



Becoming a Catalyst for Collaboration

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**Working Together
for Community Wellbeing**

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Mission

To identify and address the diverse health care needs of the greater Sharon regional area. Among the Foundation's primary services will be the promotion of collaborative partnerships and programs, capacity building, and grants which will focus on and invest in all people impacted by health-related needs throughout their lives.

Values

- ◆ Integrity
- ◆ Embrace & Drive Change
- ◆ Build open and honest relationships
- ◆ Serve and support our community
- ◆ Welcome innovative approaches to health & community wellbeing
- ◆ Challenge assumptions
- ◆ Create meaningful change

Vision

**WORKING
TOGETHER FOR
COMMUNITY
WELLBEING**

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A MESSAGE

We are very proud to share the first annual report of the Buhl Regional Health Foundation (BRHF) which provides a review of the work performed by BRHF beginning in the spring of 2016 and ending in winter of 2017.

The board of BRHF includes members of the board of former Sharon Regional Health System, board members of the former Sharon Regional Hospital Foundation, and respected community members. The new board worked to educate itself about foundation operations, more specifically expertise pertaining to health conversion foundations. According to an article published by the University of Michigan in 2016, health conversion foundations have three defining elements of health:

- ⇒ generate new ideas for how to promote community wellness, physical, mental, and emotional well-being of individuals*
- ⇒ have a local orientation and work to tailor their solutions to the specific health needs and interests of their communities*
- ⇒ work to mobilize and financially support local collaborative organizations focused on health improvement*

Buhl Regional Health Foundation is one of 40 health conversion foundations across Pennsylvania. As a new foundation, we worked to create a structure that will support our initial steps and provide a basis for our purpose and efforts to impact the communities we serve today and into the future.

Our board members created a mission to focus on collaborative partnerships, programs, capacity building, and investing in people impacted by health-related needs throughout their lives. They understand the complexities of having a successful business model to ensure that operational functions of BRHF are met and that we are continuing to serve our community. Human resource policies were developed in support of the continuance of BRHF's adequate and competent staff to manage daily operations.

Our Finance and Investment Committees work to prepare an annual budget that enables BRHF to operate in a cost-efficient manner. They ensure the prudent investment of funds in accordance with IRS regulation and the State of Pennsylvania to provide a sustainable level of spending for both operating needs and a grants-making budget.

Our Grants Committee has ten members, including staff, who work to review the letters of inquiry that lead to evaluations of full grant proposals. They discuss and learn from each other when approving grants that align with BRHF's mission.

Our Audit Committee was established to assist the board of directors in its overseeing of BRHF. These committee members worked with a certified and independent accounting firm to

review internal controls and ensure that BRHF meets or exceeds the current standards of BRHF's regulatory entities.

Our Governance Committee functions to assure we adhere to principles of good governance, comply with bylaws, policies, procedures, and offer structured support for the grants programs.

Our board members assisted with the planning of both forums and BRHF's publications. Many attended both community forums and participated in panel discussions and the creative thinking activities to become more aware of how we can improve the health of our community.

We are proud of our early accomplishments to develop the structure of the foundation and build the grant process. However, the real opportunity we have to improve the health and wellbeing of our community exists not only in the formation of a new health foundation, but in the partnerships we develop in our community to work together to focus on and invest in all people impacted by health-related needs throughout their lives.

Michaelene Gula

Executive Director



Ruthanne Beighley

Board Chair



—STRATEGIC PLAN— GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal 1: Improve access to health care that addresses the physical and mental health needs of the residents in the BRHF area.

- * Identify health care access issues impacting health and well-being of the community.
- * Educate the BRHF Board on emerging issues, challenges, and opportunities facing community health and wellbeing.
- * Promote general community awareness about community health needs.

Goal 2: Strengthen the capacity of community non-profit agencies to improve community health and wellbeing.

- * Educate non-profit community about the mission of BRHF.
- * Offer routine capacity building activities for community groups and non-profits to strengthen agency ability to serve the community.

Goal 3: Strengthen the capacity of BRHF to be the catalyst for improving health and community wellbeing.

- * Conduct the business of BRHF in an ethical, transparent, and fiscally responsible manner.
- * Begin fiscal investment in the community to support transformative change.
- * Support Board functioning to shepherd the BRHF legacy.

TIMELINE of EVENTS

BUHL REGIONAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

2016—2017



Buhl Regional Health Foundation, formerly known as Sharon Regional Health Foundation, is affiliated with the former non-profit Sharon Regional Hospital. On April 1, 2014, the hospital was sold to the for-profit hospital corporation known as Community Health Systems. In correlation, the non-profit Sharon Regional Hospital, was renamed Christian H. Buhl Legacy Trust and tasked with managing the resulting and remaining assets.

