

Community Account Description

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The decisions as to where the funding goes are never easy, but they have certainly produced rewarding results. Many clubs, organizations and local action committees have looked to the Community Account when money was short or unavailable through alternative avenues. Normally, when a commitment is met, the project or program comes to an end. However, the Community Account has served so many over the years that Representative Scrimenti will continue to pledge five percent of his gross salary into the account annually (\$2,350 per year). He hopes that his donations will continue to provide a helping hand for the community.

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Procedure for Community Account Requests

1. Obtain request in writing.
2. Get a brief description of item or service preferably on organization's stationery.
3. Cost
4. Obtain any other funding needs, of varying amounts, that may be of lesser amount (less than \$500) so that if a less expensive funding request could be satisfied that too could also be considered.
5. Any other pertinent information.

To Qualify for Funding

To qualify for Community Account funding, relay to requestor that this account does not provide funding for normal operating expenses. Typically, it provides for items or services that a group or organization wouldn't normally be able to fund out of their annual operating revenues (equipment, programs or services). An exclusion would be food pantries.

Community Account requests are usually under \$500. Requests above that amount are still received to possibly consider for alternative state grant programs.

Tom Scrimenti

Our State Representative

September 10, 1992

Mr. Mike Goetz
Owner
Super 8 Motel
4131 Executive Park Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17111

Dear Mike:

It's exciting that people and the press are focusing attention today on the mode for change and reform of our political system. We are at a place where real reform of our system is possible.

I find that exciting because I've been leading the legislative reform movement in Harrisburg for the last four years!

I got elected in part on a pledge not to take the 1987 "midnight" payraise - a \$12,000 self serving bonus originally passed as an accountable expense account. And for four years, I haven't taken it. Instead, I've placed that money in a special account and distributed it to senior citizen groups, to youth organizations, to schools and food pantries in our community.


But I've done more. I fought to roll back the payraise. I worked to reduce the size of the legislature. I voluntarily decreased my own office expenses, and publicly led the movement to reduce legislative expenses. I asked for a temporary freeze on out-of-state travel by legislators so long as state fiscal problems exist. And I've led the movement to set up an open, accountable system for all legislative expenses.

If you share my vision of a more open and responsive legislature, with accountable expense reporting, more regulation of special interests, and an end to necessary legislative perks, than please help me return for a third term to push our legislative reform agenda. I need your support now, more than ever, because now, more than ever, we can successfully enact the laws and change the rules we have been fighting for.

In order to do that, I urgently need your financial support of my re-election campaign. I want to carry our reform message to every neighborhood in our community. With your help, and the help of other good Erie County people like you, I know I will have the resources to do just that.

Hopefully you'll welcome my call in the next week or so to discuss how your donation will be used in my re-election effort. I have enclosed an envelope for your use in responding to this urgent appeal for help.

Sincerely,


Tom Scrimenti

THOMAS J. SCRIMENTI
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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May 15, 1991

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Mr. George M. Schroeck
Schroeck & Segel, P.C.
Attorneys At Law
338 West Sixth Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter of May 8, 1991, keeping me updated on the status of the sour gas well odors experienced in North East and Greenfield Townships. My interest and efforts have been to seek cause and closure of the suspected sour gas wells that are causing illness to the residents.

As you are aware, a group of residents called Concerned Citizens Against Sour Gas Wells have solicited your counsel and have asked for my help in payment for your services. Furthermore, I have agreed to make a contribution from my "Community Account" to help defray those expenses.

The "Community Account" is a special account that I've established as a result of the \$12,000 legislative pay raise the state legislature voted itself in 1987. I disagreed with both the amount and manner that the legislature gave themselves this increase. When I was elected to office I pledged not to take this raise but instead help worthy organizations and individuals in my legislative district with this money.

Since its inception, the "Community Account" has had remarkable success and interest. Many organizations and individuals continue to seek help from this account. My only wish is that we would have more money for the number of requests we receive.

It is with this in mind that I am forwarding a check in the amount of \$300 toward litigation costs and fees to Mrs. Nancy Seymour representing Concerned Citizens Against Sour Gas Wells.

