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Newsletter of the Northern New York Community Foundation



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# A commitment to lead, for all

**This edition of Thoughtful Giving is dedicated to those who, during 2022, chose to directly support the mission, work, and programs of the Northern New York Community Foundation. We thank you for standing strong with us.**

**COMMITMENT TO CARING.** In this issue, you will see listed those who, in the past year, made a commitment to make life in our region better in the broadest way possible. They believe that it is important to invest in the health and vibrancy of their communities and, through their generosity, have led by example. They inspire more good things to happen. Our friends know the power of being able to responsibly apply resources where and when they are needed most.

**COMMITMENT TO CHANGING LIVES.** Community Philanthropy derives its impact and meaning because it represents the collective interests and desire for strength through both diversity and unity. You know that failing to continually invest in the people and places of our region will not result in the community we all desire. Changing and shaping lives does not happen by chance. We are very aware, too, that this type of giving requires a higher level of trust. We will continue to work tirelessly to demonstrate to you the value of our partnership.

**COMMITMENT TO CITIZENSHIP.** More than 900 community foundations operate in every state in the country. **Thank you** for



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being an active participant in yours. Because of your thoughtful giving, our region is better positioned for success. Your gifts are valuable tools that go to work to support basic human needs, educational opportunities, as

well as overall quality of life, including arts, culture, and the humanities. You enable programs that engage our youth in meaningful ways and position them to be the best citizens for the community and world they will ultimately inherit.

**COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY.** I join the Community Foundation board of directors and staff in expressing our deep appreciation to you for all you make possible. You recognize that a strong community foundation has a catalytic multiplier effect. Always know that this organization embraces that sacred bond and never takes it for granted. We owe the individuals, families, businesses and organizations listed on the following pages our deepest gratitude. Each story of community betterment is yours also. You are part of every positive change made. You help make our community what it is as we conquer challenges and seize opportunities. We look forward to sharing those stories in the months ahead. **Thank you** for believing in the power and importance of our work together and the difference you make in ways that are both immediate and lasting. Friendships are one of life's greatest blessings and we cherish yours.

**OUR MISSION:** To inspire and celebrate giving, steward resources honorably, and foster vibrant North Country communities.

## OUR VALUES:

**INSPIRE PHILANTHROPY**  
Inspire a spirit of giving across generations, celebrate generosity in many forms, and nurture meaningful legacies.

**ACT RESPECTFULLY**  
Honor our heritage; appreciate the diversity of our region; and celebrate the stories, values, and generosity of people of the North Country.

**DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS**  
Connect donor interests to the community, build and sustain partnerships, and listen for emerging needs.

**HONOR STEWARDSHIP**  
Steward resources responsibly and act with the greatest regard for donor wishes now and for the future.

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## 2022 Annual Community Betterment Fund

*Business partners help make Northern New York stronger.*

The **Northern New York Community Foundation** gratefully acknowledges gifts of business partners to the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund** whose collective contributions provide for the future of our community and its people. Your gifts help make possible our work together in the community. Business partners that made gifts between **January 1** and **December 31, 2022**, to help strengthen the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties are listed here. **THANK YOU!**



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# Fund continues family legacy of leadership

A deep devotion to family, faith, and community service guided **Ralph** and **Joan LaClair** through nearly 50 years of marriage while raising five children.

Ralph, an insurance executive, was president of Howland-LaClair Associates from 1975 to 1984, when the firm merged with Haylor, Freyer & Coon insurance agency. He was also a proud U.S. Army veteran who honorably served during World War II in Okinawa, earning the rank of sergeant before he returned home to Northern New York.

Joan was a Registered Nurse who worked at Watertown's Mercy Hospital, the House of the Good Samaritan and later in private practice.

Together, Ralph and Joan shared an abiding love for their community and acted in ways to make life better for neighbors in need while supporting causes and organizations whose work strengthened the region.

Ralph passed away in early 1998 at the age of 74, followed by Joan in October 2006.

Last fall, their children established the **Ralph and Joan LaClair Family Fund** at the Community Foundation to perpetuate their lives and legacies of service to community.

Lifelong Northern New York residents, the LaClairs were actively involved with many



**Ralph J. and Joan L. LaClair** pictured in the late 1980s.

civic organizations and activities. Their commitment to and love of their community will live on through grants made to eligible charitable organizations which will make an enduring and positive impact on the lives of others.

Their children will recommend periodic grants from the fund to support programs, projects and initiatives that appropriately honor the LaClairs, as well as further the charitable intentions of the family. By so doing, this fund will continue Ralph and Joan's life

work through subsequent generations of LaClair family members.

In December, the family recommended funding an initial series of community grants to benefit eight Watertown-area organizations that Ralph and Joan served or supported during their lifetimes, including: the Community Foundation, The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence Foundation, Children's Home of Jefferson County (CHJC), United Way of Northern New York, Credo Community Center

for the Treatment of Addictions, Watertown Urban Mission, Hospice of Jefferson County, and the American Cancer Society Eastern Division.

The Community Foundation is honored to steward this special family legacy that will forever perpetuate Ralph and Joan's memories and pay tribute to the many ways they served their community. Their story has a permanent home and will be shared with those who will be touched and inspired by their generosity.



## DR. LAVERNE R. VANDEWALL, JR.

**L**aVerne R. VanDeWall, Jr. dedicated his life in service to others. His vocational path began in pharmacy and led to a career as an internal medicine physician.

Dr. VanDeWall was an active member of Watertown's medical community for nearly 30 years. In 2019, he was honored as the recipient of Samaritan Medical Center's Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to his patients.



He had a deep sense of gratitude for God's blessings and understood the importance of sharing those blessings with those in need. He was a proud father to four daughters. Following his passing in January 2022 the **LaVerne R. VanDeWall, Jr. Legacy Fund** was established at the Community Foundation to honor his memory and perpetuate the beliefs and values that guided him during his lifetime.

