



Celebrate Canton *Today & Tomorrow*

Together we honor our past and imagine our future while strengthening quality of life in the Town and Village of Canton.

A charitable fund for Canton forever endures

Established in 1999, the **Canton Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation** was created as a geographic-specific fund to support projects and programs at nonprofit organizations that positively impact the quality of life for all residents in the Town and Village of Canton.

The **Northern New York Community Foundation** stewards this charitable fund. To build initial support, the Foundation awarded a challenge grant to donors interested in giving to this philanthropic resource. By the end of 2020, people from across the Town and Village of Canton came together to create a permanent community fund. It awards grants to local projects in perpetuity. Gifts continue to be added by donors like you. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations for whom Canton holds special meaning can now give to support the place they love and call home, forever.

A GRATEFUL GRANTEE

"Thank you for the generous grant of \$2,000 to the Canton Free Library. It was a pleasant surprise and relief to be able to offset safety expenses we incurred through the pandemic. Your support let us focus on getting books into the hands of the community!"

— Emily Hastings,
Canton Free Library Director

DONORS MAKE A BIG IMPACT



VILLAGE PARK FOUNTAIN RE-DEDICATION: Gifts to the Canton Community Fund enabled grant support to help restore the centerpiece of Canton's Village Park in the heart of downtown. The restored fountain was rededicated in June 2021 and is once again operable. Canton Community Fund grants helped fund three new park benches as well as repairs to the fountain.

Your gifts help strengthen Canton Matching grant continues to build Community Fund

In 2019, the **Canton Community Fund** was the grateful recipient of a \$25,000 matching grant from the **Northern New York Community Foundation** to support the "Campaign for Canton: Give Where You Live" initiative to significantly grow its permanent endowment at the Foundation.

A portion of this grant was made possible by the **Brookmar Fund**, whose advisors are **Peter and Kathy Wyckoff** of Canton. Together, the Community Foundation and the Wyckoffs matched gifts to the Canton Community Fund, dollar-for-dollar, totaling \$25,000.

"We are pleased we could provide support to match gifts and help increase the Canton Com-

munity Fund's grantmaking capacity and its recognition in our community," the Wyckoffs said. "As the Canton Community Fund continues to grow, it will be a greater, broader force for good," added **Rande Richardson**, Community Foundation executive director.

The Community Fund board embraced the challenge to support more and greater projects that will benefit residents of the Town and Village of Canton.

"We are excited and honored to have been chosen for this generous matching grant from the Northern New York Community Foundation and the Brookmar Fund," board president

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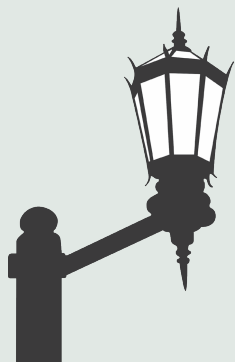
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A Northern New York Community Foundation affiliate

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The Canton Community Fund supports programs, projects and activities that enhance the quality of life for our community in perpetuity.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

You are the heart of Canton that enables our good work together

When I was a student at St. Lawrence University, more years ago than I care to count, I thought Canton was a pretty nice community, but never imagined myself living there permanently. It was my college town, welcoming me, providing me with restaurants, stores, and so on, not a place where I would live permanently.

But that is exactly what happened. Five years after graduating, I took an administrative job at my alma mater and moved to Canton with my wife, Barbara, who was expecting our first child. I became a Canton resident — a homeowner, shopper, taxpayer, voter, parent of two children who went through the Canton Central School system and on to prestigious universities and successful careers, someone who took an interest in the doings of my surroundings.

Along the way, I discovered that Canton really is a nice community — friendly people, a safe and clean environment, delightful parks, a fine school system, I could go on. But I also discovered that, like every community, large and small, everywhere in the world, it has needs. And so, when I was invited to join the Board of Directors of the Canton Community Fund a few years ago, I jumped at the opportunity to give back some time, energy, and money to the place that had given me so much as Barbara and I pursued our careers and raised our children over the years.

For more than two decades, the Canton Community Fund, or CCF, has awarded grants to nonprofit organizations that serve residents of the Town and Village of Canton in any number of ways. There have been dozens, from the Canton Day Care Center and the Church and Community Program to the Rensselaer Falls Historical Society and the Morley Library. I mention the latter two because it is important to make clear that we serve not just the Village of Canton, but also the



NEAL BURDICK

entire township.

