The Emerald Foundation

Our Vision

Engage the community and non-profit organizations in a way that will Enrich and Empower lives. Everyone is welcome at The E.

Our Mission

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Emerald Non-Profit Programs

Autumn and Savannah Mertz (ages 9 and 11) are two young ladies who are changing the world. From making Meals-on-Wheels deliveries with their mom when they were younger, the two became sincerely interested in helping solve the problem of food insecurity and poverty. And so began Autumn’s Pantry, a food bank at The Emerald Foundation, open year-round on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, from 3:00-6:00 pm. All are welcome. Donations of non-perishable food items are accepted at The E.

Access to Opportunities

After-School Program Serving Manheim Township School District

Developed to benefit the growing number of students in the Manheim Township School District who are facing diverse challenges and obstacles, the Access to Opportunities After-School Program began its second year on September 17th. The program is based on the tenets of the whole child and focuses on being healthy, safe, supported, engaged, challenged and sustained. Currently serving 30 students from Brecht and Nitrauer Elementary Schools, the program is held three days each week from 3:45-6:00 p.m. Students are also fed each day, with an emphasis on nutritional education and building a foundation for sound eating habits.

Students receive programming through a partnership with Millersville University, which uses best practice literacy assessment tools and strategic, system one-on-one interventions. Periodically, Millersville students will also provide multicultural awareness learning experiences.

The program also promotes non-cognitive skills such as team building, self awareness, mindfulness, behavioral regulation, and decision making through partnerships created with local non-profit organizations, including: KPETS, Caron Treatment Center, yoga instruction with Hilary Reichler, Tennis Central, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Giant Foods, and Central PA Food Bank.

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EMERALD NON-PROFIT PROGRAMS

Rise 'N Shine

The E has developed a program called Rise 'N Shine which hosts an IU13 life-skills class for 18-21 year olds twice a week. Students in the class learn job skills such as basic cooking, general cleaning, washing dishes, and setting up/tearing down for events held at The E.

TRUE COLORS SHINE THROUGH AT THE E

This past summer, the Emerald Foundation started an afternoon pilot program called True Colors, a camp for adults 21-30 years old with intellectual disabilities. The goal of the camp was to provide an environment where these young adults can socialize and enjoy recreational activities, in addition to volunteering their time to the community and learning life skills. One of the skills they learned was cooking, which will enable them to live more independently, and in some cases, get future employment. Campers sold their baked goods at a Job Fair that was held at The E, with all proceeds going to providing materials needed for their program.

Reenie Panzini, pilot program director, was looking for a day program for her daughter, Sophia, who has special needs and had aged out of school. Panzini couldn't find anything that quite fit her needs, so she got together with some other mothers of children with special needs and they decided to create their own program. The initial pilot program served six individuals, but they are hoping to expand the program and the hours this winter in collaboration with Aaron's Acres.

Stay tuned for updates about True Colors. Questions may be directed to Lcubell@emeraldfoundationpa.org.

The E Kitchen Programs

Our brand new kitchen is being used to help the community! Thanks to the generous donations of the Singer Equipment Company, our kitchen is now operational. It is not only being used to service those who rent out the ballroom, but to help many others in the community. Lancaster County Children and Youth and Kilene Knitter, Nutritionist for GIANT Food Stores, teamed up on Tuesday, October 16th for a healthy cooking class in the Emerald Community Campus kitchen. Amy Kidd, Independent Living Coordinator, teaches these older youth in the foster care system important skills, like banking, housing, secondary education, and more; however, Tuesday night there was a focus on basic kitchen skills and nutrition as the youth prepared cinnamon sugar roasted chickpeas, apple cinnamon cookie energy bites, and veggie marinara spaghetti squash. They were provided with three recipes and educated on how to create the simple yet balanced dishes. The energy bites were definitely the favorite of the three! Although not many were excited to try the veggie marinara spaghetti squash at first, everyone, even the pickiest of veggie eaters, ended up really enjoying it!
THE E RENTAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM provides non-profits with office and operations space at a discounted rate at the Emerald Foundation Campus. Updates on our current partners include:

Parkinson’s Circle of Care Alliance has had a great start in their first year, gaining acceptance as an important non-profit serving our Parkinson's community. Their outings (Parkinson’s Awareness Walk, Barnstormers Parkinson’s Awareness night, and 2nd annual Beer Dinner) were sold out events and enjoyed by all that attended. The upcoming 2nd annual Symposium in November is expected to draw 400 people. They have been able to underwrite the beginnings of a new TAI CHI program at Rock Steady Boxing at The E and will be attending the Willow Valley Communities Wellness Fair where they will be selling Tim Hague Sr.’s new book “PERSEVERENCE.” They look forward to continued support and expansion of their mission to provide awareness, education, encouragement and action for the Parkinson’s community of South Central Pennsylvania.

