

As part of their end-of-life planning, long-term RCCPC members Joseph and Elizabeth (Andy) Lawton generously funded a trust which received the residual principal of their estate.¹ They stipulated that income from the trust is to be used solely for the benefit of needy people to alleviate suffering, with priority given to emergency cases in the Wilmington and New Castle County areas. The RCCPC Lawton Trust Commission receives and distributes income from the trust.

Cumulatively since 1995, the trust has granted approximately \$1,588,000 to over 55 different agencies and emergency causes. During 2020, despite the Covid turmoil and to help alleviate the suffering, \$38,500 was granted as shown below. In addition to funds distributed during 2020, and in anticipation of a possible wave of emergency requests once the Federal ban on evictions expires, we have retained an available sum of approximately \$9,000 to be available in 2021 along with the normal amounts of the semi-annual distribution cycle.

In the spring of 2020, when the RCCPC Lawton Trust Commission met via Zoom, Covid had begun to rear its ugly head. We felt a strong sense of urgency to make grant funding available fast, supporting our partners that provide emergency food, shelter and crisis alleviation services. Along with Zoom meetings, automated voting, email, and scanning of grant applications by the RCCPC office staff, we also moved quickly to online banking procedures. All to keep the giving going during challenging times and enable our partners to provide critical support to those most vulnerable in our community.

RCCPC remains a faithful steward of the Lawtons’ beautiful gift.

Funds Distributed During 2020

Spring 2020		Fall 2020	
STEHM	\$ 4,800	Family Counseling Center of St. Paul’s	\$ 5,000
Friendship House	4,600	Latin American Community Center	5,000
Urban Promise	4,000	The Ministry of Caring	5,000
Society of St. Vincent DePaul – St. Ann’s Conference	3,800		
YWCA of New Castle County	3,600		
West End Neighborhood House	2,700		
TOTALS	\$ 23,500		\$15,000

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Schubel
Chair, Lawton Trust Commission

Additional information regarding the Lawton Trust can be found on the RCCPC website under Reach/Local.