The fund will serve as a charitable resource for the betterment of the lives of others, and to help those in need who may be uplifted, inspired, and assisted through the goodness it aspires to convey.

Through each act of kindness expressed through this fund, it will honor LaVerne's life and pass on blessings of kindness that will ultimately be given to others in an unending way, keeping his memory alive for generations to come.

In the months and years ahead, the Community Foundation will work together with his wife, **Jeanne**, a retired nurse, to make thoughtful decisions on ways to accomplish these goals to celebrate and honor Dr. VanDeWall's life and service to God and to others. The Foundation is humbled to be chosen as the permanent home of Dr. VanDeWall's meaningful legacy that will forever continue.

## THOUGHTFUL LEGACIES

# T. Urling 'Tom' Walker

An inspirational community advocate and friend, his decades-long leadership and generosity lifted the people and places of Northern New York to new heights, strengthened quality of life, and opened doors with opportunities to succeed and thrive.

**A**lways present and steadfast, T. Urling "Tom" Walker was a devoted and committed builder of community. He was well known for his decades-long service and generosity that touched many across Northern New York. He was a connector who was steadfast in finding ways to bring people together to accomplish good things for the area. Born in 1925 in Pittsburgh, he graduated from Peabody High School in 1943 and left his hometown to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Following military service, he attended Washington and Jefferson College, in Washington, Pa., and later transferred to Case Institute of Technology, in Cleveland, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science in engineering sciences. While a student at Washington and Jefferson College, he met Mabel Brooks, a nursing student at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. The two were married in September 1948 and moved to Watertown in 1951 where Tom accepted a job at New York Air Brake. Together with Mabel, they raised a son, Tom Jr., and three daughters, Laurie, Wendy, and Connie. Wendy, age 17, and Connie, age 37, each lost their lives to cancer. Over the course of the next 70 years, Tom built a distinguished career as an engineer, math and physics teacher, civic leader, philanthropist, and mayor. He was dedicated to civic service through his involvement with



Tom and Mabel Walker on their wedding day in 1948. The two celebrated 72 years of marriage before Mabel passed in 2020.

many local organizations. During this time, he also served as executive secretary of the Watertown Foundation, now the Northern New York Community Foundation. He was honored for his public service. In 1984, he was elected mayor of Watertown and served two terms, retiring in 1992, returning in 1994 for a year as city manager. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Several years ago, Tom and Mabel and their family partnered with the Community Foundation to put in place a way to help ensure their broad support of endeavors across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties would endure. We are grateful to be a part of the special way he will be remembered through

the **Walker Family Community Fund** which will be a permanent grantmaking resource for the region. Those whose lives will continue to be touched and inspired by his guiding hand will be a lasting part of the fund's work, while creating an inspiring reminder of the importance of a healthy, educated, vibrant community and Tom and Mabel's unwavering commitment to it. We join Tom's family in expressing our deepest appreciation for those who made memorial tributes in his name. We are grateful to all listed below who chose to be forever linked with Tom's legacy and life of service. It is fitting that we should help continue his many good works and extend his goodness on the region's behalf.

## Tribute gifts in memory of T. Urling 'Tom' Walker

Cynthia R. Ahlheim  
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Carl & Weslie McLaughlin  
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David & Karen Walton  
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Roy & Peggy White  
Robert E. & Debra H. Williams  
Donald & Diana Woodhouse  
Susan & Walter Zabriskie







### Thoughtful Legacies

#### HONORING THOSE WE LOST:

Since 1929, the Northern New York Community Foundation has been built by those who have made the thoughtful decision to provide enduring support for the communities they love. We are very grateful for these acts of generosity that help perpetuate lives of great meaning, not only for those who knew and loved them, but for those who will forever benefit from their vision for a better region. To learn how you can **honor a loved one's** legacy, contact us at [info@nnycf.org](mailto:info@nnycf.org), or **315-782-7110**.



## James O. LaPlante

**J**ames O. "Jim" LaPlante was a devoted father and community leader whose passion for the outdoors and respect for the environment guided his volunteer service with a local land trust. Jim was born in 1947 in Buffalo. He was a doting father to his three daughters. In 1996, Jim married **Rosanne Weir** in the Grand Canyon. A U.S. Navy veteran, Jim served during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Guam, specializing in Naval communications aboard the USS Brooke. In 1977, he began a career in retail packaging and manufacturing and was instrumental in bringing several new products to the industry. He later founded JLaP Marketing. His successful business was one of the joys of his life. His interest in land conservation led him to join the **OBI Land Trust** in 2006. He was elected chairman of the all-volunteer board in 2010 and was re-elected annually, serving as the leader of the Chaumont-based nonprofit until his passing. He was a loyal supporter of the Community Foundation and an advocate for the Youth Philanthropy Council and the young leaders it develops. It is fitting that his family chose to honor his legacy by directing memorial gifts to the Community Foundation to support the Youth Philanthropy Council. We are honored to have known Jim and join his wife, **Rosanne**, friends, and family in celebrating his life and legacy of service that strengthened the region.

