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Choosing to make a difference: Believing in our community

As this year heads into its final months, we pause to reflect on all those acts of generosity, both large and small, which, collectively, made the Community Foundation's efforts to enhance the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties a reality.

During the last year, perhaps more than any other in our 94-year history, people like you who love the North Country made a conscious choice to give back in ways that impact the region both now and in the years to come.

Friends of the Community Foundation are part of a broad-based approach to supporting basic human needs as well as the many things that make the region great, including arts and culture, recreation,



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history, the environment, education and health care.

Perhaps more importantly, you have helped continue the great tradition of investing in one's community and by doing so, you have inspired others to do the same!

This includes support for programs like the Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge, Youth Philanthropy Council and LEAD Council. You make the magic happen and inspire more good things throughout our region. We could not do this without you, and we are glad you are part of our growing family tree. **THANK YOU** for making more good things happen in 2023!

We look forward to continuing on this path in partnership with you in 2024 and are grateful for your investment in our work together for the community you love.

YOUR ANNUAL GIFTS INSPIRE COMMUNITY SPIRIT YOUTH GIVING CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

"Community is like a family. We will always stick together no matter what. Hospice of Jefferson County makes my community better by supporting patients and their families who are facing their end-of-life journey."

— Devyn Pleskach, South Jefferson Central School



HOSPICE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY: From left, **Darrick Pleskach**, Devyn's father, Hospice Chief Executive Officer **Anna Patterson**, South Jefferson Middle School student and Youth Giving Challenge winner **Devyn Pleskach**, and Devyn's mother, **Shaun Pleskach**. Devyn is one of 10 **Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge** winners who won an opportunity to present a \$1,000 grant to a nonprofit organization of their choice.

The 2023-2024 **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**, a leadership gift from an anonymous donor, and generous support from the following business leader:


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EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: WHS CLASS OF 1956 SCHOLARSHIP



A love for hometown inspires classes to help future graduates

Watertown High School Class of 1956 Scholarship marks 20 years

For nearly 20 years, a Watertown High School graduate has experienced the generosity of an alumni class who last walked the halls of their alma mater as students some 70 years ago.

The **Watertown High School Class of 1956 Scholarship** was established at the Community Foundation in 2004 to help graduating seniors continue their education in college, junior college, community college or vocational school. Eligible students should demonstrate good citizenship and solid values, both at school, work and in the community.

Fred Belcher is a member of the Class of 1956 who was instrumental in rallying his classmates to support an alumni scholarship for Watertown High graduates.

Mr. Belcher, a retired engineer who now lives in Charlotte, N.C., recalls sharing the idea with his wife, **Rosemarie**, who suggested he turn to his classmates to help start the effort at the Community Foundation.

"I knew about the Northern New

York Community Foundation because I had obtained a \$600 student loan there to finish my senior year at Clarkson University back in 1960," Mr. Belcher said. "Then I spoke to several classmates who were very positive about the idea."

Classmate **Harold Darby** and his wife, **Fay**, also took on the challenge of contacting others to build support, Mr. Belcher said, adding that Mr. Darby was a trusted class leader who passed away in 2017. "Harold was well known by the class for his athletic achievements and was well-respected by all."

The first Scholarship was presented in 2006 when members gathered for their 50th reunion. In the past 18 years, nearly \$32,000 has been awarded to Watertown graduates.

"It's been a good thing for our class and people are very proud of it," Mr. Belcher said.

The generosity of classmates has continued, which has helped grow the fund and the awards to students. This year's scholarship was \$3,000, which is

more than three times the first award.

Mr. Belcher keeps a scrapbook that contains photos of each recipient and information about their studies.

"We're very thankful the Foundation helps us get to know the students," Mr. Belcher said. "It gives us a warm feeling about the project when we learn what great things they are accomplishing."

Nicholas Dephtereos was awarded the Class of 1956 Scholarship in 2007. He recently returned to his hometown for a job as a community outreach specialist at WWTI-ABC 50 after living and working out of state and in New York City.

Mr. Dephtereos earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in writing from the Savannah College of Art and Design and a master's in creative writing at the University of East Anglia in England.

"I am very grateful to the Class of '56 for seeing something in me all those years ago," Mr. Dephtereos said. "For me, it's a great honor to come back to Watertown and use my skills in service to the North Country."

FOUNDATION SCHOLAR AT WORK:

Nicholas Dephtereos, a 2007 Watertown High School graduate, was the recipient of the **WHS Class of 1956 Scholarship**. Mr. Dephtereos recently returned to his hometown for a job as a Community Outreach Specialist at WWTI-ABC 50 after several years living and working out of state and in New York City. He is grateful for the support he received to further his education.

Remember your school

A LOVE FOR THEIR ALMA MATER: The Foundation stewards several scholarships that past graduating classes have established to support graduates. They include:

■ Lowville Academy 2008 Scholarship Fund

The Lowville Academy Alumni Association established the Bicentennial Scholarship to honor outstanding students when the district marked its 200th anniversary in 2008.