But we couldn't do that without the support of the people of Canton, who have collectively, through the years, generously donated thousands of dollars to the Community Fund, resources it

distributes in Canton for improvement and quality of life projects of all kinds. That's it in a nutshell: We take in gifts in the form of donations and award them

back out in the form of grants. So, some summer evening as you enjoy an ice cream cone by the fountain in the village park, or the next time you play basketball on the new court at Taylor Park

or contemplate the five thematic barn quilts on the west wall of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association's Red Barn, remember the Canton Community Fund. Remember that gifts from Canton folks too numerous to name here made it possible for the Fund to award grants toward the completion of these projects, and dozens more throughout the Town and Village.

We are all in this together, and together we can all make Canton even more wonderful than it already is. Thank you for considering support of the Canton Community Fund.

NEAL BURDICK is president of the Canton Community Fund Board of Directors. He is retired as senior writer/editor and adjunct associate professor of English at St. Lawrence University. He is not yet retired as a freelance writer and editor, focusing on the Adirondacks. He has served on the boards of Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) and the Friends of Owen D. Young and Launders Libraries (a St. Lawrence University organization), and is vice-chair of the board of Azure Mountain Friends.

Canton Community Fund Sustaining Gifts

The **Canton Community Fund** and the **Northern New York Community Foundation** gratefully thank all donors who help strengthen the quality of life in the Town and Village of Canton. **Every gift, large and small**, enables a more effective pursuit of our collective work and mission to enhance our community. We hope you will consider renewing your support in the year ahead. All donors who made gifts to the **Canton Community Fund** between **January 1** and **December 31, 2021**, are listed here. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

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■ We strive for accuracy. If you find an error or omission, bring it to our attention so we can immediately correct it. The **Canton Community Fund** welcomes gifts throughout the year to support its ongoing work and mission. Gifts may be made in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

Recent Tribute Gifts

Includes gifts made to the Canton Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation in memory of or in honor of a loved one from Jan 1 to Dec. 31, 2021

In Memory of Given by

Frances Bacon
Anonymous

Adam Helmer Jr.
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**Those before us who gave in
selfless community service
so we that can have what
we have today**
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Dennis & Nancy Jones

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Clay & Ann Streit

COMMUNITY FUND GRANTMAKING / A MEANINGFUL IMPACT

Recent grants support a wide range of local nonprofits

From January 2021 through January 2022, the **Canton Community Fund** awarded eight grants totaling \$11,629 in support. Some were spurred by the COVID-19 global health pandemic, while others addressed ongoing needs in the Town and Village of Canton. From child care and

the arts to parks and libraries, collectively they represent a wide range of nonprofit organizations, initiatives, projects, and programs the Canton Community Fund can assist with. All grants are made possible because of the thoughtful generosity of Community Fund donors. Thank you!

Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY) / \$500



A \$500 **Canton Community Fund** grant helped purchase supplies for a cicada-themed community art project. Art works produced by the project were auctioned, with proceeds benefiting **TAUNY** and the **Church & Community Program of Canton**, which provides food and other essential items to Canton residents in need.

Canton Free Library / \$2,000



A \$2,000 **Canton Community Fund** grant provided funding to Canton Free Library to help with a range of measures the library took to continue to operate safely during the COVID-19 global health pandemic. "Your support let us focus on getting books into the hands of the community," Library Director Emily Hastings said.

Canton Day Care Center (two grants) / \$3,000

A \$1,000 grant helped offset costs of personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies required for staff to comply with COVID-19 pandemic-related protocols. A second, \$2,000 grant helped purchase seven new cribs for infant children who are in the Center's care.

Canton Recreation Department / \$2,000

The Recreation Department serves residents of the Village and Town of Canton. Grant support helped to purchase and install an adaptive, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant canoe and kayak launch at Taylor Park Beach.

First Presbyterian Church of Canton / \$2,079

To purchase three park benches as part of the village's park and fountain restoration project. The Fund's maximum grant is normally \$2,000, but the Board of Directors made a one-time exception to support the full acquisition of all three benches. The Fund previously provided a grant that went toward restoration of the fountain, which was rededicated last June.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County / \$2,000

For the curation of an interactive photographic exhibit hosted by **Traditional Arts in Upstate New York**

(**TAUNY**) and documenting Cornell Cooperative Extension's work with local direct-market producers through its farm-to-table initiative.

