



Thoughtful Giving

Newsletter of the Northern New York Community Foundation

YOUR COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL

You are *Inspiring* your community's future!



I have learned the importance of communication and opinions. Listening to the different opinions and perspectives of others can have an effect on you and the way you see things. It's important to speak your mind and not hold back your thoughts about the subject. The Youth Philanthropy Council has really opened my eyes to all the issues and different organizations in our community. It has made me more curious and driven to seek out ways that I can help, even if I'm only helping a small part of my community.

Madeline Gist

Watertown High School



Becoming a member of the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council has been one of the greatest decisions of my life. I now better understand the needs of my community that were so easy to look past before joining the Council. I have had the chance to meet a variety of wonderful people who work tirelessly for their community and I am humbled to be able to work alongside them.

Grayden Brunet

Sackets Harbor Central School



I have learned that Northern New York is in a time of need and help. It is so eye-opening to me to see all of the non-profit organizations coming in to offer ideas that could change lives. They are so passionate about what they do. I am so glad I can be on a Council and work with an organization like the Community Foundation that helps the tri-county area in so many ways.

Alicia Cloe

Sackets Harbor Central School

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THOUGHTFUL YOUTH

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY BRIGHT FUTURES

HOW **YOUR** GIFTS
HELP ENSURE
OUR COMMUNITIES
REMAIN VIBRANT



Nonprofit organizations from across Northern New York came to the Philanthropy Center during the last school year to meet with the **Youth Philanthropy Council**, including Kellie Hitchman, of **Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley**.

Several years ago the Community Foundation launched the **Youth Philanthropy Council** to help promote leadership and encourage civic engagement among area high school students and increase the awareness of the next generation about community needs, quality of life and the means by which they are supported. By empowering youth through active involvement in investing in the place they live, it is our hope that our region will be better positioned for the future. Currently, participants come from **Watertown High School, Immaculate Heart Central School and Sackets Harbor Central School**. Past schools have included **Potsdam Central School and Ogdensburg Free Academy**.

Throughout the school year, with the support of Community Foundation staff and the guidance of retired educator and mentor, **Emily Sprague**, the Council learns more about their community, visits area organizations, builds organizational and leadership skills and dis-

cusses ways to address issues related to essential services and quality of life enhancements. At the end of this past school year, the Council relied upon all they had learned

to make recommendations on a total grantmaking fund of \$20,000. (A list of this year's grants are found in this newsletter). Graduates of the program frequently list their time with the Council as one of the most transformative of their high school career.

Together, we inspire the next generation and help ensure brighter futures for them and our region. *As you consider your year-end giving, consider a gift to the Friends of the Foundation annual fund to help sustain these important and inspirational programs alive.*



Youth Philanthropy Council members volunteer their time at the **Watertown Urban Mission**.



The **Youth Philanthropy Council** learned about the work and mission of the **Volunteer Transportation Center** as part of their grantmaking in 2017.



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The experience of being a part of the Youth Philanthropy Council has dramatically changed my perspective on the North Country. While listening to the grant proposals, I realized how communities in the area are greatly poverty stricken. The purpose of the Council, to help the community and to educate adolescents on the importance of philanthropy, has truly done so and opened my eyes to the issues the North Country faces, and the good we can do to help the community as a whole.

Caroline McPherson
Immaculate Heart Central School



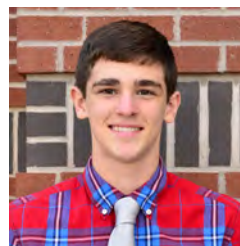
My experience with the Youth Philanthropy Council has heavily impacted me as an individual, as it has broadened my stance on philanthropy. I believe that the Council has enabled me to distinguish the problems which our community faces and acknowledge that philanthropy is indispensable.

Kehinde Fasehun
Watertown High School



My time on the Council has truly opened my eyes to the needs of the community, and how these needs can be addressed to benefit the well-being of Northern New York as a whole.

Megan Welch
Immaculate Heart Central School



Other members of the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council (clockwise from upper left): Lauryn Quinn (Immaculate Heart), Dominic Duah (Immaculate Heart), Makayla Fiorentino (Watertown High), Ryder Simser (Watertown High), Rozanna Pasowicz (Watertown High), Kyler Martin (Sackets Harbor), Marialena Mouaikel (Immaculate Heart), and Hannah Pitcher (Sackets Harbor).

THOUGHTFUL INSPIRATION

In 2016, the Community Foundation, in partnership with WPBS, embarked on a project to capture stories of North Country individuals and families who have chosen to make the place they call home the best it can be. The stories are meant to be both an enduring record of lives lived for the good of others but also as an inspirational tool for all who are exploring their journey of a fulfilling life. In the first group of **Northern New York Community Podcast: *Stories From the Heart of Our Community***, 12 interviews were conducted. The stories are as interesting as they are diverse. Since 1929, the Community Foundation has been a place where legacies are preserved and life stories told. We feel strongly that by honoring and celebrating philanthropy in all of its various sizes and shapes, we not only strengthen the imprint left by generosity, but also encourage others to more deeply explore giving as part of a fulfilling life.

This is an ongoing initiative. Currently, 11 more interviews are being prepared. You can explore current and future interviews on the web at www.nnycpodcast.com and through the podcast app on your mobile phone or tablet.

phi·lan·thro·py— *from the Greek meaning, the love of humanity, in the sense of caring and nourishing by the benefactor in identifying and expressing their values.*

“If you’re being helped by someone, don’t forget to help someone else. Do it in return. You may be a little later, or many years later in life, but do it because people need your help just as much as you need them.”

—Richard R. Macsherry

“The major lesson I’ve learned is to never stop giving. Because in giving, you receive so much more in life.”

—Rev. Molly Macsherry MacWade

Our condolences to the family of Richard R. Macsherry, who passed away on October 12, 2017. A tribute appears later in this newsletter.



A collaborative initiative of



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To listen to the interviews, visit

www.nnycpodcast.com





“It can do more for you in giving back than it does for the people you give it to.”

—Robert and Jean Sturtz

Watertown



“Start small. Pick the organizations that you know that you like, and have heard what they do and go see them. See what their needs are and volunteer the gift then.”

