

WHERE DOES THE ACMFF MONEY COME FROM?

The ACMFF has received proceeds from two annual fundraisers: the Allegheny County Music Festival and Candidates' Comedy Night.

Since 2000, as the summer is coming to a close, the Allegheny County Music Festival has enticed thousands of children and adults to Hartwood Acres Park for the all-ages show that features entertainers of local and national acclaim.

Attendees generously make a per-vehicle donation to support the ACMFF. Proceeds from a 50/50 raffle are also added to the fund.

Candidates' Comedy Night (CCN) was added as an additional ACMFF fundraiser in 2008, necessitated by the usage of the fund.

CCN features candidates running for political office in local, state and federal elections. The candidates come prepared with five minutes of entertainment. The fun-filled, adult-oriented event is a rare political win-win. The candidates benefit from their willingness to be off-message by getting to perform for an audience of politically savvy community leaders and monies are raised for a good cause.

Allegheny County Music Festival Fund

Rich Fitzgerald, Allegheny County Executive

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Allegheny County Departments of Human Services, Parks, Public Works and Special Events and Great Lakes Behavioral Research Institute.

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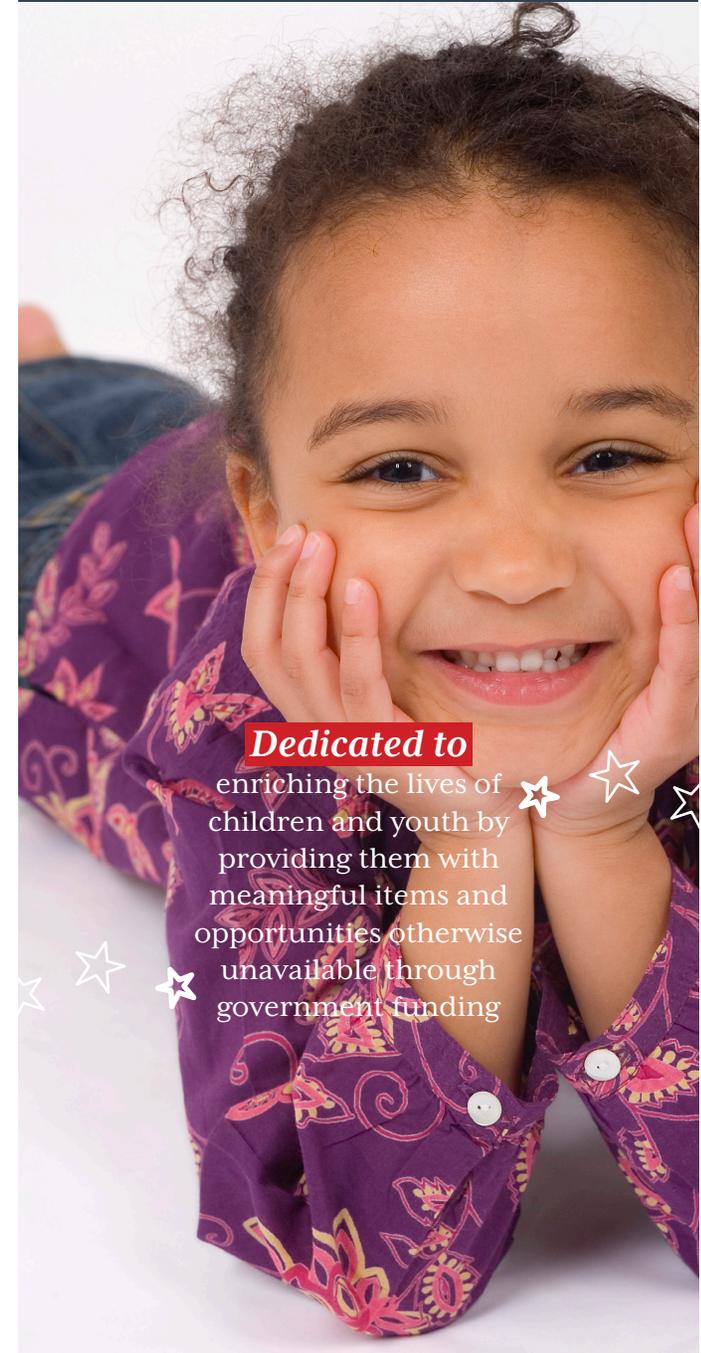
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More information available at:

www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/acmffabout.aspx
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Allegheny County Music Festival Fund (ACMFF)



Dedicated to

enriching the lives of children and youth by providing them with meaningful items and opportunities otherwise unavailable through government funding

WHAT IS THE ACMFF?

Since 2000, the Allegheny County Music Festival Fund (ACMFF) has paid for life-enhancing items and opportunities otherwise unavailable through traditional government funding to benefit children and youth receiving services through the Allegheny County Department of Human Service (DHS) or Allegheny County Juvenile Probation. Requests for funds come from a social services professional who works with the young individual. The members of the independent ACMFF Advisory Committee use their professional experience and a flexible approach to carefully review each request.

A sampling of requests approved by the ACMFF committee includes:

- Computer and educational software to help support a child with a developmental delay.
- Dance, martial arts or music lessons to provide positive outlets of self-expression for a child who is living in a domestic violence homeless shelter with her mother.
- Art supplies and art classes to provide a healthy outlet and expand artistic skills for a troubled youth.
- YMCA/YWCA, Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium, or Kennywood summer passes for a family being reunited and working to find quality ways to spend time together.
- Graduation expenses and college tours for a young adult who has persevered through his difficulties and wishes to attend college.

Interested parties are advised to talk with the child's caseworker or service coordinator to start the request process. All forms, documents and information required by professionals to submit a request can be found at: www.alleghenycounty.us/DHS/Using-the-ACMFF.aspx

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE ACMFF?

Any child served by DHS, a DHS-contracted provider agency and/or the Allegheny County juvenile justice system may benefit from the ACMFF.

Services provided to children by DHS include

- family-strengthening services to keep families together
- early intervention services to identify developmental delays
- coordinating intellectual disability services
- counseling to reduce serious emotional disturbance
- shelter in times of emergency or during homelessness

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Attend the Allegheny County Music Festival at Hartwood Acres Park. The festival date is advertised as part of the County summer concert series.



Monetary donations are always appreciated and can be mailed to:

***Allegheny County Music Festival Fund
One Smithfield Street, Suite 100
Pittsburgh, PA 15222***

WORDS OF THANKS...

"I really appreciate that you were able to grant me this gear. I am a receiver/corner who played for the Brashear Bulls and never started. Now this is where I make history."

— a youth served by KidsVoice



"I'm 8 and I am in 3rd grade. Thank you very much for your support and sponsorship to continue my karate class. I am a yellow belt and trying to get my blue. Thank you for your help so I can keep doing what I like, karate!"

— a child served by Pressley Ridge

"We want to thank you for helping us with the adaptive equipment for our daughter's tricycle. Since adaptive equipment is so expensive, we would not have been able to get it for her. You have made a little girl very happy. She is able to ride her bike with her cousins, and enjoys being with them instead of watching them. Nicole is proud as a peacock on her new trike."

— the parent of a child served by FamilyLinks

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your help in giving to the women and children here at the shelter. You have no idea how much your actions are helping other individuals. The families I work with have nothing."

*— Shawn Cotton,
Direct Services Coordinator, YWCA Bridge Housing*