

DARING TO DO GOOD



20th Anniversary Report

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DEAR FRIENDS,

With the belief that people should be treated with “tender, sympathetic attention,” Thomas Scattergood founded Friends Asylum (now Friends Hospital) in 1813. In this radical departure from the inhumane treatment of people with mental illness, Thomas and his fellow Quakers brought the moral treatment movement to the United States and charted a new course for daring to do good in the nascent field of behavioral health.

When the Scattergood Foundation was founded in 2005, we were charged with deciding how the values that Thomas lived by could be upheld through the work of a foundation. What would it look like to translate his integrity, humility, and daring to philanthropy?

The report before you is a distillation of the ways in which we have strived to honor the spirit of Thomas Scattergood for these past 20 years, putting his values into action in order to *shift the paradigm and practice for behavioral health, and recognize the unique spark and basic dignity in every human.*

As an organization, we hold ourselves to a high standard. We are inspired by those who dare to do good, find innovative solutions, and effect change at grassroots and systemic levels. We are proud of the people and organizations we have partnered with, and of the impact this work—yours and ours—has had on the field of behavioral health.

At the same time, we are motivated by the work that remains to be done. As we look to the Scattergood Foundation’s next 20 years, we ask: what would Thomas think of the state of our behavioral health systems today? How many issues still call for the “tender, sympathetic attention” he championed centuries ago? To us, these questions are urgent. Putting such attention into action will call for boldness, flexibility, and collaboration.

If you’re reading this report, it’s because you’ve been an integral part of our journey so far. We hope you will join us in celebrating our collective achievements, finding in them the seeds of what is needed to *build a stronger, more effective, compassionate, and inclusive society where behavioral health is central.* And we hope you will stay with us for the years ahead, as bringing this vision to life depends on our **daring to do good** together.

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OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

Over the past two decades, the Scattergood Foundation has remained steadfast in its commitment to bold, values-driven philanthropy. Grounded in our mission to advance behavioral health and promote systems change, we’ve strategically invested in communities, leaders, and ideas that **dare to do good**. Our impact by the numbers tells the story of deep engagement, meaningful collaboration, and long-term vision.

Through our participatory grantmaking portfolio, the Scattergood Foundation is shifting power, advancing equity, and investing in community-driven solutions that create lasting impact.

611

bold investments
in innovative ideas and changemakers through our grantmaking

\$23.3M

directly invested
to advance mental health, equity, and community well-being

\$17M

leveraged from other funders
to amplify our impact and fuel broader change

66

thought-provoking publications
across six dynamic series—shaping dialogue, influencing policy, and sparking action in behavioral health and beyond

19

transformative projects
supported by Scattergood as the backbone organization—many of which have grown into independent, thriving organizations driving lasting impact

6%-15%

of our endowment spent in communities
each year, while also growing the endowment from **\$14.6 million to \$38 million**, demonstrating that purpose and performance can go hand in hand

150

community grantmakers hired
to elevate voices of impacted communities and redefine who holds the power to fund change

284

grants awarded
through community-led decision-making—investing in organizations with deep roots in their communities

\$8.2M

invested through participatory processes
that center equity, lived experience, and shared leadership

PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING

POSITIONING STATEMENT

At the Scattergood Foundation, we believe major disruption is needed to build a stronger, more effective, compassionate, and inclusive society where behavioral health is central.

We approach our work with humility and a deep awareness of our privilege in philanthropy. We share power responsibly and are unrelenting advocates for practices that advance equity for all. We recognize and challenge the historic and systemic inequalities that disadvantage and marginalize individuals, organizations, and communities. We work in partnership to achieve more than we can do alone.

We **THINK** profound transformation is needed to improve behavioral health. We initiate new ideas and disrupt the current system to break stereotypes and inspire new dialogue. We stand for enhanced access to prevention, promotion, treatment, and supports. We create space for diverse perspectives to address the structural conditions that shape our ineffective practices.