—Harold and Sally L'Huillier

Brownville



“It’s not a question of ‘Do I want to?’ You have to. If it’s not giving money, give time, give your effort to help. Philanthropy is not only money. It can be anything.”

—Joseph Rich

Watertown



“No matter how much you give, or how little you give, it takes every single person to make a community work. It isn’t just a couple doing it, it’s the whole community working together.”

—Tom and Mabel Walker

Watertown

“The satisfaction you get from helping someone in need, or an organization in need, makes life worth living.”

—Lee Clary

Black River



“I think, as we grow older, this is an important part of our lives... that we realize that what we are leaving behind is going to be helpful to this community.”

—Sylvia Heap

Watertown

“There are a lot of things here in the community that we all take for granted, that are here because of philanthropy and the generosity of a lot of residents.”

—**Dr. David O. Van Eenenaam**

Watertown



“Open your eyes and see what you think some of the problems are and some of the needs are. Make a connection with organizations that are involved, or dream up something on your own, and give your first volunteer hour and your first dollar. Once you do that you begin to understand philanthropy.”

—**Benjamin and Peggy Coe**

Watertown



“Watertown may not be my hometown, but it’s my town now. It’s always nice to be able to see the results of the seeds you plant while you’re still alive.”

—**Richard Alexander Jr.**

Watertown





“We see ways in Sackets Harbor where people have joined forces to make positive things happen within the village and within the town, and then as you keep spreading out from there and you’re looking at the big picture, the whole North Country, then it takes a lot of people working together to make things happen.”

—**Constance and Lawrence Barone**
and **Jeannie Brennan**

Sackets Harbor

THANK YOU to those who participated in the first Community Foundation podcast episodes:

Richard Alexander Jr. (Watertown)
Connie & Larry Barone and
Jeannie Brennan (Sackets Harbor)
Lee Clary (Black River)
Ben & Peggy Coe (Watertown)
Sylvia Heap (Watertown)
Don Hunt and Joe Widrick (Brantingham & Lowville)
Harold & Sally L'Huillier (Brownville)
Richard Macsherry and
Molly Macsherry MacWade
Joseph Rich (Watertown)
Bob & Jean Sturtz (Watertown)
Dr. David Van Eenenaam (Watertown)
Tom & Mabel Walker (Watertown)

STAY TUNED...More to come!

Dani Baker (Wellesley Island)
Frank & Ann Cean (Henderson)
Nancy Del Borgo (Cape Vincent)
Frank Empsall (formerly of Watertown)
Jeff & Brenna Ginger (Adams Center)
Steve Moyer & Lester Allen (Wanakena)
Charlie & Hi Owens (Gouverneur)
Sicley-Kubis Family (Mannsville)
Allen & Marilyn Splete (Cranberry Lake)
Becky Van de Water (Canton & Cranberry Lake)
Don Whitney (Adams)

This is an ongoing project and it is our intention to continue to capture as many varied stories of community as possible. Upcoming and future episodes will feature stories representing a wide cross-section of our communities...to represent the diversity of our region and the many ways people show their love of community.

Is there a story we should know about?
Contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.



“It’s the right thing to do, to start with what you have. Get the ball rolling. If you don’t do it, it may not get done.”

—**Joseph Widrick** and **Donald Hunt**

Lowville and Brantingham



Upcoming podcasts include (clockwise): Jeff & Brenna Ginger, Nancy Del Borgo and Marilyn & Allen Splete.



COMMUNITY VISION



I am humbled and honored to serve as the next Northern New York Community Foundation president. I follow a long line of strong leaders who have believed in the Foundation's mission to better our community. Since its inception in 1929, the Foundation has been steadfast in its role to support local organizations and causes.

Due to the enormous generosity of our donors and the hard work, leadership and vision of staff, the Foundation continues to touch thousands of lives and support critical needs and community enhancement programs in the North Country. As we look towards the future with the opening of the Philanthropy Center in Downtown Watertown, I look forward to building on our past successes while we continue to promote and grow established programs like the Youth Philanthropy and LEAD Councils. I appreciate the confidence the board has placed in me and look forward to working with my fellow board members on expanding the Foundation's footprint and philanthropic reach in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

Jude Renzi, Board President

Scholarship perpetuates WHS Class of '67 legacy

As time passes, high school classes often look for a way to create some type of lasting imprint in the community of their alma mater. Reunions are often the time when that happens. We are pleased to announce the establishment of the **Watertown High School Class of 1967 Scholarship Fund**. The Class of '67 held their 50th reunion this summer and classmates contributed to establishing this enduring way of helping fellow graduates of WHS. The first scholarship will be awarded in June 2018.



#GIVINGTUESDAY

#giveNNY

#givingtuesday 11.28.2017

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, **#GivingTuesday** kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Also, through **#giveNNY** you can give back to the local community by making a donation, volunteering or committing to making a difference. The Community Foundation also participates with the AmazonSmile program. Visit smile.amazon.com to support the Foundation at no additional cost to you.

APPRECIATION & GRATITUDE

All of us have reasons we are grateful to call this place home. I count my blessings that this is the place where my parents chose to raise a family. My father, a St. Lawrence County native, and my mother, from Jefferson County, built a wonderful life here. As I raise my two sons, there is no place I would rather be.



Over the last several years, I have been incredibly fortunate to meet so many North Country neighbors who have become friends. They are driven by a common desire to make the place they live the best it can be. I am continually reminded of the many ways people choose to express their affection for Northern New York. It should be no surprise that one of the first community foundations in the United States was created here. It is testimony to the spirited vision of those who came before us. In recent years, more and more have discovered the unique ways they can give through the Community Foundation to support those things that matter most to them. **They have also come to know that there is room at the table for everyone. The only requirement is caring.**

Sometimes charitable giving is regional. Other times, it is community-specific. Some create funds to forever support a particular charitable organization (or what that organization does) in the event the particular organization ceases to exist—one of the most powerful reasons to give through the structure of a Community Foundation. Some focus their giving based on interests—just about anything you can imagine! There has been an increased interest in “broadly specific.” That is, giving with particular parameters yet allowing enough flexibility to adapt over time. In this way, a gift can truly be enduring—uniquely relevant when we are no longer personally here to direct it.

