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ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT: From left: Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity Executive Director **Amanda LeDesma** and Habitat Construction Team Leader **Adam Jones** with a new truck the organization recently purchased with the help of grant support from the Community Foundation.

Foundation donors put Habitat construction program back on wheels

A recent Community Foundation grant helped **Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity** purchase a new pickup truck for its construction program.

Thanks to a \$16,000 grant, Habitat staff and volunteers can now transport trailers and essential equipment to the job site without having to rent a truck, making work more efficient and affordable.

"We are incredibly grateful for the Community Foundation's support," **Amanda LeDesma**, Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity executive director said. "Purchasing a pickup truck for our construction program enables us to operate our job sites more efficiently while responsibly deploying our staff and volunteers."

A valued Community Foundation partner, Habitat and its cadre of volunteers build at least one new home in Jefferson or Lewis counties every two years. It also rehabs a home every two years and completes home repairs annually. Officials aim to finish 20 repairs each year in both counties.

The truck is a long-term investment in Habitat's work that is expected to get several years of use. The organization's previous truck had been in service for several years and had become costly to maintain as it was nearing its end and had become unsafe.

Now that the construction program has a safe and effective way to transport materials to job sites, Habitat is welcoming applications from individuals for its "Brush with Kindness" program. The program offers exterior home repair services such as replacing handrails, steps, and repairing

porches. Learn more at tiahabitat.org/apply.

Habitat is driven by the belief that everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to live. The organization provides local families in need the opportunity to work together to build a home as a means of a "hand up, not a handout."

Since the Thousand Islands Area Habitat chapter was founded in 1994, it has helped dozens of families between Jefferson and Lewis counties achieve homeownership.

"We are incredibly grateful for Community Foundation's support. Purchasing a pickup truck for our construction program enables us to operate our job sites more efficiently while responsibly deploying our staff and volunteers."

— **Amanda LeDesma**, Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity executive director

TO OUR VALUED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONORS AND PARTNERS:

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EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: BRYAN OLSON, CLAYTON



FOUNDATION SCHOLAR AT WORK:

Bryan Olson, a 2013 Northern New York Community Foundation scholarship recipient, is the manager of business administration and finance for the **Thousand Islands Bridge Authority**. A Clayton resident, Bryan received educational support to complete his bachelor's degree in business administration at **Niagara University**, Buffalo. He is pictured outside the Bridge Authority's Town of Alexandria headquarters.

Community Foundation scholar: We must 'give back for our community to remain vibrant'

Bryan Olson graduated in 2009 from **Thousand Islands Central School**. After completing an Associate Degree at **Jefferson Community College**, he transferred to **Niagara University**, Lewiston, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2013. Because of generous donors like you, Bryan was able to complete a bachelor's degree thanks to a **Northern New York Community Foundation** scholarship that made his education more accessible. We recently met Bryan and asked him about his experience and what advice he'd give young students who are considering their futures.

How did you learn about the Community Foundation and its many scholarship opportunities?

I believe it was an interview I saw on television that reminded me of the scholarships available through the Community Foundation. Being awarded the scholarship certainly made my decision to attend **Niagara University** an easier one.

What put you on the path to a career in accounting? Coming out of

BRYAN OLSON

AGE: 30

HOMETOWN: Clayton

EDUCATION: **Thousand Islands Central School District**, 2009; **Jefferson Community College**, Associate Degree, 2009; **Niagara University**, Bachelor of Business Administration, Magna Cum Laude, 2013; **Northern New York Community Foundation** Scholarship recipient

FAMILY: Wife, **Ashlynn**; daughter, **Claire**; Parents, **Terri and Carl**; brother, **Stephen**

EMPLOYER: **Thousand Islands Bridge Authority**, Alexandria Bay

CAREER: Manager of business administration and finance; previously an accountant with **Bowers & Co.**

PERSONAL: Spending as much summer time on Clear Lake and the St. Lawrence River, where I'm a fourth generation "River Rat." Traveling and visiting new places, a lot of times driving, which became fun with the arrival of our daughter, Claire, in 2020.

high school I really had no idea what career path I wanted to pursue. I had run a small lawn care business from the age of 12 so I thought maybe the

business program at JCC would be a good starting point. It was during my introduction to accounting class that I realized accounting was a natural fit. As I progressed through my college career the classes continued to interest me, and as I learned more about the industry, I knew this would be something I could see myself doing for the rest of my career.

How has your education helped you advance professionally? College certainly provided the groundwork necessary to begin my career in professional accounting. Both the general study courses and the courses concentrated in accounting helped me develop the skills necessary to succeed. I was still very green when I started working at Bowers & Co. in fall 2013. I remember working on my first audit, thinking "Why did they not teach me any of this in college?" It wasn't until later in my career when I was helping first-year staff that I realized I was not alone with that sentiment. It can be very overwhelming starting a new career right out of college for a lot of professions.

What's your story?

INVESTING IN EDUCATION:

Are you a Community Foundation scholar who has completed your post-secondary education and is now working in your field? Did you or a family member establish a scholarship at the Community Foundation to honor a loved one? Share your story of how the Foundation helped you achieve your goals. **Contact** our **communications director** at **315-782-7110** or **ken@nnycf.org**.

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YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL: YOUR GIFTS DEVELOP FUTURE LEADERS

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL GRANTS

The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation made the following grant awards to local nonprofits during in 2021-22 program year:

Jefferson County SPCA — \$5,000 to help manage an overpopulation of feral cats through its Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) program. Free-roaming cats are humanely trapped by community members and cat colony managers, spayed, or neutered, and returned to the place where they were living. Grant support will deploy TNR services to up to three smaller cat colonies, approximately 60 cats, within Jefferson County.

Society of United Helpers — \$5,000 to support training and certification of up to eight Direct Support Professionals (DSP) to administer medications for adult residents with developmental, intellectual, or brain injury disabilities who live in group homes. Training includes a 40-hour program and certification exam. Successful completion of the course provides career growth to current DSPs and enhances the quality of care for residents.

Adams Revitalization Committee — \$4,500 to support architectural and design planning for a new community playground at the former Adams Elementary School off Wardwell Street. Project planning will require extensive research, collaboration, evaluation, and community outreach to engage the entire community in new and safe recreational opportunities for all.

The ESF College Foundation (SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry) — \$4,500 to support the Muskellunge Citizen Science program. The college is organizing a community of concerned anglers to participate in a tracking assessment and recovery of the St. Lawrence River muskellunge population. Grant funding will help purchase Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) kits for participating anglers. SUNY ESF manages the Thousand Islands Biological Station (TIBS) Observing System on Governors Island near Clayton.

Canton Free Library — \$1,000 to update the collection at the library's Rensselaer Falls branch, which is one of just a few public spaces in the rural village and is known for being a second home to local teens and sometimes serves the local Amish community. Funding will help improve services and visibility for the one-room library.



YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL GRANT PRESENTATIONS: The Class of 2022 listens to a grant presentation from the Society of United Helpers in the Community Foundation board room at the Philanthropy Center. Five tri-county nonprofit organizations presented proposals for grant funding to the Council during its 2022 grant cycle.

The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation's Class of 2021-2022 recently awarded \$20,000 in grants to five North Country nonprofit organizations that will support a wide range of community programs and projects.

The Council reviews requests annually from tri-county nonprofits to fund projects or initiatives that positively impact the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties. In addition to researching and recommending grants, Council members visit nonprofit organizations, learn about grant stewardship, community investment and leadership, and nonprofit sustainability.

The Council received 27 funding proposals during the last program year with six agencies invited to present requests to the full Council.

Council Vice Chair **Anmolika Bolla**, a third-year member and 2022 Watertown High School graduate, said this year's grant selection process featured "an incredible grant pool, blooming with diversity in all aspects."

"The Youth Philanthropy Council sets the stage for young individuals to have an adult lens for the community's needs. Every YPC year is one full of insight, awareness, and service," Miss Bolla said. "Each of our grant

recipients can make a meaningful difference in our tri-county area. These nonprofits have excelled in igniting our passion in their projects and missions. It has been an honor to serve for the past three years and give back to nonprofits that do the most for the betterment of our community."

Council Grants Committee Chair **Katherine Banazek**, a third-year member and 2022 South Jefferson High School graduate, noted how this year's Council has been exceptionally passionate, devoted, and professional.

"The Council exposes a diverse group of students to inspiring organizations in our local area, forming a lasting impact and value for philanthropy," Miss Banazek said. "The five selected projects were chosen for their ability to address critical issues facing our tri-county area. Through hard work and careful deliberation, the Council identified the projects with the most valuable impact."

In addition, the Council this year awarded grant support to five regional nonprofits to strengthen their respective work and missions. The **Disabled Persons Action Organization**, **Mountain View Prevention Services**, **Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club**, **OBI Land Trust**, and the **St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum** each received \$1,000.

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THE YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE



Ella Arnott
Watertown High School



Katherine Banazek
South Jefferson High School



Anmolika Bolla
Watertown High School

Graduates share lessons from YPC service

Ella Arnott

As you prepare to continue your education in college, what will you take with you from your YPC experience? My time on the Council has laid a foundation of skills that will help me succeed in my future — both academically and in my community. As a student, I learned leadership, time management, and hard work. As a community member, I learned respect, service, and awareness for an entire town.

What leadership skills did you learn in YPC that you may not have gained from other activities in high school?

YPC had the biggest influence on my leadership, teamwork, and public speaking. No other extracurricular in high school provided me with such an enriching education on how to be an adult in the real world.

Would you recommend the YPC experience to someone you know and why? I will forever recommend this Council to my peers. There is no other organization that can provide such a unique and valuable insight to

your community while also teaching the fundamentals of leadership and teamwork.

Katherine Banazek

How do you define community philanthropy? How did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy?

Community Philanthropy is using your passion and resources to better the lives of the people around you. This can mean something different to everyone. During my time on YPC, I witnessed countless people working to better our area in entirely different ways. Whether you contribute money, time, or skills, there are many ways to engage in philanthropy.

Based on what you learned during YPC service, what is the largest unmet need in our region and how can we work to bridge the gap?

My time on YPC has shown me that there is not one specific unmet need in our community, but a more general widespread demand for support across many areas. Balancing these needs is an integral part of philanthropy and something the council is always careful

to consider when making any philanthropic decisions.

What should other young people know about community philanthropy that you wish you knew before you became involved with YPC?

Philanthropy is much more accessible than you might think, and it is open to anyone with a desire to help. There are many ways to contribute to local nonprofit organizations. While donations are a great way to do so, sharing your time and other skills are often just as valuable.

Anmolika Bolla

What is most memorable about your Youth Philanthropy Council service? It was definitely the lifelong friendships I have made. This organization has allowed me to meet like-minded individuals who have a passion for doing good in the community. Philanthropy is the foundation of the friendships I have made, and I think that is something really special.

YPC — Did you know?

■ The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** was chartered in 2010 to promote positive youth leadership development and engage young people in meaningful activities that build their skills while educating them about community philanthropy and its impact on **Northern New York**. Council members grow to become critical thinkers and problem solvers as they engage in lessons that may never be taught in a classroom.

2022 Grant opportunity

■ The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** will accept 2022 funding proposals in the fall. Contact **Kraig Everard**, Community Foundation director of stewardship and programs, **315-782-7110**, or **kraig@nnycf.org**, to learn more about how to apply for up to a total of \$20,000.

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THE YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL EXPERIENCE

YPC — Did you know?

■ Since 2010, the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council has awarded **122** grants totaling **\$205,070** in support to nonprofit organizations that serve tri-county residents, and nearly **140 students** from **seven different North Country high schools** have served as Council members.



Hailyn Buker
South Jefferson High School



Romi LaClair
South Jefferson High School



Sidney Wheeler III
South Jefferson High School

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What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region? I was surprised by the diverse needs our community has. When I first joined YPC, my scope of nonprofits centered around health and human services. But with my years of YPC, I have become knowledgeable and open-minded to many more needs of our community.

Based on what you learned during your service with YPC, what is the largest unmet need in our region and how can we work to bridge the gap?

The arts. As someone who is passionate about music and has played in orchestras from a young age, I feel that we need to take steps as a community to uplift the arts and enrich the lives of our fellow community members.

Hailyn Buker

What leadership skills did you learn in YPC that you may not have gained from other activities during your high school experience? As a committee chair for two years and a member for three, my ability to

lead has significantly improved. As the Council is a student-led, adult-guided model, much more influential decisions are made by high school-aged students than adult advisors. I have yet to find this level of empowerment and true leadership training in any school-based activities.

What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region? I was

shocked at how wide and diverse the needs in our Northern New York region really are. Before joining the Council, I was rather naive to the people outside of my little town. Through the grant requests, volunteer activities and other members of the Council, I was able to understand how everyone has a different story with unique experiences. Only then did I understand how much the Council's work can help those within the community.

How do you define community philanthropy? How did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy? It completely changed my idea of philanthropy for the better. From my first interaction with YPC during an informational meeting at school, that was one of the main points they touched upon. When we think of philanthropy many people think it's mostly comprised of wealthy people who make large monetary donations. On the contrary, a philanthropist can be anyone who gives back to their community, whether it's through volunteerism or monetary gifts. A philanthropist can be anyone at any age, gender, race, or ethnicity. My experience has only solidified this idea.

Romi LaClair

What is most memorable about your Youth Philanthropy Council service? Participation on the Youth Philanthropy Council has opened my eyes to the diverse needs of our own community and the importance of balanced philanthropic efforts.

Sidney Wheeler III
Years service: 3
YPC leadership: Communications Chair (senior year), Secretary (junior year)
School: South Jefferson
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society, Student Government delegate, Whiz Quiz, Chess Club, and Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America
Parents: Jessica & Roderick Mooney
College: University at Albany
Major: Political Science
Career goal: Policy or law-related field

Romi LaClair
Years service: 3
YPC leadership: Council Chair (senior year); Service Committee Chair (junior year)
School: South Jefferson
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society; Key Club president; SADD; Spartan Helpers; Festival of Trees committee (YMCA); Young Investors; Founder, Cleats for Feet, a charitable organization that collects, refurbishes, and redistributes athletic footwear to families in need.
Parents: Dr. Scott & K.I. LaClair
College: University of Denver
Major: Undeclared; selected for Pioneer Leadership Program
Career goal: To help underserved populations of the world in some capacity.

