help in supporting my future career goals as a musician and future educator."
Justin Knarr, Bechtelsville, PA

Dean L. & Elizabeth E. Phillips
Endowed Scholarship
"I cannot express how thankful I am for receiving this scholarship. As a full-time music student putting myself through college, it is quite difficult to maintain a steady income to help pay for not only school, but basic necessities. Receiving this scholarship will be more helpful than I can even put into words. Thank you!"
Sarah Begg, Trout Run, PA

Delta Zeta Housing Assistance Scholarship
"Thank you for your kind donation. I wouldn't still be here if it weren't for you. You gave me a home away from home, and for that I am forever grateful."
Kari Doran, Knoxville, PA

Donald L. & LaRene T. Ayres
Endowed Scholarship
"My dream is to create a classroom where children feel loved, safe, and excited to learn. Thank you for investing in my future and helping me continue my journey towards becoming a teacher that achieves that dream."
Maddison Austin, Shinglehouse, PA

Dorothy Tozer Miller
Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for believing in students like me and for making my dream of earning a college degree more attainable."
Nicholas Albano, Beach Lake, PA

Dr. Ishrat Mustafa
Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for making it possible for me to continue my studies and for reducing the worries about financial aid."
Elzandie L. Du Plessis,
Pretoria, Gauteng South Africa

Dr. John D. Trimmer
Endowed Scholarship
"I would love to teach kindergarten through 2nd grade because I believe it is critical to shape a child's love for learning at a young age. Thank you for helping me reach my academic goals. I cannot wait to see what the future holds!"
Madison Bailey, Mercersburg, PA

Dr. John M. & Betty Thomas Nursing Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for helping to support my academic career. I am passionate about nursing and being there for others on some of the scariest days of their lives and with your help I am getting even closer to that dream."
Kaelyn Crawford,
Hunlock Creek, PA

SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Nancy Cooledge Endowed Scholarship
"Your generosity is helping me take an important step toward the future I have worked so hard to achieve, and I am truly thankful."
Clayton Purcell, Gillett, PA

E. Edward Brown Music Theory Endowed Scholarship
"Your generosity enables me to focus on practicing, studying, and giving back to the community through performing and teaching. Thank you for providing me with this scholarship."
Jason Gao, Athens, PA

Edward McInroy Association Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for making this scholarship available to students like me. It truly does mean the world to know that my years of hard work pay off in the end."
Marley Kunsman, Mansfield, PA

Eileen Finn Kuritz Endowed Scholarship
"Receiving this scholarship is both an honor and an encouragement to keep working toward my goals and making the most of every opportunity."
Alanna Moreau, McDonald, PA

Elden & Marjorie Tewksbury Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for investing in me and my goals. It is because of you that I can continue my education and have the opportunity to reach my aspirations."
Dylan Larick, Blossburg, PA

Elinor Schipbanker Educational Endowed Scholarship
"This support means the absolute world to me. Your kindness and compassion do not go unnoticed. I am grateful for your contribution to help me pursue my higher education."
Emilyn Buckingham, Meshoppen, PA

Eugene Jones Music Vocalist Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for helping me pay for my tuition. Navigating all the twists and turns of life at college was daunting as a high school senior, and it is still scary after a year at the university, but thanks to this support, you have alleviated many of my financial concerns."
Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

Ferris J. Lutes Athletic Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for taking the interest and time to invest resources in students like me. Your support means so much to me and allows me to play a sport I truly love while not having to worry about paying so much for college."
Nasir Brown, Wilmington, DE

Field Hockey
"As a junior majoring in Business Management, I am actively involved on campus as a member of the Honors College, a peer mentor, and a business tutor. I also serve as captain of the field hockey team. These experiences have helped me grow as a leader and strengthened my commitment to helping others succeed. Thank you for your generous support helping me continue pursuing my goals."
Kathleen Marchiani, Wilmington, DE

Fielding-Eliot Endowed Scholarship in English/Modern Languages
"I am so grateful for your gift of this scholarship. Thanks to your generosity, I feel better prepared for the rest of my college career."
Kira Good, Canton, PA



Francis Hendricks '79 & Connie Hendricks H2S Endowed Scholarship
"I am deeply thankful for your investment in my education and for giving me the chance to focus on becoming the best student I can be."
Katherine Sheeler, Rixford, PA

Friends of George Dolph Book Award
"I am a Political Science (Pre-Law) and English (Professional Writing) major, and so thankful for this contribution to my education."
Gavin Fessler, Covington, PA

Gladys Frick Weaver Award Endowment
"Thank you for choosing me for this scholarship award. Your contribution will, in turn, give back to people that I touch in the nursing field through my care and dedication in my future career."
Shae'anna Farr, Lawrenceville, PA

Gordon Van Wormer Endowed Scholarship for Music Education
"Thank you for funding this music education scholarship. I am deeply passionate about this field, and your generous support will help me continue pursuing my goals in music education."
Nadia Impellitier, Lancaster, NY

Grace & Margaret Steadman Endowed Scholarship
"I am immeasurably grateful for your help, and I hope I can continue to pursue this field I love. This year it felt magical to figure out what my singing voice truly can sound like, and I hope I can give future students that I will someday teach that same magic."
Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

Grace S. Evans Memorial Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for making this opportunity available to me. As a freshman, I was very excited to receive this scholarship. Your kind donation relieved a lot of academic stress, making my college experience a lot easier. Thank you so much!"
Eliza Ellers, Athens, PA

Harland & Beverly Evans Endowed Scholarship
"I promise to accomplish the goals I set for myself thanks to your support through this scholarship. Thank you so much for your kindness."
Oyejadesola Diya, Darby, PA

Harold E. Terry Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for your generous support through this scholarship. As an Environmental Geography student, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue building my knowledge. Your investment helps ease the financial burden of my education and allows me to stay focused on my academic goals."
Cole Gelbutis, Sayre, PA

Harry B. Furman Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship means more than financial assistance. It is a reminder that there are people who believe in my potential and want to see me succeed."
Leah Toskey, Selinsgrove, PA

Hartley B. Dean Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for giving me the scholarship. Without the generosity of your heart, it would be a lot harder for me to be where I am right now in my education and becoming one step closer to my dreams."
Sandra Lemus, Long Branch, NJ

Helen D. Lutes Field Hockey Endowed Scholarship
"I am deeply grateful for this scholarship and for the legacy of generosity and encouragement it represents. This support reminds students like me that someone believed in our potential and wanted to help us succeed. I am honored to benefit from that legacy and will carry it with me as I pursue my education and future goals."
Jenna Duke, Bartonsville, PA