Over the last 88 years, nearly every facet of our region has benefitted from gifts large and small, by caring, thoughtful people from all walks of life who knew that strong, vibrant communities simply don't happen on their own.

If not for you, we would not have been able to create opportunities for our community's youth to become more aware of the importance and joy of being engaged in their community. Your gifts have helped us heighten the awareness of the importance of philanthropy in all of its shapes and sizes. In this way, there is a better chance to perpetuate it. Your support and encouragement has allowed us to better impact in the entire region, and there is no question that by broadly supporting Northern New York's assets, the quality of life has been improved for us all.

We look to the future, knowing that there is more yet to do. We realize the importance of remembering and celebrating our region's stories, and the people who wrote them. With your help, we will continue to utilize the Philanthropy Center to diversify the way we help the community, foster collaboration and tangibly remind us of the important way charitable giving has made our region special.

Great communities don't happen on their own. Because of you, we continue to work to inspire, promote and expand a culture of charitable giving and enhance philanthropy's ability to keep the region the place we love. We follow the footsteps of those who have come before us, knowing that, someday, others will follow ours. Thank you for recognizing that the best way we honor those who have come before us is to inspire those who have yet to discover the wonderful way that giving enriches life—both in giving and receiving. **Inspired by you, we will continue to do all we can to make your choice to give to the Community Foundation one of the most fulfilling, far-reaching and appreciated gifts you make all year long.**

Rande Richardson, Executive Director

THOUGHTFUL LEGACIES

SO THEY ARE NEVER FORGOTTEN:
Touching lives, forever.

Since 1929, the Community Foundation has been built by those who have made the thoughtful decision to provide enduring support for the communities they love. We are so grateful for these acts of generosity that help perpetuate lives that have had 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.

Michael Cadden Miller

The North Country lost a passionate community leader when **Michael Miller** passed away on April 2, 2017 at the age of 74. Mike gave generously of his time, talent and treasure in support of a broad range of local endeavors and organizations. To honor his deep passion and commitment for music, the arts and education, his family established the **Michael C. Miller Inspiration Fund**, as an enduring resource to broadly support those things most dear to him. The Community Foundation joins his family in expressing deep gratitude to those who chose to express their affection and hope that the work Mike accomplished during his lifetime can continue to affect the lives of others, for this generation and the next. His family, friends and colleagues will greatly miss his energetic personality, big-vision thinking, and passion for life.



Tribute gifts in memory of Michael Cadden Miller

Paul Archibald &
Kathryn Ann Kolton
Linya H. Bell
Brookside Cemetery Association
Bernard & Beverly Brown
Paul W. & Martha J. Brown
James E. Burcham
Thomas H. & Irene C. Carman
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of Watertown

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Veronica McCaffrey
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Mark & Tammy Taylor
Dan & Luran Throop
Merlin & JoAnn Tousant
W. Barton & Anna Van Slyke
Addison & Barbara Vars
T. Urling & Mabel Walker
Dave & Karen Walton
Lynn Wells
Michelle Wickwar & Steve Green
Martin A. Yenawine

To join others in helping build the Michael C. Miller Inspiration Fund, gifts can be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Edith Mae Pfaff

Edith Mae "Edie" Pfaff, moved to Northern New York in 1950. She and her husband, the late **Eugene D. Pfaff**, became active in many community organizations in Watertown and surrounding areas. They had a home in Watertown and on Lake Ontario at Campbell's Point. When Edie passed away in March at the age of 92, the family chose to have gifts made in her memory to the Community Foundation. We join them in our gratitude for those listed below who chose to perpetuate her life and legacy in such an appropriate, meaningful and lasting way.

Tribute gifts in memory of Edith Mae Pfaff

Norman & Cynthia Ahlheim
Nora Bajjaly
Janet F. Blakeman
William & Rebecca Brown
Donald & Gail Butterfield
Robert Caswell
Edward & Sally Cornish

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Church, Dexter
Rande Richardson
Barbara Cole-Russell &
Edward Russell
Michael & Jacquelyn Schell

Janet B. Taylor
John Treadwell, II
Merlin & JoAnn Tousant
T. Urling & Mabel Walker
Sherry M. Wilson



Alexander J. Pircsuk

Alexander J. Pircsuk spent most of his life in St. Lawrence County. He graduated salutatorian from Norfolk High School in 1946. He had a 31-year career with ALCOA in Massena, retiring in 1980. When he passed away in June at the age of 89, his family requested contributions to help build his late son's scholarship. The **John G. Pircsuk Memorial Scholarship Fund** is a permanent fund at the Community Foundation, which provides an annual scholarship to a Norwood-Norfolk Central School graduating senior. We join the family in expressing deep gratitude to all who chose to honor Alex's life and legacy in this meaningful and enduring way.

Tribute gifts in memory of Alexander J. Pircsuk

Ann Adams & Ronald Bovay
Brian Ashley &
Anne Richter Ashley
Robert Caswell
Mary Pircsuk Clary

David & Judy Cook
Max & Sara DelSignore
Cheryl A. Douglass
Lorraine M. Goodnough
Erin & Dick Greene
James & Cindy Intschert
James LaPlante & Rosanne Weir

David S. Larrabee
Rita LaVigne
Julia P. & Kevin P. McArdle
John P. Murtha &
Pamela S. Beyor-Murtha
Cathy Pircsuk & Jim Burr
Joseph & Carolyn Rich

Rande Richardson
Michael & Jacquelyn Schell
Kay E. Stephenson
Bonnie J. & Thomas C. Trippany
Debra Votaw
Scott & Jeannie Williams

To join others in helping build the John G. Pircsuk Memorial Scholarship Fund, gifts can be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

Dorothy Porter Horr

Dorothy P. Horr and her husband, **Robert G. Horr, Jr.** moved to Watertown and later Sackets Harbor. They owned and operated the former Greenwood Buick car dealership in Watertown for many years, retiring in 1989. She was involved in various community activities and was a regular supporter of the Community Foundation. Her husband served on the Community Foundation's board of directors from 1978-1988 and her daughter-in-law, Susan Horr, served from 2003-2013. We are grateful to her family for choosing the Foundation as a place where a part of her legacy can live on forever. We join the family in expressing our appreciation for those listed below who made memorial tributes in her name.