■ Ogdensburg Free Academy Alumni Scholarship

■ South Jefferson High School Class of 1966 Scholarship

■ South Jefferson High School Class of 1967 Scholarship

■ Watertown High School Class of 1956 Scholarship

■ Watertown High School Class of 1967 Scholarship

■ Watertown High School Class of 1982 Scholarship

■ Brian D. Soper Memorial Scholarship (WHS Class of 1970)

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL: YOUR GIFTS DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

CLASS OF 2023-24: Front row, from left, **Anastaja Smith**, Watertown High junior; **Mia Kelly**, Watertown junior; **Colden Marks**, General Brown Junior/Senior High junior; **Rosamond Hunt**, Lyme Central School junior; and **Finley Swartz**, Watertown junior. Second row, from left, **Olivia Urf**, Watertown senior; **Maya Voss**, Watertown senior; **Hannah Eldridge**, Watertown junior; and **McKenna Lee**, General Brown senior. Third row, from left, **Ella Smith**, Watertown junior; **Jack Mangan**, South Jefferson High senior; **Sienna Virga**, Watertown junior; **Harper Lane**, Watertown junior; and **Olivia Wisner**, General Brown senior. Back row, from left, **Jack Adams**, Watertown junior; **Justin Draught**, Watertown junior; **Bennett Pistner**, Watertown junior; **Vincent Knapp**, Watertown junior; and **Elyse King**, Watertown junior.



YPC grant opportunity

■ The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** is now accepting 2024 funding proposals. Grant applications are due **Friday, Jan. 12, 2024**. 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.



Inspiring community leadership

Above: **Youth Philanthropy Council** students recently toured **CHJC's SoZo Teen Center** in Watertown and learned how they help youths at their drop-in center to become productive and healthy adults. These lessons will be helpful as students evaluate grant proposals from tri-county nonprofits in the weeks ahead. Right, clockwise from left: Council members **Rosamond Hunt**, **Colden Marks**, **Anastaja Smith**, and **Maya Voss** participate in a small group exercise during program orientation at the Philanthropy Center. The 2023-24 YPC class began in late August to prepare members for the year ahead. Students participated in several team-building activities that will shape their perspectives on leadership, community service, and philanthropy. Youth Philanthropy Council advisors are **Emily Sprague**, **Kraig Everard**, and **Leslie Renzi**.



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LEAD COUNCIL: YOUR GIFTS STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



LEAD Council invites schools, students to join creative 'Canstruction' initiative

Effort to support tri-county food pantries, backpack programs returns in February

Early next year, the **LEAD Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation** will invite local school districts and interested student groups to participate in the "Canstruction for Northern New York" project to help alleviate food insecurity in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties.

This endeavor is designed as a competitive, student-led effort, making a direct impact on the food pantry or backpack program of the students' choice and to vulnerable populations.

Projects are created as a themed structure of donated canned food and other nonperishable food items and hygiene products. The donated items from the structure are then awarded to the recipient pantry or backpack program.



THE GIVING TREE: General Brown High School students took home the "People's Choice Award" and the "Top Collection Award," during this year's first "Canstruction for Northern New York" contest to help reduce food insecurity across the North Country. Built with nonperishable canned goods "The Giving Tree" included more than 900 donated items and garnered a \$1,000 grant to the school's backpack program.

The LEAD Council established "Canstruction for Northern New York" in 2022 to instill philanthropic values in students with a desire to strengthen their community. It presents an excellent opportunity to support tri-county residents in need with critical and essential items. Teams will also compete to receive a grant award to benefit a nonprofit organization of their choice.

Earlier this year, **General Brown Central School, Stage Notes, and South Jefferson Central School** were recognized as winners of the first "Canstruction" effort. These featured participants collected a combined 1,665 donated items.

Registration for the next round of "Canstruction for Northern New York" opens in February. Schools and student groups interested in participating should email **Max DelSignore**, Community Foundation assistant director, at max@nnycf.org.

What is LEAD?

■ Visit nnycf.org/programs/lead to learn more about this advisory committee of young professionals of the **Northern New York Community Foundation**.

LEAD holiday match is back!

■ A **matching challenge** to build charitable support will help the LEAD Council bring joy to vulnerable individuals, children, and families in need through the **LEAD Holiday Giving Fund** at the Community Foundation.

■ All gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$5,000. Total gifts will be evenly distributed to the following community initiatives and nonprofit partner organizations:

■ **Christmas Crusade for Kids**, led by **Tunes 92.5/104.5 FM Intrepid Broadcasting**, in collaboration with several Jefferson County nonprofits.

■ **Christmas Sharing Holiday Assistance**, a program of the **Lowville Food Pantry** that distributes gifts, toys, food boxes, and more to children, families, and seniors in need across **Lewis County**.

■ **Potsdam Holiday Fund**, which provides annual support to **St. Lawrence County** individuals in need with gifts, food baskets, and winter clothing.

