



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: INSPIRING TOGETHERNESS

Keeping you connected with FCCA

Vol II | Summer 2026

Our Mission: We are dedicated to providing excellent programs, building partnerships and promoting unity. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to succeed. Together, we are committed to build a better future for our families, our children, and our community.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Crawford Gives** August 19-21
- **Titusville 1st Day** Sept 1
- **Crawford, Penncrest, Conneaut 1st Day** Sept 2
- **Labor Day - Office Closed** Sept 7

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WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

Every day, lives are changed because someone in our community chooses to give. Whether that gift is time, clothing, food, volunteer service, or financial support, **every contribution makes a meaningful difference to the Family Children & Community Association (FCCA) and the people we serve.**

At FCCA, we believe strong families build strong communities. Through programs like Pre-K Counts, Developing Greatness, Community Baby Showers, and many other supportive services, we help children, families, and individuals throughout Crawford County access the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

Your gift is more than a donation—it is an investment in our community.

Every contribution helps children learn, supports families through difficult times, creates opportunities for youth, and strengthens programs that improve lives across Crawford County.

No gift is too small. Whether you give \$10, \$100, \$1,000, or more, your generosity helps us continue our mission. When you give to FCCA, you become part of a community of neighbors helping neighbors. We invite you to support us during Crawford Gives and make a lasting impact.

Thank you for believing in FCCA and for helping us serve our community with compassion, commitment, and care. Together, we can continue creating opportunities, inspiring hope, and changing lives.

With gratitude and hope,
Jackie Roberson, Jr.
Executive Director, FCCA

COMMUNITY MEALS



COMING TOGETHER TO NOURISH OUR NEIGHBORS. *Community Meal Donations*



Many families in our community face food insecurity every day. Through FCCA's Community Meal Program, we are helping meet that need by serving warm, nutritious meals to over 2,354 community members this year.

This program is made possible through the generosity of individuals, businesses, and community partners who believe everyone deserves access to a healthy meal. Every donation helps provide food, supplies, and support for our neighbors in need.

How You Can Help

- Donate non-perishable food items.
- Volunteer to help prepare meals, serve guests, or assist with cleanup.
- Make a financial gift to help cover food purchases and operational costs, or support us by purchasing needed items from our Amazon Wish List:
www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2A8WYT9CFOHOC

COME EAT WITH US!

- Mondays & Wednesdays - 4:00-5:15 PM
- 2nd & 4th Saturdays - 9:00-10:30 AM
- 1st & 3rd Sundays - 1:00-2:30 PM

Together, we can reduce food insecurity, strengthen our community, and ensure that every neighbor has access to a warm meal.



BAKING CLASS

Coming this Fall!

Taught by **Confections of a Cake Lover**, this **Holiday themed** event will take place once every two weeks. Class is **limited to 10 people** to make sure we have enough room for everyone to move around safely. *Registration will be required and available once all the details have been worked out.* Watch our facebook page for additional information as it becomes available.

Sponsorship Opportunity: If you are interested in sponsoring this program please email Tricia Weed at tweed@fccafamily.com

GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. TAKE WHAT YOU NEED.



Located outside FCCA at 378 Chestnut Street, Meadville, our Blessing Box is a free community resource, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and stocked by the community for the community.

While our community is incredibly generous, the need is ongoing. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, clothing, and monetary gifts help keep the Blessing Box stocked for neighbors in need.

Together, we can make a difference—one act of kindness at a time.

FCCA Crawford

PRESENTS 3-DAYS OF GIVING



Crawford Gives is the Crawford Heritage Community Foundation's annual three-day giving event, taking place **August 19-21, 2026**. During this time, individuals and businesses can support FCCA, with eligible donations receiving a prorated match, increasing the impact of every gift.

WAYS TO GIVE

Online by Credit Card

Between **midnight, August 19 and midnight August 21**, visit the Crawford Gives website (www.crawfordgives.org) to make a secure online donation.

By Check or Cash

Complete a Check Contribution Form and submit it with your gift available at FCCA or online at www.crawfordgives.org. **Checks must be payable to the Crawford Heritage Community Foundation** and received by August 21.

Drop off: 415 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335

Mail: P.O. Box 933, Meadville, PA 16335

Stock or IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions

To donate appreciated stock or make an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, contact the **Foundation** in advance to receive transfer instructions and ensure your gift is processed in time for the event.



More Information?

www.facebook.com/fccafamily



Contact Us Now

814-337-4279

ATTEND ONE OR ALL 3 OF OUR EVENTS HOSTED AT FCCA!