Hailyn Buker
Years service: 3
YPC leadership: Service Committee Chair (senior year), Communications Chair (junior year)
School: South Jefferson
Extracurricular activities: National Honor Society secretary; Yearbook editor-in-chief; Spanish, Art, and Chess clubs; Key Club treasurer, SADD, and SSE
Parents: Stephanie & Jason Buker
College: Clarkson University
Major: Environmental engineering
Career goal: Sustainable energy engineering

Support the YPC endowment

■ To contribute to the Youth Philanthropy Council Endowment Fund, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601**, or visit nnycf.org for secure online giving.

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What surprised you the most as you learned more deeply about the needs of our region? Learning the importance and value of balancing philanthropic efforts among the different areas of the community has been an important lesson that I have learned from my experience on the Council.

What should other young people know about community philanthropy that you wish you knew before you became involved with YPC? If you see a need in the community or the world, it is your responsibility to try to come up with a solution.

Sidney Wheeler III

How do you define community philanthropy? How did your YPC experience shape your idea of philanthropy? Philanthropy is simply putting forth whatever you are capable of to create a better community. It can be something as small as picking up trash or as large as a major gift or donation; it's about putting in the work to do your share. As someone who is unable to make a big monetary donation, YPC has become a way that I can connect to the community and grow as a philanthropist. It has shown me that doing whatever you're capable of is enough to make a difference.

As you prepare to continue your education in college, what will you take with you from your YPC experience? A skill I plan to bring with me is decision-making. Throughout YPC there has always been an emphasis on doing research, formulating an opinion, hearing others out, and coming to a decision based on all parties involved. By fully understanding my thoughts on a topic and considering the result of a choice, I can best make decisions for myself and those around me.

What leadership skills did you learn in YPC that you may not have gained from other activities during your high school experience? YPC has supplied me with many invaluable leadership skills, but one that stood out was its professionalism. As a Community Foundation advisory committee, YPC exposes students to the procedures of major organizations and uses methods that a high schooler likely wouldn't be exposed to otherwise. By taking up executive roles, students can run meetings, plan activities, and ultimately make decisions on how to spend \$25,000 to help better the community.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL MENTORS



YPC LEADERSHIP: From left, Community Foundation Youth Philanthropy Council volunteer Advisor **Leslie Renzi**; Staff Advisor and Community Foundation Director of Stewardship and Programs **Kraig Everard**; Senior Advisor and Community Foundation board member **Emily Sprague**. A retired Watertown High School teacher, Mrs. Sprague has helped lead the program since it was chartered with Watertown High students in 2010.

Advisors lead YPC students to success

What is the most rewarding aspect of your service as a Youth Philanthropy Council advisor?

Mrs. Sprague: Spending time with the marvelous young people who are the Council members — meeting them, mentoring them, guiding them, and being part of their development as future leaders and philanthropists of the world. The young people who apply and successfully complete the competitive selection process go on to make adult decisions and better our Northern New York community.

Mr. Everard: The program's student-led, adult-run philosophy is incredibly transformational for its members. The structure uniquely positions students with a weight of responsibility and fulfillment that is unmatched. I am most grateful for the opportunity to watch the group evolve into strong, thoughtful, decision-makers who are genuinely interested in helping Northern New York become a better place for all to live, work, and recreate.

Mrs. Renzi: The most fulfilling part of service is introducing students to their community of nonprofits. Especially the people and organizations that are making a difference right here in the tri-county area. This past spring, we took a field trip to the St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum in Madrid to see how it is adding to our region. The

experience was eye-opening to our Council members who quickly learn just how extensive and diverse our nonprofit community is across the region.

What is the most important lesson you strive to instill in Council members about community philanthropy?

Mrs. Sprague: We want to "thin their bubble" and give our students the opportunity to learn about their home in Northern New York, its needs, and its helping organizations. We hope to instill in Council members the idea that community service is both important to the community and rewarding to the volunteer. It's important to us that our Council members embrace the concept that philanthropy comes in many forms — time, talent, and energy, in addition to the more traditional financial support. Our goal is to create the nonprofit organization board members of the future.

Mr. Everard: The Youth Philanthropy Council seeks to educate students on the diverse needs of our region and how a community comes together to support one another. Serving in this way provides an important chance for students to recognize relationship building as an important quality of a successful leader. At its core, leadership can be defined by helping others.

Mrs. Renzi: Philanthropy comes in

many shapes and sizes and every piece of it adds to a community. You do not need to take on something monumental to make a difference. I believe our students feel like they've made a difference by the end of each year.

How can students get the most out of their Youth Philanthropy Council experience?

Mrs. Sprague: Students can get the most out of their time on the Council by being deeply involved and actively participating in activities and meetings. Successful and satisfied members are intellectually curious, excellent listeners, collegial team members, and interested in learning as much as possible about our communities.

Mr. Everard: Students who experience the most growth through the program possess a curiosity to explore the mission and services of the region's nonprofit organizations; the diligence to put in the work required; and the courage to challenge their thinking and step out of their comfort zone.

Mrs. Renzi: The old saying is true: the more you put into the program, the more you will get out. I love when our students think our program has had a transformational impact on them. It never gets old to hear that, and it's why I continue to give to YPC.



CANTON FREE LIBRARY: From left, **Sean Despaw**, Community Bank Canton branch manager; **Natasha Rossiter**, Canton Central School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Emily Owen Hastings**, Canton Free Library director.



MASSENA MEALS ON WHEELS: From left, **Rick Marshall**, Massena Meals on Wheels board member; **Luke Bogart**, Massena Central School seventh grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; Luke's mother, **Jessica Bogart**; and **Barb Martin**, Massena Meals on Wheels board member.



MASSENA PUBLIC LIBRARY: From left, **Lauren Sommerfield**, Reese's mother; **Reese Faucher**, Massena Central School seventh grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Sean Faucher**, Reese's father.



THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFTS MAKE

2021-22 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge

Grant recipients & winning students

Each of the following organizations were awarded a \$500 grant.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Cape Vincent Fire Department

John Wiley, Thousand Islands Middle School, Clayton

Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry

McKenna Durr, Thousand Islands Middle School, Clayton

Watertown Urban Mission

Jordan Kallie, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

LEWIS COUNTY

Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association, Lowville

Carl Petzoldt, Lowville Academy & Central School

Double Play Community Center, Lowville

Hayden Hulbert, Lowville Academy & Central School

Lewis County Agricultural Society, Lowville

Cullen Miller, Lowville Academy & Central School

Lewis County Hospital Foundation, Lowville

Brailyn Dunn, Lowville Academy & Central School

Lewis County Humane Society, Glenfield

Stella Burke, Lowville Academy & Central School

Lewis County Search & Rescue, Lowville

Will Vokey, Lowville Academy & Central School

Mountain View Prevention Services, Lowville

Kylie Wilder, Lowville Academy & Central School

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

Society of United Helpers, Ogdensburg

Scarlett Ritchie, Morristown Central School

Canton Free Library

Natasha Rossiter, Canton Central School

Potsdam Humane Society

Grace Schenker's Classroom, Canton Central School

Massena Meals on Wheels

Luke Bogart, Massena Central School

Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley, Potsdam

Kayla Donahue, Massena Central School

Massena Public Library

Reese Faucher, Massena Central School

Morristown Gateway Museum

Sawyer Belile, Morristown Central School

Police Activities League of Massena

Serenidy Rust, Massena Central School

St. Lawrence Health Foundation, Potsdam

Taya Collier, Edwards-Knox Central School

Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund

Isabel Paro, Edwards-Knox Central School

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Junior Division grows Foundation partnership

Youth sailing program on waters of Chaumont Bay will endure with help from pair of funds

A youth leadership program in Chaumont will continue to teach important skills on the water for generations to come thanks to a strengthened partnership with the Community Foundation.

The Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division Sustaining Fund was established in 2021 at the Community Foundation to provide a permanent resource for equipment maintenance and upkeep of its Chaumont Bay facilities next to the Crescent Yacht Club.

"Great facilities are the foundations of great programs," said Dr. Bill Shuman, a 1961 graduate of the program and former board member.

After a successful capital campaign, a new Junior Division building with modern classrooms, repair facilities, an office, and other amenities was completed in 2019 and opened last year. New docks, boats, and an upgraded waterfront area have enabled the program to expand to more than 70 local youth each season. The Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division Endowment Fund was established at the Foundation in 2015, which has since become an important asset for the organization.

Cathryn Sellers oversees the



Junior Division's youth-led sailing program, which offers classes for youths from age 3 into adulthood.

"We've been able to build great community support for what we offer," she said. "Both funds have helped us to effectively sustain our programs and facility."

The Junior Division was founded in 1932 as a Crescent Yacht Club training program to teach water safety and boating skills to new gen-

erations. It quickly became apparent that it taught youth much more, including lifelong skills in self-reliance, personal confidence, and leadership.

By 2017, it was clear that the training center facilities were old and worn out and needed both a major upgrade and an endowment for perpetual financial support. That was when the Junior Division board turned to the Community Foundation for help and guidance.

LIFE LESSONS ON THE WATER: Youths prepare to set sail on Chaumont Bay at the Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division last month. In addition to an endowment fund, the Junior Division recently established a sustaining fund, strengthening its partnership with the Community Foundation to ensure its programs will endure.

Two ways to support the Junior Division

■ Donors who wish to support the Crescent Yacht Club's Junior Division may give to its endowment fund or its sustaining fund at the Community Foundation. Make gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Secure online giving at nnycf.org/giving.

"The Community Foundation is a strong conduit with a solid community reputation, greatly supporting our efforts. We could not have accomplished even a small portion of our success without the knowledge and wide trust which resides in the Foundation."

— Dr. William P. Shuman, Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division alumnus and former board member

YOUR GIFTS DEVELOP FUTURE NORTH COUNTRY EDUCATORS

Zoey A. Anderson and Rayne F. Peterson are the 2022 recipients of the RENY-Retired Educators of New York North Central Zone Scholarship for Future Educators. Zoey graduated in June from Carthage High School, and Rayne is a Sackets Harbor High School graduate. They were each presented with a \$1,000 award this spring to help them on their paths to become teachers. The scholarship is awarded annually to high school seniors who plan to pursue teaching careers. The RENY North Central Zone represents retired teachers and educators across Jefferson and Lewis counties. Zoey will attend the University at Buffalo where she plans to study secondary education in math. She is the daughter of Alicia and Zachary Anderson, Deferiet. Rayne will attend Nazareth College, Rochester, where she plans to study elementary special education. She is the daughter of Buffy and Ronald Peterson, Henderson Harbor. Pictured, from left, Woody Lyndaker, North Central Zone Retired Educators of New York president; scholarship recipients Zoey A. Anderson and Rayne F. Peterson; and Mary Perrine, Community Foundation coordinator of partnerships. The Community Foundation is honored to partner with the Retired Educators of New York North Central Zone to steward its scholarship fund.



A WELCOME SPACE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT:

Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club Executive Director **Tom Luckie** in front of the Club's new Preston C. Carlisle Youth Athletic Center that celebrated its opening this summer.



Foundation helps Boys and Girls Club grow Support takes aim at sustainability with new endowment fund

A series of Community Foundation grants totaling \$100,000 will support the **Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club's** new youth athletic center that opened this summer.

The Community Foundation's Board of Directors approved two grants totaling \$50,000 to support the Club's \$2.3 million capital project. A \$25,000 grant was awarded to provide direct support to the capital campaign. A \$25,000 matching challenge helped build charitable support from the community.

A third grant of \$50,000 was approved to establish an endowment at the Community Foundation that will give the organization a permanent resource it can rely on to help sustain its facilities and operations.

The Community Foundation and its board feel strongly about making a commitment to the Club and the Ogdensburg community in a way that honors the Club's history and heritage, helps build upon the campaign's success, and provides



additional support for long-term sustainability.

The Foundation partnered with a longtime Ogdensburg donor to award the matching grant and help build the Club's new endowment fund.

Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club Executive Director **Tom Luckie** called the project "transformative" for the Ogdensburg community, adding that it gives the Club "every opportunity to grow its mission and charitable support for its work well into the future."

"We are grateful for the Community Foundation's commitment to our organization and the youths it serves,"

Mr. Luckie said. "The impact this will have on young lives for years to come is tremendous."

The Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club is one of the region's longest-operating nonprofits serving youth and building young leaders in the North Country. The Club is well respected and has a deep history of support from the City of Ogdensburg and surrounding communities.

The breadth of programs at the Boys & Girls Club extends from recreation leagues for a variety of sports teams to more targeted offerings that focus on leadership, tutoring, enrichment, and mentoring. For many families the Club is a safe space for their children to play, build meaningful lasting relationships, and become more civic minded. With more than 30 different programs, the Club annually serves nearly 500 youths through membership and another 500-plus through community outreach from Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County.

"The impact this will have on young lives for years to come is tremendous."

— Tom Luckie, Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club executive director

Did you know?

BUILDING LEADERS FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS:

The Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club was established in 1964 by a group of people who believed a place was needed to serve Ogdensburg-area boys and provide them with educational and recreational opportunities, social skills, and other positive character traits. In 1975, the Club admitted its first girl and, soon after, became the Boys & Girls Club. That same year, the Club built its present Paterson Street facility. Today, it operates as an affiliate of the national organization of Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a full-time executive director and a local all-volunteer Board of Directors providing oversight.

YOUR GIFTS HELP CREATE SPECIAL PLACES

In Potsdam, Play Space at Ives Park a labor of love

Family partners with Community Foundation to help realize dream of children's space in park

A Community Foundation partnership has helped a Potsdam family realize a longtime dream for residents while improving the quality of life in the village.