Canton Sustainability Committee / \$250

Grant funding helped the Village of Canton Sustainability Committee purchase containers to distribute to local households to collect and transport food waste to Canton's municipal compost collection site. The request was initiated by **Katie Metcalf**, a Canton Central School student who worked in collaboration with the Sustainability Committee. In its letter of approval, the Community Fund's Board of Directors commended Miss Metcalf for her initiative as a young person.

COMMUNITY FUND GRANTMAKING / AN IMPACTFUL HISTORY

A PROUD HISTORY OF SUPPORT: From 2016 through 2020, the **Canton Community Fund** awarded the following grants to a broad range of community-oriented nonprofit organizations whose work and missions strengthen the quality of life in the Village and Town of Canton. Our grant-making is made possible thanks to the generosity of all who make gifts to the Canton Community Fund. Without your generous giving, support to so many worthy organizations would not happen. Learn more about our grantmaking at cantoncommunityfund.org.

2020

Canton Farmers' Market	\$500	Software and materials for an online ordering system
Deep Root Center for Self-Directed Learning	\$945	Chromebooks for distance learning students who live in Canton
GardenShare	\$2,000	Development and maintenance of a new website
Nature Up North	\$2,000	Equipment and program support to expand outreach to under-served youths
Rensselaer Falls Historical Society	\$1,000	Support to paint the museum, a former church building
St. Lawrence University Campus Kitchens	\$1,450	Equipment to serve meals to vulnerable community members
The Yoga Loft	\$2,000	Help with renovations of a new and improved space

2019

Canton Central School District's Banford Elementary School	\$350	To help the special education class rehabilitate the school garden
Canton Central School District's McKenney Middle School	\$1,245	Interactive middle school anti-bullying and "cyber etiquette" counseling program
Canton Day Care Center	\$2,000	Furnishings to expand school-age space at United Helpers' Maplewood facility
Canton United Methodist Church	\$1,278	Two new freezers for its Free Will Meals Program that serves 130 people a week
Christian Fellowship Center Canton	\$466	Two ballet barres to support the Center's dance studio
Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County	\$1,900	Laptop computer and furnishings for the Master Gardener Program in Canton
First Presbyterian Church of Canton	\$400	Promo and educational materials for the Canton Farmers' Market in Village Park
Help Sami Kick Cancer Foundation	\$2,000	Commercial washer and dryer for the Lodge at Dreaming Tree Ranch
St. Lawrence County Community Development Program	\$216	Two field trips to the North Country Children's Museum for Canton Head Start
St. Lawrence County Historical Association	\$2,000	Installation of required fire safety equipment at its "Red Barn" archives building

2018

Canton Free Library	\$500	Game materials and equipment to support the newly formed Canton Chess Club
Canton United Methodist Church	\$2,000	"Steeple for the People" bell tower restoration and repair project support
Grasse River Heritage	\$2,000	Help repair structures in Canton's Heritage Park caused by a river ice jam
St. Lawrence University	\$2,000	A collaborative art project of the SLU Education Department and Canton CSD

2017

Canton Park & Fountain Fund	\$250	Pumps and piping for the fountain restoration in the heart of Village Park
Canton Recreation Department	\$500	Improvements to basketball courts in Canton's Taylor Park
Deep Root Center for Self-Directed Learning	\$1,366	Technology and music-making equipment for its music and media room
GardenShare	\$475	Signage to improve traffic flow and safety at its Route 310 office
Remington Arts Festival	\$500	Support for several musicians participating in the 2017 festival in Canton
St. Lawrence County Historical Association	\$335	Installation of five locally made barn quilts on the wall of its "Red Barn" building
Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY)	\$3,250	Two grants: \$2,000 to underwrite "TAUNY Publications in Regional Folkways," a series of books focusing on North Country art and folklore; \$1,250 for the inaugural TAUNY Writers' Fair held in Canton
The Yoga Loft	\$550	Safety equipment to support the inaugural "Maple Run" foot race in Canton

2016

Canton Day Care Center	\$2,000	Support to complete a feasibility study for a second-floor expansion
Canton Free Library	\$2,000	Support to help replace and abate a basement floor contaminated with asbestos
Canton Central School District's McKenney Middle School	\$1,000	Pedometers for every student for the "Smart Steps to Success" program
Church and Community Program of Canton	\$690	A new freezer for its Canton food distribution center
Deep Root Center for Self-Directed Learning	\$1,560	Support to purchase a computer tablet and related software
GardenShare	\$1,000	Purchase furniture for new office space
Village of Canton Complete Streets Task Force	\$1,300	Purchase and installation of a bike repair station in Village Park

CANTON COMMUNITY FUND / GRANTMAKING HISTORY BY THE NUMBERS

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	TOTAL
\$9,550 to 7 organizations	\$7,226 to 8 organizations	\$6,500 to 4 organizations	\$11,855 to 10 organizations	\$9,895 to 7 organizations	\$45,026 to 36 organizations

THOUGHTFUL LEGACIES: DR. ROBERT N. WELLS JR.