■ If you wish to help and have your gift doubled, visit nnycf.org and make a designated gift to the **LEAD Holiday Giving Fund**. Checks may also be made payable to the Northern New York Community Foundation and mailed to **131 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601**.

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:



YOUR GIFTS PRESERVE LOCAL HISTORY FOR GENERATIONS

THE LAST STATION: Carolyn R. "Corky" Marlowe, Dexter Historical Society, and Gerry Kostyk, Dexter Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. project committee chair, outside The Last Station building in Dexter. **Community Foundation annual donors** make possible grants to organizations like this that help preserve our region's history and treasures.

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Partnership helps historic fire service Foundation grant engages community, perpetuates proud past

Foundation Partners are Stronger Together

■ The **Dexter Historical Society** has been a **nonprofit partner** with the Northern New York Community Foundation since **2015**. Partnerships are created at the Foundation through the **establishment of endowment funds** to benefit the nonprofit. It is another meaningful choice for donors who wish to support the future of their favorite charities. To learn more about our more than **150 nonprofit partners** and giving options, contact **Max DelSignore**, Community Foundation assistant director, **max@nnycf.org**, or **315-782-7110**.

A \$19,300 Community Foundation grant is helping two organizations in **Dexter** complete a project that will perpetuate the community's proud heritage of firefighters and firefighting.

The Last Station is being built next to the **Dexter Historical Society** at Brown and East Kirby streets to house two treasured pieces of fire apparatus from the **Dexter Fire Department** along with other memorabilia that represents the history of the department, its membership, and the community.

The Historical Society and the **Dexter Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.**, joined forces three years ago for the project and have been working on the building together since spring 2021. It is designed to display an 1865 Ramsey Hand Pump and a 1929 Brockway Fire Engine.

The equipment display also represents an educational opportunity, helping residents to understand the

importance of the fire department to the village over the years.

In 2012, the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department was dissolved as a village department, and gradually, the Town of Brownville Joint Fire District absorbed most of its assets. The Last Station committee began project development in 2020, and the public has generously responded with charitable support.

The Foundation grant will enable installation of the building's heating and air conditioning system, an essential component needed to properly maintain antique equipment and other treasures. Outfitting the new building with a modern HVAC system will also allow the facility to open to the public year-round.

The Last Station Committee Chairman **Gerry Kostyk** said the Foundation's support is "very meaningful" and will "help us complete a very unique project that will be a special showcase for the community

for generations."

"We are grateful for the Community Foundation's commitment to the Dexter area and to our organization," Mr. Kostyk said. "The Foundation approached this as a partnership, and we appreciate how engaged the staff is in ensuring our community is also behind this effort."

The Historical Society's home is the former First Universalist Church, built in 1841, which opened as a museum in 2005. The Last Station connects to the former church through a breezeway.

Dexter Historical Society President **Carolyn R. "Corky" Marlowe** said the collaboration with the fire department, along with the Community Foundation's support were essential to the project's success.

"I appreciate how easy it is to work together with the Community Foundation," she said. "This will be one of the best assets for our community for many years to come."

"We are grateful for the Community Foundation's commitment to the Dexter area."

— Gerry Kostyk, The Last Station Committee Chairman

HENRY COFFEEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARS

A legacy of humility inspires young athletes

Henry Coffeen was a top multi-sport competitor respected for his sportsmanship

Rodman native Henry “Hank” Coffeen was regarded by many in the region as the top high school athlete of his day.

A standout athlete in the 1960s at Adams Center-Adams Central School, he excelled in football, basketball, and track and field. With a lengthy list of athletic achievements that includes numerous school and league records, his greatest accomplishment was his humility. Proud, but never boastful, his character is an example for South Jefferson student athletes today.

“Everybody loved Hank. He never sought accolades for what he did,” said George Hyde, a lifelong friend who has helped build a scholarship that honors his late friend. “He truly loved to compete, and he did it to the best of his ability.”

Mr. Coffeen went on to excel at St. Lawrence University and competed for the Saints in football, basketball, and track. Upon graduation he served overseas in the U.S. Army. He later earned a master’s degree from Oklahoma University and lived in



HENRY COFFEEN SCHOLARS: South Jefferson graduates Nolan Widrick, left, and Bryce Gaffney-Goodnough, are the 2023 Henry Coffeen Memorial Award recipients.

Norman, Okla., where he worked as an accountant. Mr. Coffeen passed away at age 31, more than a year after he was struck by a car while jogging.

The Henry Coffeen Memorial Award was established as a scholarship at South Jefferson in 1982 to honor his life and legacy. It was later transferred to the Community Foundation, which is honored to steward the award and perpetuate Mr. Coffeen’s legacy for future generations.

The award honors students who have lettered in at least two sports in their junior and senior years, hold an 85 average or above for four years, and demonstrate exemplary leadership, character, and citizenship.

“Hank was one-of-a-kind, and I’m grateful that his memory will live on no matter what happens,” Mr. Hyde said.