Kay's Play Space at Ives Park opened shortly before the world began to isolate during the global health pandemic. Nearly three years later, a play area tucked inside a longtime village park bustles with activity, a favorite stop for children and parents alike.

The project was a labor of love for **Rose Rivezzi**, husband **David Trithart**, and son, **Will Trithart**. Less than a year after her mother-in-law, **Kathryn I. "Kay" Trithart**, passed away in 2016, Ms. Rivezzi took the idea for a community play space to the village board.

"Kay had talked often of a play area for children in the heart of the village. Right after her death, David and I reached out to Village Planner **Fred Hanss**," Ms. Rivezzi said. "Fred said the village had been considering a natural play area in the park, and it went from there."

To put the project in motion, Ms. Rivezzi and her husband decided to donate \$25,000 left to them from her mother-in-law's estate to the village. Mr. Hanss suggested a better way: Contact the Community Foundation for support. In early 2017, they established the **Playspace at Ives Park Fund** at the foundation and soon began fundraising.

"The Foundation's ability to facilitate this project was critical," she said. "This partner-



A COMMUNITY PLAY SPACE: Rose Rivezzi enjoys a slide with her grandson at **Kay's Play Space at Ives Park** in Potsdam. Ms. Rivezzi and her family worked with the Community Foundation and village to create the public space, which was dedicated in memory of her mother-in-law, **Kathryn I. "Kay" Trithart**.

ship allowed us to make a tax-free gift to the Foundation from Kay's estate, and it was also a vehicle for others to give gifts if they wished to help."

Ms. Rivezzi said working with the Community Foundation was seamless, adding that the vehicle for charitable giving it provides "made it so transparent and easy."

"The Foundation was a great help to us and the village to facilitate our relationship," she said. "The village and all the volunteers who helped were amazing. So many people were involved."

About \$6,500 left from the initial project is held in the fund at the Foundation "in a safe place for future needs," Ms. Rivezzi said. "If we wish to expand the space, the donation mechanism is already set up."

Meanwhile, Ms. Rivezzi said she has no doubt that "Kay is smiling down on us when she sees the park full of children."

"It brought her so much joy to hear kids playing outside," Ms. Rivezzi said. "I know this would have made her so very happy. Now, her legacy lives on every time a child laughs while playing in her park."

Center for Community Studies endowment will sustain mission

A new partnership with the **Center for Community Studies at Jefferson Community College** will ensure its vital work and mission will continue for years to come.

The Center recently established an endowment fund at the Community Foundation that will provide a resource to strengthen its efforts across the tri-county region. The Foundation awarded an initial grant of \$75,000 to support the endowment.

For the past seven years, the Foundation has supported the Center's work through annual grants to conduct its community surveys. An



endowment fund streamlines support for the Center.

"We are truly thankful and excited that the Foundation has now determined that a more permanent relationship would be a safe and wise investment in the local communities," said **Joel LaLone**, director of the Center for Community Studies. "This partnership will provide tremendous help in sustaining these community services that provide such positive impactful experiences for our students."

The endowment fund also provides donors with an additional avenue to provide endur-

ing support for the Center's work and mission.

The Center was established at Jefferson in 1999. During the past two decades it has provided community-based local research that enables community leaders, agencies, and citizens to make more informed decisions that impact the region and its people.

Virtually every study included in the 200-plus surveys completed in the past 23 years has employed student research interns. In a typical year, more than 100 students participate.

Support the Center

■ To make a gift now or through your future plans, contact the Community Foundation, **315-782-7110**.

New scholarship honors beloved Watertown native

Brian D. Soper was a prolific fabric artist who was known for his eye-catching designs and use of bold colors in the many quilts he created.

While the world was lucky to have Brian share his gifts, perhaps his biggest accomplishment was his talent for overcoming obstacles and a sense of humor and charm that helped him connect with others in special ways.

He was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy as an infant and raised by a mother who instilled in him a determination to lead a full and rich life. When he passed away in 2018, he left a legacy of compassion and kindness that many would find remarkable. To Brian, he was humbled to know his art brightened the lives of others who enjoyed his works.

Despite his challenges, those who loved Brian most never bet against him. His adoring husband, **Dr. George Gay**, and his family believed in his ability and intelligence and Brian delighted in proving to others that he wasn't limited in how he could help make the world a little bit better. Dr. Gay recalls how Brian

always said he "could do anything anyone else can do, it just takes me a bit longer."

A member of the **Watertown High School Class of 1970**, Brian earned associate degrees in data processing and business management at Jefferson Community College before completing a bachelor's degree in special education at SUNY Geneseo in 1977.

He met his husband while attending training in Wisconsin in 1978. They enjoyed 40 years together, with Brian managing Dr. Gay's medical practice in Cambridge, Wisc., until Brian retired in 1991. While searching for a way to share his gifts, Brian discovered quilting and it quickly became his greatest creative outlet.

During a reunion last year, Brian's Watertown High classmates decided to establish the **Brian D. Soper Memorial Scholarship** at the Community Foundation to help graduating seniors from Watertown High School with a disability attend college or a technical school. Like Brian, recipients will have demonstrated a determination and strength of character to



Brian D. Soper with one the many quilts he created.

successfully complete a high school education and a desire to further their education to improve the world. We are honored to help perpetuate Brian's life and legacy and thank all who responded with gifts of affection.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Brian D. Soper**

David Aboud
Mary Altena
Anonymous (2)
Terry Baker
Stephen Bolton
Lynn McCarrick Booth
Roseanne Brown
Terrence D. Burgess

Donna Campbell
David L.H. Carlisle &
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Paul James Windover
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To join others in helping to honor Brian D. Soper, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

Donors Establish New Funds

Donors frequently establish new funds at the Community Foundation. We have grown to now oversee a wide range of more than 1,000 funds that support hundreds of organizations and causes. We are honored that donors continue to place their trust in us to administer these resources and carry out specific charitable objectives. Donors may make additional gifts to help extend support and build these funds.

Charitable Funds

Jake's Good Things Charitable Foundation
Jeffrey & Jo Anne Kirkby Fund
Jim & Judy Kiernan Charitable Fund
O'Brien/Burgess Family Fund
Timothy M. Reynolds III Legacy Fund

Designated Funds

Watertown First Baptist Church Restoration
& Preservation Campaign Fund
Donald and Diana Woodhouse Fund

Field of Interest Funds

Mart Liinve Family Charitable Fund
Richard A. Lyndaker Math Department Fund
Operation Yellow Ribbon Fund
Gabriel A. Renzi Legacy Fund
Jason Jon Roberts Memorial Fund
Laverne R. VanDeWall, Jr. Legacy Fund

Organization Funds

Carole A. Berard Fund for Canton
Free Library
Cape Vincent Community Library
Endowment Fund
Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Fund
HarmonNY Performing Arts Community
Endowment Fund
HarmonNY Performing Arts Community
Sustaining Fund
Historical Association of South Jefferson
Sustaining Fund
Jefferson Community College Center for
Community Studies Endowment Fund
Massena Rotary Club Fund

Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club
Endowment Fund
Pivot Sustaining Fund
Thousand Islands Land Trust Discovery
Center Endowment Fund
Thousand Islands Land Trust Rivergate Trail
Stewardship Fund

Scholarship Funds

Stephanie (Mathous) Bossinger #30
Team Player Award
Berry Brothers Lumber FFA Award
Clarence "Boots" Gaffney Award
Mary Beth Durr Memorial Scholarship Award
Richard F. Fabend Scholarship
Margaret "Ann" Kibling Memorial Scholarship
Kocan Family Scholarship
Learned J. and Janet Langlois Memorial
Scholarship
Leuze-Reardon-Belloff Scholarship
Leona & George O'Sullivan Scholarship
Nicholas J. Patell Memorial Award
Timothy M. Reynolds III Scholarship
Mark J. Wearne Memorial Music Fund

What do you believe in? Consider establishing a fund to keep your passions alive, honor a friend or loved one, or to support the causes, organizations and communities that you care about — forever. We're here to help. Contact Max DelSignore, assistant director, 315-782-7110, or max@nnycf.org.

Legacy fund honors Riley Basford

Late Potsdam teen remembered through efforts to support students

Riley Basford was a positive force for good in his Potsdam community.

His inspiring spirit made friends and family feel deeply connected and appreciated. He worked hard, loved the outdoors, and made those around him always smile. After unexpectedly passing away last year, it remained important to Riley's family and friends to honor him in a special way.

The **Riley Basford Legacy Fund** was established at the Community Foundation to honor the life of the 15-year-old Potsdam Central School student. The charitable mission and purpose of the fund is to support youth in their pursuit of safe and meaningful experiences throughout their lives and in the community.

"Our hope for Riley's legacy fund and its outreach is to help us heal by supporting the community that supported us in our darkest days and continues to want to honor and remember Riley with us," said **Mary Rodee**, Riley's mother, and **Darren Basford**, Riley's father.

The Riley Basford Legacy Fund

Tribute gifts in memory of Riley Basford

Vern & Arvilla Aldous
Mal Atkinson
Darren E. & Melissa Basford
Beth Burkett
Jeremiah Casey & Patrick Macey
Michael P. & Concetta D. Casey



Riley Basford

supports three important focus areas. A top priority is to provide funding for education, training, and awareness to **St. Lawrence County** schools for programs and projects centered on cyberbullying and cyber safety, anti-bullying, and character education.

"We believe the best way to remember Riley is to foster strong relationships with youth and educate all community members about the hazards of social media," Mrs. Rodee and Mr. Basford said.

Janet R. Cook
Max & Sara DelSignore
Bill & Tori Duskas
Mary M. Farley
Teresa E. Gillan
Gray & Gray and Associates
John & Linda Henry
Richard D. & Rae A. Hitchman

Riley's fund will also support students with demonstrated needs at Potsdam Central School and help students enrolled at St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES with funding to secure materials for classes or help BOCES graduates entering the workforce.

"Honoring and remembering Riley with this legacy fund is very important to us," said Mrs. Rodee and Mr. Basford. "Having the support of the Community Foundation to guide us in starting this fund during our time of grief has been comforting and uplifting."

The Community Foundation will help steward the application process for the Riley Basford Legacy Fund. An advisory committee of family, friends, and citizens will partner with the Community Foundation to determine grants from Riley's fund from time to time.

"Riley's nickname was 'Rizer,'" added Mrs. Rodee and Mr. Basford. "We are being called to be 'Rizers.' A 'Rizer' identifies and offers support to others in need, and a 'Rizer' also asks for and takes help when they need it."

Tony & Kay Morgia
Richard & Elizabeth Hill
Mary & Elliott Rodee
William & Marilyn Rodee
Lucille E. Sambrook
J.E. Sheehan Contracting Employees
Trackside Rentals
Ezra Williams
Mary Williams

Help build the Riley Basford Legacy Fund

■ To join others in honoring **Riley Basford**, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Secure online giving at nnycf.org/giving.

Honor a loved one at the Foundation

PERPETUATE THEIR STORY, FOR GOOD:

A named fund at the Community Foundation honoring someone special is one of the many permanent ways donors can act to remember life legacies. Contact **Max DelSignore**, assistant director, at max@nnycf.org or **315-782-7110**, to learn more.

Support what you care about most and double your gift's impact

We are presently doubling gifts for some of our nonprofit partners. **Each gift designated to the respective organization's Community Foundation fund will be matched, dollar-for-dollar.** This is a meaningful opportunity to provide long-term support for an organization you care deeply about. This is a gift that is both immediate and lasting and will provide twice the impact.

Endowment Funds

Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association Beaver Camp
Alexandria Township Historical Society Endowment Fund
ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence & Rotary Dodge Pond Endowment Fund
Cape Vincent Village Green Endowment Fund
Church and Community Program, Canton Densmore Church Endowment Fund
Friends of Thompson Park Endowment Fund
Grasse River Heritage Endowment Fund
Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley
Jefferson County Historical Society

Lewis County General Hospital Endowment
Mountain View Prevention Services
North Country Children's Museum
North Country Public Radio
OBI Land Trust
Ogdensburg Command Performances
Oswegatchie Magic Campership fund
River Hospital Endowment Fund
Save The River
St. Lawrence County Arts Council
Stage Notes
The Nature Conservancy Adirondack Chapter
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Endowment Fund (Clayton Opera House)
Thousand Islands Arts Center Endowment
Wanakena Historical Association

Wanakena Preservation & Vibrancy Fund
Watertown Community Fund
Watertown Lyric Theater
Wilderness Healthcare Foundation

Operating & Project Funds

COVID-19 Memorial Fund
GWNC Chamber-JLI Community Fund
Watertown Family YMCA
Zoo New York Animal Wellness Fund

Contact the Community Foundation, **315-782-7110**, to learn more about how you can maximize your gift and support any of these Foundation partners. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Secure online giving at nnycf.org.



South Colton resident **Mary Jane Watson** is active in a wide range of St. Lawrence County charitable organizations. She is pictured here in front of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association's Red Barn that prominently features a series of barn quilts she helped to create.

WHY I GIVE

A LIFE *of* SERVICE *to* strengthen community

For Mary Jane Watson, supporting her favorite charities and passions through the Community Foundation ensures an enduring impact

From her youth growing up in the small St. Lawrence County town of South Colton, **Mary Jane Watson** has believed in the importance of sharing her time, talent and treasure with local causes and organizations that work to improve the quality of life in her community and, more broadly, across the county and greater North Country region. She recently shared her call to service through community philanthropy, what motivates and inspires her to give, and how she has grown to appreciate and value her longtime relationship with the Community Foundation.

What does community philanthropy mean to you? Donating time and financial assistance to local charities helps make the community a better place in which to live, improves quality of life in the community, and allows opportunity to meet new people. Volunteering is often fun. While I give to several national charities, I do not see the results as I do with local charities. With local groups, I consistently see the results of both my volunteer work and my gifts.