Helen D. Lutes Softball Endowed Scholarship
"I am honored to receive this scholarship and grateful for your support as I continue to challenge myself and grow both as a student and as an athlete."
Britni Motter, Schellsburg, PA

Howard J. Jr. & Olynda Chaffee Smith Music Endowed Scholarship
" Having this scholarship has allowed me to fully commit to my studies and better myself as a musician and performer. I am able to limit my working hours and commit more wholeheartedly to my studies."
Isaac Braught, Spring Mills, PA

Hunsicker Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you. Alone, those words may not have much of an impact but I want you to know how grateful I am."
Christian Lyons, Orangeville, PA

Ina G. Tabor Social Work Endowed Scholarship
"I can only hope that your kindness now helps me to return the favor to someone else in the future."
Destiny Dunn, Bensalem, PA

SCHOLARSHIPS

Isabel Ochsner Choral Accompanying Endowed Scholarship
"I could thank you for a million things, but here I thank you particularly for this scholarship. Thank you for helping me focus on my studies and not on my finances."
Jason Gao, Athens, PA

Jack M. Wilcox Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for making my academic career much easier. Thank you for helping me achieve my goals within my music career."
Justin Knarr, Bechtelsville, PA

Jacob Oberly Earth Science Endowed Scholarship
"Your donation means a lot to those who need a little help with their finances. Without you or other donors, many would miss out on the opportunities in seeking higher education."
Grace Kreger, Liberty, PA

Janice Kennedy, '46 & Annie Cooper International Student Endowed Scholarship
"Receiving this scholarship as an international student means so much to me, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity in helping me pursue my education, embrace new opportunities, and build a brighter future."
Meltem van Helden, Frankfurt, Germany

John & Audrey Baynes String Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for this scholarship. It means more to me than words can express. Your support has helped me pay for my sophomore year when I was unsure if I would be able to move forward."
Aidan Scott, Elmira, NY

John E. Novak Memorial Scholarship
"I am honored to receive a scholarship that celebrates the legacy of a beloved local principal, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue my education while carrying forward their commitment to students and learning."
Brayden Pequignot, Covington, PA

John Heaps & Winifred Neff Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for helping make college possible for me and for giving me the opportunity to pursue a future filled with possibilities."
Sara Small, Mill Hall, PA

Jonathan George March Endowed Scholarship
"I am honored to receive this scholarship and grateful for the generosity that is helping me turn my educational goals into reality."
Maelee Putnam, Millerton, PA

Joseph R. Maresco Softball Leadership Endowed Scholarship
"Receiving this scholarship is an incredible honor. I am grateful for your generosity, which will support me as I pursue my education while continuing to grow and compete as a student-athlete."
Madison Stahlie, Mt. Jewett, PA

Josephine Brace Wolfe Endowed Scholarship
"Your support has made a meaningful difference in my college journey, and I am grateful to know that someone is cheering me on along the way."
Clayton Purcell, Gillett, PA

Keller Leadership Endowed Scholarship
"No matter how big or small the acts you do to support the Mansfield Foundation, they are never unnoticed. Your support and encouragement means a lot. This scholarship not only helped financially but also made me proud to be an active leader on campus. Thank you."
Morgan Earl, Pine City, NY

Laverne M. Zook Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for investing in my future and inspiring me to work hard, dream big, and someday give back to others in the same way."
Jason Gao, Athens, PA

Lawrence B. Mansfield Greek Book Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for investing in me and my education. With your support, I am motivated and excited to finish my education and start a career teaching."
Dylan Larick, Blossburg, PA

Linda Dix & Lewis B. Lee Music Education Endowed Scholarship
"This has been a HUGE support in my career goals as a music educator. Thank you for investing the future of students."
Justin Knarr, Bechtelsville, PA

Loeschke Leadership Endowed Scholarship
"I am so grateful for this donation. This act of generosity helps students like me follow their desired path without all the financial restrictions. Thank you again!"
Ethan Hinshaw, Bensalem, PA

Lori Barnett Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Nursing
"Thank you deeply from the bottom of my heart. Your kindness has helped me now complete my BSN this year. I can't say it enough, thank you."
Alison Haberstroh, Westfield, PA

Louise C. McConnell Choral Endowed Scholarship
"I will always be grateful for this scholarship and for the generosity of those who chose to invest in my education, my dreams, and the person I hope to become."
Rachael Wood, Owego, NY

Mansfield Association for Educational Office Professionals (MAEOP) Award
"I am sincerely grateful for this scholarship and the confidence it gives me as I begin this exciting new chapter in my education."
Jeannie Harvey, Reading, PA

Mansfield Auxiliary Corporation Odyssey Scholarship
"Thank you so much for your generous support. I truly appreciate your kindness and investment in my future."
Rebecca Knight, Pittsburgh, PA

Mansfield Way Scholarship
" I have gone through a lot of financial stress, working four jobs to cover my college tuition. Thanks to your generosity, I am now less stressed and freer. There are not enough thank yous I can say to show how beyond grateful and appreciative I am for everything. Thank you for being the light I needed in such a dark time."
Analeise Eisenhart, York, PA

Marguerite Baumann & Margaret B. Stahley Educational Trust
"Receiving this scholarship has lightened the financial burden of college and allowed me to focus more fully on my education and future."
Natalia Vazquez, Tunkhannock, PA

Marilyn Melhuish Elementary Education Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for making this scholarship possible. As a junior pursuing my degree in education, I am passionate about teaching young children and helping them learn and grow. I am truly grateful for your generosity and support."
Lacey Mahosky, Blossburg, PA

Mary & Martha Colegrove Educational Trust Scholarship
"I am so grateful for your support and contribution to my academic endeavor. This scholarship allows me to pursue my goals and I cannot thank you enough!"
Natalie Bliss, Mansfield, PA

Mary A. & Robert H. Rodine Endowed Scholarship
"As an online student from Hazleton and a mother of three, balancing school, full-time work, and family responsibilities can be challenging. Your support eases a significant part of that financial stress, allowing me to stay focused on my education and continue working toward a better future for my children."
Janiliz Arcelay-Cruz, Hazleton, PA

Maryon Farrer Powell Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for seeing potential in students like me and providing opportunities that can truly change the course of our lives."
Alanna Moreau, McDonald, PA

Melissa Signor Endowed Scholarship
"I am humbled by your generosity and grateful for the role you are playing in helping me achieve my dream of a college education."
Rocco DelGiudice, Stroudsburg, PA