Tribute gifts in memory of Dorothy Porter Horr

Nancy & Sandy Conde
John & Nancy Foster & Family
Robert & Susan Horr

Margaret A. Howe
Gary A. Loomis &
Amy Summerville-Loomis
McGrann Paper Corporation
Margot Remington Oman

Rande Richardson
Marguerite & Arthur Spollen
Janet B. Taylor
Sandra C. & John Wyatt Uhlein
Dave & Karen Walton

Russell & Mary Wilcox
George P. Zilocchi &
Patricia M. Horan
GeoPat Consulting LLC



David Russell Walldroff

The son of William and Jean McInnis Walldroff, **David Russell Walldroff** was a graduate of LaFargeville High School and Canton ATC. He was a senior partner in Walldroff Farm Equipment, Wall-Haven Farms and Associated Harvest and was very active in promoting the dairy industry. We are grateful to his wife, **Janet**, and his family for designating memorial contributions to the **Jean McInnis Walldroff Fine Arts Scholarship**, established in memory of his mother. In this lasting and meaningful way, a family legacy of helping others is perpetuated and will forever change and shape the lives of area students. We are so grateful to share that great honor with the Walldroff family.

Tribute gifts in memory of David Russell Walldroff

Ula & Arthur Alton
The Angel Family
Fred & Judy Angel
Tammy Angel & Matt Northrup
Lucas & Mason Northrup
Kristy, Ray, Brayden & Eli Graffam
Mark & Judy Baker & Family
Boulton's Beach Farms

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Donald & Shirley Schell Family
Barbara Stark
Carol Thompson & Paul Ashley
Tiger Corporation
Watertown Savings Bank
John Wiggers & Son
Nicole & Patrick Wilkins
Connie J. Wilson & Ronald Monnat
Carmen M. and Terrel J. Zumbach

Douglas S. Quintin

Douglas S. Quintin moved to the Watertown area in 1974 and worked for many years for Freeman Bus Corp. in Watertown. He and his wife, **Theresa**, were married in 1978 and lived in Evans Mills. When Doug passed away in April, he left behind a legacy of caring, something that the family wished to see continue. The Community Foundation is very appreciative for the Quintin family's decision to designate the Foundation as one of the ways he would be remembered. In the continued work of the Foundation, Doug's life will forever be part of what we do, the way we help others and the way we create a better North Country.



Tribute gifts in memory of Douglas S. Quintin

Jeff & Mary Perrine
Rande Richardson

Theresa L. Quintin



Trooper Joel R. Davis

New York State Trooper Joel R. Davis was born in Watertown in 1980 and was a 1998 graduate of Indian River Central School. He was a Jefferson County Sheriff Deputy for ten years, prior to becoming a State Trooper. He was active in youth sports, serving as commissioner of the Evans Mills Youth Baseball League and at the time of his death was an assistant coach with the Indian River Wood Bat Baseball team. As an enduring tribute, friends established the **Trooper Joel R. Davis Foundation**, a component fund of the Community Foundation. This permanent fund will forever provide support for community programs and projects, in his name, with an emphasis on youth sports and recreation. We are grateful to those listed below who made gifts to establish this permanent foundation as a way of perpetuating the leadership and service he demonstrated during his lifetime.

Tribute gifts in memory of Trooper Joel R. Davis

Amy Bartholomew
Michael & Debra Battista
Bella Brook Vineyard
Danielle Beshaw
Julie Biondolillo
Jeremy Briggs
Michelle Capone
CAR-FRESHNER Corporation
Mary Ellen Carroll
Civilian Employees at Ogdensburg
Correctional Facility
Community Bank, N.A.
David Corey
Courtney DeLosh
Max & Sara DelSignore
Summer Dempsey
Allen T. Drake

Timothy & Christina Dryman
Michael Eisenhauer
Frank A. Empsall III
Darren Fairbanks
Chase Farrington
Paul Ferguson
Aaron Gersztzoff
Brett & Allison Gorham
James M. Gould
Robert, Susan & David Horr
Timothy & Jamie Hubbard
Impact Nutrition 315 LLC
Howard & Donna Jacobs
Brian Kaufman
Louise Kelsey
Jessie Kozak
Jo Marie Kramer
Lashfab
Harold & Sally L'Huillier

Bryan Leonard
Derrick Leonard
Madison County Deputy
Sheriff's PBA
Hope I. Marston
Donna Massey
Julie Michalzuk
Maurice Mitchell
Nature's Warehouse
Northern Credit Union
(Casual for a Cause Committee)
Northern Lights Chiropractic
Alan F. O'Driscoll
Don Pastor
Jeff & Mary Perrine
Robert & Katherine Prior
Redwood Fire Department
Robert Reyes
Rande Richardson

River Hospital
Timothy Schell
James Shuler
Mary Smith
Mark & Tammy Taylor
Temple Society of Concord
Jeffery Timmerman
Steven Van Arnam
Alfonso Vilar
Waite Toyota Motor Sales
Peter Walters
Joseph Waltz
Watertown Elks Lodge No. 496
Watertown Savings Bank
David S. Wilcox
Russell & Mary Wilcox
Karen T. Woods

To join others in helping build the Trooper Joel R. Davis Foundation, gifts can be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Harold Darby (WHS Class of '56)

Harold Darby (pictured center, seated, surrounded by classmates) was a beloved member of the **Watertown High School Class of 1956**. He and his classmates established and built a permanent scholarship fund, awarded each year at graduation. When Harold passed away his family requested memorial gifts to help build the scholarship fund. Classmates responded with love and generosity as an expression of affection for their class leader. We are grateful not only for these thoughtful acts of kindness, but to also be part of the special way the WHS Class of '56 continues to impact students at their alma mater.