What inspires you to be involved, helping to make your community and world around you better? Organizations like the St. Lawrence County Historical Association (SLCHA), Colton Historical Society (CHS), Orchestra of Northern New York (ONNY), Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY), the local SPCA chapter, libraries, and other arts organizations fill a need in Northern New York. Endowment funds help ensure that these organizations survive. Local charities make a difference to both humans and animals. In hard times, animals suffer and lack a voice. Volunteering brings good times, an opportunity to use my mind, provides a purpose, a chance to learn something new and to try something new. Being a member of **Borderline Quilters** allows me to learn new techniques, exposes me to new patterns and

MARY JANE WATSON

AGE: 75

HOMETOWN: South Colton

EDUCATION: Colton-Pierrepont Central School, 1965; Elmira College, Bachelor of Arts in classical Greek and Latin, 1969; Clarkson University, Master of Science in accounting, 1974; McGill University, Master of Arts in history, 2002

FAMILY: One brother; three 14-year-old cats

CAREER: Treasurer, Orchestra of Northern New York, 1995-2022; Certified Public Accountant; founding partner, Pinto, Mucenski, & Watson, PC

COMMUNITY: (*not all-inclusive*) Colton-Pierrepont Central School; Raquette River Information Center and Colton Museum; St. Lawrence County Historical Association; Colton Historical Association; Colton Tourism & Beautification Committee; Colton Citizens Committee; Raquette River Corridor Blueway Trail Project; Sunday Rock Legacy Project; 2021 Colton Citizen of the Year

PERSONAL: Traveling, kayaking, canoeing, hiking, walking, quilting, knitting & crocheting

ideas, and presents a chance to share ideas. Volunteering is also a basis for new and continuing friendships.

How did you land on this journey of community philanthropy? My involvement in organizations such as the CHS, SLCHA, and Colton Citizens Committee made me interested in preserving the history and environment of my community. The Colton Citizens Committee and Citizens to Save the Adirondack Park (CSAP) got me involved in the Horizon issue of the early 1970s. I supported sensible land-use planning and the formation of the **Adirondack Park Agency**. Both the Horizon (in Colton) and Ton-Da-Lay (in Tupper Lake) proposed developments hastened the park agency's formation.

What local organizations and causes hold special meaning for you? TAUNY,

CHS, and SLCHA are special for me for preserving the traditions and history of St. Lawrence County as well as the Potsdam SPCA in helping local animals.

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

While attending a CPA Continuing Professional Education seminar and talking with a couple of Watertown CPAs, the late **Ron King** and **Fred Quencer**. I also saw news articles in the *Watertown Daily Times* and was glad to learn that the Community Foundation expanded its service area to include St. Lawrence County. The Foundation supports such a wide range of charities and provides the financial security and investment guidance that many charities cannot do on their own. The Community Foundation acts as a protective steward for those funds, preventing board members from spending the funds rather than looking at other alternatives.

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

The environment, local history, and the well-being of animals. I am especially concerned about animals and enhancing quality of life for people in small communities, preserving local history.

How does giving make a meaningful impact in your community? Donating my time and financial assistance helps these organizations fulfill their purpose. It is often just fun to work with local groups.

Are there any barriers that may keep people from being involved philanthropically? Lack of time and money.

How do you want to be remembered and why should people think about their legacy? I would want to be remembered as a historian through my articles in the SLCHA's "The Quarterly" and the Colton Historical Society and its Sunday Rock Legacy Project.

See WHY I GIVE on page 24

YOUR GIFTS PRESERVE HISTORY IN OUR COMMUNITY

RESTORING A COMMUNITY ICON:

From left, Former Sackets Harbor Mayor **John Deans**, a member of the Tower Restoration Committee, and **Janet Quinn**, committee co-chair, demonstrate how to play the bells in the historic clock and bell tower at the **United Presbyterian Church** in the heart of Sackets Harbor.



Help restore the tower

■ Those who wish to support the restoration project can make gifts to: **Northern New York Community Foundation**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Access secure online giving at nnycf.org/giving

On the Web

■ Learn about the clock tower's history and more at restoreshtower.org

Partnership helps save Sackets clock tower Foundation grant engages community, preserves local history

A \$25,000 Community Foundation matching grant is helping to restore a more than century-old Sackets Harbor landmark in the heart of the historic village.

The **United Presbyterian Church** clock and bell tower has stood at the corner of Broad and Main streets for nearly 125 years. In a community full of historical landmarks, it stands above the rest with its presence and occasional ringing bell chimes.

More than a century of north country winters has left the tower in need of masonry repairs to strengthen its structural integrity. In 2019, a survey revealed critical infrastructure was at risk of failing. With a total project cost of \$600,000, a tower restoration committee comprised of congregation and community members soon formed to determine how to repair the tower and, with a

combination of church resources and state grant funding, initial work was completed last year.

Banners on display outside the tower capture the committee's charge: "Preserving a Landmark, Sustaining a Legacy."

In June, the committee kicked off a community campaign for the project with a goal to raise \$300,000, roughly two-thirds from community members, and another \$100,000 from the church congregation. To help, the tower committee established a charitable fund at the Community Foundation for the project.

Janet S. Quinn, a retired Sackets Harbor High School teacher and tower committee co-chair, said more than half the fundraising goal was raised during a "silent phase" of the campaign.

"Knowing that this structure is

really a community landmark, people generously responded," Mrs. Quinn said. "From a broader, community-wide perspective, the church and its tower are pivotal elements in the village's historic district."

Mrs. Quinn and other committee members said partnering with the Foundation is just the catalyst they need to ensure a successful fundraising effort. The matching grant challenge means all gifts from non-parishioners to the campaign, up to \$25,000, will be doubled, dollar-for-dollar.

"It is a great marriage of philanthropy and preserving a historic structure that happens to be connected to a church," said John Deans, a former village mayor and tower committee member. "People are so pleased to give through the Community Foundation and help save a community icon."

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— John Deans, on working with the Foundation to preserve the historic Sackets Harbor bell tower

A LEGACY FOR GENERATIONS



PRESERVING A FINAL RESTING PLACE:

From left, **Joyce Renzi** and her husband, **Dr. Eugene Renzi**; the **Rev. Father Donald A. Robinson**, pastor, St. Andrew's Parish, Sackets Harbor; and the **Rev. Father John "Mickey" Demo**, pastor, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Watertown, at the main gate of Glenwood Cemetery, Watertown. The Renzis recently helped establish a permanent fund at the Community Foundation for cemetery care and maintenance.

Donors respond to aid Glenwood Cemetery

Support will help maintain special place through new endowment

A few years ago, **Dr. Eugene Renzi** was serving on the Glenwood Cemetery Committee as a delegate of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, and he was amazed at how many people had taken an interest in the cemetery.

"So many of my friends and acquaintances all had comments to make; some positive, some negative," Dr. Renzi said. "Now if we can just channel that interest to work for the benefit of the cemetery, it'd be very helpful."

To strengthen support for the Watertown Catholic cemetery off County Route 67, Dr. Renzi and his wife, **Joyce**, recently helped establish the **Glenwood Cemetery Endowment Fund** at the Community Foundation. As the endowment fund grows, it will serve as a vital resource and generate income to help with needed maintenance and upkeep at the sprawling grounds.

"Most of my friends have loved ones in Glenwood and want to keep it maintained and beautiful," Dr. Renzi said. "We're hoping everyone

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— Dr. Eugene Renzi, on establishing a permanent endowment at the Community Foundation

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The **Rev. Father John M. "Mickey" Demo Jr.**, pastor of Watertown's Blessed Sacrament Parish, which includes Holy Family, St. Anthony's, and St. Patrick's Catholic churches, also oversees the cemetery. He said he appreciates the Renzis' generosity and is confident that others who have a connection to the cemetery

will follow their lead.

"I am grateful to be taking steps to make improvements at Glenwood Cemetery on behalf of all those who are laid to rest there," Father Demo said. "I hope people who care about the cemetery as a place of rest for their loved ones will join this effort so we will be in a position to make these improvements."

Father Demo said he is encouraged by the "strong vision" of Dr. Renzi for what Glenwood Cemetery can really become.

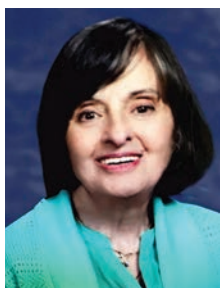
Dr. Renzi said the Glenwood Cemetery endowment could easily reach a level that could provide "substantial support," but to succeed, it will have to be a local effort with the local churches leading and the Northern New York Community Foundation managing this critical new resource.

"So many cemeteries across the region are facing this problem," Dr. Renzi said. "This will make a meaningful difference as long as our religious people are leading the effort with the community's help and support from the Foundation."

Join in supporting Glenwood Cemetery

■ To help build support for Glenwood Cemetery, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Visit nnycf.org/giving to access secure online giving.

■ We are grateful for a gift from the estate of **Gabriel A. "Al" Renzi** to help build the **Glenwood Cemetery Endowment Fund**. Contact Community Foundation Executive Director **Rande Richardson**, 315-782-7110, or rande@nnycf.org, to discuss ways you can include Glenwood in your will.



Kively R. Calender

Kively R. Calender was a native of Salonika, Greece, who relocated to the North Country later in her life and quickly made an impact in her new home. In Watertown, she met and married **Samuel C. "Chris" Calender** in 1989 and they enjoyed 30 years of marriage before Chris passed away in 2021. Throughout their life together, Kively and Chris were generous supporters of many local charitable organizations, including the Community Foundation. With her husband, she owned and operated the Medical Center Pharmacy in Watertown. Kively shared a genuine interest in others and strived to help those around her fulfill their dreams as she had done in her adopted hometown. The North Country was fortunate to have Kively and Chris in its midst, and their care and concern for this region will be remembered for many years as an example of lives well lived in service of others.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Kively Calender

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson
The Thomas Family



William A. Chapin

A longtime Watertown resident, **William A. "Bill" Chapin** was a successful businessman and benefactor for many charitable causes and organizations, including the Community Foundation. Bill graduated from Watertown High School in 1961 and Houghton College in 1965. In 1968, he married **Ruth Kratzat** and enjoyed almost 54 years together, raising three daughters and a son. From 1965 to 2006, Bill led his family's company, Chapin Watermatics. In 2006, Jain Irrigation acquired Chapin Watermatics, and Bill served as a consultant until his passing. A devoted community servant, Bill maintained an active role in many civic and local organizations. He was president of the board of Chapin Living Waters, which provides drip irrigation systems to subsistence farmers in the developing world, a cause he was especially dedicated to. He was also the longest serving trustee at Watertown Savings Bank. Bill

was devoted to his faith and family and enjoyed time with his children and 11 grandchildren. All who knew Bill will remember him for his adventurous spirit, commitment to helping others, and his unwavering generosity. We join his wife, **Ruth**, and his family in expressing our gratitude to all who made meaningful tributes in his memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of
William A. Chapin

Robert Caswell
Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson
Paul Trimper
T. Urling Walker
Michael & Bonnie Yonkovig



Helen Jean Dick

Helen Jean Dick was a lifelong Adams resident who was born in Watertown in 1925. She graduated from Adams High School in 1942 and entered the Rochester Business Institute and was also enrolled in vocal studies at the Eastman School of Music. Helen Jean had a 25-year career at the Faichney Instrument Corp., working her way to become corporate secretary and treasurer. She married **Andrew Dick** in 1960, and the two enjoyed many adventures through 59 years of marriage until Andy passed in 2019. Helen and Andy were generous supporters of many local organizations and sought ways to improve their community. When Helen passed in December 2020, she left a generous gift to the Community Foundation to help build the **David A. Sinclair Scholarship** at the Foundation, which honors the life and legacy of her brother. It is awarded annually to a South Jefferson senior who plans to study business. We are grateful to Helen Jean and her extended family for the special way she will continue to touch lives in her hometown.



Ruth M. Fish

A native of Michigan, **Ruth M. Fish** and her husband, **Dr. James Bartlett Fish**, moved their growing family to Watertown in 1961 when Jim became a founding partner in the North Country Orthopaedic Group. It wasn't long before they fell in love with their North Country community. Ruth was born in Muskegon, Mich., in 1929 and graduated from Muskegon High School in 1947. She earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Michigan in 1951. She married her high school sweetheart and together they raised a daughter and three sons. The two celebrated 58 years of marriage before Jim passed in 2009. Ruth was a schoolteacher in Ann Arbor, Mich., for several years while Jim completed his medical education and training. She made her community a better place through her commitment to various causes and organizations, including the Community Foundation. When she passed away in May she left a legacy of caring and generosity. The **Dr. James B. and Ruth M. Fish Community Fund** of the Community Foundation is an enduring way that Ruth and her husband will be remembered. We appreciate the Fish family's decision to designate the Foundation as one of the ways she would be remembered.

We join her family in celebrating her memory and thank all who made affectionate tributes in her honor.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Ruth M. Fish**

Dr. Jeffrey & Mrs. Susan Aronowitz
P.J. & Jen Banazek
William & Kimberly Couch
William C. & Margaret C. Couch
Joyce & David Crossley

Max & Sara DelSignore
Daniel N. Fish, MD
John M. Fish, DDS
Drs. Steven B. & Claudia B. Fish
Russell A. & Teresa P. Gallup
Sylvia Heap
James & Erin Lettiere
Hope R. Metcalf

Cyril & Marlene Mouaikel
Daniel O'Leary
Physicians & Staff of Orthopaedic
Specialists of Connecticut
Peter & Laurie Pike
Sid & Brianne Pond
Theresa L. Quintin
Ralph McBride Randall

Rande Richardson
Mary P. Sanford
Cindy, Jim, Emmy, Andrew,
Ellen & Warren Smith
Michael & Donna Smith
Janet B. Taylor
Paul Trimper
T. Urling Walker



J. Richard Gaffney

J. Richard “Dick” Gaffney was a positive force in his community as a co-founder of the North Country Goes Green Irish Festival, serving as a volunteer and chairman for more than 25 years. He spent his life in Jefferson County, graduating from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1949. In 1962, he married **Linda I. Pipe** and celebrated 47 years together before she passed in 2009. They raised two daughters and a son. He had a 40-year career with New York Telephone Co. It is fitting that his family chose to honor Dick’s memory through gifts to the Irish Festival, which provides several annual scholarships to graduating tri-county seniors in partnership with the Community Foundation. The **Richard “Dick” Gaffney North Country Goes Green Irish Festival Scholarship Fund** is a permanent fund of the Foundation that supports students pursuing career and technical education and other academic goals. Through his work with the Irish Festival, the imprint Dick left on the North Country is a legacy that will endure for generations.