We **DO** by demanding more in policy and practice. We listen to and elevate the voice of those who are often unheard. We accelerate improvement in programs, organizations, and systems by building skills in community. We use data and evidence to shed light on not only what is wrong, but what is right.

We **SUPPORT** diverse agents of change and bring them together. Through our grantmaking and investments, we champion initiatives at the forefront of improving wellbeing and quality of life.

In doing so, we unite a community with a common goal:

Shift the paradigm and practice for behavioral health, and recognize the unique spark and basic dignity in every human.

We are the Scattergood Foundation, and we want everyone to

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Changing the Narrative for Behavioral Health

SPOTLIGHTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH THROUGH STORYTELLING WITH THE NATION'S FIRST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REPORTER AT WHYY

Recognizing stigma as a major barrier to a stronger behavioral health system, the Scattergood Foundation partnered with WHYY in 2008 to launch the nation's first dedicated behavioral health reporter. Since then, WHYY has led the way in shifting public perception through bold, human-centered storytelling.

Key initiatives include:

- **Behavioral Health Reporting:**
Over 1,700 stories led by Maiken Scott and others, breaking down stigma with consistent, in-depth coverage
- **The Pulse:**
A radio show exploring health and science through real-life stories, making complex ideas relatable by grounding them in lived experiences
- **Freelance Mini-Grants:**
Supporting diverse voices in reporting on how behavioral health issues intersect with daily life

Together, these efforts are transforming how behavioral health is covered and understood.

EXPLORING THE ETHICS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

Honoring Thomas Scattergood's legacy of questioning the ethics and morality of behavioral health treatment, the Scattergood Foundation's first grant was to create the **Scattergood Program for the Applied Ethics of Behavioral Health Care (ScattergoodEthics)**. Based in the Department of Medical Ethics & Health Policy at the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine, ScattergoodEthics is committed to changing the narrative around behavioral health by bringing ethical inquiry to the forefront of care. Through research, education, and public engagement, ScattergoodEthics challenges stigma, elevates the voices of those impacted by behavioral health issues, and reframes conversations about diagnosis and treatment. By training clinicians and scholars to consider the ethical dimensions of care, the program fosters a more compassionate, just, and person-centered behavioral health system.

PROMOTING 988 WITH INTENTION IN PHILADELPHIA

The 988 Lifeline launched in 2022 to provide free, 24/7, confidential support for people experiencing mental health, substance use, and suicidal crises. To ensure that this vital resource reaches communities most impacted by systemic inequities, the Scattergood Foundation partnered with the City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health & Intellectual Disability Services (DBHIDS) and JEME Consultants to develop a culturally responsive **988 Awareness Plan**.

Grounded in input from over 100 Philadelphians across neighborhoods, generations, and backgrounds, the plan prioritizes messaging that reflects community voices and lived experiences. A key outcome is the 988 Lifeline DIY Catalog—a creative outreach toolkit that empowers individuals and organizations to craft locally resonant, stigma-free messages and expand access to care.



POWERING ADVOCACY TO IMPROVE THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

To reframe how we understand and advance behavioral health policy, the Scattergood Foundation partnered with the Peg's Foundation, Patrick P. Lee Foundation, Peter and Elizabeth Tower Foundation, and Sozosei Foundation to launch the **Think Bigger Do Good Policy Series**. The solution-driven initiative brings fresh ideas to mental health and addiction care, centering lived experience and expert insight.

With 32 papers published and more than 200,000 downloads, the series has influenced academic research and informed policy at the highest levels—including the US Department of Health and Human Services and National Bureau of Economics.

Through its papers and webinars, the Think Bigger Do Good Series translates hundreds of millions of research dollars into action. This series often brings research and data to new and different audiences, enabling them to utilize it effectively and promptly."

—Howard Goldman, Professor,
University of Maryland School of Medicine
& Editor of the Think Bigger Do Good Policy Series

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Meeting Opportunities with Action

BUILDING A REGIONAL RESPONSE TO STRENGTHEN NONPROFIT CAPACITY

Greater Philadelphia is home to a vibrant nonprofit sector. In working closely with these organizations, the Scattergood Foundation recognized a common challenge: while funding is essential, many organizations also need support to build internal capacity for learning, evaluation, and long-term impact.