Remembering a Canton Community Fund co-founder

It was 1999. Bob Wells and Peter Van de Water had an idea: Why not establish a philanthropic organization that would raise money and then distribute it in the form of grants to Canton village and town nonprofit organizations, for the purpose of improving the quality of life in the community for all who live there.

Establish the organization they did. With a small group of founding directors, they named it the **Canton Community Fund**, a charitable affiliate of the **Northern New York Community Foundation**.

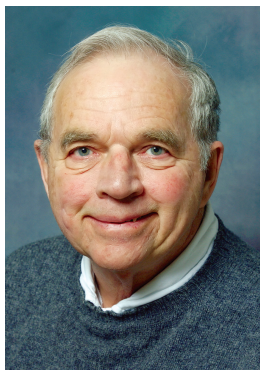
Together, Bob and Peter approached the Community Foundation, which at the time was just beginning to make itself known in St. Lawrence County as a public charity whose work strengthens the quality of life in communities across Northern New York. The Community Foundation supported the idea to establish within it a permanent geographic-specific fund to benefit nonprofit, charitable organizations serving residents of the Town and Village of Canton.

"We had a very broad definition of 'improving,'" they used to say. "It covered just about everything."

The rest, as they say, is history. Dr. Van de Water passed away in 2014, and his co-founder, Dr. Robert N. Wells Jr., last December 10, at age 88.

Bob Wells was for more than 40 years professor of government at St. Lawrence University, where his chief interest was foreign affairs. He retired from St. Lawrence in 1999, but remained as an emeritus faculty member, teaching part-time until 2009.

But he was also devoted to local affairs, as a dedicated and energetic member of the Canton community. Among many involvements, he served multiple terms as mayor of the village and as a member of the Board of Education and led fundraising efforts that resulted in construction of the Canton Pavilion, a skating and exhibition hall on Lincoln Street in the village. He had a smile, a cheery hello, and a friendly word or two for everyone he knew, which was seemingly everyone who'd been in town for more than a couple of days. He was honored for his contributions to his adopted community by the Canton Rotary Club (of which he was a staunch member), the Canton Lions Club, the Canton VFW Post, and the



DR. ROBERT N. WELLS JR.

Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Bob found particular meaning in his work and partnership with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe. He was recognized in 1983 by the United South and Eastern Tribes for his long-standing contributions in helping the St. Regis tribe through the development of the Akwesasne Library, as well as the Operation Kanyengehaga tutoring program and the first Upward Bound Program, the latter two both through St. Lawrence.

Bob was a deeply caring and passionate educator who touched the lives of many students while challenging them to be excellent citizens through his example of selfless community service.

Born in 1933, he grew up in New Haven, Conn., and graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1951. He attended the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he studied history and political science and earned a bachelor's degree in 1956, a master's in 1963, and a doctorate in 1969. While a student at Michigan, Bob met his wife, Patricia Blickle. He

served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958, and later, the Army Reserve.

Bob was most proud of his family and cherished time with them. His family decided a fitting way to honor his memory is through gifts to the Canton Community Fund of the Northern New York

Bob Wells was a deeply caring and passionate educator who touched the lives of many St. Lawrence students while challenging them to be excellent citizens. He was also devoted to local affairs, as a dedicated and energetic member of the Canton community.

Community Foundation. We are humbled to be a part of the special way he will be remembered and join Bob's wife and children, **Cynthia, Gretchen, and Chris**, in mourning his loss and celebrating a tremendous life of service to community and dedication to countless young learners.

Tribute gifts in memory of Dr. Robert N. Wells Jr.