Tribute gifts in memory of Harold Darby

Carol L. Allard
Fred & Rosemarie Belcher
Richard & Donna Boyd

Peter M. Clinton &
Nancy McGowan Clinton
Rose Crupi
Jack Hammond &
Sharon Myers Hammond
Jeffrey & Cheryl Haring

David S. Larrabee
John & Valerie Lewis
Joan B. McCreddie
Joan A. Nusinow
Frank and Edward Podrebarac
Gail M. Powell

Lawrence & Joyce Ritchie
Joseph F. & Sylvia A. Rooney
Michael & Sharon Rose
Arthur & Patricia Williams

To join others in helping build the WHS Class of '56 Scholarship Fund, gifts can be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

Floyd J. Chandler

Floyd J. Chandler was a partner with the Conboy, McKay, Bachman & Kendall law firm for many years, beginning in the 1970's following many years of service in the United States Navy. He served on the Northern New York Community Foundation board of directors from 1983 to 1993. We are grateful to his wife, **Mary-Beth**, and his entire family for choosing the Community Foundation as a way of honoring his life and legacy. We are grateful for his service to this organization and our community at large.



Tribute gifts in memory of Floyd J. Chandler

Conboy, McKay, Bachman
& Kendall, LLP

William & Kimberly Couch
Andrea & Eric DeLaGarza
The McGraw Family
Peter & Shirley Salmon

Michael & Jacquelyn Schell
Steven Kolinsky
Kolinsky Wealth Management, LLC
Ann K. Storandt

In Memory and Appreciation

RICHARD R. MACSHERRY 1918-2017

The North Country has lost a champion for those in need and someone who understood and appreciated the important role generosity plays in a community's well being and quality of life. So many organizations, including the Northern New York Community Foundation, were better able to accomplish their work and mission because **Dick Macsherry** helped when he saw need. Together with his wife, Mary, he embodied the spirit of giving with appreciation and joy.

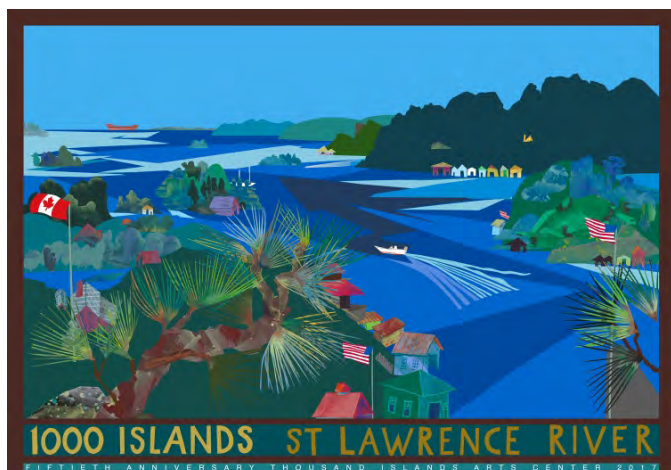
As an organization whose mission is to promote this type of community mindedness, caring, compassion and desire to make a great place even better, we join others in expressing our sadness over the loss of this friend to many. His legacy will be enduring as he has not only accomplished great things, he has also caused others to personally reflect on how they can help too. We are grateful to the entire Macsherry family for all they have done, and continue to do, to make Northern New York the special place that it is. He and his family leave a lasting imprint on this organization and our region—a region forever better for having them in it.

"As our river flows from the lake into the sea, may the love of God, flow through me. Touching all the lives that I find along life's shore, with each day, O Lord, I'll love you more."

-Hymn of Saint Lawrence, sung at the memorial service for Richard R. Macsherry, October 28, 2017.



Richard R. Macsherry, photographed in 2016 at his Point Marguerite home as part of the Community Foundation's Community Podcast interview.



Original artwork created and donated by **Nancy Hammond** as part of the Thousand Islands Arts Center's 50th Anniversary commemoration.

A continued partnership for the arts

Over its 88-year history, the Community Foundation has been a strong supporter of the arts in the region. As a part of that continuing commitment, the Community Foundation provided support to Clayton's **Thousand Islands Arts Center (TIAC)** Home of the Handweaving Museum. The Foundation provided underwriting for the Center's **50th Anniversary Exhibition: A Retrospective**. The exhibition commemorated the TIAC's 50th birthday, featuring a look back at their history. The exhibition ran during May and June and will return from October until January. We are pleased to help promote the important role the TIAC plays in the preservation and promotion of traditional arts and handcrafts through educational programs, classes, lectures and exhibits. The Community Foundation is home to a permanent endowment fund to perpetuate TIAC's work and mission.



A guiding light for Cape Vincent and Clayton

While the needs of the North Country are always changing, there is often a desire to support underserved populations in local communities. The **Lighthouse Fund** is a geographic-specific fund designed to do just that. This charitable fund supports programs, projects and initiatives that assist nonprofit organizations serving individuals, children and families in need. Grants have been distributed to organizations such as the **Cape Vincent Improvement League**, **Cape Vincent Food Pantry**, and the **Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry**. We encourage other non-profit organizations which may have a creative project to help this population to contact the Community Foundation. The grant application for the Lighthouse Fund will be available in early 2018. Grant awards will be announced in June. This is another way donors have chosen to designate their giving, both geographically and through purpose.



Tibbets Point Lighthouse, Cape Vincent
Photo courtesy of North Country native **Alan P. Goldstein**
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Perpetuating a career of caring

Dr. Arthur C. Peckham, Jr. Medical Scholarship established



This summer, the North Country lost not only a wonderful community physician, but also a friend and mentor to many. **Dr. Arthur C. Peckham, Jr.** was born in Watertown, graduated from Watertown High School and became a partner of the North Country Orthopaedic Group in 1977. He practiced at local hospitals and community clinics in the Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. As a meaningful and appropriate way to continue his life's work of helping others, the **Dr. Arthur C. Peckham, Jr. Medical Scholarship** has been established at the Northern New York Community Foundation. The scholarship will provide an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior,

pursuing a degree in medicine. The first scholarship will be awarded in June 2018. *To join in helping build this permanent tribute to Dr. Peckham, gifts can be made to the Northern York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 with a designation towards the scholarship fund. All donors to the fund will be listed in a future issue of this newsletter.*



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Tribute gifts in memory of **Dr. Arthur C. Peckham, Jr.**

Jeff, April & Jack Fallon
Drs. Steven B. & Claudia B. Fish

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James R. Ledger
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Elizabeth Meyerdieks
North Country Orthopaedic Group

Dianne L. Peckham
Doug & Mary Sanford
Allen & Martha Smith
Dr. David O. Van Eenenaam & Family

Honoring a loved one and community friend

Friends and family create William Plante Memorial Fund

In November 2016, lifelong Watertown resident **William P. "Bill" Plante**, passed away after a brave four-year battle with cancer. Bill's community service accomplishments for the past three decades were numerous, as he had been deeply involved in supporting the local community in many ways. Bill was a constant—always there, always dependable, and always dedicated to support his church, local schools, youth lacrosse and other civic endeavors. Bill willingly offered his time, his common sense approach to solving problems, and engineering expertise.