Members of the Military Scholarship
"As a U.S. Marine and full-time student, this scholarship is so appreciated. I hope to continue my education while in the Marine Corps."
Vedder Conyer, Coudersport, PA

Michael Galloway Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship brings me one step closer to achieving my goals, and I cannot thank you enough for being part of my journey."
Tyler Eick, Bethlehem, PA

Michael J. & Nancy L. Sidell Endowed Scholarship
"Knowing that others believe in my education and my future motivates me to work even harder and make this opportunity count."
Tyra Williams,
Columbia Cross Roads, PA

Michael Leiboff Memorial Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for making this scholarship possible. I am a senior Media & Journalism major and I hope to write and produce content and hope to become a sports writer or journalist."
Amanda Duke, Bartonsville, PA

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Michael R. & Peggy L. Lane Music Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for this scholarship. It helps tremendously because I have three younger siblings my parents will also be trying to put through college. This will help me continue working toward my degree and having a future that I am very excited for!"
Alex Beardsley, Gilbertsville, PA

Michele Towers Memorial Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for this scholarship! Paying for college is incredibly stressful and so I'm grateful to have a portion of that burden lifted. I am honored that you have chosen to support me and my future."
Chloe Campbell, Towanda, PA

Mildred Packard Wright Endowed Scholarship
"The financial side of college has always been the largest issue for me and your generosity has helped me greatly with that."
Christian Lyons, Orangeville, PA

Nancy C. Matylas-Prutsman Endowed Scholarship
"I am incredibly thankful for this scholarship and for the doors your generosity is helping open for my future."
Abigail Rymell, Gillett, PA

Northern Appalachin Storytelling Festival Endowed Scholarship
"Your kindness has given me more than financial support it has given me encouragement and confidence as I pursue my college education."
Valerie Miller, Arkport, NY

Nursing Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for helping me ease the financial burden of my college expenses. It helps relieve some worry and allows me to focus all of my time and energy into my courses. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated. I will continue to work and try my hardest."
Emma Evans, Covington, PA

Oliver & Louise George Endowed Award
"Thank you for making my time at Mansfield possible. My goal is to become an orthopedic doctor in the Air Force. Your kindness and generosity will help me get there."
Angel Gule, Camp Hill, PA

Paul H. Kraiss Memorial Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for your contribution to my education. This helps relieve some stress from working part-time at the hospital and helps me focus more on school."
Aerianna Landmesser, Towanda, PA

Paula Welch Business Endowed Scholarship
"I want to say a sincere thank you for your financial support. Your donation made it possible for me to afford the accelerated MBA program at Mansfield. I plan to use my degrees in marketing and health care management to provide a well-rounded perspective in a healthcare management position. Thank you for making this possible!"
Paley Adams, Brackney, PA

PDK Endowed Scholarship
"I am honored to be selected for this scholarship and will carry your generosity with me as I work toward my degree and future career."
Jocelyn Simmons, Tunkhannock, PA



Perfect Song Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for helping me pursue an education that will allow me to build a meaningful future and make a difference in the lives of others."
Dustyn Gingerich, Waverly, NY

Peter B. & Grace A. Murray Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for helping me get an education and the opportunity to run and compete in college. Getting a degree is very important to me, as I am a first-generation college student, so it is very much appreciated."
Mayla Falank, Elmira Heights, NY

Psychology Scholarship
"Thank you for helping me pursue my college education and giving me one more reason to believe that hard work, determination, and big dreams can lead somewhere extraordinary."
Ivy Spalding, Troy, PA

Ralph H. & Carol A. Meyer Endowed Scholarship for Student Retention
"Your investment in me has made my dreams more achievable and my passion for learning is fueled with your support. Thank you for your kindness."
Timothy Dudinski, Wellsboro, PA

Ralph H. Evans Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship is an incredible gift, and I am grateful for the opportunities it will provide throughout my college journey."
Jeremiah Smith, Meshoppen, PA

Reva Dickinson & Dana Lee Learn Endowed Scholarship
"I hope to teach voice lessons at a studio and perform with an opera company someday. I am in the Honors College, Concert Choir, Wind Ensemble, opera and musical casts, and I am the treasurer-elect of PCMEA. Thank you for generously helping me pay for my tuition, as it has helped me focus on my studies and worry less about paying for school."
Quinn Lightner, Loysville, PA

Richard & Esther Purvis Cook Endowed Scholarship
"Your generosity is helping transform my hopes for the future into real opportunities, and I am sincerely thankful."
Clayton Purcell, Gillett, PA

Richard N. & Doris M. Talbot Music Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship will help me cover the payments for my tuition for this semester. I am really enjoying my time at school and looking forward to continuing my musical journey."
Miriaha Myers, Wyalusing, PA

Richard Springman Memorial Endowed Scholarship
"This scholarship is an incredible honor to have received, and I am grateful to have been awarded it. I will continue to work hard! Thank you so much."
Isabelle Krautheim, Folcroft, PA

RLK Fisheries Endowed Scholarship
"I feel fortunate and honored to receive this scholarship and am committed to making the most of the opportunity you have given me."
Samuel Dutkiewicz, Dickson City, PA

Robert & Carol Wooley Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much! It was honestly always hard to picture a future for myself, but recently everything just feels like it's coming together. This means more than you know."
Marley Kunsman, Mansfield, PA

Robert C. "Bob" Maris Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Biology
"Thank you for being generous and creating this scholarship to help me and others like me achieve my career goals. I hope I make Dr. Maris proud."
Greysen Kupsky, Berwick, PA

Robert D., '76 & Mary Manbeck Shorb, '78 Endowed Scholarship
"I hope to create positive learning experiences for every student that steps into my classroom. Your support has helped me focus on the final steps in obtaining my degree and become the best teacher I can be!"
Madison Bailey, Mercersburg, PA

Rod C. Kelchner President's Endowed Scholarship
"I cannot tell you how grateful I am to you for funding part of my degree. Thanks to you, much of the stress has been taken off of college, and I feel better prepared for the future and life after graduation."
Kira Good, Canton, PA

Roger N. Maisner Athletic Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for giving me the ability to come to here and for rewarding my academic achievements. I will be forever grateful for this support."
Jordan Brunnabend, Breinigsville, PA

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Ronald G. & Betty B. Goodwin Leadership Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for easing the financial challenges of college and allowing me to put more of my energy into learning, growing, and preparing for my future."
Madisyn Hart, Gillett, PA

Round Robin's 1935 Endowed Scholarship
"I love literature and words, and I want my future students to love them as much as I do. Thank you so much for helping take the pressure off worrying about paying for tuition so I can focus on school."
Kira Good, Canton, PA