**Aug
19**

Resource Fair 2-4 PM

- Discover FCCA programs that strengthen our community.
- Learn how the FCCA supports individuals and families.

**Aug
20**

Live-A-Thon 10 AM - 2 PM

- Celebrate community impact.
- Live donation goals.
- Tune-In on our Facebook page and help make a difference in our community.

**Aug
21**

Bingo Night Doors Open at 6PM

- Enjoy a night of bingo prizes and community fun.
- Play, connect, and support the FCCA's mission.





FCCA PRE-K COUNTS IS THE PLACE TO BE!

Did you know that you do not have to be in an attendance area to enroll in a center?

Families who are in that attendance area get first preference, but starting mid summer, we open those slots up to any income qualifying family.

We have openings for the fall in the following areas:

Cochranton Elementary
Gill Commons
Maplewood Elementary
Saegertown Elementary
West End Elementary

Ways to apply:
Call Tiffany at 814-337-4279 ext. 103
Visit www.fccafamily.com/pre-k-counts
Follow the QR Code:



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ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS
FOR THE
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FUN SUMMER LEARNING IDEAS

SUMMER IS THE PERFECT TIME TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY! HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE AND ENGAGING ACTIVITIES PRESCHOOLERS CAN ENJOY AT HOME WITH A PARENT OR CAREGIVER:

- Create an outdoor scavenger hunt where children search for different types of rocks, flowers, and insects.
- Use water play to explore measuring, pouring, and comparing different amounts.
- Observe birds, butterflies, and other animals to learn about nature and the world around them.
- Keep a summer journal of your child's discoveries using drawings. Add labels or names when your child is able.
- Blow bubbles, count how many you can make, and compare bubbles of different sizes.
- Practice writing letters, numbers, or shapes in the sand using a stick or your finger at the beach or in a sandbox.
- On rainy days, play age-appropriate board games that encourage counting, problem-solving, strategy, and hand-eye coordination.

These activities help build early math, literacy, science, and fine motor skills while making learning fun all summer long.



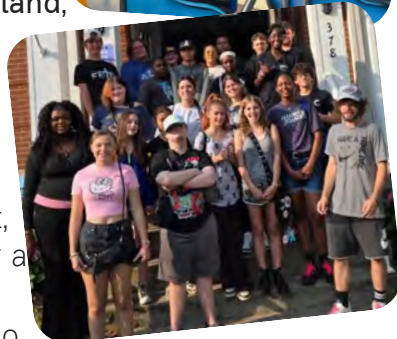
DEVELOPING GREATNESS & GREATLY DEVELOPED

Our Developing Greatness youth enjoyed a fun-filled trip to **Waldameer** on July 2! Despite the summer heat wave, everyone stayed cool at the water park, enjoyed exciting rides, and made lasting memories together.

More recently, our Developing Greatness and Greatly Developed programs took 25 youth in two vanloads on an educational trip to **Cleveland, Ohio** to explore history, culture, and art.

Participants had an incredible time learning about our 20th president, **James A. Garfield**, during a visit to the historic **Lake View Cemetery**. They also visited the **John D. Rockefeller Monument**, explored the **Cleveland Museum of Art**, and ended the day with an amazing Chinese meal.

Thank you to our donors for making these memorable experiences possible!



Developing Greatness is a free program for youth ages 12-17, open to everyone regardless of circumstances. Participants build confidence, develop leadership skills, make new friends, and enjoy engaging activities that promote personal growth in a fun, supportive environment.

Program Hours

- Mondays & Wednesdays: 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- Fridays: 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Greatly Developed is a free program for young adults ages 18-24, open to everyone regardless of circumstances. Participants develop job readiness skills, build résumés, practice interviewing, connect with local businesses, participate in educational field trips, and gain the confidence and experience needed to achieve their personal and career goals.

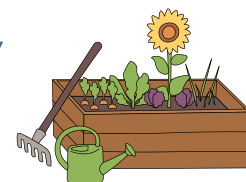
Program Hours

- Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Want to learn more? Contact:

Dani Harris
814-853-0208
dharris@fccafamily.com

CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY GARDEN



When Tricia Weed began volunteering in the FCCA kitchen, she noticed that fresh vegetables were rarely donated for the Community Meal Program. Inspired to help, she partnered with Jan Hyatt of Creating Landscapes and Mrs. Daunuta of Master Gardeners to launch a community gardening project.

Together, they invited youth from FCCA's Developing Greatness Program to cultivate two garden plots operated by Creating Landscapes on South Main Street in Meadville. Throughout the summer, participants have planted vegetables and flowers while learning to weed, water, and care for the gardens.