In 2010, the Foundation partnered with The Consultation Center at Yale to launch the **Building Evaluation Capacity Initiative (BECI)**, helping nonprofits strengthen their skills in program planning and evaluation. As the impact became clear, local and national funders joined to expand the effort, and what began as a capacity-building pilot evolved into **The RISE Partnership**. The bold, three-year, \$3 million regional initiative helped nonprofits measure what matters and improve outcomes.

RISE provided training, tools, and hands-on support to strengthen readiness, build internal evaluation capacity, and sustain progress through an alumni network. Since the initiative came to a close, the work of RISE has lived on through new collaborations with the City of Philadelphia, CHOP, Center for Creative Leadership, and University of Pennsylvania—demonstrating the power of strategic, long-term investment in nonprofit effectiveness.



[RISE] is not just an incredible partnership, but it really increased the ability of staff at all levels to think about and build capacity. I don't just mean hiring more people. I mean building individual learning, experience, and understanding of evaluation and its imperative relationship to the work and the story we want to tell on behalf of the work."

—Wanda Mial, Former Vice President of Community Initiatives for Global Citizen and participant in RISE Implementation Cohort



TURNING THE SPOTLIGHT INTO A MOVEMENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

When the 2016 Democratic National Convention came to Philadelphia, the Scattergood Foundation partnered with DBHIDS and The Kennedy Forum to seize the moment for behavioral health. The **Like Minded Rally** brought over 700 advocates to City Hall to call for systemic change in mental health and substance use care.

Together, we shared 12 key priorities with both major political parties, and Patrick Kennedy featured them in his book, *A Common Struggle*. By raising our voices, advocates demonstrated what's possible when urgency meets united action.



DESIGNING THE BLUEPRINT FOR DIGNIFIED, LOW-BARRIER WORK

When Mural Arts Philadelphia and Mental Health Partnerships launched a mural-making work opportunity for people facing financial and housing insecurity, the Scattergood Foundation helped to elevate it into a strategic initiative with scalable impact.

After a discovery phase that included community interviews and the development of a theory of change, **Color Me Back—Philadelphia's first formal Same Day Work and Pay program**—was born. The program offered \$50 for four hours of meaningful work. When the team faced a critical challenge in how to deliver cash payments, Scattergood stepped in to solve it—extending our role beyond strategy and evaluation to ensure the program's success. We continued our collaboration to evaluate the program, with a focus on sustaining and expanding access to dignified, low-barrier employment.

TURNING LAND INTO LEGACY

The 120-acre Friends Campus is one of Scattergood's greatest assets. To ensure that this land would be used for community benefit, the Foundation worked with conservation group, Natural Lands, to place 49 acres of the campus under a **conservation easement**, permanently protecting it from development. Preservation of this landscape safeguards the historic greenspace and scenic views, protects water quality by reducing runoff and pollution, and improves public access to the Tacony Creek Trail.

ENSURING EQUAL COVERAGE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The 2008 Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act requires most health plans to cover mental health and substance use care on par with medical care. Yet enforcement has lagged, and insurers continue to create barriers to access.

To address this, we partnered with The Kennedy Forum to launch **ParityTrack** in 2014—a national hub for tracking and advancing parity implementation. ParityTrack empowers consumers with information about their rights and helps hold insurers accountable for providing equal coverage for mental health and substance use care.

The partnership with Scattergood accelerated The Kennedy Forum's early work on Parity and led to the convening of all of the major behavioral health advocacy organizations to create a collective action plan on full implementation of the Federal Parity Law."

—Patrick J. Kennedy, Former U.S. Representative (D-RI) and Founder of The Kennedy Forum



Changing the Narrative for Behavioral Health

We are dedicated to reshaping how our society understands and talks about behavioral health. We invest in initiatives that challenge the stigma that often surround mental health and substance use, and spark meaningful conversations about prevention and treatment. Through our work, the Scattergood Foundation is changing the conversation from one of shame to one of support, hope, and healing.