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Charles & Mary Ellen Carvel
Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country
Community Health Center of the North Country

Max & Sara DelSignore
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Sharon & Jim White

To join others in helping to honor Dr. Robert N. Wells Jr., make gifts to: the Canton Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation, P.O. Box 142, Canton, NY 13617

TOUCHING LIVES, FOREVER:

Since 1999, the Canton Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation has been built by those who have made the thoughtful decision to provide enduring support for the community they love. We are very grateful for these acts of generosity that help perpetuate lives of great meaning, not only for those who knew and loved them, but for those who will forever benefit from their vision for a better region. To learn how you can **honor a loved one's** legacy, contact the Community Foundation at info@nnycf.org, or **315-782-7110**.

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Neal Burdick said. "The Foundation and the Wyckoffs have been exceptionally generous benefactors of the Canton community over several years."

A portion of the Community Foundation's commitment included support from the **Peter Van de Water Fund for St. Lawrence**

County. Mr. Van de Water, a Community Fund co-founder and charter board member, passed away in 2014. His wife, **Becky**, remains an active supporter of the Community Foundation and the Canton Community Fund.

"We're also grateful that Peter Van de Water's legacy provided a meaningful impact as the Canton Community Fund continues to support the town and village that meant so much to him," Burdick said.

The COVID pandemic put a halt to the *Campaign for Canton: Give Where You Live* just as it was getting off the ground in spring 2020. Nevertheless, gifts to the campaign exceeded \$36,000 by early this year.

"This is testimony to the faith the people of Canton have in their village and town," Community Fund board member **Barbara Beekman** said. "A big thank-you to all who contributed."

Since its inception in 1999, the Canton Community Fund has supported a wide range of programs and projects, awarding more than 100 grants totaling nearly \$130,000 to nonprofit organizations in the Village and Town of Canton (see the roundup of grants awarded from 2017 to 2020 on page 5, and in 2021 and 2022 elsewhere

Together, the Northern New York Community Foundation and Kathy and Peter Wyckoff's Brookmar Fund have matched all contributions to the Canton Community Fund, totaling \$25,000.

in this report). The fund has been built by gifts from many individuals, families, organizations, and businesses, as well as bequests and other planned and matching gifts.

To learn more about this permanent charitable resource, the challenge grant, and how to support the Community Fund's efforts now and in the future, visit cantoncommunityfund.org.

Applications for grant funding always accepted

Local organizations serving residents in the Town and Village of Canton are encouraged to apply for a grant through the **Canton Community Fund** of the **Northern New York Community Foundation** to further their missions and work that has community-wide benefit.

Nonprofit organizations with a valid 501(c)(3) designation are eligible to apply. Other agencies, community groups, or individuals seeking a fiscal sponsor for a community project are encouraged to partner with an eligible nonprofit or the nearest municipality. Organizations are encouraged to identify potential projects, develop project budgets, and determine additional funding sources for their request. Grant recipients will be notified on a rolling basis.

Guidelines, as well as tips for making a gift and other information about the **Canton Community Fund**, are available at cantoncommunityfund.org. The fund is a **Northern New York Community Foundation** charitable affiliate.

CANTON COMMUNITY FUND / HOW TO GIVE

Flexible giving where you live, now & forever!

The **Canton Community Fund** is a **Northern New York Community Foundation** affiliate. The Foundation stewards this charitable, philanthropic resource that will have a lifetime

impact on residents in the Town and Village of **Canton**. There is no better option to "give where you live" and support a stronger quality of life in your community forever!

LEGACY PLANNING

A part of your legacy may include a charitable gift to support the Canton Community Fund. The Community Foundation provides a wide range of donor options to make giving efficient, simple and rewarding. Loyal residents and supporters of the region have the ability to maximize generosity and give where they live forever.

BEQUESTS — You may plan a gift as a provision in your will, naming the "Northern New York Community Foundation for the benefit of the Canton Community Fund." You may choose to give a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.

RETIREMENT PLANS — This

option allows you to truly maximize your meaningful gift. You can avoid taxes on retirement plan distributions by naming the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate the "Canton Community Fund" as your charitable fund of choice.

LIFE INSURANCE — List the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate the contribution to the "Canton Community Fund." It is an efficient option that maximizes the value of your charitable gift and also allows you to receive a tax deduction.

■ Other legacy planning options include charitable gift annuities (CGAs), charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and more. To

discuss legacy planning or other charitable giving interests with the Northern New York Community Foundation, contact **Executive Director Rande Richardson** or **Assistant Director Max DelSignore** at 315-782-7110 or email rande@nnycf.org or max@nnycf.org.