This year, the award was presented to Nolan Widrick and Bryce Gaffney-Goodnough. Nolan is now a freshman at St. John Fisher College, Rochester, where he studies biology. Bryce is in his first year at SUNY Oswego, also majoring in biology.

Nolan was a three-sport athlete, competing in varsity soccer, basketball, and baseball. He aspires to become a physician assistant and return to Northern New York after college to help people in his community.

Bryce was a three-sport athlete, competing in varsity soccer and lacrosse and hockey with the Ontario Bay Squad. Bryce aspires to become a dentist and one day open a practice in the North Country.



Henry “Hank” Coffeen, 1949-1981, was a descendant of **Henry H. Coffeen**, one of Watertown’s first settlers, and grew up on a farm in Rodman. Throughout his athletic career at Adams Center-Adams Central School (South Jefferson today) and St. Lawrence University, he excelled in football, basketball, and track. Exceptional character was his greatest gift. He was inducted into the North Country Athletic Hall of Fame in October.

CLASS OF 2024 EVERGREEN STEM SCHOLARS

The Evergreen STEM Scholarship is awarded to high school juniors who live in St. Lawrence County and plan to study and work in the STEM — science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — fields. Massena natives and former Gouverneur residents Charles Owens and his late wife, Higouhi, established the scholarship at the Community Foundation in 2014. The couple wanted to inspire high school students to pursue studies and careers in STEM.

Mr. Owens spent his professional life as a pharmacist and later in senior management at Kinney Drugs. Each year, 10 St. Lawrence County high school students are awarded a \$3,000 scholarship toward their first year in college. Students apply during their junior year of high school with recipients selected during the summer. Since 2017, 80 students have been awarded the Evergreen STEM Scholarship.

Mr. Owens and his daughter, Sandy Owens Hosier, recently met the Class of 2024 Evergreen STEM Scholars during an appreciation and recognition dinner in Canton.



CLASS OF 2024 EVERGREEN STEM SCHOLARS: Front row, from left: **Kaleigh M. Recore**, St. Lawrence Central School; **Theodore K. Hughes**, Potsdam Central School; Evergreen STEM Scholarship founder **Charles Owens** and daughter **Sandra Owens Hosier**; **Maya W. Thomas**, Hugh C. Williams High School, Canton; and **Austin M. Lacey**, Gouverneur Central School. Back row, from left: **Rylee C. Balster**, Ogdensburg Free Academy; **Erica M. Bates**, Madrid-Waddington Central School; **Keegan C. G. McGaheeran**, Potsdam Central School; and **Hailey Meagher**, Harrisville Central School. Absent from photo: **Stephanie Andreescu**, Potsdam Central School, and **Morgan E. Cole**, Colton-Pierrepont Central School.



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.



John J. Braun

John J. Braun believed in filling his days with life while keeping family at the center of everything he did. John was born in Rochester in 1944, a son to **John P. and Phyllis Braun**. Following his education, he began a distinguished career in manufacturing with the Dollinger Corporation in Rochester. He married **Sandra Mowers** in 1967, and together they raised two sons. John and Sandy celebrated 56 years of marriage before he passed away in June at the age of 79. John's work took him to Florida with Diller Brown & Associates and he later served as a successful owner of Tek-Sales, representing manufacturers in New York and New Jersey. John generously supported many causes and charitable organizations that helped improve life for others. His greatest joy was found with his six grandchildren. When John passed away, memorial gifts were directed to help build **The Foundation for Community**

Betterment Alexandria Bay Chapter Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation. We join John's wife, **Sandy**, children, **John P. and Michael**, and his extended family and friends in thanking those listed who made gifts of affection as we remember a life well-lived and celebrate a legacy of generosity and zest for adventure.

Tribute gifts in memory of **John J. Braun**

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Richard R. Bucci

Richard R. "Dick" Bucci was a deeply devoted and loving husband and father whose kindness and compassion for others knew no bounds. His love for family and positive nature helped guide him to generously support his community and seek ways to make the world around him better. Born in 1935 in Rochester, a son to **Anthony and Jenny Bucci**, he graduated from East High in 1953 and attended the University of Rochester. He married **Marlene Emilie Heck** in 1955. Together they raised two daughters and a son. Dick and Marlene were just four days shy of celebrating 68 years of marriage when he passed in July at the age of 88. In 1956, Dick began a successful career in the insurance industry that spanned nearly 40 years. In 1973, a promotion with Prudential Insurance brought him to Watertown where he spent the next 20 years helping others. Dick and Marlene made their home in Sackets Harbor, and

he was very engaged in his community as a civic leader and supporter of many charitable causes and organizations, including the Community Foundation. Following his retirement in 1993, he and Marlene traveled the world, spending winters in Naples, Fla. We are grateful for having known Dick and express our deepest sympathy to his wife, **Marlene**, and children, **Lynette, Thomas, and Suzanne** as we celebrate his life and legacy.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Richard R. 'Dick' Bucci**

