

Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce -Grant Writing 101 Panel Members

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Louis Beccaria

Dr. Beccaria has over 50 years of professional experience spanning senior positions in criminal & juvenile justice, health and human services, and higher education fund development; 30 years of his over five-decade professional life has been in the philanthropy arena. Currently retired from his full-time career, he is the past long-time President & CEO of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation – a health conversion philanthropy where he served for 21 years. Dr. Beccaria’s previous philanthropy experience was as the President & CEO of the Stewart Huston Charitable Trust and as a Program Manager with the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Dr. Beccaria also consults and has written articles on philanthropy and non-profit management issues as well as a book entitled: “My Journey in Philanthropy: Memoir, Reflective Essays & True Stories”. He also is the co-author of “Nonprofit Excellence: Grantmaking and Leadership Strategies for a Challenging World”.

He has taught fundraising, philanthropy and non-management in Eastern University’s master’s degree program in Non-Profit Management as well as Villanova University’s master’s program in Public Administration. Over the past thirty years Dr. Beccaria has consulted with many foundations and non-profit organizations on grantmaking, governance, management, and fundraising issues.

Thomas Berman

Tom Berman is the Assistant Reference Supervisor at the Chester County Library in Exton, PA. He has been an information professional for over 20 years in both New York and Pennsylvania. He has been assisting local area nonprofits with their search for funding opportunities for over 6 years. Having grown up in Montgomery County, PA he now lives in Chester County with his wife, son, and two cats.

LeeAnn Riloff

LeeAnn has more than 30 years of experience in the nonprofit sector in all five counties of the Greater Philadelphia region. She has worked in health care, human services, and higher education in a development leadership role, and in the arts and animal welfare in a volunteer fundraising role. Her grant writing experience encompasses all levels of government grant writing (federal, state, and county), private foundations, donor advised funds, and United Ways. LeeAnn holds a B.S. from Drexel University and a current Certified Fund-Raising Executive certificate.

Stephenie Stevens

Stephenie D. Stevens, Grants Director & Outreach Officer with the Chester County Community Foundation

works with the President/CEO and VP of Philanthropy Services to strategically enhance the Foundation's position as a leading partner in legacy philanthropy. Stephenie has a deep passion for strengthening Chester County's philanthropic sector.

Job Details:

- Develops and approves all formal communications related to applicants.
- Develops collaborative relationships with community partners.
- Serves as a liaison between the CCCF and the community.
- Advise the CCCF President, senior staff, boards of directors and donors concerning grants opportunities and prospective applications.
- Identify and form partnerships with funders and engage in ambassadorship with others.
- Lead collaborative grant-making and leadership development efforts.