Ruth Redman Stephens Endowed Scholarship
"I am grateful not only for this scholarship, but also for the encouragement it represents as I continue pursuing my dreams."
Aiden Oldroyd, Ulster, PA

Ruth Tozer Bixby Trust Scholarship
"As a gap year student, I often can feel out of place with my peers, and as a first-generation student, I feel even more disconnected. However, I'm still going strong and will achieve my goal of getting my degree. Without this help, that may have never been possible."
Christian Balliet, Harrisburg, PA

Schneider Endowed Scholarship for Nursing
"The impact of your help means I am able to complete the goal of obtaining my SN this year. It means so much to my family and to me."
Alison Haberstroh, Westfield, PA

Scranton Alumni Book Award
"Your donation has helped my family grow and become more health-conscious as a benefit of my nursing education. Thank you so much for this award."
Shae'anna Farr, Lawrenceville, PA

Shirey-Cromley Yellow Ribbon Endowed Scholarship
"Receiving this scholarship has shown me the impact that generosity can have on a student's life, and I hope one day to pay that kindness forward."
Kenadie McDonnell, Scranton, PA

Shirley Sandrock & Robert A. Barnhardt Endowed Scholarship
"I have always wanted to be a teacher and in large part because of this scholarship I am now one step closer to it."
Christian Lyons, Orangeville, PA

Slabey Award Endowment
"Thank you so much for the award. I'm a senior studying biomedical sciences with a minor in psychology. I would like to become the best physical therapist. I would not have been able to get through my schooling without the help of scholarships."
Elzandie L. Du Plessis, Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa

Soufan Endowed Scholarship
"Receiving this scholarship has shown me the impact that generosity can have on a student's life, and I hope one day to pay that kindness forward."
Meltem van Helden, Frankfurt, Germany

Stanley Henry Nauman Memorial Endowed Award in Wildlife & Fisheries Sciences
"Thank you so much for your generous donation! This scholarship means more to me than I can say because it is not only helping me pay for my undergraduate degree, but it is also helping me in the long run to earn my master's degree as well."
Emma Elias, Tunkhannock, PA

Strohecker Endowed Scholarship
"I'm honored to be chosen for this scholarship, and your generosity is helping ease the burden of college costs for me. Thank you again for your kindness and support!"
Karson Dominick, Mansfield, PA

Thomas R. & John Halloran Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for this scholarship. I was able to reduce the cost of my tuition with this, and that helped me focus just on school work and not stress about my financial obligations."
Jake Williams, Harrison Valley, PA

Timothy & Christina Mulroy Endowed Scholarship
"Your generosity is making a real difference in my life, and I am determined to honor your support by working hard and making the most of my education."
Kiley Stoltzfus, Middletown, PA

Tioga County Association of Township Officials Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for awarding me this scholarship. Because of your kindness and generosity, I can pursue my degree and build my future. I am truly grateful for your support and for believing in me. Thank you!"
Bailee Smith, Millerton, PA

Track Scholarship
"Thank you for this scholarship and investment you have made in my future. This support is so appreciated."
Allyson Lewis,
North Monmouth, ME

Track/Racewalk Scholarship
"I am incredibly grateful for this scholarship and the opportunity to continue chasing my goals. Knowing that your support is helping me take every stride toward a brighter future."
Allyson Lewis,
North Monmouth, ME

University Senate Scholarship
"I am truly honored by your support and grateful for the opportunity to continue my education with fewer financial worries."
Madison Stahli, Mount Jewett, PA

Van W., Sr. & Katherine R. Emmons '72 Endowed Scholarship for Social Work
"This scholarship is a meaningful reminder that hard work can lead to opportunity, and I am grateful to you for making that opportunity possible."
Shauna Knapp, Mansfield, PA

Veterans & Members of the Military Scholarship
"I am deeply honored to receive the Members of the Military Scholarship and grateful to the veterans and veterans organizations whose generosity is helping me pursue my education while carrying forward their legacy of service and commitment to others."
Daniel Keyser, Wellsboro, PA

Ward Manufacturing Endowed Scholarship
"Growing up I always wanted to be a teacher and this scholarship is helping me reach that goal."
Alondra Caban-Cruz, Bensalem, PA

Waunita Simonson Price Endowed Book Award
"Thank you for making this scholarship possible and for investing in students like me. Your generosity provides meaningful support for my education and inspires me to make the most of the opportunities ahead."
Chloe Campbell, Towanda, PA

Wendell & Jobyna Judson Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you so much for your generous support. I truly appreciate your kindness and investment in my future."
Rebecca Knight, Pittsburgh, PA

William Merryman Nursing Endowed Scholarship
"Thank you for sponsoring this scholarship. Being able to receive this means a lot to me, and to my family. This will help me pay for books and other necessities that I will need for the upcoming semester. I am very grateful for this opportunity. Thank you!"
Sarah Dgien, Muncy, PA

Winifred Neff & Wellington "Clark" Engel Endowed Scholarship
"Receiving a scholarship established in memory of two beloved professors is especially meaningful, and I am deeply grateful to those who chose to honor their legacy by investing in students like me. Their commitment to education continues to make a difference, and I am honored to be part of the legacy they left at Mansfield."
Gabrielle Ives, Wellsboro, PA

Women's Softball Scholarship
"Thank you for investing in my future and giving me the opportunity to chase my academic and athletic dreams while representing my school with pride."
Britni Motter, Schellsburg, PA

Please note, The Mansfield Foundation makes every effort each academic year to identify a qualified student for each sholarship. However, in some years, a student who meets the specific criteria of an individual scholarship may not be available. In those cases, funds are returned to the endowment and stewarded carefully to ensure they are awarded when an eligible student is identified in keeping with donor intent.

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To our scholarship donors and to the families whose names, values, and stories live on through these funds, thank you for entrusting the Mansfield Foundation with your legacy. Whether supporting students at Commonwealth University-Mansfield or graduates of our local high schools pursuing college, technical education, or other opportunities, your generosity does far more than help pay an educational expense. It tells a student that someone believes in their potential and is willing to invest in the person they are working to become.