Joyce & David Crossley
Rande Richardson



Andrew DeSetto

Andrew DeSetto was a beloved husband and father who left a profound imprint on the lives of thousands of students during a successful career as a teacher and coach that spanned more than three decades. Formerly of Boonville, he died Sept. 2 in Arizona. He was born in 1943 in Brooklyn, a son to Andrew and Connie DeSetto. Raised on Long Island, he was a graduate of H. Frank Carey High School, Franklin Square, and Kansas State University, attending on a baseball scholarship. He later earned a master's degree at Michigan State University. Andy married his wife, **Lois** in 1967. After they wed, he and Lois accepted teaching positions in West Leyden and moved to Boonville where they raised two daughters. Andy taught drivers education and physical education at Adirondack Central School for more than 30 years. He started coaching varsity baseball at Adirondack soon after arriving and led his team to the state championship twice, becoming the most suc-

cessful baseball coach in school history. Upon his passing, one former student and player fondly recalled Andy as "a genuine and kind coach whose calm demeanor and willingness to allow players to play free from expectation became a perfect recipe that led to great success." Andy retired in 1996 and he and Lois started vacationing in Chandler, Ariz., where they enjoyed time with family and watching their grandchildren grow. When he passed away, Andy's family directed memorial gifts to help build the **Danielle Marie DeSetto Memorial Scholarship Fund** at the Community Foundation, which honors the life and legacy of his late daughter. Our thoughts remain with his wife, **Lois**, daughter, **Michelle**, and extended family. We are grateful to be part of the special way Andy will be remembered in the region where he impacted so many.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Andrew DeSetto**

David A. Adsit Sr. &
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Audrey D. Dominy

Audrey D. Dominy lived a full and blessed life of 93 years, supporting her community in meaningful ways and cherishing her family. Audrey was born in 1930 in Watertown, a daughter to Ralph and Vivian Dorr Kendall. She graduated from LaFargeville High School in 1947 and Plattsburgh State Teachers College in 1951. She married **William Dominy** in 1950 and, together, they raised a daughter. For several years, Audrey was a home economics teacher at South Glens Falls High School before moving to Clayton with her husband who was a partner in Schell-Dominy Chev-Olds. Bill passed away in 2016. Her daughter, **Lynn Anne**, passed away in 2007. As an enduring tribute, the **Lynn Anne Dominy Memorial Fund** was established at the Community Foundation to support causes and organizations that were important to her family. Audrey was a generous and longtime supporter of the Community Foundation and, upon her passing in September, memorial gifts in her name were directed to the Foundation. We are saddened by Audrey's loss and join her extended family and friends in mourning her loss. We are grateful for the legacy the Foundation will steward on Audrey's behalf.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Audrey Dominy**

Mary Jane Bertrand
Max & Sara DelSignore
Terry Ierlan & Family
Rande Richardson



Ann Renzi Haynes

Ann Renzi Haynes brought joy to the world around her. A loving mother who cherished her family, she was a leader in her profession whose grace and kind demeanor earned the respect and admiration of others. Ann was born in 1962 to **Joyce** and **Dr. Eugene Renzi**. She attended Immaculate Heart Central and Phillips Exeter Academy and graduated from St. Lawrence University. Ann worked for Teachers Insurance, now TIAA, before retiring to care for her daughter who lived with a seizure condition. She lived most of her life in Rye, N.Y., where she was active in her community. When Ann passed away in July, her family chose to honor her life by establishing the **Ann Renzi Haynes Award** in her memory at the Community Foundation. It will be given annually to support Jefferson County residents with developmental disabilities and special needs through assistance to enhance their quality of life. We join her family in hoping to provide inspiration and are reminded to appreciate how precious life is and to

always look for opportunities to make us all better people with joy and gratitude.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Ann Renzi Haynes**

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Karen Lachenauer

Karen Lachenauer provided compassionate care for countless members of her community while mentoring future health professionals during a career as a Registered Nurse and nursing instructor that spanned several decades. Her kind and gentle way was a great comfort to many Watertown-area families she helped. Karen was born in 1944 in Hartford, Conn., and graduated from Gloversville High School in 1962 and later earned her nursing degree at the House of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing. She married **Charles "Chip" Lachenauer** in 1966 and eventually settled in Watertown. Together with Chip, they raised two sons and two daughters. Chip passed away in 2019. A devoted caregiver, Karen's nursing career took her from the House of the Good Samaritan Hospital to Jeff-Lewis BOCES as a nursing instructor, and to Samaritan Keep Nursing Home. Karen cherished her family, especially her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. When she

passed away in September, her family chose to remember her through memorial gifts to the Community Foundation. We join Karen's children, **Stephen, Lisa, Mary, and Jeffrey**, and extended family and friends in mourning her loss and celebrating her life and legacy of kindness and care for others.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Karen Lachenauer**

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Steven F. Martin

Steven F. "Steve" Martin was proud of his North Country heritage and his deep roots growing up on Watertown's North Side. Steve was born in 1951, a son to **John "Fred" and Viola Brown Martin**. He graduated from Watertown High School in 1969 and used scholarships from the North Side Improvement League to help with his collegiate studies. He graduated from SUNY Alfred in 1971 and Clarkson College of Technology in 1973 with a civil engineering degree. For many years, Steve worked in the industrial construction industry. He married **Kandice Burgess** in 1997. She passed away in 2001. He never had children, and it was his desire that after his death, gifts be directed to help youths. It is fitting that his family chose to honor Steve's legacy through gifts in his name to the **North Side Legacy Fund** at the Community Foundation.