Tribute gifts in memory of
J. Richard Gaffney

Robert Caswell
Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson



Terry K. Gehring

A lifelong North Country resident, **Terry K. Gehring** was a loyal advocate for his community who was deeply devoted to his family. He was born in Watertown and graduated from Watertown High School in 1959. Terry attended journeyman training at IBEW Local 910 and became a lineman for Donovan Construction Co., working there until 1988. He later worked at various regional construction sites, helping to build the modern base at Fort Drum and Nine Mile Point. He married **Barbara J. “Barb” Buican** in 1963 and, together, they raised a daughter, whom he adored. He was especially proud of his new role as a great grandpa to Elena, who was born in 2020. Terry loved the water from the early ‘40s when his family built a cottage on Pillar Point. He was most at home surrounded by family there. Terry retired in 1999, and he and Barb began traveling extensively. Above all, he loved his family and friends fiercely and would do anything to help anyone in need. Terry and his wife were donors to many local causes, including the Community Foundation. We are grateful to

Terry’s wife, **Barb**, and his daughter, **Michele**, for designating the Foundation as one of the ways he will be remembered. Through the Foundation’s work, Terry’s life will forever be a part of what we do, the way we help others, and how we create a stronger community for all.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Terry K. Gehring

Max & Sara DelSignore
Kraig Everard
Kenneth J. Eysaman III
Brian & Katherine Fenlon
Barbara Gehring
Jeffrey L. Ginger

Alicia Glavovich
Diana & Darrel Harris
Family of Roy Harris
Robert & Susan Horr
Jessica Jeican
Michele & Tim Jeican
Katie Lawlee

Mary E. Loftus
William & Beth Maguire
Debbie Running McGloine &
Charlotte Running &
Their Family
Elena Murray
Kim Murrock

Jeff & Mary Perrine
Kayla & John Jamieson
Theresa L. Quintin
Rande Richardson
Ray & Janet Richardson
Charlotte Running & Timothy &
Nancy Ruetten
Lorraine Zimmerman



Michael Charles Gillette

Michael Charles “Mike” Gillette was a lifelong North Country resident who was born in Watertown in 1960. He grew up in Lewis County, graduating in 1978 from Copenhagen Central School as salutatorian. Mike earned an associate degree from Jefferson Community College. He enjoyed a successful career as a licensed insurance agent since 1981 and spent the past 26 years with Fuller Insurance Agency in Carthage. Mike was also a licensed insurance continuing education provider, instructor, and monitor for New York State and wrote and taught his own courses, donating all the profits from his classes to various charities. Throughout his life, Mike was active in many local organizations. He was also involved in local politics and served two terms on the Rutland Town Council. One of his fondest works was as a musician, having played guitar since his youth. Mike passed away unexpectedly in May, but he wanted to help the community for

years to come. He created plans in his will to establish a legacy fund at the Community Foundation that will perpetuate his charitable passions and make an enduring difference in the community.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Michael Charles Gillette

Max & Sara DelSignore
Mary P. Sanford
T. Urling Walker



Sean B. Godfrey

As foreman of Boldt Castle maintenance and construction, **Sean B. Godfrey** was an accomplished carpenter and craftsman who led a very skilled group of tradesmen who worked on renovating, restoring, and preserving the historical landmark. He was born in Burlington, Vt., in 1981, a son to **Steven** and **Wendy Langdell Godfrey**. Sean earned a bachelor’s degree in business management from SUNY Plattsburgh. In 2005, he married **Clarissa Dwyer**. Together, they had a daughter. Sean was always known to lend a helping hand to friends, family, and his community. He was a well-respected, loving family man who adored his daughter and cherished his family. As a fitting tribute to his life’s work, his family chose to honor Sean by directing memorial gifts in his memory to the **Northern New York Community Foundation George C. Boldt Scholarship Fund**. We join his wife, Clarissa, his daughter, Ava, and family and friends in expressing our

deepest sympathy while commemorating Sean’s life and legacy with gratitude for the expressions of affection given in his memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Sean B. Godfrey

Nancy & Sandy* Conde
Max & Sara DelSignore
Thomas & Charlene Dwyer,
Mom & Dad Dwyer

Robert & Susan Horr
Jefferson County Probation
Department

Rande Richardson
Shane Sanford



Jason Jon Roberts

Jason Jon Roberts was a kind and generous man whose gentle spirit and goodness made him fast and long-lasting friends. He was born in Glen Cove, Long Island, N.Y., in 1969, a son to **Cheryl Gentil King**, Barrington, R.I., and **Ronald R. Roberts**, Watertown and step-mother **Margaret Hefferon Roberts**. Jason graduated from Barrington High School in 1988. He worked for many years as an inventory clerk and rose to become a supervisor of his team. Jason never let the obstacles he faced keep him from living his life to the fullest. He traveled hundreds of miles, on his bike, visiting friends, exploring Rhode Island, and enjoying many adventures. Jason had many passions, including Boston sports, but he loved his family the most. His father recently established the **Jason Jon Roberts Memorial Fund** at the Community Foundation as way to honor Jason's life and legacy and perpetuate his gentle spirit, kindness, generosity and caring for

others. We join Ron and Margaret as we honor his life and memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Jason Jon Roberts

Ronald & Margaret Roberts



James V. Gosier

Teachers touch the lives of others in ways that few other professions do. In his very special way, **James V. Gosier** had a tremendous impact on generations of North Country students. A mathematics teacher for nearly 30 years, in the Thousand Islands School District, he found meaningful ways to inspire his students and connect with young people. A lifelong Cape Vincent resident, Jim graduated from Cape Vincent High School in 1947 and attended Wadhams Hall Seminary for two years before enrolling at St. Lawrence University. In 1952, he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army. He returned to St. Lawrence University and graduated with honors in 1956. Jim made his community a better place through his service on the Cape Vincent Village Board for 14 years, the last five as mayor, and as a volunteer firefighter and member of several other boards. He was also a leader in the American Legion. When Jim passed in December, his family chose to honor his career

in education by directing memorial gifts to the **Thousand Islands Foundation Scholarship Fund**, an affiliate fund of the Community Foundation that provides educational support to graduating seniors in the Thousand Islands region.

Tribute gifts in memory of
James V. Gosier

Max & Sara DelSignore
Ann M. Gosier
Ted Gosier
Rande Richardson



Glenn H. Gough

An iconic Watertown broadcaster and television host, **Glenn H. Gough** was well known across the North Country. He had a distinguished career in television and public broadcasting and served as director of programming for WPBS-TV. He hosted the North Country Sportsman and Cabin Country on WWNY-TV7, covering hunting, fishing, and conservation on the program that aired over 700 episodes. He also moderated Whiz Quiz on WPBS-TV for 40 years, a game show for North Country high schoolers that covered 32 districts. Glenn was a kind, patient, and gentle man who took great pleasure in meeting people and listening to their stories. He was born in Westport, in 1930, and graduated from Westport Central High School and the School of Radio Technique, Radio City. He was also a U.S. Army veteran. Glenn married **Sally Peets** in 1951 and they enjoyed 37 years of marriage until her passing in 1988. Together with Sally, they raised a son,

Steven. In 1992, he married **Maureen Nevins Woodell**. Glenn genuinely loved the North Country and supported many charitable organizations, including the Community Foundation. We are grateful for Glenn's friendship and efforts to strengthen our communities through his on-air advocacy and commitment to the environment and education.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Glenn H. Gough

Christine & Brian Cisco
Max & Sara DelSignore
Kraig Everard
Eugene & Joyce Renzi
Rande Richardson



Michelle G. Grybowski

Michelle G. (Tevelow) Grybowski had a lifelong love for music and was dedicated to sharing her passion with others in her community, especially students. Born in Newark, N.J., in 1954, she earned a bachelor's degree from Douglass College and a master's degree in social work from Rutgers University. She worked for many years as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and served as chair of the Jefferson County Community Services Board. In 1977, she married **Dr. Stephen T. Grybowski**. Together, they raised a son and a daughter. In 1982, she was recruited to serve as director of Family Counseling Service of Northern New York. After 10 years in this position, she started a private practice, retiring in 2018. Michelle was very active in the Clayton community, serving on several boards and generously supporting many local causes and organizations. She started the Jazz in the Classroom program as an offshoot of the Clayton Jazz

Festival. The program brought master classes in jazz music to local schools. The program quickly matured into a very successful initiative, which led Michelle to partner with the Community Foundation to establish a pair of funds that will help keep it going for years to come. The **Jazz in the Classroom of Jefferson County Sustaining Fund** and the **Jazz in the Classroom of Jefferson County Endowment Fund** will continue to help bring live jazz music to students of all ages. We are grateful for Michelle's contributions to the arts in our region and were honored to help her shape her passion into something others will enjoy. We join her family and friends in celebrating her life and legacy and thanking all who chose to honor her through meaningful tribute gifts in her name.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Michelle G. Grybowski

Sarah Baldwin
Max & Sara DelSignore
Betsy Elliott

Mitchell Grossman
James, Donna & Elissa Grybowski
Sandra Haight
William & Beth Maguire

The Maryland Dunning Family
Medical Staff of Samaritan
Medical Center
Elizabeth O'Brian

Glorian & James Reinman
Rande Richardson
Anita Seefried-Brown
Margaret & Ben Sparacino



Urban C. Hirschey

The North Country lost a passionate advocate for the region when **Urban C. Hirschey** passed away in June at the age of 84. Urban grew up in Carthage, attended The Manlius School and later Dartmouth College, graduating in 1960. After college, he joined his family's business, Climax Manufacturing Company, and worked alongside his brother, Lee, for more than 45 years to build an innovative and successful company. Urban also honorably served for many years as an Army Reserve officer. In 1962, he met and later married **Sarah K. "Sally" Hopkins**. Together with Sally, they raised a daughter and three sons. During that time, Urban sought ways to uplift our region. Throughout his life, he valued the importance of giving locally and recognized how doing so had the potential to make an enduring impact to improve the quality of life in his own communities. Urban was extensively involved with local charities, serving on many boards. In 2002, Urban and Sally built a home in Cape Vincent on Lake Ontario, where they spent 16

years and Urban served as a three-term Town Supervisor. Urban left a significant mark on those around him through his integrity, generosity, and respect for others. Urban and Sally's legacies will continue through the **Urban and Sally Hirschey Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation**. We are grateful to the Hirschey family for the honor of being the steward of such a thoughtfully generous and far-reaching community legacy. Their imprint on the North Country will continue to have a positive impact for generations to come. We join Urban's family in thanking all who made meaningful tributes in his memory as gifts of affection to honor his life and legacy.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Urban C. Hirschey**

Michael Abbass
Louis B. Adams, Jr.
Cynthia R. Ahlheim
Dick & Carol Capone

Robert Caswell
Max & Sara DelSignore
Deborah Hirschey
Joanne & Stuart Hirshfield
Kevin A. Kieff

James LaPlante & Rosanne Weir
Doris Lehman & Loretta Lehman
Mary & Ted Mascott
Rande Richardson
Sharon, Lynn, Carl & Rob Skeele

Lynn Skeele-Flynn & Family
Dave Steadman & Daphne
Kiplinger
T. Urling Walker
Karen & Rick Wiley
Kay Woodruff



Donald G. Howard

Donald G. Howard was a proud Watertown native and member of the Watertown High School Class of 1956 who cherished his family and was devoted to serving his country and community. Don was born in 1930 in Watertown. He enlisted in the U.S. Marines in 1956. Following training at Parris Island and Camp Lejeune, Don served in the Mediterranean, most notably during the Lebanon Crisis. After the Marines, Don began a successful business career at Eastman Kodak where he met and married his wife, **Paula**. He later worked for Mannesmann Demag and retired after 30 years. Together with Paula, they raised a son and a daughter and celebrated 53 years of marriage before he passed away in December. Friends could always find Don helping neighbors and his community, or coaching youth sports. Throughout his life Don valued the importance of volunteering for those in need. He was passionate about several lo-

cal charities and organizations and often supported them. Don never forgot where he came from. In 2009, Don and his classmates established the **Watertown High School Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund** at the Community Foundation. We thank those who responded with tributes as an expression of affection and express our deepest sympathy to his wife, Paula, and children, as we celebrate Don's life and legacy.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Donald G. "Don" Howard**

Frederick D. & Rosemarie B. Belcher
Rose Crupi
Jack & Sharon Hammond
John G. & Valerie R. Lewis
Art & Pat Williams



J. David Joor

A native of Syracuse, **J. David "Dave" Joor** was truly at home in the North Country where he loved to spend time on Lake Ontario with his family and friends. Dave was born in 1932 and graduated from Onondaga Valley Academy in 1950. He earned a bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College in Illinois in 1954. In 1962, Dave married **Ann Welch Dulles**. Together, they raised two daughters and a son before Ann passed away after a long battle with cancer. Following Ann's passing, Dave reconnected with his college sweetheart, **Geri Hawes**, after 52 years. They were married in 2007 and enjoyed many years together. Dave had a successful career in the securities industry that spanned more than 50 years before he retired as a financial advisor in 2012. He was a longtime member and past commodore of the Henderson Harbor Yacht Club. Dave served on a number of nonprofit boards and remained very active in his church. Throughout his lifetime, he gave generously to his community and to causes and organizations that were especially

meaningful to him. We join Dave's wife, Geri, and his family and friends in celebrating his life and legacy of service.



