



Phil Koch, Executive Director

The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, Affiliated with The Pittsburgh Foundation

For the last two decades, Phil has been working to strengthen communities. He started his career as an elementary and middle school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools and also taught in Pittsburgh Public Schools. In 2005, Phil left the classroom and began working in the nonprofit sector as the Pittsburgh Director for MGR Youth Empowerment, a direct service nonprofit focused on youth development. Shortly after, Phil took on the role of National Executive Director and grew MGR Youth Empowerment to five urban cities and served more than 50,000 youth.

In Phil's current role as the Executive Director of The Community Foundation of Westmoreland County, an affiliate of The Pittsburgh Foundation, Phil works with local leaders, community philanthropist, and the nonprofit sector to tackle the most pressing issues in the county. As a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy, Phil helps families create and implement highly effective charitable strategies. He also oversees the foundation's grantmaking initiatives focused on supporting vulnerable populations, community and economic development, and capacity building for the nonprofit sector. Phil founded and currently leads the WestCo Nonprofit Network, a coalition that provides advocacy and education for the nonprofit sector.

Phil serves on many nonprofit boards and advisory groups, including the Westmoreland County Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, Shady Lane School, St. Andrew Lutheran Church and the National Veterans Art Museum. He and his wife, Deanna, are the parents of three sons and live in Ingram. As a windy city native, Phil cannot turn down a Chicago dog or Cubs tickets.