We express our condolences to Steve's sisters, **Patricia O'Driscoll**, and **Sally Peters**, and brothers, **Frank**, and **Wayne**, and join them in celebrating his life.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Steven F. Martin**

Patti O'Driscoll
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Rande Richardson



Virginia Hyde Moriarty

Known for her grace and humor, **Virginia “Ginny” Hyde Moriarty** was always engaged in the world around her, serving as a role model and mentor to many young people in her community through a life of 93 years. Born in 1930, Ginny grew up in Clayton, and graduated with honors from Syracuse University in 1951. After graduation, she worked at General Foods as a home economist. She married **Ed Moriarty**, a Merrill Lynch executive, in 1956, settling in New Jersey. Together, they raised a son and six daughters and celebrated 41 years of marriage before Ed passed away in 1997. Ginny was extensively involved in community service. She established the **Hazel Northrup Hyde Family Scholarship**, which the Community Foundation is honored to steward. Her greatest joy was found in the time she spent with her 17 grandchildren. We are grateful to have known Ginny and we mourn her loss with her children, **Kathleen, Susan, Edmond, Mary Ellen, Patricia, Elizabeth, and Amanda**, as we celebrate her thoughtful legacy of service.



Katherine A. O'Brien

Katherine A. “**Kay**” O'Brien cherished her family and faith and was equally devoted to serving her community for many years as a nurse and health care administrator. Kay was born in 1940 in Rodman, a daughter to **Elizabeth Lortie Florentine**. She graduated from Lowville Academy in 1958, and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1961. She later continued her education and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 1981 at SUNY College of Technology, Utica. Kay married **William D. O'Brien** in 1961 in Rhode Island and eventually settled in Watertown where, together, they raised a daughter and four sons and celebrated 62 years of marriage. Kay was especially proud of her 10 grandchildren. When she passed away in June at the age of 82, her family chose to honor her by directing memorial gifts in her name to the **North Country Irish Goes Green Terry O'Brien Scholarship** at the Community Foundation, which honors her late son, **Terry**. We express our sympathy to her husband, **William**, and children **John, Dennis, Joseph, and Mary**. We are

honored to be part of the special way Kay will be remembered and thank all who made gifts of affection in her memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of Katherine ‘Kay’ O'Brien

Michael R. & Penny B. Clark
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Mary, Rich & Bobby O'Connor
Leonard G. Spaziani

John & Patty Spicer
Steven & Ruth-Ellen Van Arnam
Maryanne & Jon Vespa
Linda Watson & Ken Schwarz



Robert J. Smith

For most of his adult life, **Robert J. “Bob” Smith Jr.** was widely known in his community as the “go-to person” for many mechanics and farmers in Adams and he was happy to share his gifts. Bob was born in 1935 in Adams, the first child of **Robert and Ella Mae Smith**. He attended school in Adams. Bob worked for nearly every car business in Adams before opening his own body shop. He married **Sally A. Bourcy** in 1966 and together, they raised two daughters and a son. He was previously married and had two sons, **Marty**, and **Danny**. Danny passed away in 2021. Bob loved his community and was a generous supporter of many causes and charitable organizations. With Sally, he shared an endless drive for adventure. When Bob passed away in June at the age of 87, his family directed memorial gifts in his name to support the **Luke Tyrrell Scholarship** at the Community Foundation, which honors his grandson, **Luke**, who passed away in 2018. We join Bob's wife, **Sally**, and his children, **Marty, Kelly, Scott, and Tina** in thanking those who thoughtfully made

tributes in his name as we celebrate his legacy and love of community.

Tribute gifts in memory of Robert Smith

Berry Brothers Lumber
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Steven R. & Elizabeth E. Newton

O.D. Greene Lumber & Hardware
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Joseph C. Slate Sr.
Bob & Julie Storms
Patricia & Bruce Tyrrell



Helen S. Thomas

Compassion, kindness, and a deep devotion to faith and family guided **Helen S. Thomas** to a full life of 99 years. She was born in 1924 in Carthage, a daughter to **Olga Paskalides and Samuel (Savas) Calender**. Helen attended Carthage High School and the Watertown School of Commerce. After graduation, she answered the U.S. Army's call for help at Pine Camp (today Fort Drum) and was appointed Secretary of the Requisition Department. There, she met **Chris Thomas** and was soon married. Together with Chris, they raised six children. He passed away in 1970. A daughter, **Androniki**, also passed away before her. Helen later joined the staff at the Medical Center Pharmacy that her brother, **Chris Calender**, owned. In retirement, she was involved in a wide range of community activities, generously supporting causes and charities she valued. Helen was very proud of her children and their success. We express our sincere condolences to Helen's daughters, **Olga, Christina, and Maria**, and sons, **Mitchell, and Samuel** as we celebrate her legacy of kindness.