The William P. Plante Memorial Fund was established with the Northern New York Community Foundation to honor Bill and to carry on his legacy of selflessly giving back. The fund will support community projects and scholarships that will be awarded to local high school students who demonstrate a similar passion for contributing to the community. A successful summer event was held to start the permanent fund. Future events are planned to continue to grow it. *To help build this permanent tribute to Bill Plante, gifts can be made to the Northern York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 with a designation towards the William P. Plante Memorial Fund. Additional donors to the fund will be listed in a future issue of this newsletter.*



Tribute gifts in memory of **William P. Plante**

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Arsenal Wine & Liquor
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Community Foundation donors...

Inspiring and honoring legacies that forever benefit the people and places of the North Country

A commitment to education: Our future is in their hands



Since its inception in 2007, the **Jefferson-Can Community Scholars** program has invested approximately \$1.1 million, supporting 576 students attending Jefferson Community College. This year, 51 students will receive an award. The Northern New York Community Foundation announces the 2017-18 members of the Jefferson-Can Community Scholars Program. The scholarship, administered by the Northern New York Community Foundation, in collaboration with JCC alumnus **Stephen H. Can**, and the JCC Foundation, provides scholarships to students from Jefferson and Lewis counties who graduate in the top 15 percent of their class. Mr. Can had the opportunity to visit with this year's recipients during a recent visit to Watertown. A resident of New Hope, Pennsylvania, he is Senior Managing Director and Co-head of Strategic Partners, Blackstone's \$30 billion committed capital secondary and advisory private funds business, which was acquired from Credit Suisse in August 2013. Mr. Can is the founding member of Strategic Partners, joining DLJ in 2000 as a Managing Director. Before joining Strategic Partners, he worked with the IBM Pension Funds where he co-managed an \$8 billion private markets portfolio. Mr. Can is the Chairman of the Strategic Partners Investment Committees. Mr. Can received an A.S. in Business Administration from JCC in 1980, a B.A. magna cum laude in Accounting from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1982 and an M.S. in Finance from the Krannert Business School at Purdue University in 1984 where he was named outstanding graduate instructor. He subsequently earned C.P.A., C.M.A., and C.F.M. designations. We are grateful for this partnership with Mr. Can and the JCC Foundation and to our donors who help make investments in education and our young adults possible.



HELPING BUILD SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS: Now in its tenth year, the **Jefferson-Can Community Scholars program** continues to invest in the future of local students and their future successes. **Stephen Can** (above, left) came to Watertown in September to meet this year's recipients, joining JCC President **Ty Stone** (center) and Community Foundation director **Rande Richardson** (right).

A history of supporting nonprofit leadership

For the past few years, the Community Foundation has provided assistance to smaller nonprofit organizations (less than 25 employees) who are interested in enrolling in the **Jefferson Leadership Institute (JLI)** program. The year's recipient is **Jordan Walker**, executive director of the Jefferson County Historical Society. This partnership between the **Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce** has been helpful in making leadership experiences more accessible to charitable organizations that might not otherwise be able to participate. Previous recipients have included **Watertown Urban Mission**, **North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council** and the **Mental Health Association in Jefferson County**. We wish Jordan the best of luck!



"The Jefferson County Historical Society is beyond grateful to have received the Community Foundation scholarship for the JLI Program. We hope that JLI will help our institution to form stronger synergies with other nonprofits and businesses and aid our overall professional development and community outreach initiatives." -Jordan Walker, Jefferson County Historical Society

Your gifts make a difference all across the region

Your generosity reaches nearly every community in Northern New York. Because of you, we help organizations such as the **Hammond Food Pantry** assist needy families each year. Thanks to pantry director, **Joan Hadlock**, (pictured) and devoted volunteers, approximately 100 families receive food and supplies from the pantry. Your gifts and partnerships with the Hammond Food Pantry and the **Food Bank of Central New York** make this impact possible. Each year, Community Foundation donors help supply 40 pantries and soup kitchens throughout the region, helping our neighbors and friends in Jefferson, Lewis & St. Lawrence counties.



First recipient of Van Arnam Nursing Scholarship chosen

We are pleased to announce the first recipient of the **Rosamond Van Arnam Memorial Nursing Scholarship**. **Chelsey Hale** is a recent graduate of Indian River Central School and is pursuing a nursing degree at Jefferson Community College. We join the Van Arnam family in congratulating Chelsey and thanking her for being part of the special way that Mrs. Van Arnam's life's work can be perpetuated through you and all you will do for others during your lifetime. Pictured at the Philanthropy Center are (L-R): **Ruth-Ellen Van Arnam**, **Chelsey Hale** and **Steve Van Arnam**. A special thank-you to all who have helped make this scholarship possible, and continue to help build it.



THOUGHTFUL PARTNERS

Ontario Bays Initiative

The Community Foundation is grateful for the growing number of organizations in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties that have established formal partnerships with us. **By doing so, the organizations show a commitment to sustain their work and mission not only now, but for generations to come.** They have also provided their donors with additional options to support their efforts, ensuring that gifts made today are stewarded in perpetuity as changes inevitably occur over time. We welcome them to the Community Foundation family.

Downybrook is a scenic wildlife sanctuary in the town of Brownville with walking trails, natural wetlands, grasslands, ponds and woods. Twin sisters **Helen C. and Mary E. Eldrett** bought the property off Perch Lake Road in 1971 and spent countless hours digging ponds, building footbridges, planting trees and creating trails. **Ontario Bays Initiative (OBI)** acquired a conservation easement on the 184-acre property in 2011. Four years later, Downybrook was gifted to OBI along with an endowment to sustain the property.

