

MEMBER VOICES

Meredith A. Huffman Executive Director & Secretary of the Board Genuardi Family Foundation

In her own words...

Among the grantmakers I most admire are . . .

Russ Johnson (North Penn Community Health Foundation) and Lou Beccaria (Phoenixville Community Health Foundation) because both are incredibly integrated into their communities, involved in so many ways beyond the traditional grantmaking of their organizations. Both have brought impactful, creative solutions to benefit the nonprofit communities they serve—through leadership programs, capacity building, participating in/funding new research, leading funding collaboratives, and so much more. Both have been so willing to share their experience and knowledge with their peers. If there is a health initiative being explored in Montgomery County or the Greater Phoenixville area, one can rest assured that Russ and Lou are at the helm!

The one thing that has most surprised me as a funder . . .

is how collegial and sincerely helpful other foundations have been. In fundraising, development officers talk about sharing best practices; in reality—and understandably so—they closely guard their best leads and ideas because all nonprofits are in competition for extremely limited resources. Conversely (and refreshingly!), there seem to be no barriers in grantmaking. It behooves us as funders to share our lessons learned: our forms, operational processes, and insights about prospective grantees, so that we can each improve our work to achieve the shared goal of helping the entire nonprofit community. What a wonderful job!

My greatest aspiration for our philanthropy . . .

is to become an organization who is not just a funder but a convener - of nonprofits and other funders - addressing pressing social needs in our region.

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Vital Statistics



Grantmaker Type: Family Foundation

Year Founded: 2001

Total Charitable Assets: \$27 million

Annual Grants: \$1 million

Primary Location: 5-county Greater Philadelphia

Mission/Principal Funding Areas:

The mission of the Genuardi Family Foundation is to provide financial support to non-profit agencies and organizations that are dedicated to promoting education, health, human services and culture in the Greater Philadelphia area. In this manner, the Foundation will perpetuate the legacy of the Genuardi family by enhancing the quality of life in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Name/position of other Key Leaders:

Larry Genuardi, Board President; Charles Genuardi, Board Vice President; Tom Genuardi, Jr., Treasurer; Jim Genuardi, Chair of Scholarship Committee

Member of DVG since: 2001

Personal Involvement with DVG:

Recently joined the Membership/Member Services Committee; served earlier this year on a streamlining grantmaking panel

More information:

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