Claire Lafferty

Claire Lafferty lived an incredibly full life of faith and service to others. She was born in 1935 and grew up on a farm in West Chazy, where she was no stranger to hard work. Claire graduated from Morrisonville High School and entered the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Watertown. She completed nursing school as a Registered Nurse in 1954 and worked at Champlain Valley Hospital, Plattsburgh, and later Mercy Hospital. Claire married **James L. Lafferty** in 1964 and enjoyed nearly 58 years together, raising a son and a daughter. Jim served as Jefferson County Sheriff from 1994 to 2002. During that time, Claire was proud to support the work of the department, connecting with many deputies and their families. She and her husband were active in many Watertown-area community organizations. Claire was happiest when providing for those around her. To all who knew her, she will best be remembered as a graceful

community servant who always strived to make the world around her better through her many acts of kindness.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Claire Lafferty**

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson



Jackie N. O'Brien

Jackie N. "Jack" O'Brien cherished his family and was dedicated to improving the lives of children and his community. He was born in Independence, Kan., in 1935 and graduated from LaBette County Community High School in 1954. Jack served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1958. Jack moved to the Watertown area permanently in 1967. For nearly 20 years, he was employed at Carthage Central School District in maintenance. Jack married Susan Beyor in 1974 and he became a father to two sons and two daughters. Susan cared for children in their home for 49 years and the couple fostered 45 kids before she passed away in 2015. Guided by his faith, his kindness was infectious, and he was known best by friends and neighbors for his willingness to help anyone in need. In 2021, Jack's daughter, **Pamela S. Beyor** established the **Jack and Susan O'Brien Scholarship** at the Community Foundation as a special way to honor her parents. We are honored to be a part of the enduring way Jack and Susan will be remembered and express our deepest sympathies as we celebrate his life and legacy.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Jackie N. "Jack" O'Brien
Rande Richardson



George E. O'Sullivan

George Edward O'Sullivan was a gifted and inspiring educator who touched countless lives during more than 30 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator. George's giving spirit and humility led him to teach by example to respect and support others. Born in Albany in 1929, George was an accomplished athlete in high school and at Ithaca College, where he earned a bachelor's degree. He later earned a master's at Siena College. While teaching in 1958, he met and married **Leona Mary Lucy McNulty**, an art teacher. Together, they raised four sons and a daughter and celebrated 59 years of marriage before Leona passed away in 2017. He was deeply involved in his community of Mannsville and in his profession, serving as president of the Frontier League for several years. When he passed in March, his family fittingly directed memorial

gifts be made to the Community Foundation to help build the **Leona and George O'Sullivan Scholarship Fund**, which supports college-bound students in need at Lyme Central School where Leona taught art. We appreciate George's family and are honored to steward his legacy and that of his wife, which will forever endure.

Tribute gifts in memory of
George E. O'Sullivan

Jim & Sandy Branski
Lois Cook
John J. Gaffney
Harvey Hochberg
Richard M. & Cindy L. Parker
Sharon Potter
Barbara & Clifford Schell
William H. Wormuth



Dr. C. Arthur Pearson

Dr. C. Arthur "Art" Pearson dedicated his life to serving his community and improving the health and well-being of others. Art graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1953 and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later entered medical school at the University of Rochester, where he met and married his wife of 63 years, **Judith Ann Frank**. Together, they raised a family of four children. After completing his medical internship and residency, he began practicing obstetrics and gynecology. Art and his wife spent winters in Naples, Fla., where he remained involved in medicine through private practice and volunteer work. Art's greatest joy was spending time with family on the St. Lawrence River at their Cape Vincent cottage. He was especially fond of many River-area charities and organizations. Throughout his life and career, he remained active in his community. As a fitting tribute to his devotion, the **C. Arthur Pearson and Judith Frank Pearson Fund** of the Community Foundation will provide support for a wide range of initia-

tives. We are grateful to Judy and her family for the special way Art will continue to touch the lives of so many in our community and join them in thanking those who made meaningful gifts of affection in his memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Dr. C. Arthur "Art" Pearson

Suzanne H. Adams-La Londe
Harold (Andy) & Carolyn Anderson
Phyllis R. Bailey
Paula L. & Edward P. Bender
Kim Bigelow
Don & Linda Blauvelt
Michelle & Tom Brydon

Jim & Sharon Chambers
Patrick J. & Maureen C. Culligan
The Curley Family
Nancy W. Del Borgo
Max & Sara DelSignore
Stephanie & Andrew Douglas
Jarome & Mitzi Gautreaux
Erin & Dick Greene
The Grossman Family

Dan & Ruth Heim
Joan Hillenbrand
Jim Huenniger & Shane Qualls
Virginia A. Huenniger
Roger D. Kempers, MD
Gerard & Judith Le Tendre
Mary & Ted Mascott
Edmund & Martha Meskutovecz
Doug, Mary, Caroline, Elizabeth, & Garrett Pearson

Rande Richardson
Lillian T. Rossetti
James Schnauber & Patricia Wood
Stephen & Debra Schweitzer
Maggie & Ed Smith
Temple & Mike Touchette
John T. Tucker
Bob & Wendy Willard-Lombardo



Dianne L. Peckham

Dianne Lynn Peckham loved her St. Lawrence River community and was most at home spending time on the water where she made a lifetime of memories. All those who knew Dianne will remember her for her competitive spirit as an accomplished water-skier. She grew up in Rome and attended SUNY Plattsburgh. Dianne and her first husband, **Riley Ledger**, raised a daughter and a son. She worked in the Central Square School District for 25 years. In 2003, she married **Dr. Arthur C. Peckham Jr.** He passed away in 2017. When Dianne passed in April, her family chose to honor her through gifts to the **Dr. Arthur C. Peckham Jr. Medical Scholarship** at the Community Foundation. We join her daughter, **April**, her son, **James**, and extended family as we celebrate her life and share

our deepest sympathy and gratitude for the thoughtful way Dianne's family chose to honor her memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Dianne L. Peckham

David & Alicia Bach
John Bufalini & Cindy
Habeeb Bufalini

Christine & Brian Cisco
Max & Sara DelSignore
Michele & Tim Jeican
Debra LaDue
Mary E. Loftus

Jeff & Mary Perrine
Rande Richardson
Laurie & Tom Roman
Patti Scordo & Terry Fallon
Linda Simpson



Col. (Ret.) Michael T. Plummer

Colonel (Ret.) Michael T. Plummer was a tireless advocate for the North Country, Fort Drum, and the 10th Mountain Division. Mike served in the U.S. Army for more than 31 years in various assignments throughout the United States and overseas. He played a key role in reviving the fortunes of Fort Drum. In 1984, he pushed for Fort Drum as the home of the then-newly reactivated 10th Mountain Division. Mike was born in San Francisco in 1938 and graduated in 1960 from the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mike was very active in his community, serving as a volunteer with many organizations and a member of multiple boards and civic clubs. He is best remembered as a loving husband,

father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Mike was married to the former **Miriam Olmedo**. Together, they raised four children. After his retirement from the Army in 1991, Mike started Future Visions International, a leadership consulting firm. He was instrumental in establishing several charitable funds at the Community Foundation that benefit veterans and their families, including the **10th Mountain Division (Light) Wounded Warrior Fund**, the **10th Mountain Division (Light) Scholarship Fund**, and the **Watertown Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship Fund**. We are grateful for having known Mike. His legacy of service and impact on the North Country residents will endure for generations. We join his family in celebrating a life well lived in service to country and community and thank all who made thoughtful gifts in his memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of Col. (Ret.) Michael T. Plummer

Michael & Margaret Alteri
Association of the United States
Army — Northern New York
Fort Drum Chapter
Richard R. & Joanne M. Babbitt
Robert Caswell
The Cipponeri Family
The DaPonte Family
Max & Sara DelSignore
Beverly Folderman
Fort Drum Sergeants Major
Association
Rande Richardson
Thomas A. & Jane M. Thompson
T. Urling Walker
Watertown Rotary Club



Stephen L. Rich

A banker for nearly 40 years in the Watertown area, **Stephen Lee Rich** lived to serve his country, community, and family, which was everything to him. A U.S. Navy veteran, he spent two years on the USS Wasp. After he was honorably discharged, he joined Jefferson County Savings bank as an auditor and retired in 1995 as Vice President of Chase Manhattan Bank, working in real estate for several years. He graduated from General Brown High School and earned an associate degree from Brown University. Steve married **Catherine "Caye" Mary Spicer** in 1964. Steve and Caye raised three sons and a daughter and cherished their 10 grandchildren. He served his community on many boards and civic organizations, including 40 years as a Town of Watertown councilman. When Steve passed away in January, his family chose to honor his life and legacy through memorial gifts to the Community Foundation. We are grateful to Caye and her family to be part of the special way that Steve will be remembered and join them in thanking all who made gifts of affection in his memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of Stephen L. Rich

Michael & Margaret Alteri
Joel & Danielle Bartlett
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Boxberger
Joe Brabant
Thomas H. Bradley 3rd
Jesse & Sarah Coburn

Christine Comet
Mrs. Woody Cook & Daughter
Max & Sara DelSignore
The Duffys
Mark & Donna Dutton
Anne Marzano Harrienger
Nate & Kay Holloway
Robert Humphrey*

Carole Dunroe Jarosz
Caroline Kelly
Pam Kennedy
Dr. Scott & KI LaClair & Family
James A. & Constance B. Leana
Players & Families of
The Watertown Bantams Teams
Priscilla A. Paris

Carol & Joe Rich
Rande Richardson
David & Susan Ross
Karen & Jon Sills
Margaret (Fiorentino) Sparacino
Janet B. Taylor
Paul Trimper
Gary & Kim West
WMSHL Friends



Thomas J. Robarge Sr.

Thomas J. Robarge Sr. was called to a life of service as a teacher who dedicated 35 years to the classroom, inspiring students while sharing his love for science and education. Born in 1938, in Oswego, Tom grew up in Sackets Harbor and graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1956. He attended Oswego State University, earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1960. During his three decades as a science teacher at Hermon-DeKalb Central School, Tom reached thousands of students and had a profound impact on how they viewed the world. Tom was exceptionally devoted to his five children and five grandchildren. Tom's son, **James**, passed away in August 2021. To honor Tom, his family has established the **Thomas J. Robarge Sr. Legacy Fund** at the Community Foundation, which will support efforts in St. Lawrence County to perpetuate his legacy of science education and lifelong learning. We join Tom's children, **Suzanne, Thomas Jr.,**

Jacqueline, and Danielle, in celebrating his life of service that will impact future students for generations to come.

Tribute gifts in memory of Thomas J. Robarge Sr.

Jacqueline Robarge



Dawn Aurice Pircsuk

Dawn Aurice Pircsuk spent most of her life in St. Lawrence County. She graduated from Massena High School. In 1965, she married **Alexander J. Pircsuk**. Dawn had a 27-year career with Carvel Insurance Agency in Massena. When she passed away in March, her family requested contributions to help build her late stepson's scholarship. The **John G. Pircsuk Memorial Scholarship Fund** is a permanent fund at the Community Foundation, which provides annual educational support to a Norwood-Norfolk Central School graduating senior. We join the family in expressing deep gratitude to all who chose to honor

Dawn's life and legacy in this thoughtful and enduring way.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Dawn Aurice Pircsuk
Anne & Brian Ashley

Robert Caswell
David Cook & William
Seymour Families

Max & Sara DelSignore
Lorraine M. Goodnough

Rande Richardson
Carolyn C. Wilson



Mary E. Rosecrans

Throughout her life of 98 years, **Mary E. "Betty" Rosecrans** was devoted to her family while dedicating herself to a life of public service. She graduated in 1941 from Cape Vincent High School, attended Watertown School of Commerce and studied at Syracuse and Cornell universities. With her first husband, **Forrest F. Constance**, she raised five sons and two daughters. She later married **Arthur W. Rosecrans** and enjoyed 45 years together. After working in Syracuse, she joined the Jefferson County Motor Vehicle Department in 1954. Betty was later appointed Deputy County Clerk, a position she held for 36 years, retiring in 1991 as the state's longest serving Deputy County Clerk. Betty was a consistent supporter of many local charities, including the Community Foundation, whose work helped to improve the quality of life in the region. We are grateful to her family for choosing the Community Foundation as a place where a part of her legacy can live on

forever. We join her family in expressing our appreciation for those who made memorial tributes in her name.

Tribute gifts in memory of Mary E. "Betty" Rosecrans

Jon & Karen Constance
John & Mary Jo Deans

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Ron & Peggy Granger
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Kevin A. Kieff
The McCall Family

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Michael & Bonnie Yonkovig



Sarah Van de Water

Sarah Van de Water was a high school teacher and librarian, with most of her career spent in the Hartford, N.Y., area and Westchester County before joining her husband, **John**, on an international mission to lead a school in Tehran, Iran. They later moved to Watertown where John taught at Jefferson Community College. She and John lived out their retirement years in Canton, where they were close to family. Sarah was a graduate of Albany College and Rutgers University and maintained a very active role in her church and community. She was always ready to help anyone in need throughout her incredible life of 107 years. Her son, **Peter**, was instrumental in establishing the **Canton Community Fund** and represented St. Lawrence County on the Community Foundation Board of Directors for many years until his passing in 2014. We are fortunate to have known Sarah and her family, whose contributions to the Community Foundation and its work will continue to positively

touch the lives of others in an enduring and special way. We join her children and daughter-in-law, **Becky**, in celebrating her legacy that will be remembered as an example of a life well lived in service to others.

Tribute gifts in memory of Sarah Van de Water

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson

WHY I GIVE from page 15

Why is it important to actively participate in your community through philanthropy or other avenues of service and what motivates you to do so? It's a chance to make a difference and it improves the quality of life while making the community a better place in which to live. People working together create a stronger community.

What keeps you connected to the North Country as a place or region you want to contribute to and help improve? I'm a native of the area. I grew up in South Colton, graduated from Colton-Pierrepont Central School, went away to college, worked for Elmira College for a year and returned home.