The conservation of Downybrook was a important stepping stone for OBI's growth and the decision by the land trust's board of directors in November 2016 to establish the **OBI Endowment Fund at the Northern New York Community Foundation.**

"The partnership between OBI and the Community Foundation is one that we are excited about and it is an important step for our land trust as we work to grow and preserve ecological assets in the Jefferson County shoreline towns," said OBI Chairman **Jim LaPlante**. "We see the relationship with the Community Foundation as a major factor in taking us forward and meeting our objectives in conservation."

OBI is a non-profit land trust that has preserved more than 700 acres for future generations. The Downybrook property is an excellent example of how land trusts can help local landowners provide a lasting legacy to the community. "Just as the Northern New York Community Foundation helps guide philanthropy in terms of charitable giving, grants and scholarships, OBI provides a path for those looking to preserve the places they love that have special meaning and in many cases have been in their families for decades," said **Tracy H. Valentine**, a longtime member of the OBI Board of Directors.

The Community Foundation has provided a \$5,000 matching grant to help build OBI's endowment fund at the Foundation. To learn more about ways to support OBI both now and in the future, and double your gift, contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.

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Members of Ontario Bays Initiative, Inc. at Downybrook, a wildlife sanctuary that is owned by the Chaumont-based land trust. Pictured (left to right): Tracy H. Valentine, OBI Secretary; OBI Chairman Jim LaPlante, Joan Treadwell Woods, OBI Treasurer; Julie K. Covey, OBI Executive Director, and Lee Ellsworth, OBI Vice-President and Land Steward.

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To ensure the things you care about most **ENDURE...**

We commend the following organizations who have created funds at the Community Foundation to provide donors with options for supporting their work both now and in perpetuity.

Jefferson County

All Souls Unitarian
Universalist Church
Alexandria Township
Historical Society
Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired of Northern New York
Carthage Central School District
Carthage YMCA
Child Evangelism Fellowship
City of Watertown
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County (Camp Wabasso)
Crescent Yacht Club Jr. Division
Dexter Historical Society
Disabled Persons Action Organization (DPAO)
Faith Fellowship Christian School
General Brown Central School District
Hay Memorial Library
Henderson Historical Society
Herring College Memorial Educational Trust
Historical Association of South Jefferson
Honor the Mountain Monument
Hospice of Jefferson County
Immaculate Heart Central School
Jefferson County Historical Society
Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES
Jefferson Rehabilitation Center
Knights of Columbus Council 259
Lorraine United Methodist Church
Lyme Central School District
Macsherry Library
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
National Association of the 10th Mountain Division
Nature Conservancy
North Central Zone
New York State Retired Teachers' Association
North Country Council of Social Agencies
North Country Family Health Center
North Country Goes Green Irish Festival
Northpole Fire Company
NYS Zoo at Thompson Park
Ontario Bays Initiative (OBI)
Point Vivian Preservation Corp.
River Hospital

Friends of Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Sackets Harbor Central School District
Sackets Harbor Historical Society
St. John's Episcopal Church, Cape Vincent
Save The River
Six Town Community Fund
South Jefferson Central School District
SPCA of Jefferson County
Stage Notes
Friends of Thompson Park
Thousand Islands Arts Center
Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS)
Thousand Islands Foundation
Thousand Islands Land Trust
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund (TIPAF) at Clayton Opera House
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
United Way of Northern New York
Village of Dexter
Volunteer Transportation Center
Watertown City School District
Watertown Evening Rotary Club
Watertown Lyric Theater
Watertown Musicales
Watertown Noon Rotary Club
Watertown Urban Mission
WPBS-TV

Lewis County

Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association
Adirondack Central School District
American Maple Museum
Beaver River Central School District
Copenhagen Central School District
Double Play Sports Community Center
Friends of Lewis County Hospice
Fund for Hope of Lewis County Hospital Foundation
Lewis County General Hospital
Lowville Academy and Central School

St. Lawrence County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Massena
Brasher Falls Central School District
St. Lawrence Central Schools
Canton Community Fund
Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country

Church & Community Program of Canton
Clifton Fine Community Fund
Clifton Fine Hospital
Colton-Pierrepont Central School
Community Health Center of the North Country
Edwards-Knox Central School District
Fort La Présentation Association
Frederic Remington Art Museum
Gouverneur Hospital
Grasse River Heritage
Hammond Presbyterian Church
Hermon-DeKalb Central School District
Little River Community School
Madrid-Waddington Central School
Massena Central School District
Massena Music Friends
Morristown Central School District
New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach
North Country Children's Museum
Norwood-Norfolk Central School District
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club
Ogdensburg Free Academy
Orchestra of Northern New York
Potsdam Central School District
Potsdam Holiday Fund
Potsdam Humane Society
Friends of the Potsdam Museum
St. Lawrence NYSARC and Dodge Pond Camp
St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum
Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY)
United Church of Madrid
Wilderness HealthCare Foundation

Each of these organizations has established an endowment fund with the Community Foundation to sustain their work in perpetuity and provide their donors with additional options when determining the best ways to provide long-term, enduring support. Contact the Community Foundation at 315-782-7110 to learn more.

A better way to give...

1). Choose your favorite charity

2). Give to a Community Foundation fund, or create your own named fund, to support your favorite charity, church or school FOREVER

3). Place restrictions or specific use provisions on your gift, or leave flexibility for future needs

4). Provide an additional layer of stewardship and accountability

5). Ensure your gift lives a long, healthy life and can be re-purposed should the organization cease to exist

6). Can be done during your lifetime, or as part of your legacy, or both

Advantages of supporting your favorite charity through a Community Foundation fund include...