We are learning every day that there are ways in which people with Parkinson’s disease can enhance their daily quality of life and even build impressive power, strength, flexibility and speed! By exercising with coaches who know the ropes, participants can fight their way out of the corner and start to feel and function better. Boxing works by moving bodies in all planes of motion while continuously changing the routine as participants progress through the workout. These classes have proven that anyone, at any level of Parkinson’s, can actually lessen their symptoms and lead a healthier/happier life. Over 90 Parkinson’s patients come to The E for Rock Steady Boxing training every week!

Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA hosted a Fall Product Rally at The E on September 12th. Girls participated in activities and tasting stations to try the nuts and candy and to get excited about the upcoming sale. Volunteer training also took place. For more information, contact 1-800-692-7816.

KPETS (Keystone Pet Enhanced Therapy Services) welcomed Sarah Zimmerman as Executive Director of Operations in September. She will be working closely with Karen Gerth, Founder and Executive Advisor, to learn the role and help continue to expand KPETS. Sarah served as a volunteer prior to accepting her position, and she is thrilled to help drive the KPETS mission of touching lives, warming hearts. In addition, KPETS is continuing to build new partnerships throughout our communities. One of the most recent partners is WellSpan in Ephrata, PA. WellSpan and KPETS collaborated to create a visit plan that is most beneficial to the patients and staff on site. Both groups are very excited to bring comfort and rehabilitation through human/animal interactions to this location.

YAP Program provides community based programming to underserved adolescents throughout Lancaster County who are in the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems and would benefit from additional support from an advocate or mentor. Program focus is on youth and family strengths and the development of long-term support systems throughout Lancaster County. Through partnerships with the youth, their families, and community stakeholders such as the Emerald Foundation, YAP seeks to empower their youth and assist with the development of pro-social relationships, positive community engagement, and progress towards personal enrichment. Once a week, 10-15 youths and their advocates meet at The E. They utilize the technology room and café for psycho-educational topics of discussion and enjoy recreational activities in the gym or on the exterior grounds of the campus. With collaborative efforts of the foundation staff and guidance from their advocates, these young people have gained additional growth, assisting with various community service projects at The E, such as light housekeeping tasks, painting, and assisting with Autumn’s Food Pantry.

Other full-time tenants at The E include:

Kathy’s Circle of Friends is a growing group in Central PA providing fun social activities and events for adults with different abilities. They have a free membership program, which includes an ID card and free t-shirt, and a savings of $1 at each KCOF event. Activity nights are held every 1st Thursday of the month. Activities range from bingo to concerts and everything in between. Dances are held every 3rd Thursday of the month. All 2018 events are 6-8 PM at The E. Cost is $6 for non-members and $5 for members. All paid attendees get a snack and drink, and are eligible to win prizes.

Non-Profit Rental Subsidy Program
Emerging Artists

**CURRENT:**

**THE HARDENED HEARTS**
*by David Leese*

Public Reception: Oct. 20, 5-7p.m. & Nov. 30, 5-7p.m. All are welcome!

The E is currently displaying “The Hardened Heart” Series; Breaking the Cycle of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The exhibit features limited-edition prints of 36 different plaster of paris hearts made by the late David Leese. These hearts represent unique and ever-evolving characters of our own human hearts. Similar to our hearts, these sculptures bear the scars and patches of a life well lived, changed forever by the losses, gains, joys and pains we experience in life. Examples include “A Broken Heart”, “A Greedy Heart”, and “A Wounded Heart.” In addition, two original plaster of paris hearts will be on display. The community is invited to come to one of the openings and/or to visit anytime between Oct. 1st–Dec. 15th, Mon.–Fri. from 10am–5pm. Two posters will be for sale. A blue heart reading “NO MORE hardened hearts from sexual assault” and a purple heart reading “NO MORE hardened hearts from domestic violence.” Fifty percent of the proceeds from the sales of the posters will go to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. These subjects, often difficult to discuss and hidden in the shadows for decades, affect people of all ages, genders, races, religions and economic backgrounds.

We encourage visitors to take photos holding these posters in front of the Hardened Hearts banner and post them on social media (#nomorehardenedhearts) to help spread the word against domestic violence and sexual assault.

**RECENTLY COMPLETED:**

**FLORAL ART**

*Multiple Artists*

Public Reception: June 3, 1-3p.m.

