

Community Connections

Sanofi in Pennsylvania

Fall 2026: Cultivating Hope

Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser: Hope Starts Here!

Proving that Hope Starts Here, the non-profit organizations chosen by the 2026 selection committee each went home with funding to empower the life-changing work they do in the community. More than 200 attendees enjoyed delicacies from 20 of their favorite Pocono-area restaurants and bakers. Thank you to all who cooked, baked, and attended, and a special shout-out to the generous sponsors who make it all possible.



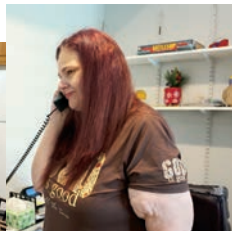
▲ *Sanofi's Rakesh Kakkar (far left), Joe Gilliland (fourth from left), and Phillip St. James (glasses and red jacket) join the four winning nonprofit leaders with their ceremonial checks representing more than $100,000 in grants awarded by the 2026 Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser. With checks: (L to R) Pocono Area Transitional Housing (PATH) represented by Emma Evans and Kandia Palmer, Monroe County Public Library represented by Cheryl Brice, Developmental Education Services of Monroe County represented by Denise Summa, and Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects represented by Tanya Guyer and Janet Burton.*

This issue of Community Connections features the four nonprofits awarded grant funding at the 23rd Annual Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser in September. We also highlight one of Sanofi's numerous volunteer outings in the community, this one for the Garden of Giving in Saylorsburg.

Four Nonprofits Funded by the 23rd Annual Pocono Mountains Community Fundraiser

Pocono Area Transitional Housing (PATH) received $38,840 for their Family Stabilization program, which provides temporary housing and intensive case management services to homeless families with children in Monroe County. By strengthening vulnerable families, the program contributes to a healthier, safer, and more stable Monroe County community.





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Monroe County Public Library received $5,000 to support their goal of becoming a dementia-friendly library, including the development of specialized dementia care programs and dementia friendly memory kits. This project will benefit Monroe County by enhancing caregiver support, promoting cognitive engagement, and fostering a more inclusive, dementia-aware community.







Developmental Education Services of Monroe County received $33,840 to assist with SOAR (Success, Opportunity, Achievement, and Readiness), a pre-employment training program for adults with developmental disabilities, and/or autism. Funding will support program materials, training resources, certification costs, and staffing needed to deliver these services year-round.



Pennsylvania Elks Major Projects received $22,340 for the PA Elks Home Service program nurse, who provides free in-home advocacy and service coordination for residents with developmental disabilities. The program benefits Monroe County by ensuring that residents receive timely, personalized support, reducing crises, and strengthening long-term independence.

A Harvest of Giving

Sanofi people are very active in the community. Employee-volunteer Tammy Graeber leads the charge to harvest food for the Garden of Giving. More than 526 pounds of produce were harvested in one Sunday alone! Shown here is just one of many food pantry deliveries that went out this past summer to feed our neighbors in the Mountainhome area. The Christian Awareness Ministries Ecumenical (C.A.M.E.) food pantry distributes food every Monday morning at that pantry. Those involved in the harvest of these beautiful and nutritious vegetables include Lisa Ambrose, her son Mark, and Edward the transportation driver for the C.A.M.E. food pantry. Alan Jackson, Alan Jackson, Jr., and his wife Irish also volunteered.