#### Tribute gifts in memory of **James O. LaPlante**

Janice L. Charles  
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Max & Sara DelSignore  
Kraig Everard

Brian & Katherine Fenlon  
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Marie Hess  
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Judith Morley  
Peter & Laurie Pike  
Cathy Pircsuk & James Burr  
Rande Richardson  
Emily Sprague

John Valentine &  
Carrie Fleming  
Joan Treadwell Woods  
Stephen Yaussi &  
Susan Timerman



## Richard Calvin McNeely Jr.

**R**ichard Calvin "Dick" McNeely Jr. was a longtime businessman who guided the road markings company he started with his son in 1989 to an international airfield services firm that did business across the world. For 30 years, Dick and his family built Hi-Lite Airfield Services into a globally respected business that they sold in 2019. Born in 1938, Dick grew up in Rodman and graduated from Adams Center High School in 1956. He later attended the Watertown School of Commerce before beginning a decades-long business career. While working at his first job as an assistant manager at Watertown's Olympic Theater, Dick met his beloved wife, **Linda Ann Spinelli**, and the two were married in 1960. Together, they raised a daughter and three sons and celebrated 62 years of marriage before he passed in December. By no means

was Dick's path in business easy, but he cherished the opportunity to work alongside his children and grow Hi-Lite into the largest airfield marking contractor in the United States. Dick's greatest professional legacy was to work hard, never give up, and follow his instincts. Most important to Dick was his large family. Together with Linda, they raised their children to value community and serve those in need, which Dick did for many years as a member of the Adams Center Fire Department. With Linda, Dick was a longtime Community Foundation supporter. For many years they supported South Jefferson and Pulaski Academy graduates through a scholarship they established at the Foundation. It is only fitting that when Dick passed, his family directed memorial gifts in his name to the Community Foundation designated for the **Richard Calvin and Linda McNeely Fund**, which will perpetuate support for local youth hockey. We express our deepest sympathy to Dick's wife, **Linda**, and children **Jacqueline**, **Richard III**, **John**, and **Howard**. We mourn Dick's loss as we celebrate his life and legacy and join his family in thanking all who made memorial tributes in his name.

#### Tribute gifts in memory of **Richard Calvin "Dick" McNeely Jr.**

Karen Axenfeld  
Richard & Donna Bibbins  
Karen & Steve Blevins  
Mary Jane Burr  
Gerald & Valerie Chamberlain  
Cliff & Ellen Davis  
Max & Sara DelSignore  
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Shaw Harbor Foundation  
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Peg & Sandy Swingle  
Kenneth & Wendy Tousley  
David & Deb Ward  
Watertown Savings Bank  
Sandra & Paul Wilson  
Alberta Woodside  
Desirae Woodside  
Simone Woodside  
Terry & Carmen Zumbach



# William C. Couch

A devoted community servant, his nearly 20 years of leadership on the Community Foundation Board — including three terms as president — set an enduring example for others while demonstrating through his actions how to treat people with grace and respect. Bill Couch left a significant imprint on his community and its people.

**W**illiam C. Couch cherished his family and friends and enjoyed making new connections with the people he helped during his accomplished decades-long career in personal finance. He had a genuine gift with people and loved hearing about their lives, which helped strengthen many relationships he forged in his community. Born in Watertown in 1930, he attended Sherman Street School and Watertown High School before transferring to Tabor Academy in Marion, Mass., graduating in 1948. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., in 1952. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and completed flight school. He honorably served as a B-36 pilot at Carswell Air Force Base in Texas, and was discharged in 1956. In 1957, he married **Margaret Clay** of Fort Worth. Together, they raised a daughter, **Ellen**, and a son, **William Jr.** Bill began a career in business in New York City as the assistant to G. H. Walker, an uncle to former President George H. W. Bush. After training in New York City, Bill returned to Watertown to become a stockbroker with Foster & Adams. He earned a reputation



as a leader in his profession. He retired from Smith Barney in 2009. Bill was very proud of his community and believed in volunteer service and was active in a wide

range of local organizations. He especially enjoyed serving on the Board of Directors of the Northern New York Community Foundation from 1967 to 1985, including three terms as president and three terms as vice president. He and his family have remained committed supporters of its work and mission. Bill lived each day with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. He loved meeting new people and thrived on living a life of no regrets, making everyone he met feel as though they were the only person in the room. Bill was an enthusiastic sportsman with an adventurous spirit who loved the outdoors. His passions motivated him to travel extensively in search of the next great adventure. We are grateful to be part of the special way he will be remembered and continue to impact the community he loved. We join Bill's wife, Margaret, his children, Ellen and William Jr., and his extended family and friends in expressing our appreciation for those who made memorial tributes in his name. To all those listed below, we are grateful for your gifts of affection that honor Bill's generosity and celebrate his life of service, leadership and friendship.

## Tribute gifts in memory of **William C. Couch**

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Susan & Jeff Aronowitz  
Scott & Leslie Atkinson  
Bach and Co. / Fred & Patty Bach  
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Margaret C. Couch

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William & Kimberly Couch  
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Dembs  
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David & Karen Walton  
Peter & Michele Walton  
Juanita L. Washer  
Donald & Diana Woodhouse  
Martin Yenawine



## Doris E. Rushlo

**D**oris E. Rushlo dedicated her life to the care of others as a longtime Registered Nurse. She was born in 1935 in Edwards, a daughter to Clarence and Alice Given. She graduated from Edwards Central School in 1953 and continued her education at A. Barton Hepburn School of Nursing, earning a degree as a Registered Nurse in 1956. She married Richard A. Rushlo in 1957 and together they raised four daughters and a son. Her daughter, Gina Lynn passed away in a tragic car accident in 1996. To perpetuate Gina's legacy, Doris and her family established the **Gina Lynn Rushlo Memorial Scholarship** at the Community Foundation. When Doris passed away last fall, her family directed memorial gifts to the permanent scholarship at the Foundation. We are honored to be part of the enduring way Doris will be remembered and thank all who made gifts of affection in her memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of  
**Doris E. Rushlo**

Sheila & Ken Blankenbush

Robert & Nancy Brothers

Beatrice A. DeFino

Barbara Fenton

Art & Janice Ferry

The Rob Given Family

Lisa Goldstein

Margie & Fred LaPoint

Ronica Putnam

South Edwards United Methodist Church



## Gisele Marie Reynolds

**G**isele Marie Reynolds cherished her family and friends and lived with kindness and compassion for others while selflessly giving to her community. She was born in Gouverneur, a daughter to **Richard Rushlo** and **Doris E. Given Rushlo** and grew up in Edwards. Gisele raised her son in Massena, before moving to Pennsylvania. Her granddaughters were her greatest joy, and they were often at her side. Gisele's memory will live on through all those she touched with kindness. When Gisele passed away last fall, her family directed memorial gifts to the **Gina Lynn Rushlo Memorial Scholarship** at the Community Foundation, which honors her late sister who passed in 1996. We are humbled to be a part of the special way Gisele will be remembered and express our deepest sympathy to her family as we celebrate her life and legacy.