On May 4, 2016, a hearing was held at the Mercer County Courthouse that determined and approved the transfer of \$21 million from the Christian H. Buhl Legacy Trust to the Buhl Regional Health Foundation which may exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of Pennsylvania upon nonprofit corporations including but not limited to the following:

1. To participate so far as circumstance warrants in any activity designed to and carried out to promote the general health of persons in the greater Sharon Regional Area.
2. To identify and address the diverse health care needs of the greater Sharon Regional area including promoting collaborative partnerships and programs, capacity building, and grant making that will focus on the investment of all people impacted by health-related needs.
3. To serve at all times as a community asset for the betterment of the community.



The hearing, held by Orphans Court Judge, Christopher St. John and Deputy Attorney General Gene Hearne outlined the work that had been completed and plans to manage the assets going forward to address health care needs of the communities served by the former non-profit hospital.

→ **June 2016:** Board Retreat held with Louis Baccaria, the President of The Phoenixville Foundation, who provided insights about foundation operations, policies, procedures, and potential programs.



→ **July 2016:** First fiscal year began. / BRHF moved its location to 701 Pierce Avenue in Sharpsville, PA. / A part-time administrative assistant was hired. / Website creation began an online presence.

→ **September 2016:** Over 100 community individuals attended a public open house and ribbon cutting ceremony.

→ **October 2016:** BRHF's first Community Health Forum was held at Penn State Shenango Valley campus for nearly 180 guests to share thoughts about the health determinants & needs of our community.



→ **January 2017:** The first Action Teams developed to continue the discussions that were instrumental in establishing a connected health directory and grant process.

→ **March 2017:** The Administrative Assistant was promoted to be the Grants and Program Manager and became responsible for the design and creation of the entire grant process, procedure, and portal.

→ **May 2017:** A new Administrative Assistant was hired to improve office functions and organization.

→ **July 2017:** The official online grants application process launched with LOI requests from 35 interested applicants.



→ **October 2017:** Eight grant applicants were chosen to receive a total of \$172,000 in initial grant funding from BRHF.

→ **November 2017:** Inaugural Grantees celebrated at a BRHF luncheon as they received their grant awards. / At the second

Community Health Forum, over 100 people examined creative thinking as a means to collaboratively impact the health challenges in our area.



→ **December 2017:** The Spring 2018 Grant Cycle opened for applicants to submit their LOI for grant requests through the Grant Portal on the BRHF website. / Action Teams and their



Chairpersons for 2018 were identified to begin strategizing collaborative grant requests in alignment with the BRHF grant application process.

Inaugural BRHF Grantees

Fall 2017 Grant Cycle Awarded in November 2017

The community non-profit agencies will use the grants for health or health-related programs in the Foundation's service area.

Agencies, their programs, and grant awards are:

Big Brother Big Sisters of the Mahoning Valley, Site-based Mentoring Program, a Big Brothers, Big Sisters endeavor to be expanded into Brookfield and Masury, OH, **\$5,000**

Buhl Community Recreation Center, Buhl Child Development Center, Sharon-based facility with this new program of a PA State Licensed Child Care, Preschool and School age programs for those ages 12 months to 12 years, **\$75,000**

Family Services of Northwest PA, FSNWPA Re-entry Program, Sharon-based operation assisting those released from incarceration and their return to society and their families, **\$10,000**

Farrell Area School District, Farrell Backpack Program, involves 50 students who teachers think might not have enough to eat at home; every Friday, the students will get a bag filled with enough food to get them through the weekend, **\$12,500**

Mercer County Communities That Care, Community Mobilizer, assesses youth at risk and finds treatment to help, **\$22,500**

Mercer County Criminal Justice Advisory Board, Crisis Intervention Team, crisis intervention training for advisory board members and others, **\$17,000**

Potential Development, PD's Place, works with young children on the autism spectrum in Trumbull County, OH, **\$5,000**

UPMC Horizon Community Health Foundation, Medical Equipment Recycling Program, (MERP), Farrell facility accepting and lending durable medical equipment to those in need, **\$25,000**

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2017

Assets	<u>2017</u>
Cash	\$ 920,288
Externally Restricted	142,975
Investments	28,943,837
Other	<u>6,850</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 30,013,950</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,261
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	\$ 29,859,714
Temporarily Restricted	<u>142,975</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 30,002,689</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 30,013,950</u>

Statement of Activities

June 30, 2017

Revenues	<u>2017</u>
Investment Income	\$ 2,760,123
Contributions	52,695
Other	<u>13,337</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 2,826,155</u>
Expenses	
Administrative & General	\$ 368,543
Grants	<u>- (a)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 368,543</u>
Revenues Over (Under)	
Expenses	<u>\$ 2,457,612</u>

(a) Total grants of \$172,000 were awarded in September 2017. Additional grants are to be awarded in March 2018.

Thinking Ahead...

The 5 Health Challenges that the BRHF 2018 Action Teams will work together to impact are:



Addiction

**Communication &
Connecting Resources**

Healthy Food

Mental Health

Transportation



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