Sharing the Power of the Purse

We believe philanthropy can be more inclusive, transparent, and accountable. This is why we've embraced the emerging practice of participatory grantmaking, shifting decision-making power to those with lived experience and deep community knowledge. By inviting diverse voices into funding conversations, we're not just distributing resources—we're building trust, redistributing power, and fostering solutions that are rooted in community and justice.



Meeting Opportunities with Action

We have the chance to turn potential into real progress when opportunities are met with action. Responsiveness is core to our mission—working swiftly, strategically, and with the purpose to overcome obstacles and meet urgent challenges in behavioral health. Guided by Quaker principles of collaboration and equity, we move resources where they are needed most—amplifying impact, empowering changemakers, and demonstrating that the most powerful way to meet a moment is with action.



Investing In Transformational Ideas

We know that in order to make lasting, structural change, it is critical that we embrace bold ideas that are grounded in compassion, justice, and community wisdom. The Scattergood Foundation invests in initiatives that challenge the status quo and reimagine what behavioral health can be. Our efforts exemplify how strategic philanthropy can transform our system and redefine what's possible.

A History of Daring to Do Good: Timeline of Progress in Mental Health and Social Justice

1813

Thomas Scattergood and fellow Philadelphia Quakers begin building Friends Hospital—the nation's first private psychiatric hospital—rooted in compassion and dignity for those with mental illness

1817

Hannah Seal, the hospital's first patient, arrives—marking a new era of humane care

1832

Thomas Story Kirkbride becomes resident physician; his holistic approach reshapes psychiatric care and hospital design nationwide

1889

Anna Broomall joins as a consulting physician, making Friends one of the first psychiatric hospitals to welcome women doctors

1894

Friends launches one of the first two-year psychiatric nurse training programs, advancing professional mental health care

1963

Community Mental Health Act shifts care from institutions to communities

1990

Americans with Disabilities Act enshrines civil rights for people with mental illnesses

1999

Friends Hospital is named a National Historic Landmark for its pioneering role in mental health

2008

Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act requires insurers to treat mental and physical health comparably

2010

Affordable Care Act expands access to behavioral health nationwide

2022

988, a new national mental health crisis hotline, launches—bringing lifesaving support to millions

2005

Scattergood Foundation founded

2006

Founding funder of Scattergood Ethics Program at UPenn

2007

Founding funder of the Center for Non-Violence and Social Justice at Drexel University

2008

Funded nation's first Behavioral Health Reporter at WHYY

2009

Funded Active Minds' Emerging Scholars program, which has had 124 fellows since its inception

Funded evaluation of the Porchlight Program, an initiative of Mural Arts and DBHIDS

2010

Founding funder of Roots to Re-entry, a program of Pennsylvania Horticulture Society

Founding funder of the Building Evaluation Capacity Initiative, predecessor of The RISE Partnership and Partnered with the City of Philadelphia to develop Amplify

2011

Partnered with the City of Philadelphia to develop Mental Health First Aid Community programming

Funded Institute for Safe Families, which started the Philadelphia ACE Taskforce

2012

Funded Philadelphia Expanded ACE Study

Funded Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma, a project of Columbia University's Journalism School, and convened training series with WHYY and other regional outlets

Launched first Scattergood Design Challenge focused on Mental Health First Aid implementation

2013

Launched first annual Scattergood Innovation Award

Convened health policy experts at Privacy + Liberty meeting, resulting in the Foundation's first self-published policy papers

Released Master Plan for the Friends Campus

2014

Hired Scattergood Fellow on Stigma Reduction

Funded Haverford College Libraries to digitize historical documents from Friends Hospital, including early superintendent diaries

Hosted Innovations Conference

Partnered with The Alliance for Health Equity to implement Mental Health First Aid in Coatesville Area School District

Partnered with advocates and local radio to host / *Will Listen* Day, featuring former Mayor Michael Nutter

Launched first MindKare Kiosk at QCare, retail clinic located at Fox Street ShopRite