Let me thank you and the residents for thinking of me and my "Community Account". This is exactly the type of service I want to provide with this account. I also want to be of service in any other way possible to achieve an amicable solution to this long-standing problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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May 25, 1993

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Mr. Steve Crane
Golf Professional
Charity Pro-Am Committee
Lake View Country Club
P. O. Box 468
North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. Crane:

I want to thank you for writing me with your ideas for the Community Account I created. It was certainly a pleasure hearing from you and of your continued good works. Ever since I devised the Account, it has been my good fortune to be asked to participate in scores of worthy and admirable community projects. Our area is truly blessed with a charitable spirit. Your request is for one such program and I am honored to be included in your plans.

The Community Account is filled with dollars that were designated for me. During my first run for the state House of Representatives back in 1988, I made what seemed to be a very outlandish promise to the constituents of the 4th Legislative District. I stood before you and announced that I would not use the \$12,000 a year pay raise legislators voted themselves in 1987 for my own benefit. The pay raise, that I adamantly opposed, was used to create my Community Account which, to date, has been the source of more than \$33,000 in donations to local organizations. Each year I only withheld enough of the pay raise to cover taxes, taking a moderate five percent cost-of-living increase in my salary. By fulfilling my promise to you each year since 1989, it has been my personal pleasure to allocate financial support to needy causes and projects.

The decisions as to where the funding goes are never easy, but they have certainly produced rewarding results. Many clubs, organizations and local action committees have looked to the Community Account when money was short or unavailable through alternative avenues. Normally, when a commitment is met, the project or program comes to an end. However, the Community Account has served so many over the years that I will continue to pledge five percent of my gross salary into the account annually. I hope my donations will continue to provide a helping hand for our community.

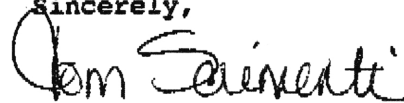
Mr. Steve Crane
May 25, 1993
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With all this in mind it is with great pleasure that I pledge my support of the 16th Annual Lake View Country Club Charity Classic. I would specifically like to designate my donation to the Bryan Damon Scholarship Fund with the enclosed check for \$300. I sincerely hope that this contribution adds to the success of your program. Please know that you have my wholehearted support and I join in your efforts to make our region a better place in which to work and live.

Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Tom Scrimenti
State Representative

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cc: Mr. Terry Frontino

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Lake View Country Club

BOX 468 • NORTH EAST, PA. 16428

April 24, 1993

Dear *Mr. Scrimanti*

On June 11, 1993, Lake View Country Club will be hosting its sixteenth annual Charity Classic. Last year the tournament raised \$10,000 for the Emmaus Soup Kitchen and the Lake View-Bryan Damon Scholarship Fund.

The 1993 recipients will be the Caring Program for Children of Erie County, the ExpERIENCE Children's Museum and the Lake View-Bryan Damon Scholarship Fund. The Caring Program provides health insurance for children ages 6-19 whose parents cannot afford it and who are not on welfare. The Children's Museum will be a "hands on" experience for children ages 2-12. It will feature educational exhibits with the motto, "Please Touch". The Scholarship fund was established in 1990 and provides financial assistance to needy and deserving students from the North East School District.

The recognized levels of sponsorship are the "Eagle" at \$300.00 and the "Birdie" at \$150.00. Naturally, all sponsors' donations are tax deductible and entitle you to a spot in the tournament field with a paid entry of \$75.00. In addition to recognition by the Lake View Membership in the tournament program, a large sponsor sign will be prominently displayed on the tee or green...not to mention the satisfaction you will achieve from helping those less fortunate.

Please help us to continue as one of the top charity producing events in this area. Should you desire to be a sponsor, contact Steve Crane, Golf Professional, at 725-9561 as soon as possible.

Thank you for any consideration.

Gratefully yours,

Terry Frontino

Member of the 1993
Pro Am Committee

Year 1992 Contribution was 300



Union City Area High School



105 CONCORD STREET
UNION CITY, PA 16438
(814) 438-7673

May 6, 1993

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Thomas J. Scrimenti
9 West Main Street
North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. Scrimenti:

I'd like to take this opportunity to, once again, thank you for the donation to the 1992 Union City High School Prom To Dawn Celebration. The 19" Color Television donated at the expense of \$350 was sincerely appreciated by the students, parents and community.

As in the past, we are asking for a gift/donation for this year's Prom To Dawn Celebration to be held on May 28, 1993 at the Union City Elementary School.

We gratefully express our sincere appreciation and your on-going support of student activities and events in our small, rural community. Your continued support of our Prom To Dawn theory in keeping the kids off the streets and safe and secure overnight is greatly appreciated.

