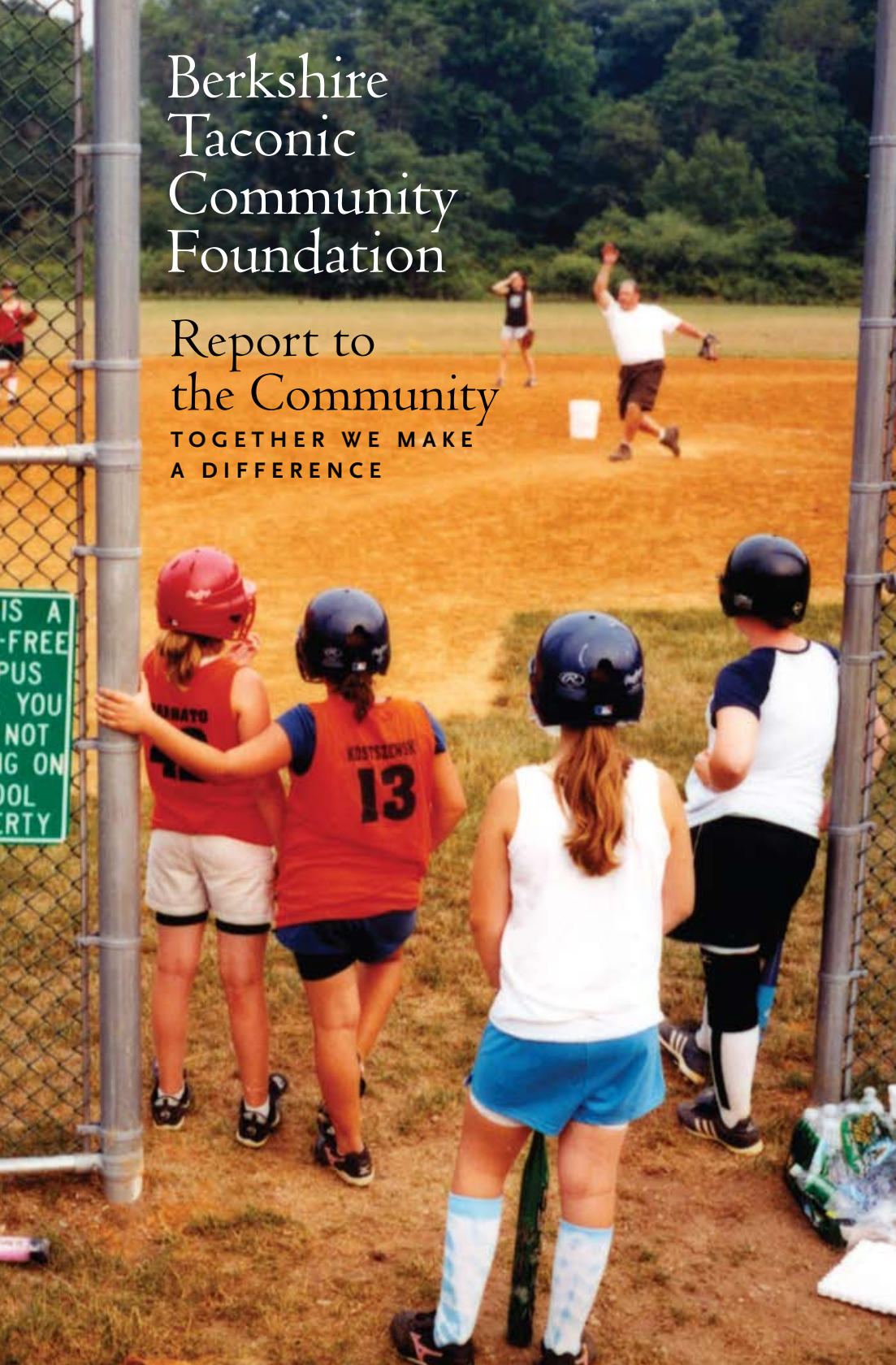


Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

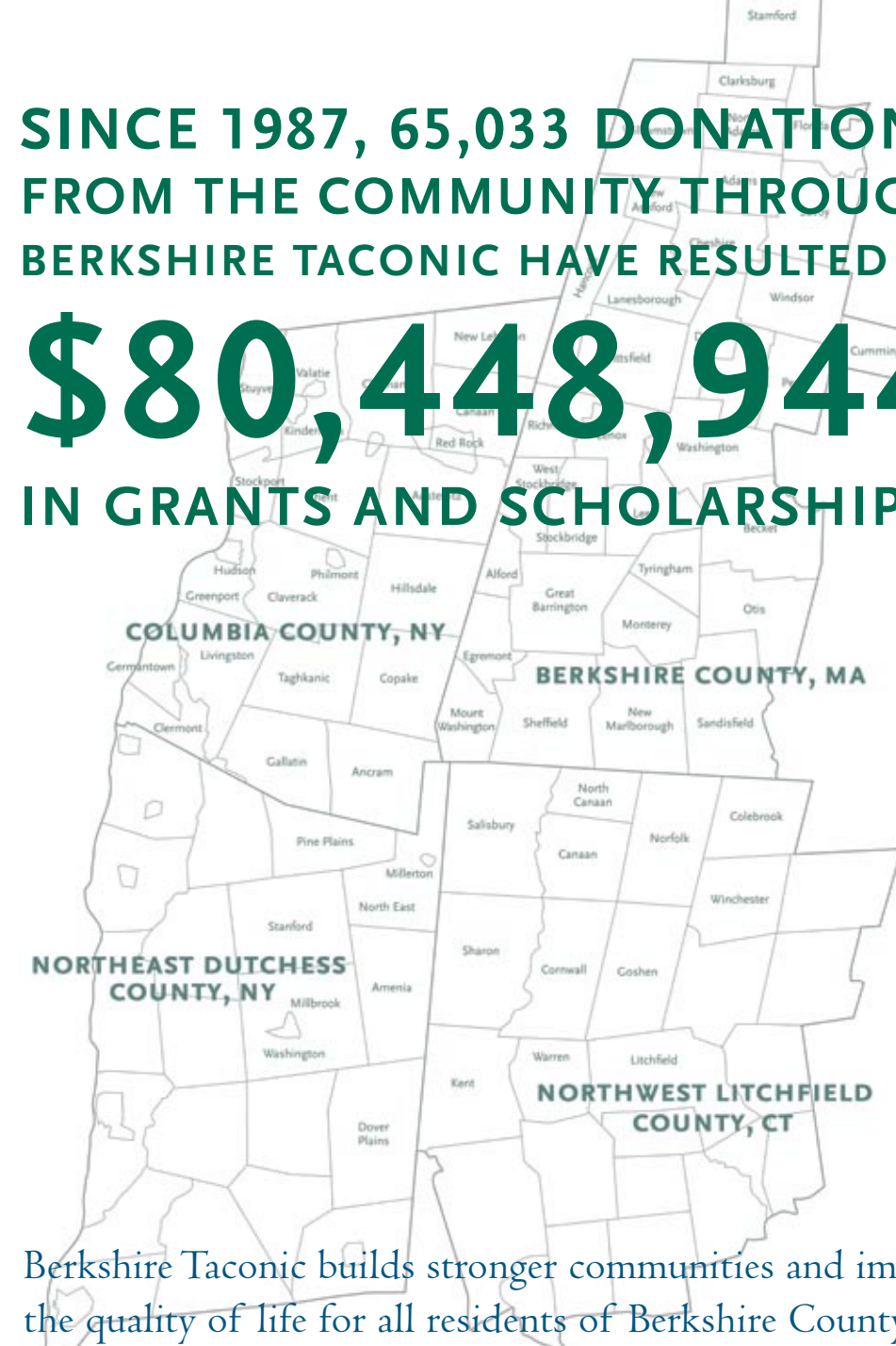
Report to
the Community
TOGETHER WE MAKE
A DIFFERENCE



SINCE 1987, 65,033 DONATIONS
FROM THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
BERKSHIRE TACONIC HAVE RESULTED IN

\$80,448,944

IN GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



Berkshire Taconic builds stronger communities and improves the quality of life for all residents of Berkshire County, MA; Columbia County and northeast Dutchess County, NY; and northwest Litchfield County, CT.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation
Sustains the Heart and Soul of Our Region

500+ FUNDS

CHANNEL CRITICALLY IMPORTANT RESOURCES TO OUR COMMUNITIES

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Providing a safety net for the most vulnerable among us Sheltering victims of domestic abuse • Helping immigrant families navigate social service agencies • Providing meals for senior citizens • Helping individuals afford their medications • Funding area hospitals, mental health facilities, substance abuse programs and hospice care • Strengthening childcare centers

EDUCATION

Helping to transform good educations into great ones for our children

34 enrichment funds for the region's public schools • 41 college scholarships and travel grants open a world of opportunity for area students

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Strengthening connections between people and the land Supporting local farms and community gardens • Building trails • Preserving forest lands and open space

ARTS AND CULTURE

Preserving and sustaining the region's extraordinary cultural life Providing grants to individual artists • Supporting historic preservation initiatives • Funding the region's many venerable, as well as emerging, cultural institutions

NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE

Training area nonprofits to think strategically, govern effectively and operate efficiently Nonprofit Learning Program • Scholarships to Harvard Business School's Strategic Perspectives in Nonprofit Management Program • Stronger Futures (a capacity building program) • Ongoing management seminars

YOUR GIFT OF ANY AMOUNT CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us at info@berkshiretaconic.org.