2015

Transitioned Social Responsible Investments to more active Environmental, Social, and Governance approach

Partnered with Health Federation of Philadelphia to become backbone organization for the Philadelphia ACE Taskforce

Launched ParityTrack with The Kennedy Forum

Funded Hopeworks, a leader in trauma-informed trainings

Hosted only Mayoral Forum focused on behavioral health with Children's Crisis Treatment Center and Committee of Seventy

Published *The Economic Impact of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Spending on the City of Philadelphia*, the first paper in our *Building Better Systems* series

Founding funder of The Repositioning Fund

2016

Organized the Like Minded Rally during DNC in Philadelphia

Published *Trauma-Informed Philanthropy: Volume 1*

Published *Place Matters*, original Philadelphia-based research

Partnered with Pottstown School District and community partners to launch Pottstown Trauma-Informed Community Connection

2017

Published first round of *Think Bigger Do Good* paper series

Convened first meeting of Community Fund for Immigrant Wellness Community Advisory Board

Partnered with National Council for Mental Wellbeing to elevate Scattergood Innovation Award

Launched updated strategic plan with equity at the center

Funded trauma-informed community development with NKCDC, Impact Services, and LISC

2018

Conserved 49 acres of land on Friends Campus

Published *Trauma-Informed Philanthropy: Volume 2*

Launched Program Related Investments portfolio

Distributed first round of Community Fund for Immigrant Wellness grants

Partnered with Mural Arts, Mental Health Partnerships, and the City of Philadelphia to launch Color Me Back

Distributed *Trauma-Informed Philanthropy* series nationwide with Health Federation of Philadelphia and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2019

Launched The RISE Partnership

Founding funder of Safehouse

Published *Place Matters: Philadelphia Children's Health and Wellbeing* reports

Launched Scattergood Innovations Database

2020

Partnered with City of Philadelphia, Bread & Roses Community Foundation, and other local funders to launch Kensington Community Resilience Fund

Funded Center for High Impact Philanthropy to release *Health in Mind*, leading to founding of Mindful Philanthropy, national convenor of mental health philanthropy

Launched *Investing in Community Resilience* with eXtension, a national webinar series based on *Trauma-Informed Philanthropy*

2021

Partnered with City of Philadelphia to lead technical assistance for Anti-Violence Community Expansion Grant program

Launched Policy Meets Practice grant program

Launched Claim Your Money PHL with City of Philadelphia Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity

Launched *Think Bigger Do Good* webinar series

Funded COVID-19 Prevention and Response Fund, a participatory fund

2022

Launched Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund

Partnered with CHOP to lead technical assistance for Growing Resilience in Teens program

2023

Published first round of *Vision Philadelphia* papers with 15 local funders to address local policy and systems issues

Launched Racial Equity Advancement in Communities through Harm Reduction (REACH PA) program with Vital Strategies

Hosted only Mayoral Forum focused on behavioral health with Children First and The Alliance of Community Treatment Providers

Partnered with Zenith Wealth Partners, a minority-owned, Philadelphia-based investment manager to further align endowment with diversity, equity, and inclusion measures

2024

Launched 988 Philly Campaign with JEME Consulting and DBHIDS

Funded PA Groundhogs to test and track the drug supply in Philadelphia

Launched pilot of Amplify, an online course to support nonprofit capacity, with Center for Creative Leadership and Center for Leadership Equity at United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

Zoning legislation passed to allow for development of City of Philadelphia Health Center on Friends Campus

2025

Sold shares of Friends Hospital, growing the endowment to increase future grantmaking

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Sharing the Power of the Purse

CENTERING IMMIGRANT VOICES TO SUPPORT EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

At the heart of the **Community Fund for Immigrant Wellness** is a shift in power—putting funding decisions into the hands of those closest to the work. When the Scattergood Foundation set out to invest in the emotional wellbeing of immigrant communities in Greater Philadelphia, we knew that centering lived experience would drive the greatest impact.

Over eight years, the Community Fund has used a participatory grantmaking process to support diverse immigrant communities across Southeastern Pennsylvania—providing funding and capacity-building to organizations that reduce barriers and promote opportunities for dignity and joy.

