



Celebrating

Donald Smith, Esq.



and



March 16, 2026

Greetings from our CEO



Welcome to *Picture Berks Healthy*, Berks Community Health Center's signature event. We are so grateful to have you here tonight as we recognize Don Smith and the United Way of Berks County for their incredible commitment to BCHC and our community!

It is because of your support - our Board, staff, event sponsors, donors and community partners - that we are able to continue to increase access to care for the underserved and to improve the overall health of our community. We appreciate each of you!

Thank you for joining us this evening!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kargbo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mary Kargbo, CEO

Mission Statement: To improve access and the health of our community through the delivery of coordinated comprehensive services for all residents of Berks County regardless of their economic status.

Our Vision: We are committed to improving the health of our community through the delivery and coordination of affordable, comprehensive, culturally sensitive patient- and family-centered healthcare.

Our Values: Respect for People, Quality, Integrity, Community Focus



7th Annual Picture Berks Healthy

Program begins at 6:30

Welcome

Mary Kargbo, CEO

Picture Berks Healthy

David Hershey, Communications and Development Coordinator

Improving the Health of our Community

Dr. Karen Wang, CMO

Introduction of Honorees,

Nick Marmontello, 2025 Civitas Award Recipient

Honoree

Donald Smith, Esq.

Honoree

United Way of Berks County

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Donald F. Smith, Jr. is a retired attorney, who practiced personal injury law with a concentration in workers' compensation cases for more than twenty-eight years with the Reading firm of Liever, Hyman & Potter, P.C. Thereafter, for ten years, he was the executive director of the Berks County Bar Association and the Law Foundation of Berks County. Earlier in his legal career he had served as president of both organizations.

In addition to having served on the board of the Berks Community Health Center, he has served on the boards of the Shippensburg University Foundation, the Antietam School District, the Central Berks Police Commission, Centro Hispano of Reading and Berks County, MidPenn Legal Services, Barrio Alegria, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Pennsylvania Bar Association's Political Action Committee, Shippensburg University Alumni Association, Congregational Council of Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American.

He has taught courses at Alvernia University's Seniors College on Clarence Darrow, the U.S. Constitution, and the United States Supreme Court and served as adjunct professor for constitutional law at Albright College for its 2020 Spring Semester. Alvernia University and the Alvernia Seniors College have presented him with the Saint Bonaventure Award for High Distinction in Teaching.

Donald has also been honored by the Berks County Bar Association with the LeRoy Hyman Award for Outstanding Service to the Bar of Berks County; the Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network with its Excellence Award; the Conference of County Bar Leaders with the Arthur J. Birdsall Award for outstanding service to the legal profession as an executive director; and for volunteering, after retirement, to represent low-income tenants facing eviction, he has been recognized with the Pennsylvania Bar Foundation's Louis J. Goffman Award for

Outstanding Pro Bono Service, the MidPenn Legal Services' Pro Bono Award, and the Law Foundation of Berks County's Sidney D. Kline, Jr. Award for Outstanding Community Service.

He received his J.D. from the Dickinson School of Law and his B.S. from Shippensburg University, which recognized him with its Distinguished Alumnus Award and its Exceptional Service Award.

Donald is married to JoAnn, and they have two children and four grandchildren

About The Civitas Award

Berks Community Health Center's Civitas Award carries layers of meaning. The most obvious is the word itself, often translated as Community. In Roman times, "*civitas*" was the word for the collective body of all citizens (each person a "*civis*"). Yet underpinning that simple definition is the understanding that "*civitas*" represents the contract binding all citizens together. By that unwritten contract, we share responsibility, concern, goals and common purpose for our society. There's no better way to describe the intentions driving the commitment and passion of our Civitas Award recipients.



Previous Civitas Honorees

2025—Nick Marmontello (Individual) & PK Benefits Consulting (Community Partner)

2024 - Kevin Murphy & Berks County Community Foundation

2023 - Pat Giles

2022 - Nancy Yocom

2019 - Gary and Karen Rightmire

2018 - Paul Roedel



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We are dedicated to strengthening the health and well-being of our community, and we are proud to be a founding partner of the Berks Community Health Center. BCHC and their dedicated staff play a vital role in advancing public health by ensuring that underserved children and families have access to high-quality, comprehensive primary and preventive care. Together, we are building a community where every individual has the opportunity to live a healthier life.