GIVING OPTIONS

CHECK — Mail gifts via check to: **Canton Community Fund, P.O. Box 142, Canton, NY 13617**. Please designate the "Canton Community Fund" with your gift.

ONLINE — Secure online giving is an efficient way to make a gift to the Canton Community Fund. Visit cantoncommunityfund.org and click the "Give" button. You may specify your gift to the

"Canton Community Fund."

STOCK, IRA OR INSURANCE TRANSFER — Consider a contribution through a transfer of stock, IRA, or life insurance. Contact the Community Foundation to learn more, 315-782-7110. The Community Foundation can also work with donors to allocate IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), which can be used to make tax-free charitable gifts. Ask the Foundation how to take advantage of this opportunity.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY — As a Northern New York Community Foundation affiliate, the **Canton Community Fund** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Consult a tax professional to learn more.



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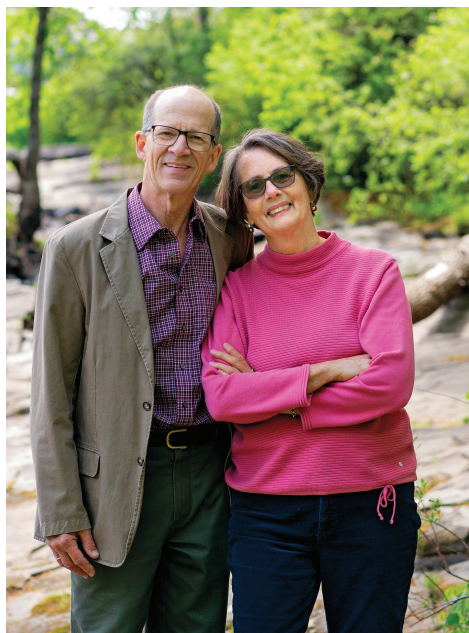
FOR THE LOVE *of* COMMUNITY

Supporting their passions through the Canton Community Fund and the Northern New York Community Foundation has helped Kathy and Peter Wyckoff create opportunities for others

For years, Canton residents **Katherine M. "Kathy" and Peter B. Wyckoff** have shared their time, talent, and treasure with local causes and organizations that work to improve the quality of life in their community. The couple serve as advisors to the **Brookmar Fund**, a donor-advised fund they established at the **Northern New York Community Foundation** in 2013. Through the Brookmar Fund, they generously support many local causes and nonprofit organizations. Recently, they provided a matching gift to the **Canton Community Fund of the Community Foundation** to support its ongoing **Campaign for Canton** and help build its permanent endowment within the Community Foundation. Kathy and Peter share their call to community philanthropy and what inspires them to give.

What does community philanthropy mean to you? We try to look at the areas of need in our close community and North Country region and determine how we can help make things a little better. Giving financial support is, of course, important, but we also recognize that volunteering our time is important, too. One of the great benefits of volunteering for local nonprofits is meeting and working with other people toward a common goal.

What inspires you to be involved in helping to make your community and the world around you better? Our parents were good examples of gifting both



Canton Community Fund supporters **Peter and Kathy Wyckoff** in Canton's Grasse River Heritage Park.

their time and money. We see people from our church and in the wider community who put so much energy into helping others and improving the quality of life for everyone. It feels good to support some of the organizations and initiatives that strive to make the North Country a safer, healthier, and more enjoyable place to live.

How did you land on this journey to become community philanthropists? Our connections in Canton, through our

jobs, church, and friends all helped us realize how fortunate we are to have the time and money to donate. Once our children left home, we could offer to volunteer more often and start making financial gifts.

How did you learn about the Community Foundation and get involved in service?

We made a connection with the Community Foundation through the Canton Community Fund and our friend and mentor, **Peter Van De Water**, and his wife, **Becky**.

What are your areas of interest philanthropically on a local, and broad scale?

We have a broad range of interests including education, the arts, health care, environmental organizations, local food pantries, and other helping agencies. We try to be aware of the ongoing needs of our area like food insecurity and health care. We also recognize that quality of life is important in addition to basic human needs. We support local efforts to provide exposure to the arts and give to organizations that increase opportunities to enjoy and appreciate our natural environment.

How does giving make a meaningful impact in your community?

Donations of time, ideas, and money all impact the well-being of our area. Many of the opportunities that we take for granted would not be available, without local support. Volunteer contributions are essential for grassroots nonprofits that strengthen our communities.