Tribute gifts in memory of  
**Gisele Marie Reynolds**

Beatrice A. DeFino



## June H. Watkins

**J**une H. Watkins was deeply devoted to family and community, dedicating herself to several causes and organizations in the Lowville area while raising a family of six children. She was born in Boston in 1931 and graduated from Bellows Falls High School. June studied music at the University of Vermont, where she met her husband, Edward. The two were married in 1950. Together, they raised four daughters and two sons and enjoyed 69 years of marriage before Edward passed in 2019. June worked as a physical education teacher at St. Peter's School in Lowville before she joined the staff at Lowville Elementary School as a teacher's aide, a position she held until she retired in 1992. She spent many years volunteering in the Lowville community, serving on the boards of several local organizations. During her lifetime, she impacted many individuals and families in her community. When June passed last fall, her children decided to honor her by directing memorial tributes to help build the **Edward Watkins Determination Scholarship Award** at the Community Foundation. The scholarship serves as an enduring reminder of June and Ed's legacies and their desires to always help others. We are honored to join June's family in perpetuating her legacy in such a meaningful way and we express our deepest sympathy as we celebrate her life of service and kindness.

Tribute gifts in memory of  
**June H. Watkins**

Thomas & Christine Bodden

Dan & Linda McAnulty

Liz Persons' Friends

Karen, Kathy, Maureen, Carole & Cathy

James A. & Anne E. Schoff

Karen Stowell



## Judy Behrhorst Munro

**J**udy Behrhorst Munro never met a stranger who didn't become a friend. When she passed away in December, the North Country lost a kind and thoughtful woman whose generosity led her to be involved in many community organizations throughout her lifetime. She was born in 1939 and graduated from Wells College, Aurora, in 1961. She married **William Munro** in 1962 and together they raised a daughter and two sons, celebrating 60 years of marriage before she passed in Florida. Judy was most at home on the St. Lawrence River with her family at their Murray Isle cottage in the 1000 Islands where she loved all aspects of nature. With her husband, Judy was a longtime Community Foundation supporter who believed in the work and mission of improving the quality of life for all Northern New Yorkers. Those who knew and loved Judy will always remember her character and kindness. We express our deepest sympathy to Judy's husband and sons

Tribute gifts in memory of  
**Judy Behrhorst Munro**

Erin & Dick Greene

as we celebrate her life and legacy of kindness and generosity.





## Nora W. Bajjaly

**N**ora W. Bajjaly was a dedicated advocate for her community and a devoted mother of four who freely gave of her time, talents and treasure to ensure a stronger region. She was born in 1934 in Ottawa, Ont., Canada. Nora attended Queens University in Kingston, Ont., where she met and married **Dr. Floyd L. Bajjaly** in 1955. Together, they raised a daughter and three sons. In 1967, she and her family moved to Watertown where Nora embraced a life of service, volunteering and earning leadership roles on the boards of several community organizations while her husband practiced medicine. She was a longtime Community Foundation supporter and appreciated the impact that sharing her gifts had on the region. Nora proudly became a United States citizen in the early 1990s. She was an avid traveler, but her love of the

water and cottages took her from the Cedars to Campbell's Point to Thousand Island Park, where she loved life on the St. Lawrence River. When Nora passed away in November, her family chose to honor her life and memory through gifts to the Community Foundation. We are honored and humbled to be part of the special way she will be remembered. We express our deepest sympathy to Nora's family as we honor a life well lived in service to others.

### Tribute gifts in memory of Nora N. Bajjaly

The Aceti Family  
Cynthia R. Ahlheim  
Scott & Leslie Atkinson  
Phillip J. Bajjaly  
Paul W. & Martha J. Brown  
Robert & Carole Brown  
The Carthage School  
Psychology Team

Robert Caswell  
Phillip & Kathleen Compeau  
Joyce & David Crossley  
Daniel Farrell  
Janet J. George  
Lu Green  
Laurie Hudson  
Jill H. Johnson

Kevin A. Kieff  
Renee Lustick  
Virginia S. McCreary  
Monthly Update Crew  
Pam, Adrienne, Jen,  
Gretchen & Susan  
Judith Morley  
David J. & Suzanne A.  
O'Connor

Peter & Laurie Pike  
David Porter & John Willson  
Eugene & Joyce Renzi  
Rande Richardson  
Mary P. Sanford  
Janet B. Taylor  
Peter & Elaine Thurston  
Dr.\* & Mrs. Barton Van Slyke



## Lynda M. Carney

**L**Lynda M. Carney had a profound impact on the lives of generations of North Country children through a teaching career that spanned three decades, the majority of which was in Lyme. She adored her kindergarten students and never regretted a day of teaching as it was one of her greatest joys. Lynda was born in 1939 and graduated as valedictorian of Cape Vincent Central School in 1957. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Oswego and began teaching in Dexter before moving to Lyme Central School where she spent 29 years in the kindergarten classroom. Lynda married **Robert Carney** and, together, they raised two sons, **Michael** and **Thomas**. Her son Michael passed away in 2019 and her husband in 2011. Her generous heart and warm smile were welcomed by all who knew her. Lynda was

active in several local organizations and was elected to the Town of Lyme Board. She and her husband spent winters in Florida and always looked forward to coming home to Northern New York. When Lynda passed in October, her family directed memorial gifts to the Community Foundation to help build the **Lyme Central School Scholarship Fund**. We are saddened by Lynda's loss and are honored to be part of the special way she will be remembered. We join Lynda's son, **Thomas**, in thanking all who made memorial tributes in her name as we celebrate her exceptional life and legacy.