The art in this exhibit was on loan from the private collections of volunteers at our community campus. The art featured original museum quality paintings of flowers by some of Lancaster’s top artists, including Charles Demuth, Eva Stina Bender, David Burmbach, Myra Cox, Julie Farr, Robert Hustead, Gus Kermes, Bob Lyon, Dough Schoeem, and Anne Summy.

Communuity/Educational Programs

**Holocaust Memorial Wall**

This past March, the Emerald Foundation unveiled a Holocaust memorial wall which features and honors 10 families living or working in Lancaster County who have ties to the Holocaust. Each featured family has a panel showing pictures of relatives in the Holocaust, along with their stories. The Emerald Community Campus wanted to honor the history of our building, which was originally built as a Jewish Community Center in 1973. In addition to the family panels, a special panel denotes the history of the building. The display also features a special tree of life to honor all those who survived and perished in the Holocaust.

Just as “The Wall” sculpture outside the building reflects on a part of ancient Jewish history, this new art installation is a narrative of the recent and current Jewish history of families with ties to the Lancaster community. The wall is funded by the Elan family. Ori Elan is Vice President, Portfolio Manager, at Emerald Asset Management. His family is featured on a panel and he surprised his grandmother, a Holocaust survivor, by flying her in from Israel to see the memorial wall (they are pictured viewing the wall, above).

The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Emerald Foundation and PA Careerlink, hosted a second ‘pop-up’ job fair on June 27th at The E. The event was open to all job seekers and featured more than 100 companies, representing all industries, with open positions. There was no cost to attend and no registration required. The E’s True Colors, a pilot program for adults with intellectual disabilities, sold their own baked goods at the fair. All proceeds from sales went to providing materials needed for their program.

Lancaster P.A.T.H., in collaboration with Leadership Lancaster, held a volunteer fair at The E on June 7th. Attendees were able to meet and learn about the missions and volunteer needs of more than 30 non-profit agencies. The goal of the event, which was free and open to the public, was to match volunteer skill sets with the needs of participating organizations.
Hometown Heroes @ The Barnstormers

DAVID GREEN of Singer Equipment Co. came to visit The E upon a suggestion from a friend. After seeing our kitchen, which did not pass inspection, and hearing our dreams of be able to cook in it, David came back to us with a full plan to renovate it along with all equipment donated by the Singer organization. David and his wife, Kate, have two grown daughters. When he’s not working, David enjoys playing bass, hiking, scuba diving and mountain biking.

DAN JURMAN, CEO of Community Action Partnership, got his start in non-profit work over 30 years ago, providing summer enrichment programming to at-risk youth. For the past 17 years, he’s served in senior leadership roles in non-profits of various sizes and missions. In addition to his multitude of volunteer roles, Dan is also an adjunct professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary. Dan and his wife, Rachel, have three children.

AUTUMN & SAVANNAH MERTZ, ages 9 and 13, are students at Lititz Christian School. After helping their mother with Meals-on-Wheels deliveries, they became interested in helping in any way they could. After forgoing birthday presents to ask for money to purchase food and backpacks for local students, donating to worldwide hunger projects and more, they started Autumn’s Pantry, a food bank housed at The E.

BOB MCKANE retired after 31 years as a nurse anesthetist, raising 3 boys, and countless hours being active in the community. Soon after, he got the bug to volunteer again. He began helping with the physical training of Parkinson’s patients and now volunteers full-time for NeuroSci fit and helps coach 11 classes/week for people with Parkinson’s. He and his wife established the Parkinson’s Circle of Care Alliance in 2017.

COMMUNITY/EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Theater Event
Servant Stage Company presented The Marvelous Wonderettes featuring the top hits of the 50s and 60s. It was a cotton candy colored musical trip down memory lane to the 1958 Springfield high school prom where we met The Wonderettes, four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. All performances were Pay What You Will on February 16-18, 23-25 and March 2-4 at The E.

Panel Discussion
A panel discussion from Jewish Family Service of Lancaster, entitled “What’s Special in Special Needs? Services and Rights for Special Needs Students,” was held on September 20th at The E. The program, for educators, parents, students and the community at large, focused on addressing appropriate services for students who have a physical or intellectual/developmental disability, gifted, refugees, and non-native speaking students.

WHAT’S SPECIAL IN SPECIAL NEEDS?
UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 16

It’s Extraordinary Give Time!
This November 16th, The Emerald Foundation is participating in “The Extraordinary Give”, Lancaster County’s largest day of giving from 12 midnight to 11:59 pm. Make an on-line donation to the Emerald Foundation via Extragive.org and every dollar will be stretched by Lancaster County Community Foundation’s shared stretch pool of $500,000!