Donor-Advised Funds Recommend grants to support your most cherished towns, organizations or programs both here and around the country

Designated Funds Create an endowment for your favorite nonprofit organization to ensure its long-term financial stability

Heritage Funds Nonprofit organizations build their endowments in active partnership with Berkshire Taconic to ensure lasting support of their missions

Scholarship Funds Create scholarships to benefit students of any age, who attend a designated school, study a particular field or live in a certain geographic area

Field of Interest Funds Establish an area of interest (e.g. youth, the arts, environmental protection, services for the elderly) and recommend grants through Berkshire Taconic to related projects

Berkshire Taconic's Area Funds Sustain the quality of life in a specific beloved town or geographic region by contributing to its area fund

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Provide grants to those in our communities who need a hand with overdue utilities, medical bills, short-term housing costs and transportation problems

Legacy Funds Include charitable giving in your will and direct it to a fund at Berkshire Taconic to distribute to causes, individuals or organizations of your choosing

We are better together. We do better together. Join and make a difference.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, NY

8,871 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS benefit annually from **ARTS AND HUMANITIES FUNDS IN SIX SCHOOL DISTRICTS** with funding for visits to museums, tickets to theater and dance performances, student newspapers, photography workshops and musical instruments.

230 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$223,846 AWARDED TO COLUMBIA COUNTY STUDENTS.

\$44,246 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS awarded to 49 area students.

NORTHEAST DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

1,361 GRANTS TOTALING \$3,087,459 AWARDED TO 379 ORGANIZATIONS and 91 INDIVIDUALS

Of this total, the Northeast Dutchess Fund has **GIVEN \$556,474 SINCE 2002.**

Amenia, Clinton Corners, Dover Plains, Millbrook, Millerton, North East, Pine Plains, Stanford, Washington, Wassaic, Winddale and their hamlets

In 2007, the Northeast Dutchess Fund created a **MOBILE SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM** that provides two bilingual advocates who travel to meet with clients in seven towns in the northeast corridor.

THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED MORE THAN 500 FAMILIES.

Since 2005, the Jane Lloyd Fund has **RAISED \$237,263** from the community and **DONATED \$51,907** to help local cancer patients and their families handle day-to-day living expenses as they undergo treatment.

INITIATED \$25,000,000 FOUNDATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH.

The Education Collaborative, a joint effort by six Education Enrichment Funds **SERVING 2100 STUDENTS** of the Region One School District, **RAISED \$1,000,000+** from the community for a **PERMANENT ENDOWMENT** and has distributed **GRANTS TOTALING \$867,489** to support programs in area schools.

Since 2004, the Northwest Corner Fund has sponsored the **NONPROFIT LEARNING PROGRAM** to provide leadership, training and consultation in nonprofit governance, management and fund development for 140 board and staff leaders from 35 local groups.

NORTHWEST LITCHFIELD COUNTY, CT

6,057 GRANTS TOTALING \$15,442,501 awarded to **597 ORGANIZATIONS** and **482 INDIVIDUALS.**

Bantam, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Cornwall Bridge, Falls Village, Goshen, Kent, Lakeville, Lime Rock, Litchfield, Norfolk, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Taconic, Warren, West Cornwall and Winchester

YOU

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Over \$80 million invested in our region since 1987

800 NORTH MAIN STREET
SHEFFIELD, MA 01257
413.229.0370
WWW.BERKSHIRETACONIC.ORG

Cover photo by John Dolan; Design donated by Millie Rossman Kidd

\$4,290,048 AWARDED TO 389 NONPROFITS AND 171 INDIVIDUALS

Of this total, the Fund for Columbia County and Quailwood Fund awarded **428 GRANTS TOTALING \$821,140** for local programs and services in the arts and culture, education, environment, health and social services.

Education Enrichment Funds gave **1,565 GRANTS TOTALING \$1,317,980** to support vital programs not covered by tax dollars for our public schools.

\$31,633,919 AWARDED to 1,670 organizations and 1,420 individuals throughout Berkshire county.

16 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES in Berkshire County, such as the **GREAT BARRINGTON FIREFIGHTER ASSOCIATION** and **BERKSHIRE WIRELESS**, which has provided **2,700 LAPTOPS** to middle school students and teachers in Pittsfield and North Adams, MA.

999 STUDENTS have received **\$1,269,199 IN SCHOLARSHIPS.**

BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MA