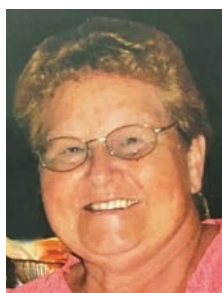
### Tribute gifts in memory of Lynda M. Carney

Alpha Data Kappa Sorority  
Alpha Zeta Chapter  
Jacob Backus & Many Others  
James & Sandra Branski  
Jean & Darwin Brown  
Janice L. Charles

Barbara Cole-Russell  
Sonya Comins '91  
Terry '70 & Becky '70  
Countryman  
Kathy Crouse & Pam Murray  
Dawn Cuppernell  
Barry Davis  
Peter & Joan Dougall

Virginia & Richard Edsall  
Dennis & Joanne Faulkham  
Lynn Hunneyman  
Donna LaLonde  
Carol Lawrence  
Linda Lepper  
Lyme Central School  
Booster Club

Bilkey L. Moore  
Joan B. O'Brien  
Terry Perry  
Ruth E. Seaman  
Tamasina Sharlow  
Diane & Donald Tedford  
Nancy Wearne-Navarra



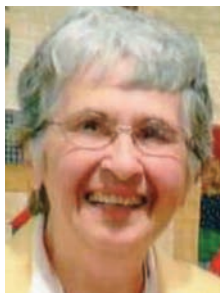
## Dona R. Barney

**D**ona R. Barney was born in Lowville in 1944, a daughter to Garman and Pauline Haggerty Roggie, and graduated from Belleville Central School in 1961. Dona married **Howard Barney** in 1962, and together they raised a daughter and two sons. Howard and Dona were partners with Howard's parents in the operation of Butterville Farms in Henderson, which is now operated by the fourth- and fifth-generation of the Barney family. After retiring from the farm, Dona was active in her community, supporting many local charitable causes, including the Community Foundation and its Six Town Community Fund. We are grateful for the gifts she shared to help strengthen her community and region. We express our sympathy for her loss and join **Howard** and her family and friends in celebrating her legacy of generosity and kindness.

## Perpetuate a family legacy

### WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOU?

Consider a **charitable 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**.



## Barbara N. Phillips

**B**arbara N. Phillips was born in Chazy in 1937 and graduated from St. John's Academy, Plattsburgh, in 1955. She earned a bachelor's degree in nurse-teacher education from SUNY Teacher's College, Plattsburgh, and later completed graduate work at Bridgewater State College for Teachers, SUNY Potsdam, and SUNY Plattsburgh. Barbara dedicated her professional life to education and earned permanent teacher certification 1979 in biology and general science. In 1959, she married **Burt W. Phillips Jr.**, and together they raised a son and three daughters. Barbara worked as a registered nurse at The House of the Good Samaritan, an infirmiry nurse at SUNY Oswego, and as an office nurse for several Oswego-area physicians before moving to Watertown. In 1968 she returned to work and was a school nurse at several Watertown schools. Barbara began teaching science at Case Junior High School in 1979 and continued until she retired in 1992. She was very active in her community, volunteering for many local organizations. It is fitting that her

family chose to honor her legacy through gifts to the **Barbara and Burt Phillips Education Scholarship** of the Northern New York Community Foundation. We are humbled to be a part of the special way she will be remembered and join her husband, **Burt Jr.**, and children, **Burt Phillips III**, **Beth Thesier**, **Bridgette Keenan**, and **Bernadette Gerbe** and their families in thanking all who made gifts of affection in her memory.

### Tribute gifts in memory of **Barbara N. Phillips**

David & Alicia Bach  
Barbara Cole-Russell  
John Costes & Susette Biros-Costes  
Ed & Kelly Davis  
Kristyn & Troy Decker  
DiMarco, Abiusi & Pascarella,  
Certified Public Accountants  
Sally Duxtater  
Friendly Service, NCZ  
John J. Gaffney

Bernadette & Charles Gerbe /  
Gerbe Family Foundation  
Michele & Tim Glover  
Julie C. Gould  
Ralph & Christine Green  
Robert L. & Marsha G. Hasseler  
Bruce & Marilyn Hazen  
Linda Holley  
Laurie Hudson  
Lynn Hunneyman  
Mrs. Hope I. Marston  
Beth James  
Patrick & Bridgette Keenan  
Dick & Donna LaLonde

Kevin & Christine Lentz  
Joseph & Marianne Malatino  
Carl & Weslie McLaughlin  
Catherine & Jeff Merrill  
Judith Morley  
James & Patricia Newell  
Jan & Clarke Oatman  
Mary Lee O'Brien  
Burt W. Phillips III &  
Teresa A. Phillips  
Burt W. Phillips Jr.  
Phyllis Putnam  
Richard & Delores Ratowski  
Rande Richardson

Ed & Karen Ringwald  
Albert & Nancy Roberts  
Frank J. Schepis, D.D.S.  
Patti Scordo  
Ruth E. Seaman  
Kathleen Slocum  
Christopher Smith  
Kevin C. Stewart  
Tom & Teri Streeter  
Joe & Beth Thesier  
Kathleen R. Wallace  
Chuck & Karol Woodell  
Aimee Zenobi & Kara Emerson