The Community Fund has raised a total of \$2.2 million, leveraging the Foundation’s \$1 million investment to more than double our impact. More than 35 organizations have been selected by their peers to advance culturally-rooted, strengths-based care and connection.

Historically, outsiders have come into [Kensington] and told residents what they need and what they are going to get, but [the KCR Fund] has been such an asset because it has empowered residents to shape what the future looks like for Kensington, Harrowgate, and Fairhill.”

—Roxy Rivera, Somerset Neighbors for Better Living & Community Granting Group, Kensington Community Resilience Fund



Too often, funders create their priorities after an internal process that might not include any representation from those they aim to support. The Community Fund for Immigrant Wellness has highlighted the importance of funding being driven by real needs in the community.”

—Oni Richards, Executive Director of AFAHO & Community Advisory Board, Community Fund for Immigrant Wellness



THE POWER OF TRUSTING RESIDENTS TO KNOW WHAT THEY NEED

For Community, By Community is the motto of the **Kensington Community Resilience Fund** (KCR Fund)—a model for how public, private, and community sectors can come together to shift power to residents whose quality of life has been directly impacted by the opioid crisis.

Since 2021, with support from the Scattergood Foundation as both funder and strategic partner, the KCR Fund has awarded \$1.29 million in flexible grants to 52 organizations across Kensington, Harrowgate, and Fairhill.

Led by community residents, the KCR Fund provides \$10,000 general operating grants that allow local groups to respond with creativity, flexibility, and dignity. By centering community voice, the KCR Fund redefines place-based philanthropy through trust, equity, and shared decision-making.

FROM HARM TO HEALING: COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS TO THE OVERDOSE CRISIS

While most municipalities let government dictate how to use national opioid settlement funds, the **Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund** (Prevention Fund) took a different path—centering the voices of those most impacted by the opioid epidemic and overdose crisis.

Facilitated and administered by the Scattergood Foundation, the Prevention Fund granted a total of \$5 million to 59 organizations across Kensington, North Philadelphia, and citywide. With a focus on treatment, recovery, and overdose prevention; community and family healing; and opioid use prevention, the Prevention Fund ensured that resources flowed to grassroots organizations driving real, on-the-ground impact across Philadelphia. In doing so, it repaired harm, fostered healing, and reimagined how funding can support equity, dignity, and long-term wellness.

“I’ve seen personally what a powerful force for positive change the Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund has been in my community. I’ve seen new programs funded where none would have been, I saw community leaders empowered, I saw willing hands given the tools they needed to do their good work.

—Tamas Mizsei, Community Granting Group, Overdose Prevention and Community Healing Fund

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Investing In Transformational Ideas

REDEFINING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WITH TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACHES

With increased understanding of how adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and trauma impact public health, many health care and social service providers turned to trauma-informed, healing-centered approaches in their work. When Impact Services Corporation and New Kensington CDC (NKCDC), in partnership with LISC's Sustainable Communities Initiative, opted to bring a **trauma-informed approach to community development in Kensington**, the Scattergood Foundation provided early support to reimagine how we build healthy neighborhoods. Their innovative model for community development reimagines what healing looks like by fostering healthy micro-communities at the block level. The initiative reduces stress, strengthens social bonds, and nurtures lasting resilience. The Foundation's early support fostered this visionary work and made way for significant place-based investments that spark systemic change in a neighborhood that has experienced overwhelming adversity.

SUPPORTING BOLD SOLUTIONS TO SAVE LIVES

In the face of a devastating overdose crisis, bold action is essential. That's why the Scattergood Foundation invested in **Safehouse**—a groundbreaking nonprofit working to open a legal and sanctioned overdose prevention site in Philadelphia. Rooted in harm reduction and backed by evidence, Safehouse offers a compassionate, public health driven alternative to punitive responses.

With services like medically supervised consumption, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), and recovery support, Safehouse aims to save lives and connect people to care. The Foundation's grant supports the critical legal battle to make this visionary model a reality—proving that health, dignity, and human life must come first.