We would appreciate a response to our request at your earliest convenience. I can be reached by telephone at home, after 5PM, Monday through Friday at (814) 438-2016 or daytime work (814) 438-3817 ext. 1355, 8AM to 4PM; or mailing address is P.O. Box 2925 Wilson Rd., Union City, PA 16438.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Georgia Guriel

Georgia Guriel, Member
Union City High School
Prom To Dawn Committee

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Mr. Thomas Scrimenti
9 West Main Road
North East, PA 16428

May 14, 1993

Dear Mr. Scrimenti:

This letter is representing members of the North East High School FHA Chapter (Future Homemakers of America). Our chapter recently attended our State Leadership Conference in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. We had excellent results. Out of the five teams that competed from our school, three teams, with a total of eight people, qualified for positions on the Pennsylvania National Team. National competition is to be held in Anaheim, California, July 11-15.

To be placed on the National Team, your team must score the highest in your event, age level, and category. State competition involved schools and chapters from all across the state. Our chapter was recognized for conducting successful community service projects throughout the 1992-1993 school year. These projects were carried out in the North East community.

Our school and administration is being very supportive and are helping by meeting most of the expenses for the trip. We need to raise money for food and meal costs, sightseeing, and educational touring.

We read of your generous contributions to other organizations in the past year. We would greatly appreciate any help you could give us as we prepare for National competition and attendance at the National Leadership Meeting.

Sincerely:

Jessi Rose

North East High School
Future Homemakers of America
Jessi Rose, President

NORTH EAST HIGH SCHOOL
1901 FREEPORT ROAD
NORTH EAST, PA. 16428

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April 23, 1993

State Representative, Thomas Scrimenti
Nine West Main Street
North East, PA 16428

Dear State Representative Scrimenti,

As before several times I have asked for your help in the way of money and of course this letter is no different then before. Well, there is one small change I am on the board of directors of our local Y.M.C.A. as well as a member of the Fire Department. This letter will be on behalf of our Y.M.C.A. which offers many different programs but one that is much concerned are the water programs that are offered.

As I was looking over some of the pool side equipment I noticed that the back board or spine board was a old plywood type which has seen its days. I would like to ask you if your community give back money would be available to purchase a new back board. The one that would be needed would come equipped with the straps and C.I.D. head stabilizer secured to it. In any accident where there may be a neck or spine injury it is very important, as you know to secure the person so that further injury may be avoided. I do not want to ask for L.I.G. money I feel the time limit would be some what long. If you can not purchase the board totally any money you may provide would most definitely help. The cost would be around \$300.00 but it would last probably 20 years and as always thank you very much.

If you would like to talk to me, please call me at 665-5161 work number or 664-9264 home number.
Sincerely,



Donald L. Dodd
Board of Directors, Y.M.C.A

Donald L. Dodd
38 Random Road
Corry, PA 16407

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July 5, 1993

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Mr. Donald Dodd
Board of Directors
Y.M.C.A. of Corry
38 Random Road
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Don:

I want to thank you for writing me with your ideas for the Community Account I created. It was certainly a pleasure hearing from you and of your planned/continued good works. Ever since I devised the Account, it has been my good fortune to be asked to participate in scores of worthy and admirable community projects. Our area is truly blessed with a charitable spirit. Your request is for one such program and I am honored to be included in your plans.

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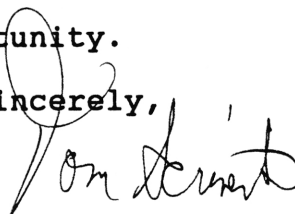
Mr. Donald Dodd
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With all this in mind it is with great pleasure that I pledge my support of the Y.M.C.A. of Corry with the attached check for \$300. I sincerely hope that this contribution adds to the success of your program.

Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGING
PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS

February 13, 1995

Mr. Paul Nakoski
Boy Scout Troop #151
3745 Hereford Road
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Mr. Nakoski: - *Paul,*

I want to thank you for writing me with your ideas for the Community Account I created. It was certainly a pleasure hearing from you and of your planned good works. Ever since I devised the Account, it has been my good fortune to be asked to participate in scores of worthy and admirable community projects. Our area is truly blessed with a charitable spirit. Your request is for one such program and I am honored to be included in your plans.