You are very engaged with the Community Foundation. Tell us about your experience and what you enjoy most about working with the Foundation. I enjoy the ease of working with the Community Foundation, which definitely makes a difference in Northern New York.

You actively support the Community Foundation and other local organizations. Why do you think it's important to give locally? To improve the local community, preserve its history and environment.

What motivates and inspires your philanthropy? Interest in helping animals, both wild and pets, and preserving the environment, especially the Adirondack Park, which started with the Horizon project. Arts enhance life in local communities.

"I enjoy the ease of working with the Community Foundation. It supports such a wide range of our local charities and provides financial security and investment guidance that many charities cannot easily do on their own."

— Mary Jane Watson, South Colton

Is there a special area of interest that you like to direct your giving toward? I am especially concerned about animals and enhancing quality of life for people in small communities, preserving local history.

We have an important task to inspire the next generation to follow our lead in giving. What is the best way we can do that? Continue support for local groups. Through the example we set by giving, volunteering, and serving local organizations, we can show our young people meaningful ways to make a lasting difference and improve our communities for years to come.

You recently retired from your work with the Orchestra of Northern New York after nearly 30 years. Do you plan to stay in the North Country? Yes, I don't like hot climates. If I were to relocate my preference would have to be Alaska!

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT from page 3

I would encourage young professionals to keep in mind that your peers and mentors have all been in your shoes at some point, they want you to succeed and are there to help you along the way.

What do you find special about Northern New York that keeps you committed to maintain your involvement and efforts to give back? I truly enjoy all four seasons in the North Country, and I am an avid believer that there is always something fun to do here, you just have to take some initiative to go out and find it. So many events benefit our community, its many charities and nonprofits. Understanding how much goes into creating ways to help inspires me to do as much as I can.

What would you tell high school students who are now considering college and career options? If you do not know what you want to do after high school do not feel stressed or alone. It is a difficult decision for a lot of people to find a career path that suits them best, but as you progress through college and the workforce you will find something that interests you.

Philanthropy is about sharing your time and talents, as much as giving. What has influenced you most to contribute to your community? I believe it is important for my generation to step up to the plate and bring a fresh set of ideas to the table. If we want our communities to remain vibrant, it is our responsibility to have a hand in giving back as much as we can.



Northern New York
Community Foundation

Their story is our story.

Since 1929, the **Northern New York Community Foundation** has been a place where life stories are told and have a permanent home in the fabric of our region. We are grateful to all who entrust their legacies to us in an enduring way. During the past year, the following individuals remembered their community through their will or other legacy planning; their families chose to name the Community Foundation for public memorial tributes, including establishing a fund in their memory; or a memorial fund was transferred to the care and stewardship of the Community Foundation.

William K. Archer	Glenn Gough	Col. (Ret.) Michael T. Plummer
Riley K. Basford	Eleanor Greene	Penny Doolen Prosser
Mary Bastian	Michelle G. Grybowski	Gabriel A. Renzi
Dawn Bingham- Strife	William C. Heck	Timothy Michael Reynolds III
Steve Arthur Boggs	Urban C. Hirschey	Stephen Lee Rich
Stephanie N. Mathous Bossinger	Donald G. Howard	Thomas J. Robarge Sr.
Irene Bowen	J. David Joor	Jason Jon Roberts
Thomas W. Burnard	Lewis C. Kibling	Mary E. 'Betty' Rosecrans
Kively R. Calender	Irene V. Krencseski	Doris Sanford
William A. Chapin	Jon LaClair	Marion Seavey
Peter J. DeVoe	Claire Lafferty	Lisha May Skeldon
Helen Jean Dick	Robert E. Larrabee	Brian D. Soper
John Stewart "Jack" Ducat	Patricia M. McAuliffe	Patricia 'Patti' Stabins
Mary Beth Durr	Blanche E. Miles	Mary Gretchen Sullivan
Richard Frederic Fabend	Jackie N. "Jack" O'Brien	Anne O. Valentine
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Steven W. Fisher	Neil F. Parks	Sarah Van de Water
J. Richard "Dick" Gaffney	Nicholas J. Patell	Margaret P. Vining
Terry K. Gehring	Daryl Payne	June T. Walker
Michael Charles Gillette	Dr. C. Arthur Pearson	Jacqueline G. Walroth
William G. George	Dianne Lynn Peckham	Mark J. Wearne
Sean B. Godfrey	Jacob Pete	Barbara T. Webert
Susan Walker Goodridge	Francine Root Petersen	Dr. Robert N. Wells Jr.
James V. Gosier	Dawn Aurice Pircsuk	Steven Roy Wilson

Their stories live on. Forever.

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William & Kimberly Couch
William C. & Margaret C.
Couch
David '60 & Marilyn '62
Peters

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Lester Allen's Birthday
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Betty Andrews' Birthday
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**2LT John P. Bailey's
graduation from
Clarkson University &
U.S. Army commissioning**
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

**Birth of Withrow Brooks
Rohrbach**
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**Barbara Jean "BJ"
Schaefer Blodgett**
Rande Richardson

**Katherine & Matthew
DePrimo's Wedding**
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

**Timothy Eberl's graduation
from Central Washington
University**
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Melinda Gault's Retirement
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Elaine Giso's Retirement
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Patricia LaBarr's Retirement
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Retirement**
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**Nort Taylor's 100th
Birthday**
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In our next issue ...

■ Our year-end 2022 issue of **Thoughtful Giving** will feature stories and memorial tributes about the lives and legacies of several Community Foundation supporters who recently passed including:

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YOUR GIFTS STRENGTHEN THE FUTURE

Gratitude, humility and citizens of character

Over the past two decades, studies have consistently found that people who practice **gratitude** report fewer symptoms of illness, including depression, more **optimism** and **happiness**, **stronger relationships**, more **generous behavior**, and other benefits. Research on gratitude among youth suggest that it fosters more positive emotions and better attitudes toward school. Especially at this time of year, with transitions marked by graduations and commencements, we are more aware of life experiences that build and shape character. It provides a natural time to reflect upon on how far we've come and those who have helped get us there. In leadership, the first person you lead is yourself. The **virtue** of feeling and **expressing gratitude** should always be among the most essential attributes of **citizenship**. It is a habit that should be more often exercised.

At the **Community Foundation**, we are particularly aware of the journeys of students that culminate during this season. Grants, awards, and scholarships in support of education are one of our largest annual investments in the people and places of **Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence** counties. Having the honor and responsibility of stewarding scholarships on behalf of school districts, individuals, families, businesses, and organizations, we witness firsthand that it takes many to produce citizens of character. The colleges, universities, and vocational, technical, and trade schools of the North Country and their students have been the recipient of gratitude of **generations of donors**.

All of us are products of combined influences that have weaved through our lives. Parents, family, friends, neighbors, teachers, coaches, clergy, and other role models share in our individual stories. They have been there to help show us the way, encourage us, sustain us through adversity, setbacks, and challenges, and participate in our celebrations and victories.

Sometimes just pausing to think about those who cared enough to give us **the gift of confidence in ourselves** makes us better. Knowing they wanted what was best for our lives helps propel us to **show gratitude** by looking for opportunities to offer others, and our world, and a chance to be better. Many of our region's nonprofit organizations were impacted by those who had a **desire to help inspire others** that they would likely never meet. By doing so, they were expressing their own gratitude for others, for their community, and for the promise of a better future. For them, we are grateful as well.

I believe that **gratitude, through the lens of humility**, is one of the most important attributes of humankind. My children know that I have a few non-negotiables, and gratitude and



Margot Remington Oman, granddaughter of **Dr. Walter S.** and **Mary G. Atkinson**, speaks to graduates of the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Practical Nursing program in June. Margot presented the first **Northern New York Community Foundation Dr. Walter S. and Mary G. Atkinson Legacy Award** to **Jacob Ratliff**, seated on the far right with his class. The **Dr. Walter S. & Mary G. Atkinson Legacy Fund** strives to assist, empower, and inspire nontraditional Northern New York students in their pursuit of careers in local health care. It was established in 2020 by their grandchildren as a fitting tribute to their lives and legacies and lifelong devotion to their community. **Dr. Walter Atkinson** served the North Country through many years of dedicated patient care. He was president of the medical staff and chief of ophthalmology at Watertown's House of the Good Samaritan Hospital and a strong supporter of its nursing school. He established and personally awarded the Star Medal each year to a local distinguished nursing student. **Mary Atkinson** served on the boards of many health-related organizations, was a longtime hospital volunteer and was one of the first women to serve on the House of the Good Samaritan board of trustees.

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humility top the list. Whether it is a simple "thank-you," a handwritten note of appreciation, or returning a favor, it is something I want them to be mindful of always. I remind them that it is not so much that being happy can make you grateful and more that gratitude can make you happy and that our accomplishments do not belong to us alone.

Who has helped you? Who have you helped? Who could be uplifted today by a simple act of encouragement and support?

Is there a way to continue the impact of gratitude beyond your lifetime? Whether you are a senior in high school or college or a senior citizen, you can allow yourself to be

more loving, more giving, and more caring than before. Feeling gratitude in a way that can change you, others, your community, and your world is a fundamental element of the human experience. Therein lies the foundation for **citizens of character, fulfillment, and completeness**. It is who you are and how you will be remembered by those who have helped you, those you've helped, and those you may never meet who will be inspired by your example.

Note: This column, by Northern New York Community Foundation Executive Director Rande Richardson, originally appeared in NNY Business magazine. It is reprinted here with permission.

Inaugural Thousand Islands Bridge Authority Scholars

Longtime executive director provides educational support to employees, families and retirees

Two Jefferson County students with family ties to the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority were recently named the first recipients of the **Northern New York Community Foundation Russell I. Wilcox Thousand Islands Bridge Authority Scholarship**.

Jakob Lynch, a 2022 Alexandria High School graduate, and **Dylan Rastley**, a 2020 General Brown High School graduate and current SUNY Canton student, were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

Jakob Lynch is a Redwood native who graduated with honors from Alexandria High School in June. He will attend SUNY Potsdam this fall where he plans to pursue a degree in business administration with a minor in sports management. While in high school, Jakob was a member of the National Honor Society, the Foreign Language Club, and Student Council. He was a three-sport athlete, competing in varsity soccer, hockey, and lacrosse. He will play Division III lacrosse at SUNY Potsdam.

Jakob is the son of **Hollie Heath** and stepson of **Justin Heath** who works as the



Justin Heath, Russell I. Wilcox Thousand Island Bridge Authority scholarship recipient **Jakob Lynch**, scholarship founder **Russell I. Wilcox**, and **Hollie Heath**, Jakob's mother, at the Bridge Authority headquarters last month.

lead horticulturalist for the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority, maintaining the expansive gardens at Boldt Castle and the Authority headquarters.

Dylan Rastley is a Watertown native who

graduated from General Brown High School in June 2020. He is presently pursuing a bachelor's degree in emergency management at SUNY Canton.

While in high school, Dylan was a

RECENT FOUNDATION GRANTS

This list includes competitive grant recipients the Community Foundation Board of Directors has recently approved and those suggested by advisors of individual named funds. Most recipients listed are Northern New York based.

ACR Health
Adams Fire Department
Adams Revitalization Committee
Adirondack Central School District
Adirondack Community Chorus
Adirondack For Kids
Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association
Alexandria Community Thrift Store
Alexandria Township Historical Society
Alzheimer's Association, CNY Chapter
American Cancer Society Eastern Division
American Heart Association, Syracuse
American Heart Association North Country
Heart Walk
American Red Cross Central and Northern
New York Chapter
Asbury United Methodist Church
Augustinian Academy
Boonville Black River Canal Museum
Boonville Concert Band
Boonville Search and Rescue
Boy Scouts of America Longhouse Council
Brasher-Stockholm Recreation Commission
Canton Community Fund
Canton Free Library
Cape Vincent Arts Council
Cape Vincent Community Food Pantry
Cape Vincent Fire Department

Carthage Area Hospital Foundation
Castorland Fire Company
Central Association for the Blind and
Visually Impaired
Chaumont Food Pantry
Chaumont Volunteer Fire Department
Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC)
Children's Miracle Network at Samaritan
Church and Community Program, Canton
City of Watertown
Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center
Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Foundation
Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry
Clayton Food Pantry
Clifton-Fine Central School District
Community Action Planning Council of
Jefferson County
Community Lunch Program for Kids
Constable Hall Association Inc.
Constableville For Tomorrow
Constableville Rural Cemetery
Copenhagen Central School District
Cornell Cooperative Extension of
Jefferson County
Cornell Cooperative Extension of
St. Lawrence County
Credo Community Center for the Treatment
of Addictions
Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division
Deer River Swinburne Cemetery Association
Dexter Historical Society
Dodge Pratt Northam Art and
Community Center
Double Play Sports Community Center
DPAO Foundation
Erwin Library and Institute

ESF College Foundation
First Baptist Church of Watertown
First Presbyterian Church of Watertown
Flywheels & Pulleys Association
Fort La Presentation Association
Frederic Remington Art Museum
Free Will Meal Program Soup Kitchen
Friends of Hepburn Library of Colton
Friends of Higley Flow State Park
Friends of Lewis County Hospice
Friends of the Nature Center
Friends of the Roswell P. Flower
Memorial Library
Fulton Music Association
Future Farmers of America — Canton Chapter
Garnseys Feral Acres
General Brown Central School District
Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund
Gouverneur First United Methodist Church
Gouverneur Historical Association
Grace House Services
Gracious Friends Animal Sanctuary
Greater Watertown-North Country
Chamber of Commerce
Hearts for Youth
Historical Association of South Jefferson
Hospice and Palliative Care of
St. Lawrence Valley
Hospice Foundation of Jefferson County
Immaculate Heart Central School
Indian Creek Nature Center
Indian River Lakes Conservancy
Jefferson Community College Foundation
Jefferson County Historical Society
Jefferson County SPCA

See RECENT GRANTS on next page

member of the National Honor Society. He was a two-sport athlete, competing in varsity football and lacrosse. He is also an Eagle Scout. Dylan is the grandson of **Carl Herman**,



Dylan Rastley

who retired from the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority in 2009.