The hope is that the gardens will produce an abundant harvest to help supply fresh vegetables for FCCA's Community Meal Program. This

project is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished when community members, local organizations, and young people come together with a shared purpose.

Growing young minds and healthy habits through hands-on gardening, nature education, and community connection for children of all ages.



CRAWFORD COUNTY FAMILY NAVIGATORS

CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH RESOURCES, SUPPORT, AND HOPE

The Crawford County Family Navigators Program, offered through CHAPS and FCCA, provides individualized support to children, youth, and young adults **ages 5-21** experiencing mental health challenges, along with the families who support them.

Family Navigators help families access services, overcome barriers to care, and navigate mental health, educational, and community systems. They work with each family to identify strengths and needs, develop personalized action, crisis, and safety plans, connect them with community resources, and coordinate care among service providers.

Through education, advocacy, and compassionate guidance, navigators empower caregivers to make informed decisions, strengthen their support systems, and build confidence in managing their child's care. As families progress through the program, they gain the skills and connections needed to become more independent and successfully access long-term community resources.

By increasing access to services, reducing caregiver stress, and promoting positive mental health outcomes, the Family Navigators Program helps families build resilience and create lasting pathways to success.

To learn more, including program information, FAQs, brochures, and referral forms, visit www.fccafamily.com and select Family Navigators under the Programs tab.

Contact:

Dani Harris

814-337-4279

dharris@fccafamily.com



IDENTOGO FINGERPRINTING



FCCA is a registered center for IdentoGo Services provided by IDEMIA. Our fingerprinting program is a service to the community, providing Live Scan fingerprinting 6 days a week. Last year 3,056 individuals utilized this service making it an important factor in establishing community safety and trust.

Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday & Friday: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wednesday - Thursday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Available Services:

- State Agency Enrollment
- FBI Identity History Check

Register at: www.IdentoGO.com

PROGRAMS



COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

You're Invited September 8th, 2-5 at FCCA! To register, scan the QR code or call 814-337-4279

Join us for a free Community Baby Shower celebrating expectant parents and families with young children. Enjoy games, refreshments, parenting resources—including WIC information—and receive free baby essentials such as diapers, clothing, and care packages.

Our recent Community Baby Showers in Meadville, Titusville, and Hermitage were a tremendous success, with outstanding community participation. We are grateful to everyone who attended and helped make these events possible, and we look forward to hosting more throughout Crawford County.

FCCA is always looking for community partners and vendors to help share resources and support local families. If you're interested in participating in an upcoming event, please contact Jackie Roberson at jroberson@fccafamily.com.



Open to all men—fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and anyone seeking connection and personal growth. Join us for practical conversations in a welcoming, casual setting.

Every other Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at FCCA in Meadville. Registration is required.

Email: Brian.fathersrising@gmail.com

Call or text: 814-547-6352

CRAWFORD CLEAN SLATE INITIATIVE

Helping community members remove barriers, embrace second chances, and build new pathways to opportunity through legal aid, advocacy, and support services.

As Program Coordinator, Tricia Weed oversees participant enrollment and works closely with individuals seeking criminal record sealing, expungement, or a pardon. She conducts participant intakes, gathers required documentation and data, and connects each participant with a coach who provides guidance and support throughout the process. **Contact Tricia at tweed@fccafamily.com.**

At FCCA, we believe everyone deserves a fresh start, a second chance, and the opportunity to build a brighter future.



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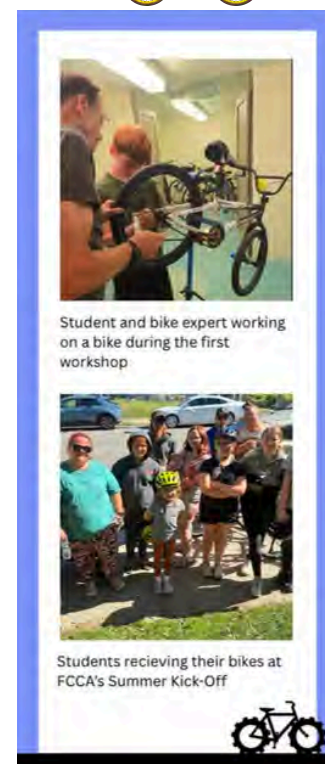


PEDDLE POWER

Pedal Power is a community initiative that refurbishes donated bicycles for youth and young adults throughout Crawford County. Participants gain valuable hands-on skills by learning bicycle repair, maintenance, and safe riding practices. Upon completing the training, participants receive the bike they repaired, safety equipment and a safety manual at no cost.