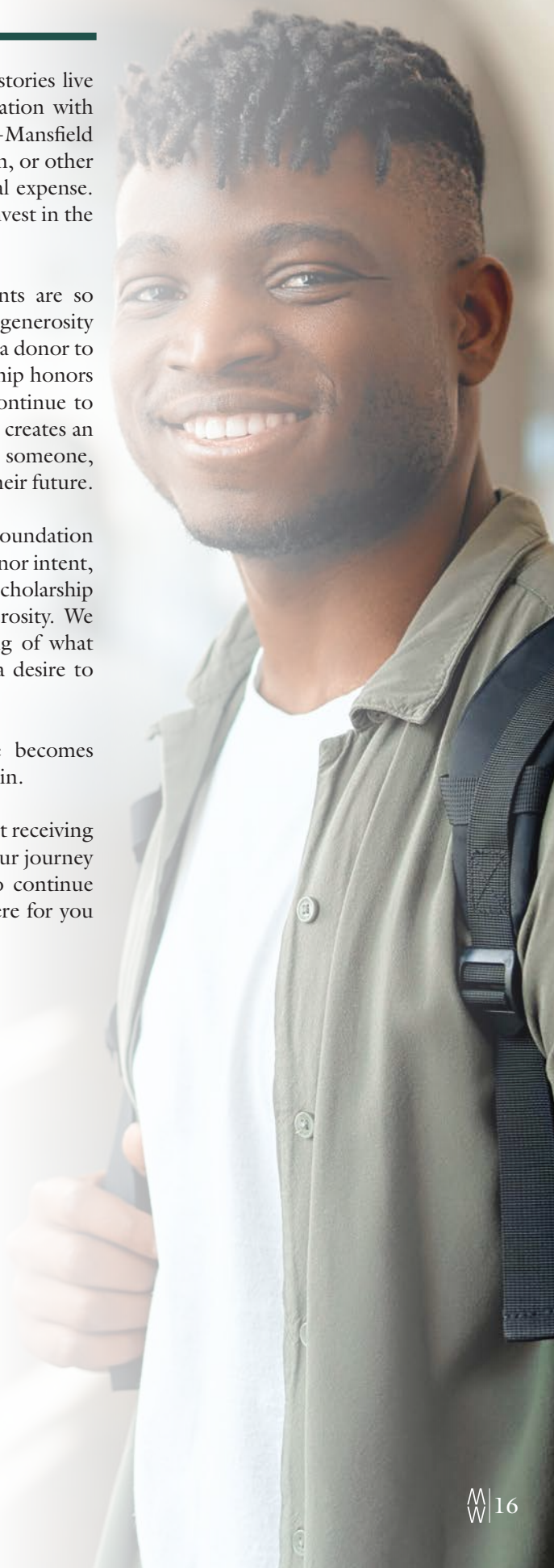
That is why the words of gratitude shared by our scholarship recipients are so important. A thank-you may seem like a small gesture compared with the generosity of establishing a scholarship, but it completes an important circle. It allows a donor to understand the difference their gift is making. For families whose scholarship honors someone they love, it provides the reassurance that a name and legacy continue to have meaning in the lives of others. And for students, expressing gratitude creates an opportunity to understand that the assistance they receive exists because someone, often someone they will never meet, made a deliberate choice to invest in their future.

There is stewardship on both sides of that relationship. The Mansfield Foundation has a responsibility to carefully manage the funds entrusted to us, honor donor intent, and ensure these resources continue serving students for generations. Scholarship recipients, in turn, become temporary stewards of someone else's generosity. We hope they carry not an obligation to repay a gift, but an understanding of what generosity can accomplish and perhaps, when their own season allows, a desire to create opportunities for someone who comes after them.

That is how a scholarship becomes more than an award. Gratitude becomes inspiration. Inspiration becomes generosity. And generosity takes root again.

To every donor who planted one of these seeds, thank you. To every student receiving its benefit, we hope you will remember the generosity that helped make your journey possible. And to those who will one day follow, our commitment is to continue tending these gifts faithfully so the opportunities created today will be here for you tomorrow.

That is the enduring gift of stewardship. We may plant the seed today, but its possibilities can grow for generations.





Looking Beyond the Horizon

At first glance, the sculpture (pictured on the cover) in the Mansfield Foundation courtyard brings a smile. A young boy sits atop the world, wearing an oversized graduation cap and glasses far too large for his face. In one hand, he holds a magnifying glass. In the other, a document that has captured his complete attention. His feet dangle over the globe beneath him as he leans in with unmistakable curiosity.

It is a playful image. But it is also a profound one. The child is not looking out over the world with certainty. He is looking into it with wonder.

His graduation cap suggests education, but his posture reminds us that learning is never finished. The magnifying glass tells us that true scholarship is more than acquiring information. It is the pursuit of understanding. It is asking better questions, seeking deeper truths, and remaining curious enough to believe there is always more to discover.

Perhaps that is why he sits upon the globe itself. Knowledge expands our world and education broadens our perspective, opening doors we never imagined allowing us to see possibilities that once seemed beyond our reach. Every book read, every lesson learned, every mentor encountered, and every opportunity embraced enlarges the horizon before us. That is what scholarship has always represented. It is not simply financial assistance. It is the opportunity to become more than we could have become alone.

At the Mansfield Foundation, we are privileged to witness that transformation every year. Sometimes it begins with a student who simply needs someone to believe in them. Sometimes it begins with a scholarship that relieves a financial emergency and allows a young person to focus on learning instead of worrying. Sometimes it begins with a family that chooses to establish an endowment so future generations can pursue dreams they may never personally witness. Every scholarship tells two stories. One is about a student whose life is changed. The other is about the person who believed enough in the future to make that opportunity possible.

This issue celebrates hundreds of such legacies, including that of Paul and Marianne Bozzo. For generations of students in the Mansfield community, Paul Bozzo was much more than an art teacher. He was an educator, artist, mentor, and friend who spent more than three decades encouraging young people to look at the world differently. His influence stretched from elementary classrooms to future educators at Mansfield University. Whether through textured painting, photography, experimentation with new artistic techniques, or simply the encouragement he offered a student discovering his or her own creativity, Paul taught that learning begins with curiosity.

Former students remember the details that made his classroom unmistakably his: the ceiling tiles at Warren L. Miller painted by students and transformed from something ordinary into something personal, the memorable “no gum” rule and, more importantly, the feeling that their work mattered. Paul had a gift for making students feel seen. He encouraged creativity, but he also encouraged confidence. Decades later, former students still speak of him not simply as a teacher, but as someone who truly invested in them.

Alongside Paul was his wife Marianne, a gifted educator in her own right and a deeply cherished presence in the community. To her students at Liberty High School where she taught German and English for 34 years, she was known as “Frau,” and to those she was especially close to, she was “Mugge.” Whether she was walking miles alongside

her students, encouraging them along the way, chaperoning one of the many student trips to Germany or opening her home for conversation, laughter, and connection, Marianne had a way of making people feel that they belonged. Relationships that began in her classroom often became friendships and mentorships that lasted for years. Together, Paul and Marianne embodied the very qualities this sculpture seems to celebrate: curiosity, perseverance, learning, mentorship, and the willingness to look more closely at the world around us.