The E will host the ExtraGive Extravaganza, a free family-friendly event, during the Extraordinary Give on November 16th from 4-8pm. The event will include games, live animals provided by KPETS, face painting, live music, arts and crafts for children, STEM activities and more! Food and drinks will be available for purchase from Lancaster’s favorite food trucks and a cash bar.

The ExtraGive Extravaganza’s activities will be hosted by The E tenants, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, KPETS, Girl Scouts, Merakey, Youth Advocate Program, Rock Steady Boxing, Parkinson’s Circle of Care Alliance and the T. Alexander Foundation. A free drink ticket will be given to everyone who checks in at The E on Facebook and likes The Emerald Foundation’s Facebook page.

NOVEMBER 17

2nd Annual Parkinson’s Expo featuring an internationally known sports figure!!
Jimmy Choi, renowned American Ninja Warrior competitor, is coming to the Susquehanna Valley. Hear about his ANW journey and learn about how he manages his Parkinson’s Disorder while accomplishing amazing challenges along the way. Also speaking will be Dr. Stephen Gollomp, Neurologist, Movement Disorder specialist, Neurophysiologist, member of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, affiliated with Lankenau Medical Center, Bryn Mawr Hospital and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. For tickets go to www.parkinsonscca.org and scroll to EVENTS. For more information, please contact Bob McKane at (717) 568-8448.

Through a collaboration with the North American Scholastic Esport Foundation (NASEF) the Emerald Foundation is bringing amateur esports to the Lancaster community. By providing a structured framework that connects play with meaningful learning, The E will be bringing opportunities for all students to use esports as a platform to acquire critical communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills needed to thrive in work and in life. The program will start as an esports club in many local high schools this fall. So far, La Academia, Lancaster Catholic, and Conestoga Valley have signed up to participate. Stay tuned for more details!
RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Emerald Community Campus rents out the following spaces:

**BALLROOM/AUDITORIUM**
Seats up to 220 people with round tables or 400 people theatre-style. Perfect for non-profit fundraisers, holiday parties, presentations, speakers, training, etc.

**LOUNGE**
Great space for standing events such as cocktail parties. Seating for 20 with the addition of two round tables.

**CAFE**
Flexible room with rectangular tables that can be configured multiple ways. Equipped with two TVs that can be used to project presentations. Seats up to 30. Great space for training, small gatherings, meetings, etc.

**TECHNOLOGY ROOM**
Flexible room with rectangular tables that can be configured multiple ways. Equipped with TVs that can be used to project presentations, as well as six computers. Seats up to 30. Great space for training, meetings, etc.

**CONFERENCE ROOM**
Seats 12. Perfect for small meetings.

**GYMNASIUM**
Perfect for sports practices. No seating or observational space.

**PRICING:** We do not negotiate pricing. We have established pricing for each location which varies based on day of week and time of day. In addition, we have special subsidized pricing for all non-profit organizations (501(c)3 documentation is required).

For rental of the Ballroom/Auditorium or Lounge, please contact our Event Director, Leraunt van Loon at events@emeraldfoundationpa.org or (717) 799-9416.

For rental of all other rooms, please contact our Building Director, Suzie Zeigler, at szeigler@emeralde.org.

For non-profit programming space, please contact our Executive Director, Laurie Cubell, at Lcubell@emeralde.org or (717) 413-3641.
The second annual Emerald Foundation Central PA Beer Fest was held on Friday, July 27th at our community campus. The event raised roughly $5,000 for our “Access to Opportunities” after-school meal and education program, which supports at-risk children in grades 2-4 from the Manheim Township School District.

Adults 21 and over could purchase wrist bands for unlimited sampling or tickets for individual samples of beer from Lancaster County brewers and distributors including Iron Hill Brewery, Voodoo Brewery, Rieker Bottle Works, Kirschner Beverage Distributor, and others. Food tickets were good for one dinner plate with Italian sausage, pork wings, chicken barbeque and other entrees from which to select. Food trucks were also on-site to offer french fries, ice cream and cupcakes for sale.

After sampling, guests cast their votes for their favorite brew. Winners were announced at the end of the event. Entertainment included live music from a variety of local artists and games such as corn hole. A silent auction was also held.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY BIG BAND

Guests were treated to the Big Band music of Corsair Blue Jazz Orchestra at The E on St. Patrick’s Day. The night included music, dancing, hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar with signature green drinks. Tickets were $20 and approximately $2,500 was raised for our “Access to Opportunities” after-school program for at-risk children.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Emerald Foundation relies on the generosity of our friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Many space naming and program sponsorship opportunities exist. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about these opportunities.

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