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## **Upper Merion Board of Community Assistance Application Process Opens for 2020 Awards**

**KING OF PRUSSIA, PA November 8, 2019** – As of December 1, 2019, the Upper Merion Township Board of Community Assistance (BCA) application process is officially open for the 2020 awards. Non-profit organizations and Upper Merion students are encouraged to apply for one of many possible grants that are awarded through the BCA each year. Applications will be accepted through April 1, 2020.

The BCA was established in 2013 by the Board of Supervisors and Valley Forge Casino Resort to provide financial assistance to organizations via grants that benefit Upper Merion residents, and scholarships for graduating high school seniors who reside in Upper Merion Township.

“The BCA is a unique partnership between Valley Forge Casino Resort and Upper Merion Township, said Greg Waks, Supervisor Chair, and it has made a substantial impact in our community.” “I strongly encourage organizations which provide services to our residents and graduating high school seniors who reside in Upper Merion Township looking to continue their education to apply.”

In 2019, over \$152,000 was awarded to 56 recipients – 36 organizations, 2 sports, and 18 scholarships, including the General von Steuben \$10,000 scholarship, and three Ronald G. Wagenmann \$5,000 scholarships. Since its inception, the BCA has provided more than \$1,000,000 in grants to local organizations and college scholarships for Upper Merion graduates.

Applications and more information about the grants are available on the website by clicking on the Board of Community Assistance slider on the homepage.

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