The decisions as to where the funding goes are never easy, but they have certainly produced rewarding results. Many clubs, organizations and local action committees have looked to the Community Account when money was short or unavailable through alternative avenues. Given the Community Account's past success, I will continue to pledge five percent of my gross salary into the account annually (\$2,350 per year). I hope my donations will continue to provide a helping hand for our community.

With all this in mind, it is with much personal and professional pleasure that I write to inform you of my support of your efforts and my present ability to participate in them. Enclosed is a donation that I am pleased to give from my Community Account. It is my hope that this allocation will constructively add to your work and to its success.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to be of service to you and to your admirable efforts. Please keep me informed of your progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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list of all community
account donations
1989-1994

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT

1989-1992

Representative Scrimenti established the Community Account in 1988 by taking a portion of his own salary that would represent the payraise legislators voted themselves in 1987 (which he opposed and campaigned against) and donating that to local projects of importance. Those funds have gone to numerous projects in the 4th Legislative District. Following is a listing of projects that have benefitted from the Community Account.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Donation</u>
NORTH EAST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Equipment purchase	\$1,000
CORRY AREA HIGH SCHOOL -- St. Patrick's Day Festival benefitting Corry Memorial Hospital	\$250
KAREN STAUFFER, UCHS CHEERLEADER -- Transportation costs to national competition	\$200
JENNY COCHRAN FUND	\$700
CORRY UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL -- Office equipment purchase	\$250
ERIC DANOWSKI FUND	\$500
UNION CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT -- Truck fund	\$500
NORTH EAST SPORTS BOOSTERS -- Bobby Triana Memorial Trophy Case	\$500
LOBLAWS SOFTBALL TEAM, NORTH EAST -- Transportation costs to national tournament	\$500
WATTSBURG YOUTH CENTER -- VCR and Cabinet purchase	\$500
CORRY COMMUNICATIONS C.B. RADIO CLUB, INC. -- Brock Cline Benefit	\$300

HARBORCREEK AARP	\$500
-- Equipment purchase	
UNION CITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	\$500
-- Class Reunion Festivities	
CONELWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NATURE CENTER	\$650
-- Outdoor classroom improvements	
NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY	\$700
-- Purchase of freezer and food	
HARBORCREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	\$500
-- Office equipment purchase	
NORTH EAST SENIOR CENTER	\$380
-- VCR purchase	
GIFTS FOR KIDS PROGRAM	\$250
TIMES-LEADER "SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS FUND"	\$250
ST. BONIFACE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY	\$750
-- Christmas food distribution	
UNION CITY SENIOR CENTER	\$200
-- Shuffleboard equipment purchase	
JENNY COCHRAN FUND	\$200
BROOKSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY	\$500
-- Equipment purchase	
MILLCREEK-ERIE COUNTY ADVOCATES (MECA)	\$500
-- Outreach program for Eastern Erie County	
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL	\$575
-- VCR and Monitor purchase	
IROQUOIS JUST SAY NO CLUB	\$300
-- Drug Education Program	
CORRY AREA HIGH SCHOOL	\$300
-- St. Patrick's Day Festival benefitting Corry Memorial Hospital	
HORIZON HOUSE	\$600
-- Refrigerator purchase	
GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	\$480
-- Equipment purchase	
CORRY CROP WALK FUND	\$300
-- Fund drive to fight hunger	
UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL "PROM TO DAWN" PARENT COMMITTEE	\$275
-- Anti-drinking and drug program	

WATTSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY	\$700
-- Furniture purchase	
LAWRENCE PARK TRI-COMMUNITY FIREWORKS	\$250
-- 4th of July Celebration	
CORRY SENIOR CENTER	\$455
-- Outdoor benches	
CORRY COMMUNICATIONS C.B. RADIO CLUB, INC.	\$300
-- Nathan Vanderhoff Benefit	
WATTSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	\$500
-- Equipment purchase	
STANFORD HOSE COMPANY	\$1,000
-- Equipment purchase	
CORRY SALVATION ARMY	\$500
-- Soup kitchen	
UNION CITY CROP WALK	\$300
-- Fund drive to fight hunger	
ST. BONIFACE FOOD PANTRY	\$650
-- Christmas food distribution	
HARBORCREEK CHAPTER OF AARP #4434	\$400
-- Equipment purchase	
CORRY AREA HIGH SCHOOL	\$300
-- St. Patrick's Day Festival benefitting Corry Memorial Hospital	
GREENE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION	\$400
-- Playground equipment	
EASTLAKE JAYCEES	\$500
-- Youth fishing program	
WRIGHT STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$360
-- Summer water safety program	
ERIE COUNTY FIRE SAFETY HOUSE	\$250
-- Equipment purchase	
UNION CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT S.A.D.D.	\$100
-- Students Against Driving Drunk Program	
CORRY CROP WALK	\$300
-- Fund drive to fight hunger	
CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST SOUR GAS WELLS	\$300
-- Litigation costs	