## Dr. William A. Dallas

**W**illiam A. Dallas cared deeply for his family and community throughout his lifetime of 91 years. Bill was born in 1931 in Watertown, a son to **Angelo** and **Vasiliki Dallaportas**. He graduated from Watertown High School and the University at Buffalo. In 1957, as class president, he graduated from the Dental School of the University at Buffalo. Before specializing in orthodontics, Dr. Dallas served as a dental officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, providing dental care to Native Americans in North and South Dakota, and White Earth, Minnesota. On a visit home from his service, he met **Katherine Fragatos** and the two were married in 1959. Together, they raised three daughters. After completing a fellowship in New York City, he and Katherine returned to Watertown, and Bill began a 35-year practice as an orthodontist. Katherine passed away in 2001. Bill was active in his community and profession, serving as president of the Jefferson County Dental Society and as a member of a local civic club. He was an outdoor enthusiast and sportsman and

shared his great love of the Adirondacks and Lake Ontario with his family. When Bill passed away in December, his family chose to direct gifts in his memory to the Community Foundation. We are honored to be a part of the enduring way Bill will be remembered and we join his daughters **Vivian**, **Cynthia**, and **Andrea**, and extended family in thanking all who chose to make gifts of affection in his memory.

### Tribute gifts in memory of **Dr. William A. Dallas**

Cynthia R. Ahlheim  
Jennifer & Anthony Augliano  
Thomas H. Bradley 3rd  
Robert Caswell  
Gregory & Katherine Couch  
William & Kimberly Couch  
Joyce & David Crossley

Rose Crupi  
Andrea & Eric DeLaGarza  
Jerald DeLaGarza & Family  
Max & Sara DelSignore  
Dick & Sandy Dodge  
Mary Emerton  
Christina Mesires Fournaris  
Friends of Andrea Dallas  
DeLaGarza

Darlene Garbin  
Jennifer & John Gaus  
Jill H. Johnson  
Joanne & Mark Lavarney  
Roseanne Laverty  
Renee Lustick  
Virginia S. McCreary  
Maria Mesires  
Tony Mesires

Betsy Meyerdericks & Bill Shuman  
Eugene & Joyce Renzi  
Rande Richardson  
Ethel E. Smith  
Allison Speal, Stephanie Speal &  
Edward Speal  
Janet B. Taylor  
Tim & Mary Walsh  
Peter & Michele Walton



## Mary Ulmen Pike

**M**ary Katherine Ulmen Pike lived a full and blessed life of 92 years, cherishing her family, and working to support her community in meaningful ways. Mary was born in Watertown in 1930 and graduated from Watertown High School in 1947. She married Carl C. Pike and together, they raised three daughters and a son. Mary was a telephone pioneer, working and retiring from the New York Telephone and Verizon companies after 48 years of dedicated service. She was very active in her community as a volunteer for several charitable organizations she cherished. We are fortunate to have known Mary and her family. Her gifts will continue to positively touch the lives of others in an enduring and special way. We join her children **Deborah**, **Ann Marie**, **Peter**, and **Celeste**, and her friends in mourning her loss as we celebrate her legacy that will be

remembered as an example of a life well lived in service to others.

### Tribute gifts in memory of **Mary U. Pike**

Max & Sara DelSignore  
Peter & Laurie Pike  
Eugene & Joyce Renzi  
Rande Richardson





## Richard J. Casey

**R**ichard James “Dick” Casey was deeply dedicated to his family and worked hard to provide for those he loved. Born in Potsdam in 1948, Dick was the middle child of seven sons to **Bill** and **Marion Strader Casey**. He graduated from Potsdam High School in 1966 while attending the BOCES automotive program. He met his wife, **Katherine Sheehan**, while working at her parents St. Lawrence County farm. They were married in 1970. Together, they raised four daughters and a son and celebrated 52 years of marriage before Dick passed in November. Dick retired from the New York State Department of Transportation and owned and opened the Shamrock Marketplace. He was also active in various community and civic organizations. When he passed away, his family decided to honor his life by directing memorial gifts

in his name to the **Riley Basford Legacy Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation**, which provides funding to St. Lawrence County schools for character education and anti-bullying training. Riley was Dick’s grandson who passed away in March 2021. We are humbled to be part of the special way Dick will be remembered and we join his wife, **Katherine**, and children in expressing our thanks and appreciation for all who made gifts in his name.

### Tribute gifts in memory of **Richard J. “Dick” Casey**

Patricia Arduine  
Banford Elementary Staff  
Elizabeth Bradshaw  
Jim & Susan Burkett  
Paul & Lisa Cascanette  
Jerry Casey & Patrick Macey  
Mike, Connie, Aron, Avery &  
Aidan Casey  
Lucinda Clement  
Ralph G. Collins  
Cristina Commisso  
Dorothy & Neil Conant

Bonnie Danforth  
Robin & Charlie Deck  
Max & Sara DelSignore  
Diane Drummond  
Philip B. & Nancy S. Foisy  
Steve & Kelley Glasgow  
Beth Grace  
John & Christine Gray  
Matthew & Mary K. Hafer  
John & Jean Hantz  
Kenneth Hapeman  
Constance F. Hatch-Young  
Dan & Gayle Hayes  
John & Linda Henry  
Richard & Elizabeth Hill

David & Patricia Holland  
Steve & Leslee Hooper  
Initiative Staff  
Anne Marie Snell’s  
Work Family  
Lela Katzman & Jonathan  
Koppel  
Michael F. Lahendro  
Colleen, Travis, Jenna &  
Josh Larson  
The Larson Family  
Mark & Jeanne Leuthauser  
Ruth & Joe McWilliams  
New York State Police in  
Zone 2

Don L. & Ellen Nichols  
Jane O’Gorman & Deb  
McCollum  
Madeline Pennington  
Bill\* & Marilyn Rodee  
Terri Rodee & Douglas Knuth  
Brig, Ben, Flynn, Abe &  
Lane Snell  
Mary C. Spilman  
Jim & Linda Tuggey  
Gregory J. Walsh  
Martha & Don Washburn  
Judy Wells  
Dave Youlen

## Remember your community in your will

The projects and programs in this newsletter are made possible, in part, because people left **bequests**. You can tailor your legacy or honor a loved one through a meaningful gift, forever. Contact **Rande Richardson**, executive director, **315-782-7110** or **rande@nnycf.org** to discuss your legacy planning and learn more.