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4th Annual "Color Your Health" Art Contest



Students in the BCHC service area were invited to submit artwork with the theme "Picturing a Healthy Community." Over 80 students from schools in the Reading and Governor Mifflin School Districts participated. Artwork was divided into two categories - 1st-2nd Grade and 3rd-4th grade

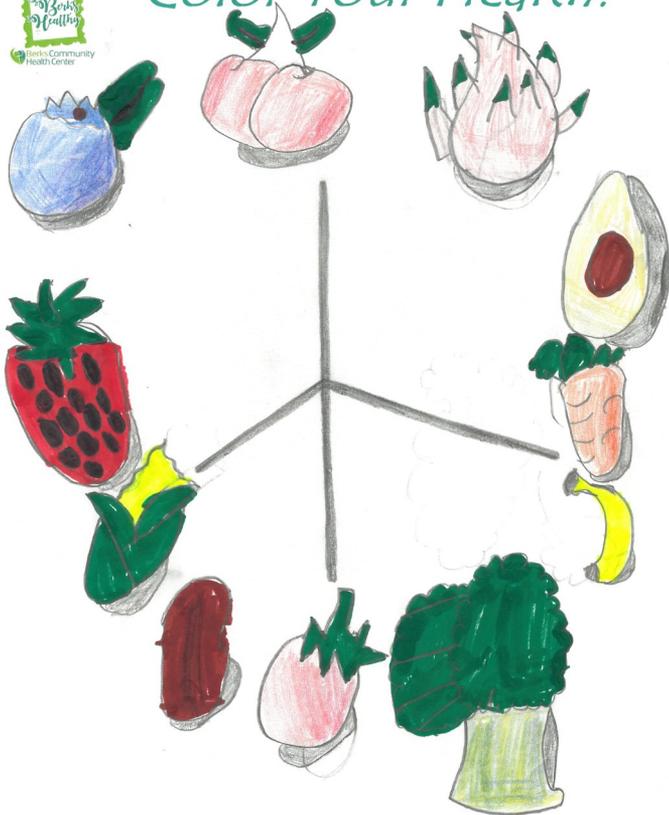
The pictures were displayed in a gallery on Facebook. The submissions with the most votes ("likes") won Fan Favorite. Once online voting ended the submissions in each category with the most votes were shared with our Civitas honorees and members of the PBH committee to choose the top three winners.

We congratulate all the students!

1st-2nd Grade



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Fan Favorite and 1st Place

Isabella

Cumru Elementary



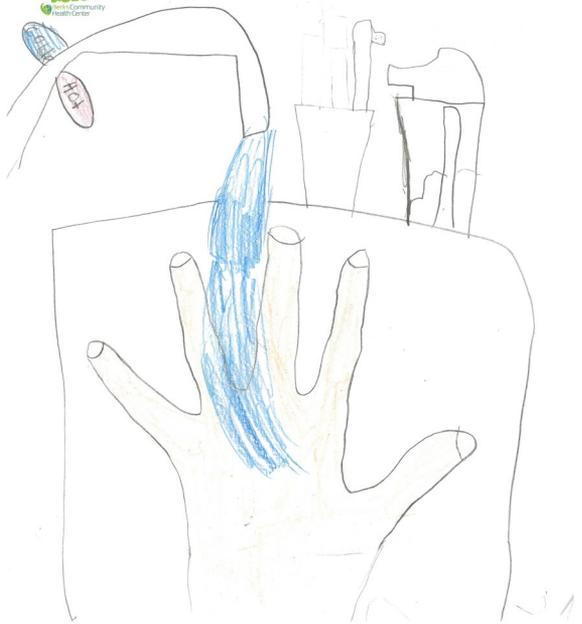
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3rd Place

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3rd - 4th Grade



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1st Place

Keily

13th and Union Elementary



Color Your Health!

2nd Place

Miranda

13th and Union

Elementary



Color Your Health!

3rd Place

Sophia

13th and Union

Elementary

Carrot!



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Avocado!





Color Your Health!



Fan Favorite

Nahoiny

13th and Union Elementary

Thank you to our 2026 PBH Committee

BCHC offers a special thanks to the members of the event planning committee:

- * Julia Becker (Alvernia University)
- * Debbie Hartranft
- * David Hershey
- * Kimberly Hippert-Eversgard (Fulton Bank)
- * Kayleen Torres (Tower Health)
- * Tyler Weisman (New Castle Lawn & Landscape)

We are grateful for the time you dedicated to reaching out to sponsors, offering feedback during planning meetings, putting together items for the silent auction, and helping recruit volunteers. Thank you!

We are grateful for the BCHC staff who contributed their time and energy to promote a health topic that's important to them: Adalgisa, Cyndy, Niya, Joanaliz, Milcha, Diana, Angely, Brendaliz, Nina, Janeslly, and Johannie



*Thank you to our honorees, sponsors,
staff, patients, guests and everyone
else who attended for making Picture
Berks Healthy 2026 a fantastic event!*

See you next year !