CORRY MANOR NURSING HOME -- National Nursing Home Week Festivities	\$200
UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL "PROM TO DAWN" PARENT COMMITTEE -- Anti-drinking and drug program	\$300
LAWRENCE PARK TRI-COMMUNITY -- 4th of July Celebration	\$250
LAKEVIEW CHARITY PRO-AM TOURNAMENT -- Benefitting Make-a-Wish Program	\$150
THE GREATER ERIE CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS	\$250
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - FRENCH CREEK COUNCIL	\$200
MARY B. RIPLEY PARK FUND -- Park benches	\$200
CORRY COMMUNICATIONS C.B. RADIO CLUB, INC. -- Lyle Hotchkiss Benefit	\$500
HARBORCREEK FOOD PANTRY -- Christmas food distribution	\$850
CORRY FOOD PANTRY -- Christmas food distribution	\$850
ST. BONIFACE FOOD PANTRY -- Christmas food distribution	\$400
CORRY AREA PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER -- Publication of Crisis Center pamphlets	\$325
HARBORCREEK AARP #4434 -- VCR purchase	\$200
CORRY AREA HIGH SCHOOL -- St. Patrick's Day Festival benefitting community service organizations	\$300
UNION CITY FOOD PANTRY -- Freezer purchase	\$300
GLINODO CONFERENCE CENTER -- Weather station purchase	\$600
CORRY CROP WALK -- Fund drive to fight hunger	\$300
UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL "PROM TO DAWN" PARENT COMMITTEE -- Anti-drinking and drug program	\$350

HARBORCREEK SPORTS BOOSTERS "PROM TO DAWN" PARENT COMMITTEE	\$350
-- Anti-drinking and drug program	
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY	\$250
-- Patient services	
UNION CITY FOOD PANTRY	\$500
-- Food distribution	
SENECA MUSIC BOOSTERS	\$500
-- Seneca High School Marching Band National Competition costs	
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY - CORRY UNIT	\$300
-- Patient Services	
CORRY COMMUNICATIONS C.B. RADIO CLUB	\$500
-- Tim Ingram, Dennis Redenz and Tommy Brockman Benefit	
CORRYITES FOR NEEDY CORRYITES	\$300
-- Tommy Brockman Benefit Fund Drive	
ERIE COUNTY 4-H	\$300
-- 4-H National Competition	
UNION CITY CROP WALK	\$300
-- Fund drive to fight hunger	
UNION CITY SENIOR CENTER	\$225
-- Exercise equipment purchase	
HARBORCREEK FOOD PANTRY	\$600
-- Christmas food distribution	
ST. BONIFACE FOOD PANTRY	\$600
-- Christmas food distribution	

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**Community Account
1993 - 1994 Donations**

Over the years, the Community Account has been filled with dollars that were designated for Representative Scrimenti. During his first run for the state House of Representatives back in 1988, he made what seemed to be a very outlandish promise to the constituents of the 4th Legislative District. Representative Scrimenti stood before you and announced that he would not use the \$12,000 a year pay raise legislators voted themselves in 1987 for his own benefit. The pay raise, that he adamantly opposed, was used to create the Community Account which, to date, has been the source of a \$36,225 total in donations to local organizations. Each year Representative Scrimenti only withheld enough of the pay raise to cover taxes, taking a moderate five percent cost-of-living increase in his salary. By fulfilling his promise to you each year since 1989, it has been his personal pleasure to allocate financial support to needy causes and projects.

The decisions as to where the funding goes are never easy, but they have certainly produced rewarding results. Many clubs, organizations and local action committees have looked to the Community Account when money was short or unavailable through alternative avenues. Normally, when a commitment is met, the project or program comes to an end. However, the Community Account has served so many over the years that Representative Scrimenti will continue to pledge five percent of his gross salary into the account annually (\$2,350 per year). He hopes that his donations will continue to provide a helping hand for the community.