A NEW VISION FOR HEALING AND JUSTICE

With early support from the Scattergood Foundation, the **Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice (CNSJ)** at Drexel University's Dornsife School of Public Health reimagined our response to trauma and community violence—not with punishment, but with healing, equity, and justice. Founded by a visionary team—Dr. Ted Corbin, Dr. John Rich, Linda Rich, and Dr. Sandra Bloom—CNSJ advances a public health approach that recognizes violence as a consequence of unaddressed trauma, not solely a criminal issue.

Through flagship initiatives like **Healing Hurt People** and the **Community Health Worker/Certified Peer Specialist Training Academy**, CNSJ equips individuals with tools to heal, pursue sustainable careers, and lead change in their own communities. This bold, healing-centered model is catalyzing systemic transformation—demonstrating that behavioral health is both a pathway to justice and a foundation for long-term resilience.

The Foundation's support of Safehouse is a testament to its dedication to promoting health equity and advancing public health initiatives that save lives. Together, we can make strides towards a more just and compassionate society, where everyone has the opportunity to thrive."

— José Benitez, Former Executive Director of Prevention Point Philadelphia



EARLY WARNINGS, INFORMED COMMUNITIES, SAFER OUTCOMES

PA Groundhogs is reshaping how Pennsylvania tackles the dangers of synthetic drugs. With support from the Scattergood Foundation, the program offers free drug checking—via on-site test strips and mail-in lab analysis through a DEA-certified partner—to deliver life-saving insights across 24 counties. In partnership with six harm reduction organizations and the PA Harm Reduction Network, nearly 300 samples have been tested, helping to build an early warning system that alerts communities to emerging threats. This real-time, community-powered approach is transforming public health and saving lives.

With the Foundation's support, we have been able to equip those who live, work, and serve in Kensington with tools of trauma-informed care, which has fostered a meaningful healing process for residents and enabled transformational change within our community."

—Bill McKinney, Executive Director of NKCDC

LOOKING AHEAD:
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TOGETHER

As we mark 20 years of the Scattergood Foundation's work, we do so with both pride and a deep sense of responsibility. The call that Thomas Scattergood made over two centuries ago—for “tender, sympathetic attention” to those experiencing mental illness—remains as urgent today as it was then. His belief in the dignity of every person continues to guide our path forward.

The future of behavioral health is complex and evolving. Progress has brought meaningful change, but it has also surfaced new questions. Social media has reshaped how we connect—and how we harm. Artificial intelligence holds promise for expanding access and insight, yet it also challenges our understanding of ethics, privacy, and the human touch in care. Stigma around mental health may be shifting, but it persists in new forms. Meanwhile, cuts to our healthcare and social safety net programs, paired with a workforce in crisis, have made accessing care harder just as the needs grow more acute.

At the center of all of this is our shared humanity. Healing is not just about diagnosis or treatment—it begins with connection. With listening. With empathy. If there is one truth that has held across time, it is that people heal in relationship with each other, with community, with systems that recognize their worth.

As we look to the next 20 years, the Scattergood Foundation is committed to meeting these complexities with clarity, courage, and collaboration. We will continue to center people—not just problems—in our work. We will fund bold ideas, uplift lived experience, and remain grounded in the belief that lasting change is built on relationships rooted in respect.

This work cannot be done alone. The challenges ahead will require a collective willingness to ask hard questions, disrupt the status quo, and take risks in service of a *stronger, more effective, compassionate, and inclusive behavioral health system*.

We invite you to join us—to keep **daring to do good**, to keep choosing connection, and to keep seeing humanity at the heart of it all.

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For 20 years, we’ve strived to carry on the legacy of Thomas Scattergood by **daring to do good**—and we’ve never done it alone. We’ve had the extraordinary honor of walking alongside hundreds of visionary partners with courage, wisdom, and heart. You’ve shown us what’s possible when people come together with purpose and passion. We are endlessly grateful for your trust, your brilliance, and your boldness.

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