## Daphne Henri-Foley

**S**tar Lake lost a proud and devoted community advocate when **Daphne Henri-Foley** passed away last year. Daphne was born in 1953 in Star Lake. She spent her career in Houston, Texas, before retiring to Star Lake. She raised a son, **Shane Francis Foley**. Daphne was very engaged in her community and cherished her life in Star Lake. She especially enjoyed summers on the lake and gardening, a passion that led her to plant flowers annually throughout her hometown. Upon her passing, a permanent “flower fund” for Star Lake was established at the Community Foundation to perpetuate her legacy of kindness and positivity. We are honored to be part of the enduring way Daphne will be remembered in her community.



## Gordon G. Bonisteel

**G**ordon G. Bonisteel was born a triplet, in Ithaca in 1956. He graduated from Watertown High School and Hartwick College in Oneonta where he earned a political science degree in 1978. In 1989, he married **Julia Shaw Robinson**. Together they raised two sons. The St. Lawrence River was one of his enduring loves, and he felt most at home on the water.

Gordon joined his father, Rodney, and brother, William, in the grocery business after working in California. Together, they owned and operated Big M Markets in Adams, Sandy Creek, Boonville, and Watertown. He and William later opened South Jeff Wine and Liquors in Adams. Gordon was very active in his community and

served on various boards and committees. We join Gordon’s wife, **Julia**, his sons, **Nathanial** and **George**, and his friends in celebrating a life well lived in service to his community.

### Tribute gifts in memory of **Gordon G. Bonisteel**

Robert Caswell  
William & Kimberly Couch  
Joyce & David Crossley  
Max & Sara DelSignore  
Rande Richardson

## In Our Next Issue ...

Our summer issue of **Thoughtful Giving** will feature stories and memorial tributes about the lives and legacies of several Community Foundation supporters who recently passed. They include:

■ Dr. Thomas Baker ■ Laurie Renzi Gadsden ■ Marjorie Mae Watson Heck ■ Carleton & Beverly Lamica ■ Hope Rogers Metcalf  
■ Adeline R. Ormsby ■ Philip B. Pratt ■ Gabriel “Al” Renzi ■ Ray E. Richardson ■ William L. Rodee ■ Martha M. “Marty” Smith  
■ Clarice D. “Teddy” Snell Harris ■ Joseph W. Russell ■ Patricia H. C. Taylor ■ Lisa B. Trembley ■ Dr. W. Barton “Bart” Van Slyke

## FRIENDS GIFTS STRENGTHEN OUR REGION

**CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES:**

The 2022 State Champion Copenhagen girls basketball team hosted an inclusive basketball and cheer event with Encompass Recreation in January. Encompass was established in August 2022 to provide inclusive sports and recreation opportunities for children and youths of all abilities.

Kara Dry  
Photography  
for Thoughtful  
Giving



# LEAD Impact grants lift tri-county nonprofits

A mobile meat canning event, new adaptive recreation equipment, a community pavilion project, STEM-related educational resources, and a pair of programs that provide critical and essential needs for families will each receive a share of \$20,000 in grant funding from the Community Foundation's LEAD Council.

A recent series of LEAD Impact Grant Program awards will support eight tri-county nonprofit organizations. After thoughtful evaluation of nearly two-dozen applications for funding, Council members sought to address current community needs while supporting a wide breadth of organizations.

The LEAD Council is an advisory committee of young professionals empowered to identify and address strategic needs in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties through community grants and volunteerism.

"Each year, LEAD Council members look forward to the Impact Grant initiative. It is an opportunity for organizations to fulfill an unmet need, sustain current initiatives, or to think creatively about new ways to serve Northern New York communities," said Anna Platz, LEAD Council vice chair. "The Council continues to be impressed by work being done to support our most vulnerable residents."

■ **Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association**, Lowville — \$6,000 to help bring a mobile meat canning service to the Lowville area. Approximately 1,600 pounds of meat is slated for distribution to the Lowville and New Bremen food pantries.

■ **Encompass Recreation**, Carthage — \$5,000 to support equipment and supplies for an adaptive sporting event for children and youths who face developmental challenges.

■ **Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association**, Croghan — \$3,000 to help the organization complete a community pavilion at its farm property that will enhance current programs.

■ **Cape Vincent Food Pantry** — \$2,000 to strengthen its "Cape Aid"

program, which helps Cape Vincent-area residents with emergency needs.

■ **Canton Day Care Center** — \$1,500\* to establish a science center for its school-aged program that serves students from age 5 through 12 and purchase STEM-related equipment and supplies.

■ **South Jeff Backpack Program**, Adams — \$1,000 to purchase food to strengthen inventory for the program.

■ **GardenShare**, Canton — \$1,000\* to support vulnerable families across the county and provide them with access to fresh and healthy local foods and expand program resources.

■ **United Service Organizations**, Fort Drum — \$500 to support programs for service members and their families while creating stronger community connections.

\*The **Brookmar Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation** will also award matching grants to **Canton Day Care Center** and **GardenShare**.