Some particulars about the Account are that it does not provide funding for normal operating expenses. Typically, it provides for items or services that a group or organization would not normally be able to fund from their own annual budgets. With the new funding level of this account (\$2,350 per year) and the number of requests I receive, it is necessary to limit all disbursements to \$500 or less. However, requests above that amount occasionally are received and are directed to an alternative state grant program if available.

Please see the following page for a listing of projects that have benefitted from the Community Account.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Donation</u>
CORRY CROP WALK FUND -- Fund drive to fight hunger	\$200
LAKEVIEW CHARITY PRO-AM TOURNAMENT -- Benefitting Bryan Damon Scholarship Fund	\$300
UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL "PROM TO DAWN" PARENT COMMITTEE -- Anti-drinking and drug program	\$350
NORTH EAST HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA -- Transportation costs to national competition	\$250
Y.M.C.A. OF CORRY -- Purchase of backboard for pool	\$300
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SENIOR CITIZENS -- Construction cost of senior center	\$250
CORRY CANCER CENTER -- Patient Services	\$250
ERIE COUNTY 4-H NATIONAL LEVEL COMPETITION -- Transportation costs to national competition	\$250
SUMMIT TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY -- Christmas Food Distribution	\$400
HORIZON HOUSE -- Purchase gas dryer	\$400
UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL "PROM TO DAWN" PARENT COMMITTEE -- Anti-drinking and drug program	\$400
LAKEVIEW CHARITY PRO-AM TOURNAMENT -- Benefitting Bryan Damon Scholarship Fund	\$150
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY -- Cancer Walk	\$250
NORTH EAST FOOD PANTRY -- Food Distribution	\$250

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December 12, 1995

Ms. Ethel Gilliland



Erie, PA 16509

Dear Ms. Gilliland: - *Ethel*

It is with much personal and professional pleasure that I write to inform you of my support of your efforts and my present ability to participate in them. Enclosed is a check for \$350 to be used for the Summit Community Food Pantry for the Christmas Basket Food Distribution from my Community Account. It is my hope that this allocation will constructively add to your work and to its success.

The decisions as to where the funding goes are never easy, but they have certainly produced rewarding results. Many clubs, organizations and local action committees have looked to the Community Account when money was short or unavailable through alternative avenues. Normally, when a commitment is met, the project or program comes to an end. However, given the Community Account past success, I have decided to make even more of a financial commitment. Recently, legislators were awarded an \$8,800 unvouchered expense account in place of a salary increase. I did not support the raise. I am, however, pleased to deposit into my account the expense money, continuing my effort to return funds to our region to where they are most needed. I hope my donations will continue to provide a helping hand for our community.

I wish you the best for the holiday season and I thank you for this opportunity to be of service to you and to your admirable efforts. If I can be of any other assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tom Scrimenti
Thomas J. Scrimenti
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November 30, 1995

Ms. Sandi Clark

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Erie, PA 16509

Dear Ms. Clark:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence regarding the U.S. Congress's actions on Medicare and the Pennsylvania General Assembly's pay raise.

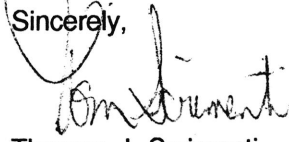
I completely agree with your stance on Medicare. I believe the courageous actions President Clinton is taking against the Republican Congress are necessary to ensure that our senior citizens receive affordable health care. Increasing the deductible on Medicare will financially cripple many who are barely getting by on their Social Security checks.

With regard to the editorial comments on the General Assembly's pay raise, please be advised that since taking office, I continue to return a portion of my pay to the community. I turn over these funds (which total over \$36,000 to date) to various charities in my legislative district. That was a campaign pledge I made upon seeking elective office, and I will continue to abide by that promise. In deference to my colleagues, however, I must say that the entire salary matter was never properly structured. The concept that one votes themselves an increase in salary is difficult to substantiate, even if it is one's sole income. However, the new language will now tie legislative pay raises to the Consumer Price Index which is a fairer avenue in which one can receive a salary increase.

As you may know, I am a full-time legislator. I take great pride in the endless hours I spend helping constituents during the evening and on weekends. This is an occupation one cannot put away after the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Navigating the by-ways of government can be frustrating for many individuals; however, I always try to make myself available to the citizens of my legislative district. Please know that I stand ready to assist you in whatever problems you may experience with state government.

Again, thank you for taking the time to alert me of your position regarding these issues.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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