The Paul and Marianne Bozzo Endowed Fund grew from a desire to honor that legacy. The effort originally began as Marianne's plan to celebrate Paul's 80th birthday. Sadly, Marianne passed away before that vision could be realized. In a beautiful expression of gratitude, the community came together to make that vision a reality. Former students, friends, family members, and neighbors, many whose own lives had been touched by Paul and Marianne, came together and gave so that the influence of two beloved educators could become an enduring source of opportunity for generations to come.

Through the endowed scholarship that now bears both of their names, their influence will continue. The fund will support future graduates of North Penn-Mansfield High School and Liberty High School, carrying forward the values Paul and Marianne spent their lives nurturing.

That is one of the most remarkable things about an endowment. A teacher's influence may begin in a classroom, but it does not have to end there. A lesson can become confidence. Confidence can become opportunity. Opportunity can change the direction of a life. And through an endowed scholarship, that chain of influence can continue for generations.

Students who receive the Paul and Marianne Bozzo Scholarship may never have sat beneath one of Paul's student-painted ceiling tiles. They may never have walked beside Marianne or gathered around her kitchen table. They may never have known either of them personally. However, they will know something of what Paul and Marianne believed, that education mattered and curiosity was worth nurturing. That determination deserved to be rewarded and a young person reaching toward a larger world deserves someone willing to help place that world within reach.

The young scholar perched atop the globe reminds us that curiosity is one of humanity's greatest gifts, but that alone it is not enough. Every future scientist, teacher, entrepreneur, artist, healthcare professional, and community leader needs someone willing to invest in their journey. Scholarships make discovery possible. Endowments make scholarships endure. Together, they create something far greater than financial support. They create possibility.

As you read this issue of *The Mansfield Way*, we invite you to see each scholarship, each endowed fund, and each story of student success through the eyes of the young scholar in our courtyard with curiosity, hope, and the belief that investing in learning is one of the most enduring gifts we can leave to future generations. Because when we invest in education, we do more than change one student's world. We help shape the future of the world they will one day lead.

Helping the next generation see farther than we ever could . . . that is the Mansfield Way.



Finding the Courage to Ask for Help

A Student Testimonial
by Antonio Green

As a full-time college student and dual-sport athlete, I learned quickly that college would demand more from me than I had ever experienced before. Between early-morning practices, late-night studying, classes, competitions, being the president of the African American Student Union, and the constant pressure to succeed, I was already carrying a full load. When financial stress was added to everything else, I wondered how I would afford my next meal or pay for my next semester.

I entered college as a freshman in 2023, unsure of what to expect. Like many students, I was living away from my parents for the first time and learning how to manage new responsibilities and greater independence. I also lived hours away from one side of my family and 2,300 miles from the other. My family supported me as much as they could, but I knew that, as a young adult, I also had to find ways to support myself.

I began applying for jobs and working whenever my demanding schedule allowed. Still, it felt as though all my efforts barely made a difference. I have never been someone who finds it easy to ask for help. Eventually, however, I realized that trying to carry every burden alone was keeping me from fully experiencing college and becoming the person I wanted to be.

Everything began to change for me in 2024. As I entered my sophomore year, I contacted the Mansfield Foundation. That decision marked the beginning of a meaningful relationship that will have a lasting impact on my life. From the start, the people of the Mansfield Foundation treated me with kindness, patience, and genuine care. They walked me through scholarship applications, answered my questions, and helped me understand a financial aid process that had previously felt overwhelming and stacked against me. More importantly, they made me feel that I was not alone and that there were people who genuinely believed in my future.

The scholarships I received changed my college experience. I no longer had to spend every day worrying about where my next meal would come from or how I would pay for my next class. That support lifted an enormous weight from my shoulders. Instead of being consumed by financial stress, I could focus more fully on my education, compete in the sports I love, and enjoy being a college student.

What began as financial support eventually grew into mentorship and opportunity. I remained in contact with the Mansfield Foundation, and through that continued relationship, I was offered a student internship. I have now served as an intern with the Foundation for the past eight months, and the experience has truly been an honor. Working alongside some of the most genuine and encouraging people I know has allowed me to grow professionally and personally. I have been able to watch myself evolve, in real time, into the person I hope to become.

The Mansfield Foundation did more than help me pay for college. It gave me peace of mind, confidence, guidance, relationships, and an opportunity to gain experience. Most importantly, it taught me that asking for help is not a sign of weakness. Sometimes, taking that first step and reaching out is exactly what allows you to begin moving toward your goals.

"The Mansfield Foundation did more than help me pay for college. It helped me believe in what was possible."

Fueling Opportunity: Students Helping Students

A student-led response to a challenge facing millions of college students.

College students carry a lot of responsibilities between classes, assignments, jobs, athletics, internships, and the everyday challenges that come with becoming independent. For some, there is another concern quietly competing for their attention, which is having enough food.

Food insecurity among college students can take many forms. It might mean skipping a meal, stretching groceries until the next paycheck, or choosing between food and another necessary expense. For students living off campus, access to campus-based resources may also be less convenient. Whatever the circumstances, worrying about where the next meal will come from makes it harder to focus on the very reason students are here, to learn, grow, and prepare for their future.

The problem is far more widespread than many people realize. According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, nearly one in four college students, approximately 3.8 million nationwide, experienced food insecurity. That rate was more than twice the food-insecurity rate among U.S. households overall. Of those students, 2.2 million experienced very low food security, meaning they had repeatedly eaten less than they should or skipped meals because they could not afford enough food. Research has also connected food insecurity with lower grades and a reduced likelihood of completing college.

For students already managing tuition, rent, transportation, textbooks, and other necessities, an empty refrigerator can become much more than a temporary hardship. It can become another barrier standing between a student and a college degree.

Two Mansfield Foundation student interns decided they wanted to do something about it. Antonio Green, a senior Business major with a concentration in Finance, and Vedder Conyer, a senior History major who will enter the United States Marine Corps following graduation, developed the FuelU Station, a sidewalk food pantry that will be located outside the Mansfield Foundation building and available to students who could use a little extra help, with particular consideration for students living off campus.

The idea is intentionally simple: provide an accessible place where students can pick up food when they need it without creating unnecessary barriers. The station will offer shelf-stable food and other basic items contributed by the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and members of the community.

