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NEP Supports Local Education

November 7, 2022 Forest City, PA: For the second consecutive year, The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company has contributed \$100,000 to the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program administered by Commonwealth Charitable Management and the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. NEP has supported public school programs and tuition assistance for students across Susquehanna County for over a decade. For the 2022-2023 academic year NEP donated \$10,000 to each of the following school districts: Blue Ridge School District, Forest City Regional School District, Mountain View School District and Susquehanna Community School District. This generous support will enable the districts to offer new and innovative programs such as dual enrollment and advanced placement college credits, Project Lead the Way, and after school clubs and competitions.

Each of the four school districts also received a grant from the Jessie Osgood Tourje Memorial Fund. These grants will be used to support high-quality education initiatives in the districts. NEP awarded additional EITC grants to the Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library Association to bolster their early literacy program across the Susquehanna County branches, the Greater Carbondale Area YMCA to support after school and summer camps, and the Carbondale Technology Transfer Center (CTTC), enabling students in Carbondale Area, Western Wayne and Forest City school districts to participate in the Entrepreneurship Academy program. This program features in-class visits from local business leaders, an incubator facility tour and a hands-on project where students apply their new skills to solve a problem facing a local business.

Commonwealth Charitable Management Executive Director, Cristine Clayton, states that “We appreciate the support that NEP and the Tourje family have provided in our area and are looking forward to partnering together to bring new opportunities to students in our area. This generous local company is committed to providing educational opportunities to students in need and supporting their community.” For more information about NEP please visit nep.net. For more information about the work of Commonwealth Charitable Management please visit www.commonwealthcharitable.org.

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