Tribute gifts in memory of Helen Thomas

Rande Richardson

Recent Tribute Gifts

Includes only gifts made to the Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund from July 15, 2023 to Oct. 27, 2023, or for those who have just recently passed.

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John Bailey's 60th Birthday
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

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Rande Richardson

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Rande Richardson

**Steve Eberl's Retirement
from the Washington State
Department of Ecology**
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

**Constance A. "Connie" Elliott's
86th Birthday**
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Brian Stone's 65th Birthday
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Dylan Stone's 21st Birthday
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

In our next issue ...

■ Our spring 2024 issue of **Thoughtful Giving** will feature stories and memorial tributes about the lives and legacies of several Community Foundation supporters who recently passed including:

Richard N. "Rick" Damon
Edward J. "Ted" Gosier Jr.

YOUR GIFTS HELP STRENGTHEN EDUCATION

Education: The sure way to change the world

When it was established in 1929, the Northern New York Community Foundation was primarily focused on investing in the education of local students. During its first 50 years, assistance was provided mostly in the form of zero-interest loans to college-bound high school graduates. By the 1980s, the awards became scholarships and did not have to be paid back. From time to time, we hear testimonials from those who were given help as they started their educational journeys. Many of them returned to the North Country to begin and grow their careers in just about every imaginable field. For some, it made enough of an impact that they decided to return the favor by contributing to help today's students.

Another emerging trend is a wider array of scholarships for those pursuing paths other than college. There now are several scholarships aimed at those entering trade and technical programs as well as for adult learners seeking additional educational opportunities. While many are merit-based, an increasing number are given for those who are not necessarily at the top of their class.

These investments in education that nearly 100 years of donors make possible unquestionably change lives for the better. These lives are then ready to enter the world educated and prepared to positively improve society, our communities and the world.

Each June, when graduation season is upon us, we have vivid reminders of not only the impact of education, but the critical role educators play making it possible. Each of us can recall a teacher, coach or other mentor who connected with us in a way that shaped who we became. It was often the one who saw the potential in us that we did not. It sometimes was the one who taught us how to learn, how to be taught. For others, the greatest educators helped us value discipline, hard work, and persistence. I always related on a deeper level with those who taught me how to think, challenge, and communicate in words and thoughts. I use many of those skills daily. There is no question that a teacher's reach



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LOWVILLE ACADEMY AND CENTRAL SCHOOL students make maple sugar candy during a food science class earlier this year. In recent years, the Community Foundation has worked with a growing number of donors to expand educational support that includes many new scholarships for students who are pursuing technical, trade, and vocational paths.

extends far beyond the walls of a classroom.

Perhaps now more than ever, we need the best teachers in the best position to set lives on course. More than ever, it is a

with the tools for a successful and fulfilling career and life. Teachers are gifts that keep on giving. They inspire us to inspire others. When you look back on the journey

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challenge with lots of things standing in the way of success. Increasingly, schools are providing education of the whole person, including many things that were once taught at home. Done well, education through caring and committed educators is our best hope. While I suppose it could be enough to have the satisfaction and fulfillment of knowing the influence they have had, the greatest gift a teacher can receive is a former student attributing their success to that teacher. Sometimes those students become teachers themselves, even further extending the reach. The Watertown City School District was good to me. I was blessed with teachers who provided me

and forward to the future, be mindful of the opportunities to pay back those debts of gratitude for those who helped you along the way. Life is so often a reminder that we rarely get to where we want to be by ourselves. Whomever the positive influence in your life, it's never too soon or too late to let them know that your cumulative successes are theirs also and that their lifelong impact is deeply embedded in the way we, and they, will be remembered.

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.

Through your **Community Foundation ...**

- Can I create a fund that will **continue my annual giving after my lifetime** to my favorite charities or church, knowing that if an organization ceases to exist, the fund is protected and can be re-purposed?
- Can I establish a named fund that will **allow my children and grandchildren** to make community grants in perpetuity?
- Can my charitable legacy be directed to **support a specific city, village, town or county**? Can I further designate the type of things that will be supported within that geographic area, and name the fund?
- 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?
- Can I start a fund to **support my church**, providing stipulations on how it is to be directed (i.e., music ministry, buildings & grounds, education) and also have assurance that if the church should ever cease to exist, my charitable provisions can be re-purposed for another designated interest or charitable cause?
- Can I create a **scholarship fund for a specific school district or college**, with certain criteria, or support some other aspect of my school or college (music, arts, athletics, library, reading, professional development)?
- If I own a business, can I give more effectively, efficiently and in a more formal and structured way, with enhanced visibility, coordination, branding and impact?
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Take advantage of current charitable tax laws that allow deductions as well as avoidance of taxation of capital gains. Also, donors age 70½ and older, can distribute up to \$100,000 of Individual Retirement Account assets directly to the Community Foundation for unrestricted, field of interest, scholarship or designated funds without triggering federal income taxes or penalties. The IRA Charitable Rollover amount donated directly is excluded from Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