What makes FuelU especially meaningful is that it was developed by students, for students. Antonio and Vedder recognized a need among their peers and turned that awareness into action. In doing so, they demonstrated something we hope every Mansfield Foundation experience encourages. Look closely at the community around you, recognize where you can make a difference, and then be willing to act.

Perhaps that is the most important thing FuelU will provide. Certainly, it will provide food, but it will also send a message to every student who stops by. Your community sees you. Your education matters. And sometimes, we all need a little extra fuel to keep moving forward.

FuelU STATION
SIDEWALK FOOD PANTRY
A Program of the Mansfield Foundation



NO STUDENT HUNGER
FUEL THE FUTURE



L-R Roslyn Williams (Treasurer), Nora Furry (Vice President), Landyn Empet (President), Kail Thompson (Secretary)

The Legacy We Choose to Leave

Every graduating class leaves something behind: memories, friendships, traditions, and a shared place in the history of their school. The North Penn-Mansfield Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2026 chose to leave something more, a lasting investment in the students who will follow them.

Through their collective fundraising efforts, members of the Class of 2026 established the North Penn-Mansfield Jr./Sr. High School Class of 2026 Scholarship, a permanent endowment that will provide scholarship assistance to future North Penn-Mansfield graduates pursuing education beyond high school. Long after this class has moved on, the fund they created will continue opening doors for students they may never meet.

There is something particularly meaningful about young people choosing philanthropy as part of their legacy. We often think of charitable giving as something that comes later in life, after careers have been established and financial security achieved. The Class of 2026 offers a distinct perspective, which is that philanthropy begins not with wealth or age, but with recognizing that what we have today can be used to create opportunity for someone tomorrow.

An endowed scholarship makes this gift especially meaningful. The Class of 2026 did more than raise money for one recipient; they created a permanent resource that will provide support year after year. Each future award will reflect the generosity of students who, before leaving high school, understood the importance of investing in those who would follow. They also set a strong example for future graduating classes.

Leadership is measured not only by what we accomplish during our own season, but by what we make possible for those who follow. For the North Penn-Mansfield Class of 2026, that legacy is only beginning.

A Lifetime of Caring, A Legacy for Tomorrow

Some people make a difference through a single extraordinary act. Others do it quietly, consistently, and over a lifetime, showing up wherever their community needs them. For decades, Linda Farrer has been one of those people in Mansfield.

Her service has touched many corners of the community, particularly the lives of children and families. Through her longtime involvement with the Mansfield Area Shoe Bank, Linda has helped ensure local children have access to new shoes, socks, winter clothing, and other necessities. She has also given her time and leadership to community traditions and civic efforts, including Mansfield's Independence Day celebrations and Final Friday Market. Like for so many other organizations in town, if the Foundation needs help, she is just a phone call away.

Her commitment has not gone unnoticed. Linda was named a recipient of Mansfield's Max Colegrove 2020 Citizen of the Year Award, recognizing the kind of community service for which she has become known, quietly seeing what needs to be done and helping make it happen.

Now, Linda is extending that commitment to another generation. She has established the Linda Farrer Endowed Scholarship at the Mansfield Foundation, creating a permanent source of scholarship assistance for graduates of North Penn-Mansfield Jr./Sr. High School who pursue education after graduation. Specific scholarship criteria are currently being developed, with the first awards to follow.

There is something especially fitting about an endowment created by someone whose life has been so closely connected to her community. For Linda, this scholarship is another chapter in a lifetime of service, one that will continue creating opportunities far into the future.



What happens if we *weren't here?*

Life in our communities would go on. But for thousands of students, families, veterans, and neighbors, there would be a gap in the opportunities and support they could count on.

Each year, the Mansfield Foundation invests in people and places across our region.

WITHOUT THAT INVESTMENT, HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE DIFFERENCES WE WOULD SEE:



300+ SCHOLARSHIPS WOULD GO UNAWARDED

Students would lose critical financial support that makes college possible and debt a little lighter. Each year the Mansfield Foundation makes available approximately a half million dollars in student aid through more than three hundred scholarships and funds.



$51,000+ IN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE

Students facing unexpected crises, car repairs, medical bills or family emergencies would have nowhere to turn. Over the past two years, the Foundation provided additional funds to help students with hardship needs. As such, thirty-eight students were able to graduate.



400+ CHILDREN WOULD FACE WINTER WITHOUT A WARM COAT

Children in our region would face winter without the warmth and confidence of a new coat that fits. This year the Foundation is positioned to add two new elementary schools to our coat program, giving 2,500 students access to warm winter coats for those who need them.



MILITARY FAMILIES HAVE ONE LESS RESOURCE

Military families make extraordinary sacrifices in service to our country, yet many face very ordinary struggles at home such as putting food on the table, managing household expenses, and affording educational opportunities. Veterans and military families would have one less local resource for support.



LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD LOSE GRANTS

Innovative programs, small nonprofits, and community initiatives would have fewer resources to move forward. But the greater loss would be what we could build together. As more people invest in our communities through us, we grow and so does our collective ability to respond to pressing needs, support promising ideas, and invest in solutions that strengthen our region.



FUELU STATION WOULD NOT BE THERE FOR STUDENTS

Students facing food insecurity would lose an accessible, barrier-free source of food and basic necessities. For a student already balancing tuition, housing, transportation, and textbooks, access to a meal can make a meaningful difference. FuelU provides more than food. It removes one more barrier between a student and the education they are pursuing.

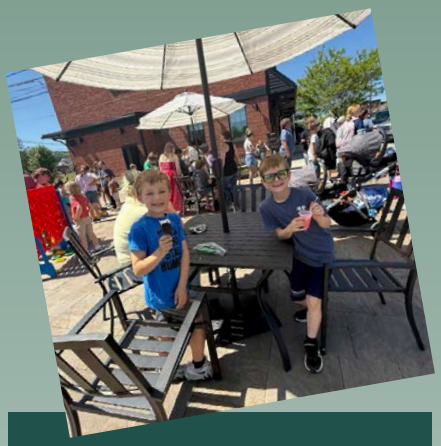
These are not just numbers. They are opportunities missed. Dreams delayed. Needs unmet.

However, because of you, we are here.
And together, we will leave it healthier for the next generation.

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Celebrating Community



School's Out for Summer

A special thank you to 'Til the Last Lick Ice Cream Truck, the Mansfield Borough Police, and Linda Farrer for helping us make the end of the school year extra special for our community!



Brisket & Beer Benefit

Our community showed up and brought their appetites! Another great Brisket & Beer event brought neighbors together in support of the Mansfield Community Development Fund.