The **Northern New York LEAD Council** is made possible by donors like **YOU** who make gifts to the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund** and generous support from the following business leaders:





# Donors Establish New Funds

**D**onors frequently establish new funds at the Community Foundation. We have grown to now oversee a wide range of more than 1,000 charitable funds that support hundreds of organizations and causes. We are honored that donors continue to place their trust in the Foundation to administer these resources and carry out specific charitable objectives. Donors may make additional gifts to help extend support and build these funds. The following funds were established in 2022:

## Charitable Funds

Brad & Nancy Smith Fund, Supporting Charities  
Burgess Family Fund  
Carleton & Beverly Lamica Family Fund  
Jake's Good Things Charitable Foundation  
Jeffrey & Jo Anne Kirkby Fund  
Mitchell Bruce Horowitz Memorial Charitable Endowment  
O'Brien/Burgess Family Fund  
Timothy M. Reynolds III Legacy Fund

## Designated Funds

Dyckes Family Fund  
Erhard & Elizabeth Beuttenmuller Charitable Fund  
Michael C. Gillette Legacy Fund  
Watertown First Baptist Church Restoration & Preservation Campaign Fund

## Field of Interest Funds

Community Improvement Program Fund of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club  
Daphne Henri-Foley Memorial Fund  
Laurie Renzi Gadsden Award  
Gabriel A. Renzi Legacy Fund  
Jason Jon Roberts Memorial Fund  
LaVerne R. VanDeWall, Jr. Legacy Fund  
Operation Yellow Ribbon Fund  
Ralph & Joan LaClair Family Fund  
Richard A. Lyndaker Math Department Fund  
Stephen L. Rich Fund  
The Mia Marie Bumblebee Fund

## Organization Funds

Cape Vincent Community Library Endowment Fund  
Carole A. Berard Fund for Canton Free Library  
Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Fund  
Food Bank Fund of Northern New York  
HarmonNY Performing Arts Community Endowment Fund  
HarmonNY Performing Arts Community Sustaining Fund  
Hawn Memorial Library Endowment Fund  
Jefferson Community College Center for Community Studies Endowment Fund  
Massena Rotary Club Fund  
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club Endowment Fund  
Pivot Sustaining Fund

St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum Leadership Fund  
Thousand Islands Land Trust Discovery Center Endowment Fund  
Thousand Islands Land Trust Rivergate Trail Stewardship Fund

## Project Funds

Grasse River Railroad Trail Initiative Fund

## Scholarship Funds

Adeline Ormsby Memorial Scholarship  
Barbara & Burt Phillips Education Scholarship  
Berry Brothers Lumber FFA Award  
Clarence "Boots" Gaffney Award  
Clarice D. "Teddy" Snell (Harris) Memorial Scholarship for Education  
Dennis Kiernan Memorial Fund  
Greg Huxley Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
Jay Edward Barry Memorial Scholarship  
Julie A. Gardner Memorial Scholarship  
Kocan Family Scholarship  
Learned J. & Janet Langlois Memorial Scholarship

Leona & George O'Sullivan Scholarship  
Leuze-Reardon-Belloff Scholarship  
Lewis & Ann Kibling Memorial Scholarship  
Mark J. Wearne Memorial Music Fund  
Mary Beth Durr Memorial Scholarship Award  
Mary M. & George W. Forbes Thousand Islands Foundation Scholarship  
Nicholas J. Patell Memorial Award  
Timothy M. Reynolds III Scholarship  
Richard F. Fabend Scholarship  
Stephanie (Mathous) Bossinger Team Player Award  
Steven R. Wilson Scholarship

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## FRIENDS GIFTS ENABLE SUPPORT FOR NORTH COUNTRY CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM GROWING UP:** North Country Children's Museum science educator **Dan Bellinger** demonstrates a remote-controlled robotic vehicle to children during a museum visit. A \$25,000 Community Foundation grant awarded last year will help the Potsdam museum create a second floor of new exhibits, an additional program room, and a family resource room. The expansion project will double the size of the museum for visitors. The Foundation also provided a \$10,000 grant to match gifts to the Museum's endowment fund at the Community Foundation. Both grants were made possible through the generosity of donors who support the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Campaign.

ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



## FRIENDS SUPPORTERS MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT



### 2022-23 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge

Grant recipients & winning students

Each of the following organizations were awarded a \$1,000 grant.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

**Cape Vincent Community Food Pantry**

**Isabella McKillip**, Thousand Islands Middle School, Clayton

**Hospice of Jefferson County**

**Devyn Pleskach**, South Jefferson Middle School, Adams

**Movement Sports**

**Owen Marcolini**, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

**Salvation Army Watertown Corps**

**Carson Brown**, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

**Watertown Urban Mission**

**Aidan O'Shaughnessy**, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

#### LEWIS COUNTY

**Lewis County General Hospital Foundation, Lowville**

**Michael Whitcher**, Lowville Academy & Central School

**Lowville Free Library**

**Alannah McBroom**, Lowville Academy & Central School

#### ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

**Police Activities League of Massena**

**Alyssa Therrien**, Morristown Central School

**Society of United Helpers, Ogdensburg**

**Peayton Stark**, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

**St. Joseph's Foundation, Ogdensburg**

**Kinley Lalonde**, Canton Central School



**CAPE VINCENT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:** From left, Cape Vincent Fire Department members **Al Ada**, **Jeri Mason**, **Mike Paladino**, Chief **Billy Gould**, Thousand Islands Middle School student and 2021-22 Youth Giving Challenge winner **John Wiley**, and Fire Department members **Paul White**, **Bill Kirchgessner**, and **Gary Hall**.



**DOUBLE PLAY SPORTS COMMUNITY CENTER:** From left, **Tammie Lambert**, Community Bank Lowville branch manager and vice president; **Hayden Hulbert**, Lowville Academy and Central School eighth grader and 2021-22 Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Dan Myers**, Double Play Community Center executive director.

The 2022-2023 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge is made possible by gifts from generous donors like YOU who contribute to the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund and a leadership gift from an anonymous donor, and generous support from the following business leader:

  
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