

# ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020



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# 2019/2020 STRATEGIC PLAN: 4 GOALS

Goal 1: Develop relationships and partnerships to serve and meet the needs of our community.

Goal 2: Select a wide-range of diverse projects that improve the quality of life in Schuylkill County.

Goal 3: Create a unified communications strategy that conveys clear, targeted information to various audiences.

Goal 4: Continuously improve processes, partnerships, and policies to ensure intentionality and purposefulness.

For more information and specifics on initiatives please visit www.schuylkillvision.com





### **VISION PROJECTS**

Schuylkill County's VISION helps to create and facilitate effective, focused projects and public and private coalitions to address Schuylkill County issues that affect our daily quality of life.



## **POWER OF PARTNERSHIP**

VISION partners with organizations across the county to provide presentations, activities, education, and program facilitation in the areas of quality of life, health and wellness, arts and culture, and the importance of community. Key projects this year included:

#### After school programs: ACHIEVE

Provide health and wellness programming to afterschool projects across Schuylkill County.

**Opioid Response Committee:** St. Luke's University Health Network Project to reduce morbidity and mortality associated with opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance abuse disorder (SUD) in the high-risk community by strengthening the organizational and infrastructural capacity through a multi-sector consortium.

#### Healthy Schuylkill Communities: Lehigh Valley Health Network

Programs focus on improving community health with projects that come from the communities.

Don't Text and Drive Campaign: Clinical Outcomes Group, Inc

Anti texting and driving campaign conducted during at high school football season and on social media

Schuylkill County Youth Summit: Schuylkill County Commissioners and business sponsors

Engage, equip, and support our youth to create a great future for Schuylkill County **Schuylkill Resiliency Project**: Schuylkill County Mental Health and Developmental Services and Drug & Alcohol Programs

**Health for All**: Schuylkill County Mental Health and Developmental Services and Drug & Alcohol Programs

Wellness programming for staff and clients at Schuylkill Women in Crisis and Servants to All

**Schuylkill on the Move**: Schuylkill Conservation District, Explore Schuylkill, Schuylkill Conservancy, Schuylkill County Historical Society, and Schuylkill Hikes.

Mission to bring those together interested in promoting health and fitness through walking. Includes volunteer led hikes and PA WalkWorks.













Set your phone aside when you go for a ride. (Your dad's a poet, you didn't even know it.) 5 TO DRIVE No Cell Phone No Extra Passengers, No Speeding, No Alcohol and Always Buckle-up

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### **BEING SOCIAL**

While we were off to a good start in 2019, we, like many, had to change gears and how we operate in 2020. The Coronavirus pandemic challenged many organizations and communities but also domonstrated our ability to adapt and forge on. Even if that adaptation means going virtual and relying heavely on the internet, Zoom, and social media to continue our messsage and programming to better Schuylkill County.

Can now find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest and LinkedIn!





### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

To align with our mission and best serve Schuylkill County, VISION staff dedicates time to organizations across Schuylkill County.

Schuylkill River Greenways, Board of Directors Schuylkill County Visitors Bureau, Board of Directors Walk In Art Center, Board of Directors Child Development Inc, Board of Directors Schuylkill Prevention Partnership, Member Schuylkill Immunization Coalition, Member Interfaith Health Network, Member Luzerne/Schuylkill Workforce Development Board, Youth Committee Member Mental Health/Developmental Services Advisory Board, Member Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Non Profit Committee, Member Get Outdoors PA, Community Partner PA Recreation and Parks Society, Member YEA Schuylkill Chamber, Member Local Emergency Planning Committee, Member Community Organizations Active in Disaster, Member Voluntary Organizations Against Disaster, Member



## **MOBILIZERS: FISCAL SPONSORSHIP**

VISION provides tax exempt, nonprofit corporation status that provides infrastructure and the ability to receive and disburse funds for programs that may or may not be incorporated.VISION provides these services to projects in the areas of: Quality of Life, Health and Wellness, Arts and Culture, Economic Growth, and Importance of Community.

Current Fiscal Sponsorship Projects include:

**Block of Art** is an inclusive arts organization that holds an annual spring arts festival in downtown Pottsville and works with artists and art organizations on community arts events and projects throughout the year in Schuylkill County.

Suicide Prevention Task Force is a committee with a mission to prevent suicide through public education and awareness, community action and local grassroots advocacy.

More information about these projects and the Fiscal Sponsorship program can be found at www.schuylkillvision.com/fiscal-sponsorship.html

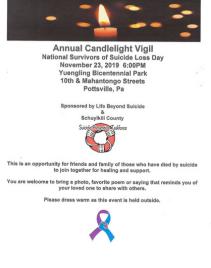


2019 BLOCK OF ART Pottsville, PA



The Suicide Prevention Task Force of Schuylkill County





### FUNDRAISING

2019/2020 demonstrated the resilience of our organization and supporters. We are humbled by the support of our primary fundraisers: Halloween Hustle 5k Schuylkill Gives

Due to Coronavirus Pandemic our "VISION of Beauty" Wahhab Art Raffle has been postponed until December 8, 2020, but tickets available until raffle day.



# 2019/2020 EVENT SPONSORS

Schuylkill County's VISION's work is made possible through grants, donations and sponsorships. Two of the 2019/2020 biggest sponsored events included Schuylkill County Youth Summit and our annual Halloween themed 5k, formerly known as Halloween Hustle.

- Explore Schuylkill M&T Bank PPL Electric Utilities Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce St. Luke's University Health Network Evans Delivery Company, Inc. Hidden River Credit Union Schuylkill County Municipal Authority Mountain Valley Schuylkill County Bar Association Schuylkill Area Community Foundation Gratz Bank Lehigh Carbon Community College Hess Catering
- Hydro Lehigh Valley Health Network Riverview Bank Greens Communications Penn State University WalMart Ateeco, Inc. Alfred Benesch Schuylkill Conservation District NEPA Manufacturers & Employers Association Schuylkill YMCA Schuylkill River Greenways Gym Jam Walk In Art Center



### **CREATING CONNECTIONS**

Our mission is to moblize community resources to help create a better future for Schuylkill County.

Schuylkill County's VISION does this by building effective collaborations, coordinating community assets, finding resources to support the work of the collaboration, and communicating progress to the community.



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