Dylan began work last month as a firefighter for the Fort Drum Fire Department. He is the son of **Paula and Tom Rastley**, Watertown.

Russell I. Wilcox, a longtime leader of the Thousand Islands

Bridge Authority, established the permanent scholarship at the Northern New York Community Foundation as an extension of his life's work, service on behalf of the Bridge Authority, and in honor of his relationship with Bridge Authority board members and employees in the United States and Canada.

Current full-time Thousand Islands Bridge Authority employees, retirees, and their children and grandchildren are eligible to apply for the scholarship, which is awarded annually through the Community Foundation. The Authority employs 62 full-time staff, of which 43 are U.S. citizens and 19 are Canadian. An additional 60 temporary and part-time staff support seasonal operations.

FIRST HANRAHAN FAMILY SCHOLAR



From left: **Clare Hanrahan Smith**, Barbara D. and Robert J. Hanrahan Family Scholarship recipient **Laura L. Zehr**, and **Leslie Hanrahan**.

Laura L. Zehr, a 2022 **Belleville-Henderson High School** graduate is the first recipient of the Community Foundation's **Barbara D. and Robert J. Hanrahan Family Scholarship**. Laura graduated in the top of her class, earning an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and the Seal of Biliteracy. She will attend **Nazareth College**, Rochester, to study adolescent French education and plans to pursue a career as a French teacher. Laura was a National Honor Society member and competed on the varsity swimming team. She was a four-time Frontier League All Star and four-time Scholar Athlete. A euphonium player, she also earned extensive honors as a musician. Laura is the daughter of **Nicole** and **Mark Zehr**, Belleville. **Barbara D. Hanrahan** was a teacher and administrator in the Watertown City School District who gave tirelessly to teaching and learning, offering inspiration to those who worked with her while serving as a staunch supporter of equal opportunities for all her students. **Robert J. Hanrahan** was an attorney in Watertown for many years. He served as a member of the Jefferson Community College Board of Trustees and valued education, always seeking ways to make it more accessible to the community. Together, they shared an unwavering dedication to families and a passion for education in the North Country.

RECENT GRANTS from previous page

Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida
BOCES
JRC Foundation
Lewis County Agricultural Society
Lewis County Historical Society
Lewis County Hospital Foundation
Lewis County Humane Society
Lewis County Opportunities
Lewis County Search & Rescue
Lisbon Central School District
Lowville Academy and Central School
Lowville Rural Cemetery Association
Lyme Central School
Lyme Community Foundation
Lyme Free Library
Macsherry Library
Madrid Volunteer Fire Department
Massena First United Methodist Church
Soup Kitchen
Massena Meals on Wheels
Massena Public Library
Morristown Gateway Museum
Mountain View Prevention Services
North Country Children's Museum
North Country Family Health Center
North Country Library System
OBI Land Trust
Ogdensburg Boys and Girls Club
Ogdensburg Command Performances
Ogdensburg Public Library
Ogdensburg Volunteer Rescue Squad
Orleans Public Library
Parishville-Hopkinton Central School
PIVOT Foundation/Alcohol and Substance
Abuse Council of Jefferson County

Police Activities League of Massena
Potsdam Central School District
Potsdam Humane Society
Potsdam Snack Pack Program
Railway Historical Society of Northern New York
Resolution Center of Jefferson & Lewis Counties
River Hospital
Riverside Cemetery Association
Sacred Heart Foundation
Salvation Army of Massena Food Pantry
Salvation Army of Ogdensburg
Samaritan Medical Center
Samaritan Medical Center Auxiliary
Samaritan Medical Center Foundation
Save The River
Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood Monastery
Snowtown Film Festival
Society of the United Helpers
South Jeff Backpack Program
South Jefferson Central School District
South Jefferson Memorial VFW Post 5344
South Jefferson Rescue Squad
St. John's Episcopal Church of Cape Vincent
St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund
St. Lawrence County Historical Association
St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau
St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House
St. Lawrence Valley SPCA
St. Mary's Food Pantry
Stage Notes
Strong Roots Charitable Foundation
The Antique Boat Museum
The Little River Community School
The Nature Conservancy Adirondack Chapter

The Nature Conservancy Central and
Western NY Chapter
The Orchestra of Northern New York
The Rohde Center
Thompson Park Conservancy
Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity
Thousand Islands Arts Center
Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service
Thousand Islands Land Trust
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund
(Clayton Opera House)
Town of Diana Historical Museum
Town of Orleans
Tri-Town Community Services Food Pantry
Trinity Episcopal Church
United Presbyterian Church of Sackets Harbor
United Way of Northern New York
Village of Boonville
Village of Constableville
Village of Dexter
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
for Boonville
Volunteer Transportation Center Foundation
Watertown American Little League
Watertown City School District
Watertown Family YMCA
Watertown First Baptist Church
Watertown Noon Rotary
Watertown Urban Mission
Western Town Library
Wholesome Living
Wilderness Health Care Foundation
WPBS-TV
Zonta International Club of Ogdensburg
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Shaw Harbor Scholars: 'Find your one thing and thrive'

Scholarship founder John McNeely deepens support for educational pursuits

LEADING THE WAY:

Top photo, from left: Class of 2022 Shaw Harbor Scholars **Jackson Gaffney**, Thousand Islands; **Benjamin Maurer**, Belleville-Henderson; **Jade Stevenson**, Hugh C. Williams High School, Canton; **Cody Wade**, Indian River; **Grace Timerman**, LaFargeville; **Andrew Franklin**, Edwards-Knox; **Trinity Sampson**, Belleville-Henderson; **Jayla Hall**, Harrisville; **Zachary Sullivan**, South Jefferson. Not pictured: **Hailyn Buker**, South Jefferson.

Middle photo, from left: **John Shaw McNeely**, Shaw Harbor Foundation founder, and **Briar Schweinsberg**, Distinguished Undergraduate Award recipient, Siena College Class of 2025 and South Lewis Class of 2021. Bottom left photo, **Alexander Truesdell**, Distinguished Undergraduate Award recipient, SUNY Potsdam Class of 2025 and Edwards-Knox Class of 2021. Bottom right photo: **Cole Bennett**, Distinguished Undergraduate Award recipient, Clarkson University Class of 2024 and South Jefferson Class of 2020.

Ten members of the class of 2022 were recently awarded scholarships from the **Shaw Harbor Foundation**, a charitable fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation. In June, \$23,000 in scholarships were awarded to 10 graduating seniors — seven from Jefferson County, one from Lewis County, and two from St. Lawrence County.

Two Class of 2021 Shaw Harbor Scholars and a Class of 2020 Shaw Harbor Scholar were also named 2022 recipients of the Distinguished Undergraduate Award. They are: **Briar Schweinsberg** (\$1,500), Siena College Class of 2025, business; **Alexander Truesdell** (\$1,000), SUNY Potsdam Class of 2025, biology; and **Cole Bennett** (\$1,500), Clarkson University Class of 2024, engineering and management, respectively.

Class of 2020 Shaw Harbor Scholar **Noelle Dutch**, Binghamton University Class of 2024, received the 2022 Student Leadership Award (\$500) in recognition of her service on the Shaw Harbor Foundation Scholarship Steering Committee.

Shaw Harbor Leadership Scholars

Jackson Gaffney, Diversity and Inclusion Award (\$2,500); Thousand Islands Central; University at Albany, psychology

Jayla Hall, STEM Award (\$3,500); Harrisville Central; University of Rochester, data science

Zachary Sullivan (\$4,000), World-Changer Award; South Jefferson Central; University of Southern California, communications



Cody Wade (\$2,500), Power of Perseverance Award; Indian River Central; Syracuse University, biology

\$1,000 Shaw Harbor Scholars

Hailyn Buker, South Jefferson Central; Clarkson University, environmental engineering

Andrew Franklin, Edwards-Knox Central; Le Moyne College, business management

Benjamin Maurer, Belleville-Henderson Central; SUNY Maritime College, engineering

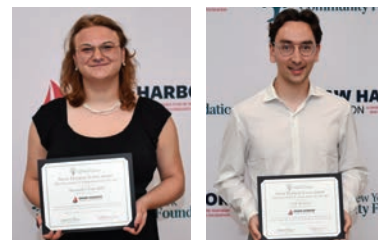
Trinity Sampson, Belleville-Henderson Central; SUNY Oswego, biology

Jade Stevenson, Hugh C. Williams High School, Canton; Stony Brook University, business

Grace Timerman, LaFargeville Central; University of Rochester, political science

Study Abroad Challenge Award

Cody Wade was also named the first recipient of the Shaw Harbor



Study Abroad Challenge Award. (\$2,500) He will spend his fall semester studying in Florence, Italy, with Syracuse University's Discovery Florence Program.

COACH STEVEN FISHER SCHOLAR ATHLETES

FIRST COACH FISHER SCHOLARS:

From left: **Elijah A. J. Rawleigh**, Coach Steve Fisher Legacy Award recipient and 2022 General Brown High School graduate; **Alice Fisher**, wife of the late Coach Fisher; **Karsyn L. Fields**, Coach Steve Fisher Legacy Award recipient and 2022 General Brown High School graduate.



"I know Steve would be proud that these two fine student athletes are the first recipients of the Coach Steve Fisher Legacy Award."

— Alice Fisher, wife of the late Coach Fisher

Elijah A. J. Rawleigh and **Karsyn L. Fields** are the inaugural recipients of the **Community Foundation's Coach Steve Fisher Legacy Award**. The 2022 **General Brown High School** graduates received the \$500 award during the district's senior award ceremony last month. **Elijah** will attend **Morrisville State College** this fall where he will enroll in the business administration program and also play Division III football for the Mustangs. At General Brown, he was a five-year varsity football and baseball player, serving as a team captain in each sport. He was a three-time Frontier League All-Star in both sports, among other honors. **Elijah** hopes to become an entrepreneur and open his own business. He is the son of **Shelly** and **Alan Rawleigh**, Watertown. **Karsyn** will attend **Jefferson Community College** this fall to study nursing. At General Brown, she was a member of the National Honor Society and a four-year varsity basketball and soccer player, serving as a team captain in each sport. She was a three-time Frontier League All-Star in basketball and a four-time soccer All-Star. **Karsyn** plans to continue her nursing education to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. She is the daughter of **Sheri** and **Scott Fields**, Dexter. After he passed away in 2021, friends and family responded to establish the **Coach Steve Fisher Legacy Award** to honor the life and legacy of the Hall of Fame football coach who led General Brown's program for 45 years. Coach Fisher's impact will forever endure.

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- Can I establish a **charitable gift annuity** with tax-deductible benefits that will provide me with guaranteed income during my lifetime, and then the remainder can support my charitable interests or a specific Foundation fund after my death?
- Can I name the Community Foundation as a **beneficiary of an IRA or life insurance policy** either to support the Community Foundation or a specific fund within the Foundation?
- Am I able to start a fund at the Community Foundation to support my interests now and then endow it later as part of my estate planning?
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PERPETUATING A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

CELEBRATING

BOLDT SCHOLARS:

From left: **George C. Boldt Sr.**, great-grandson and scholarship founder **Malcolm Goodridge**; Indian River High School graduates and 2022 scholarship recipients **Elizabeth A. M. Hellings** and **Cody M. Wade**; and **Charles Boldt Goodridge**, great-great-grandson of George C. Boldt Sr.



Scholarship founder, Boldt great-grandson and family honor Class of 2022 scholars

Elizabeth A. M. Hellings and Cody M. Wade, both Indian River High School graduates, were selected as the 2022 recipients of the Northern New York Community Foundation **George C. Boldt Scholarship** and each awarded \$10,000 in educational support.

Elizabeth will attend SUNY Cortland this fall to study speech and hearing science and plans to pursue a career as a speech pathologist. She is the daughter of Janice and Seth Hellings, LaFargeville.

Cody will attend Syracuse University this fall to study biology and plans to pursue a career as a forensic investigator. He will begin his academic journey in Florence, Italy, in the Syracuse University Discovery Florence Program. He is the son of Cara Aguirre and stepson of Darwin Aguirre, Theresa.



George C. Boldt Sr.

Malcolm Goodridge, the great-grandson of George C. Boldt Sr., established the scholarship with other descendants of Mr. Boldt and dozens of North Country donors who have made gifts to the fund at the Community Foundation.

In honor of the Class of 2022 and to encourage new gifts to help perpetuate the legacy scholarship for Jefferson County students, Mr. Goodridge recently pledged to match all new gifts to the fund, up to \$50,000 through the end of this year.

The scholarship honors the life and legacy of Boldt Castle builder **George C. Boldt Sr.**, a noted philanthropist and hotelier who once owned New York City's Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Created at the Community Foundation in 2017, the scholarship is now in its fourth year providing support to Jefferson County students.

IN MEMORY & APPRECIATION

Susan Walker Goodridge

1939 – 2022

Susan Walker Goodridge was a kind and generous woman who deeply cherished her family and community. She was born in Plainfield, N.J., in 1939, and attended the Evergreen School, Plainfield High School and Northwestern University. Following her education, she worked at Steuben and the Ford Foundation. Susan met **Malcolm Goodridge** in Manhattan and the two were later married. Together, they raised a daughter and three sons. She was a devoted supporter of many charitable causes and organizations. In 2017, she joined her husband, a great-grandson of hotelier **George C. Boldt Sr.**, in establishing the **George C. Boldt Scholarship** at the Community Foundation. We are grateful for having known Susan and for her support of such a meaningful scholarship that will forever benefit Jefferson County students. We express our deepest sympathy to her husband, **Malcolm**, and her children, **Kate, Charlie, Tyson, and David** as we celebrate Susan's life and legacy and join them in thanking all who chose to express their affection through special tribute gifts.



Susan Walker Goodridge

Tribute gifts in memory of Susan Walker Goodridge

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