YOUR GIFTS HELP GROW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Foundation donors support diverse programs

For more than 90 years, **Community Foundation donors** have helped build the region's largest scholarship program that annually supports hundreds of students across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties who are pursuing a wide range of post-secondary educational programs. In 2023, **900 awards** totaling nearly **\$1.4 million** helped more than **600 students** attend two- and four-year colleges and universities, as well as technical, trade, and vocational schools and programs. Thanks to the generosity of **many donors like YOU** who continue to make gifts that support Community Foundation scholarships, opportunities for students this year have grown through the establishment of new awards and partnerships. Students at **Jeff-Lewis BOCES** are pictured here, as they hone their skills while studying in hands-on trade and technical programs.

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FIRST PHILLIPS EDUCATION SCHOLAR



Adele Lanphear, a 2023 Watertown High School graduate, is the first recipient of the Northern New York Community Foundation's **Barbara and Burt Phillips Education Scholarship**. Adele studies science at SUNY Geneseo and plans to pursue a career in education or the medical field. She is the daughter of **Jill** and **Ryan Lanphear**, Watertown. **Barbara and Burt Phillips** were teachers in the Watertown City School District for 25 and 30 years, respectively, touching the lives of countless students. The scholarship was established at the Community Foundation in 2022 to honor their lifelong commitment to students and education. It is awarded annually to a graduating Watertown High student pursuing studies in the education field who also demonstrates a commitment to community service. The scholarship perpetuates Barbara and Burt's contributions to inspiring students to pursue an enduring desire to better oneself, and others, through lifelong learning and community service. Pictured, from left, **Burt Phillips**, scholarship recipient **Adele Lanphear**, and Barbara and Burt's daughter, **Bridgette Keenan**.

FIRST JAY EDWARD BARRY SCHOLAR



Natalie R. Wesseldine, a 2023 Watertown High School graduate, is the first recipient of the **Northern New York Community Foundation Jay Edward Barry Memorial Scholarship**. Natalie graduated in June as the valedictorian of her class at Watertown High and attends Clarkson University, Potsdam, where she majors in applied mathematics and statistics. Natalie is the daughter of **Savannah** and **Brian Burnash**, Watertown. The Jay Edward Barry Memorial Scholarship honors Jay's life and legacy. A Watertown native, Jay graduated from Watertown High School in 1974 and from Clarkson University with a bachelor's in civil engineering in 1978, and a master's in structural engineering in 1979. Jay spent his professional life working as an engineer for the Boeing Corporation in the Pacific Northwest. Despite having moved away as a young man, he never forgot his deep roots in Northern New York. Throughout his 37 years as an engineer for Boeing, Jay earned a reputation for his integrity, leadership, and his engineering expertise. We are grateful to Jay's wife, **Lisa**, for entrusting the Community Foundation with the stewardship of Jay's legacy. Pictured, from left: **Lisa Barry** and **Natalie R. Wesseldine**.

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As we begin the 2023 holiday season, we are especially mindful of how donors like YOU make our work possible through your generous friendship, vision and leadership! Because of your thoughtfulness, over the past several years the Community Foundation has been able to expand its reach and strengthen its impact across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties as a force that inspires people of all ages to consider making philanthropy a fulfilling part of their lives. Your support helps our region rally to increase capacity for its many nonprofit organizations, extending the value of **ALL** of your charitable contributions in the area. We appreciate the many ways your partnership and belief in our work enables us to continue our mission across Northern New York.

Thanks to you, we can continue programs that help instill values of civic engagement, leadership, and responsibility with students and youths. Together, we engage young professionals in ways that perpetuate the type of commitment that the last 94 years of Community Foundation donors like YOU have demonstrated. Our home at the Northern New York Philanthropy Center is a place where nonprofits can collaboratively work to ensure greater sustainability and impact for our region.

Your decision to support the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund is one of the most meaningful ways you can help nurture our collective work each year. Your gifts touch your community in broad and deep ways, and enhance essential community services and quality of life. Your conscious choice to change and shape lives, in partnership with us, is something we appreciate, value, and never take for granted. You are the very foundation of our work.

Always know how much it means for us to have you as a vital part of our family as we strive to make the wonderful North Country the best place it can be to spend our lives together. October marked the beginning of our 94th year of working with donors like YOU to build a more vibrant and caring community for all. We look forward to finding ways to celebrate this important milestone and recognize the vital role you play in that noble cause throughout Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

With thanks and gratitude always,

*The Board, Committees and
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"I've been involved with the Community Foundation since 1986. I believe in the work they do. I feel like I belong here, and I want to do my part to give back to the community, where I've had the opportunity to run a business, and meet a lot of great people. I'm blessed."

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Watertown