Wellsboro's 5th Annual Comic Con

Creativity was on display at Wellsboro's 5th Annual Comic Con! Young artists stopped by the Foundation's "Make Your Own Bookmark" station, while comic book artist Will Torres made the day extra special by creating and donating an original illustration to the Foundation.













the Mansfield Way



Future Business Leaders of America

Supporting the next generation of leaders! A Mansfield Foundation grant helped Wellsboro Area High School FBLA students attend and compete at the 2026 state competition.



Jude, Ellie, and Ethan (pictured) earned first place in the state for Sales Presentation, and the Wellsboro FBLA team also received fifth place in the state for Growth of the Chapter.

Congratulations to the Wellsboro FBLA team on an outstanding showing! We are proud to support opportunities that help local students develop their skills, challenge themselves, and see just how far their hard work can take them.



Celebrating 250 Years, Mansfield Style

Mansfield celebrated America's 250th in true hometown style! Red, white, and blue filled the streets as our community came together for the Tioga County Fourth of July Parade with Mansfield Mayor Kathy Barrett joining the festivities as Lady Liberty.







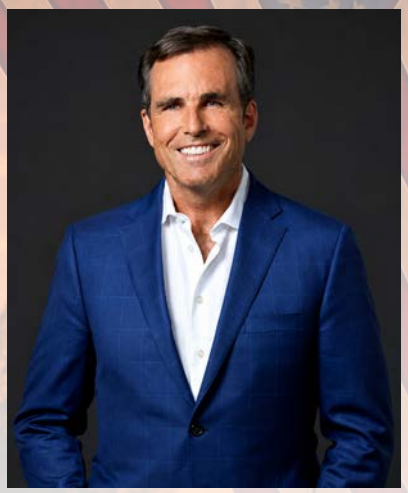
A Lasting Legacy. A New Beginning.

The new entrance of Smythe Park marks the successful completion of the Gate House project, made possible through community support and the Mansfield Foundation's fiscal sponsorship.

At the heart of the project was Brian Barden, a longtime Foundation board member, valued community leader, and the driving force behind the effort. Brian had the opportunity to see his vision become a reality before his passing. Today, the entrance stands as a lasting reminder of his dedication to Mansfield and what can be accomplished when a community comes together.



A NATION FOREVER GRATEFUL



From the Front Lines to a Life of Service

Bob Woodruff to join the Mansfield Foundation as guest speaker for the 2026 Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

For more than three decades, award-winning journalist and war correspondent Bob Woodruff has reported some of the world's most consequential stories. This November, he will bring a deeply personal story of his own to Mansfield as guest speaker for the Mansfield Foundation's Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

Woodruff, a former anchor of ABC's *World News Tonight*, has reported from more than sixty-five countries, covering conflicts and global events across the Middle East, Asia, Europe, and beyond. His distinguished career has earned him multiple Emmy Awards, George Foster Awards, the Alfred I. duPont–Columbia Award for war reporting, and the Daniel Pearl Award for Courage and Integrity in Journalism. However, it was one assignment in Iraq that would forever change the course of his life.

In 2006, while reporting in Taji, Iraq, Woodruff suffered a traumatic brain injury when a roadside bomb struck the vehicle in which he was traveling. The near-fatal injuries left him in a coma for 36 days. He eventually made a remarkable recovery and returned to journalism, bringing with him a new understanding of the challenges faced by injured service members and their families. That experience also gave rise to a new mission.

Inspired by his recovery and the struggles faced by wounded service members, Bob and his wife, Lee, established the Bob Woodruff Foundation. Since its inception, the organization has raised more than $160 million to assist injured service members, veterans, and their families as they transition back to civilian life.

His work has continued to bring attention to the experiences of those who serve. Among his recent projects is Operation Arctic Cure, a documentary exploring the experiences of military veterans using extreme Arctic expeditions as therapy for PTSD and trauma. He has also returned to Iraq with his son Mack for After the Blast, revisiting the place where he was injured and examining how the country has changed. It is this intersection of journalism, sacrifice, resilience, and service that makes Woodruff an especially meaningful guest for this year's Veterans Appreciation Dinner.

The Mansfield Foundation will welcome veterans on Friday, November 6, at the Mansfield Fire Hall for an evening dedicated to recognizing the men and women of our community who have served our nation. This year's theme, A Nation Forever Grateful, reflects a simple belief: gratitude for military service should extend beyond a single day or ceremony. It should be demonstrated in the way we remember, support, and stand beside veterans and military families throughout their lives.

Bob Woodruff's journey is a powerful reminder of that responsibility. His life was changed while telling the story of war. What followed was a decision to use that experience to help change the lives of those who have served in it.

For more information or to RSVP, contact ddavey@mansfieldfoundation.org or (570) 463-4040.

What will you *help make possible?*

Every gift becomes part of something larger.

Throughout this issue, you have seen what generosity makes possible, whether it is scholarships that open doors, emergency assistance that keeps students moving forward, support of our veterans and military families, investments in community organizations, and endowments that will continue giving for generations.

The next chapter is ours to build together.



CREATE THEIR OPPORTUNITY

Support scholarships and educational opportunities.



BE THERE WHEN IT MATTERS

Help students facing unexpected financial hardship.



STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITIES

Invest in grants that help local organizations and promising ideas grow.



BUILD SOMETHING THAT LASTS

Establish an endowment or include the Mansfield Foundation in your estate plans.

Ready to make a difference?

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WANT TO CREATE SOMETHING MORE PERSONAL?
Contact Mindy Engel at 570.463.4041 or mengel@mansfieldfoundation.org to talk confidentially about scholarships, endowments, legacy gifts, or an area of the community you care deeply about.

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Give Where it is Needed Most

Scholarships that open doors; grants that strengthen our communities; and emergency assistance that helps someone through an unexpected crisis — this is all part of our core mission.

Unrestricted gifts give the **Mansfield Foundation** the flexibility to put resources where they can make the greatest difference: by supporting the programs at the heart of our mission; and by responding quickly when an unexpected need arises. When circumstances cannot wait for the next grant cycle or fundraising campaign, these resources allow us to step in and help.

A gift to the Our Greatest Need Fund is not tied to one program or one moment. These unrestricted gifts strengthens all of our work and ensures we are ready for whatever our community needs next.

This is What Your Generosity Makes Possible

"Thank you for the beautiful new coat. Seeing my child so excited to pick out a coat they loved meant more to our family than you could know. It was warmth, kindness, and one less worry for us this winter."

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