

Donor Spotlight

Two Foundations, One Mission

The mission of Foundations Community Partnership (FCP) is to improve the quality of lives in Bucks County. It is that mission that united them with the Bucks County Community College (BCCC) Foundation in 2003. The mission of the BCCC Foundation is to provide quality and affordable education for students. It is for that reason that FCP's Executive Director Ron Bernstein supports Bucks. "I am very impressed with the college" said Bernstein (pictured). "Bucks plays an important role in education for the community."



FCP's support began nearly a decade ago with scholarships for BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program. Today, FCP sponsors a \$2,500 scholarship for BCCC students enrolled in courses with a co-op, service learning, or internship component. "The college has programs that reach out and touch lives," said Bernstein.

Before its sale to a for-profit corporation in 2007, Foundations Behavioral Health (FBH), which provides behavioral health services to children and adolescents, partnered with BCCC to provide internships to BCCC's Associate Degree Nursing Program. After the sale of FBH, Foundations Community Partnership was established as a philanthropic grant-making foundation. FCP operates independently and uses funds from the sale of FBH to provide grants, internships, scholarships, and community education to support the behavioral health and human service needs of children and young adults in Bucks County.

"The partnership between BCCC and FCP has impacted the greater Bucks County community by providing necessary scholarships and internship opportunities to countless students," said Tobi Bruhn, Executive Director of the BCCC Foundation. As a token of appreciation for a \$10,000 capital grant in support of the expansion of the Upper Bucks Campus in Perkasio, Pa., BCCC dedicated the entrance lobby in honor of FCP.

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