Over the last year the program has been expanding and we have a growing list of potential recipients. We are looking for child or adult bike, especially youth, BMX and Mountain bikes.

To apply, complete an application at FCCA or scan the QR code.
To donate a bike, contact FCCA at 814-337-4279.



IN NEED OF CLOTHES?

COME TO THE FCCA

Where Community Means Family

Our Caring Closet runs year round providing clothes and other basic essentials to individuals and families in our community for **FREE**.

WE HAVE

SHIRTS
 PANTS
 SHOES
 HYGIENE PRODUCTS
 AND MORE!

DONATIONS WELCOMED

Your donations help our community.

378 CHESTNUT STREET
MEADVILLE, PA 16335
 HOURS
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CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

COMING THIS FALL

FCCA FUNDRAISING EVENT

WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

FUN, FRIENDLY COMPETITION, AND GREAT COMMUNITY VIBES!

SAVE THE DATE !!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

FUNDRAISER

CELEBRATION OF GREATNESS AWARDS DINNER



FCCA
FAMILY CHILDREN & COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**Community Breakfast
AND
Back to School
Bookbag
Giveaway**

**WHEN: August 22nd
9-11 am**
**WHERE: 378 Chestnut St,
Meadville Pa**

SUMMER PARKS PROGRAM



Run by Mark McGinity, the Summer Parks Program brings outdoor recreation, enrichment, and safe play spaces to neighborhood parks all summer long.

The Parks Program provides a fun, safe environment where children can learn, play, and build friendships. FCCA serves lunch at Huidekoper Park for youth entering grades 5–9, while the YMCA provides lunch at Shadybrook Park for children in kindergarten through 4th grade.

Our program promotes five core values: safety, respect, collaboration, independence, and creativity. In the past weeks, participants celebrated teamwork by recognizing acts of collaboration on a community board before enjoying a special treat.

The Parks Program is made possible through the support of our community. Thank you to our parents, partners, volunteers, and donors for helping create a positive summer experience for local youth.

9/30/26

**LITERACY UNDER
THE LIGHTS**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
MEADVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD - NORTH ST.

Please plan to join Crawford Central as we celebrate literacy, books, & reading!
Local literacy resources and experts will be there to share information and strategies to promote literacy.

ENTRANCE IS FREE

- Bring your favorite book to read and a blanket for the family to sit on.
- Participate in the children's "Book Swap."
- Bring a book. Take a book!
- Complete a scavenger hunt to be entered to win a prize basket.
- In case of inclement weather, the rain date is October 6th.
 - Weather updates will be posted on the CCSD Web site.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sponsored by:
CCSD Title I & Special
Services Programs

SAVE THE DATE

Meadville

The Beloved Community

With Historian Dr. Dixon

NOVEMBER 4TH

3:30 PM



RECOVERY is NWPA

Movie Nights!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Must Register to Attend!

Movie Nights Registration Recovery is NWPA

The Movies

The Movies at Meadville
11155 Highline Dr. Meadville

July 23 @ 7pm **Moana**

August 6 @ 7pm **Minions & Monsters**

August 20 @ 7pm **Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie**

Free movie ticket, soft drink and popcorn!

Email mortonl@upmc.edu with questions

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WIC and the FCCA ARE HOSTING A

FAMILY FUN DAY!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: DIAMOND PARK, MEADVILLE
RAIN LOCATION: BASEMENT OF THE FCCA

TOUCH A TRUCK!
FIRE TRUCK • AMBULANCE

- 6% LOCAL FARMERS (Bring Your FNECs)
- COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- LOCAL BUSINESS
- LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN
- MARTY'S NACHOS

Fun for Everyone!

SHOUT OUT!



FCCA sincerely thanks the Hamot Health Foundation's Recovery Is NWPA Consortium for funding our community van. Their generous support provides transportation for Developing Greatness youth, appointments, community outings, parades, and other program activities.

This partnership helps remove transportation barriers and connects participants with opportunities throughout our community.



VOLUNTEER CORNER

VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TO THE FCCA TODAY

Want to see more programs like these or be part of something that helps right here in your community? We have tons of opportunities for you to volunteer. **Call Jackie at 814-337-4279 ext. 110.**

Volunteering not really your thing? We gratefully accept donations in person, by mail or through our website. **Call 814-337-4279** or visit our website at www.fccafamily.com and click the Donate button.

By mail: Make your check out to FCCA with your program designation in the memo and send to:
FCCA: Attention Jackie Roberson
378 Chestnut Street
Meadville, PA 16335

We ♥ our Volunteers

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