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Getting Ahead Program

There are currently 5 investigators working through the Getting Ahead program. Their graduation date is April 12, 2025. Stay strong!!

Staying Ahead Program

On Wednesday February 5th, The Staying Ahead group met with local landscape architect Dave Christian. Dave talked to the group about designing parks and recreational spaces. He shared guidelines and rules for designing these spaces. The group did an exercise where we created a park with sports space, playgrounds, pickleball, picnic areas, and walking trails based on what Dave shared with us. It was an educational and fun experience.

Thank You!

- *The Friends of Donegal Advisory Committee members for their 1 year commitment to helping us become a stronger organization*
- *The Joy of Sweets and Treats*
- *Dave Christian & Associates, INC*
- *Landscape Architecture*





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Donegal Power Packs

- 85 families enrolled in the program
- 369 individuals being served
- 90 bags are being prepared and packed weekly
- 11 families are utilizing the choice pantry weekly
- Over 700lbs of food is being distributed weekly!
- We are delivering to 4 families that have barriers to transportation

Donegal Community Gardens

- The Community Gardens is actively working to get prepared for the 2025 growing season.
- The plan is to get 2 greenhouses set up by the end of February.
- Volunteers from The Mount Joy Senior Apartments will be helping us plant seeds in March to grow in the greenhouses.
- Other volunteers are needed to help prep the 3 garden spaces. That means some weeding, laying down tarps, and planting seedlings.
- Email us at: andi@friendsofdonegal.org if interested in volunteering.





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Friends of Donegal

The 1st Chocolate Stroll organized by *The Joy of Sweets and Treats* and the local downtown Mount Joy Merchants took place on
January 24/25, 2025.

Christina and Andi received a check for \$1,577 from Joy from the tickets proceeds.
Thank you Joy, Dave, and the Mount Joy merchants for your support of FOD.



Volunteer Spotlight : Meet Renee



This will be my 7th year helping with the Donegal PowerPacks program. During this time, I have been involved with a variety of tasks to help distribute these packs to the eligible families in our community. I enjoy the PowerPacks program because it gives me a sense of purpose. Giving back to the community and helping those who are less fortunate is a good way to make your community stronger. You also get to meet many great people who are helping with this program and the recipients of the PowerPacks who our grateful for this service we provide. I enjoy camping with my family and friends and playing golf. In addition to volunteering for PowerPacks, I enjoy volunteering for the Mars Wrigley community events, such as the Halloween Boo Bash and the Holiday Parade in Elizabethtown. I have been an active member and President on booster clubs for the Donegal High School, supporting my sons football and baseball teams. *Thank you Renee* for your hard work and dedication!