- Additional layer of stewardship and oversight
- Ability to ensure donor intent remains intact as organizational leadership changes
- Ability to designate alternate uses for your gift should the organization cease to exist
- Unique legacy naming opportunities
- Greater diversification of pooled investments
- Ability to endow your annual giving by establishing parameters for annual distributions to the charity or charities

If you or an organization you represent are interested in learning more about options for supporting your favorite school, church or charity in perpetuity, **contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.**

Cary & Janet Brick establish Riverside Foundation for Clayton area

A geographic-specific, permanent charitable fund, the **Cary and Janet Brick Riverside Foundation**, will provide grants to support initiatives enhancing the quality of life in the Thousand Islands region with a focus on young people, seniors and first responders. Administered by the Northern New York Community Foundation, it is designed to have broad impact in perpetuity, with special emphasis for **Clayton's Hawn Memorial Library** for children's programs and support of its social media capabilities and development of computer educational programs for **Clayton-area seniors**. Additionally, it will offer support to **first responders** pursuing advanced training to develop skills individually, separately from training funded by their public safety departments and oversight boards. "The Hawn Library is a regional treasure serving as an important learning center for young people from throughout the region," Mr. and Mrs. Brick said. "It has the potential to bring even more 21st century technology programs to future generations of community leaders as well as to those who were partners in the early days of Clayton's development as one of New York's crown jewels who can find new and exciting opportunities in the internet world." They added, "First responders are heroes of our riverside communities and we want to encourage those of them who seek advance training to sharpen their skills." Mr. and Mrs. Brick both have served as trustees of Hawn Memorial Library and as Judges in the Clayton court system. They are also benefactors of a scholarship for 10th Mountain Division soldiers attending Jefferson Community College.



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Community Foundation invests in the people and places of Ogdensburg



The Community Foundation has been fortunate to identify and support key community projects in the city of **Ogdensburg** and neighboring communities in recent years.

The **Fort La Présentation Association** was recently awarded a total grant of \$20,000 by the Foundation. They received a \$10,000 matching grant to assist in leveraging community support for the organization's historic Abbé Picquet trail project. The year-round trail will provide recreational access to the public at Van Rensselaer Point in Ogdensburg. The point along the St. Lawrence River was the site of Fort de La Présentation, which was an early French Settlement, founded in 1749. A \$10,000 matching grant to establish an endowment fund for the organization through the Foundation was also awarded.

This grant continues with the Community Foundation's purpose of making thoughtful investments into the organizations, programs and initiatives to boost local communities. The Foundation's presence in Ogdensburg has also

included grants to the **Frederic Remington Art Museum**, **Ogdensburg Command Performances**, **Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center**, and **local food pantries**. The Foundation also administers an endowment fund for the Frederic Remington Art Museum as an additional charitable resource to support the organization's mission, programs and projects in perpetuity. In addition to Community Foundation merit-based scholarships to Ogdensburg students, the Community Foundation is also home to the **Ogdensburg Free Academy Alumni Scholarship**, established in 2012, led by the **OFA Class of 1962**.

Strengthening resources to help those in need in St. Lawrence County

In 2013, the Northern New York Community Foundation made a grant to help **New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach** in Madrid construct a new building to accommodate their expansion and provide a more welcoming, accessible and efficient space. With their central location in St. Lawrence County, they are better able to serve individuals and families from Madrid, Waddington, Brasher Falls, DeKalb, Chase Mills, Ogdensburg, Massena, Norwood, Norfolk, Russell, Canton, Raymondville, Potsdam, Colton and Stockholm. The Community Foundation was pleased to be part of helping sustain and grow their efforts to ease the burden of poverty by providing food at no cost and household items to those in need. In addition to the capital grant in 2013, the Community Foundation recently provided them with a \$10,000 matching grant to build a long-term fund to support their ongoing operations. Through this formal partnership and fund administered by the Community Foundation, they have an additional way to ensure that the good work being done today can continue long into the future.



Watertown Savings Bank Cup awarded

This year's recipients of the **Watertown Savings Bank Cup Scholarships** are **Vincent Simpson** and **Emma Nevers**. Vincent is attending LeMoyne University. Emma is attending SUNY Brockport, majoring in biology. Her goal is to complete her degree and attend medical school. The Watertown Savings Bank Cup Scholarship is awarded annually to one male student and one female student that school faculty and staff feel are most deserving based on academics, citizenship and contributions to school life. We are grateful for the generosity of Watertown Savings Bank and for allowing us to administer this important fund, in partnership with them.



INVESTING IN EDUCATION: The 2017 Watertown Savings Bank Cup Scholarship was recently presented. Pictured (L-R): Mark Lavarney, WSB President and CEO, recipients Vincent Simpson and Emma Nevers and Mary Perrine, NNYCF Coordinator of Partnerships.

Partners teaming up for good!

The Northern New York Community Foundation expresses its deep appreciation to **Dani Baker** and **David Belding** of **Cross Island Farms**. For the past two years, Dani and Dave have hosted a summer fundraiser for the Community Foundation at Wellesley Island. This year, they also helped fulfill a \$10,000 matching grant the Community Foundation provided to the **Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund (TIPAF)** to provide upgrades to the lighting at the **Clayton Opera House**. We are grateful to Dani and Dave for their thoughtful, generous leadership, and for the opportunity to join forces to make good things happen for the North Country! The Community Foundation also provides annual major support of TIPAF through the **Sidney T. Cox Memorial Fund**. Pictured (L-R): Julie Garnsey and Peggy LeKander of TIPAF and Dani Baker and Dave Belding of Cross Island Farms.



SUPPORTING THE ARTS: The Patrick R. Farmer Scholarship for the Arts will forever assist students pursuing studies in the arts and music. Holding the "check" is **Michele Farmer** and scholarship recipient, **Jonah Seymour**.

Keeping his memory alive...forever

The Patrick R. Farmer Scholarship for the Arts presented its 2017 award to **Jonah J. Seymour** of Watertown. Jonah is a Watertown High School graduate and will be attending Robert Wesleyan College, majoring in vocal performance. The scholarship was established with the Northern New York Community Foundation in memory of Mr. Farmer, who passed away in 2016, to support students majoring in arts/music. "Farm," as he was known, graduated from Watertown High School and was active in Jazz Band, Show Choir and school productions to include *The Wiz* and *Grease*. He was a lifelong supporter of the arts. Pictured is **Jonah**, **Michele Farmer** (Pat's wife), and members of the Friends of Farm committee. Funding for the scholarship is generated by the annual Friends of Farm Memorial Golf Tournament. It is such an honor for us to be part of this with Pat's friends and family. Anyone who knew Pat must feel wonderful to see his life and legacy endure in such a meaningful and fitting way. We certainly do. *Gifts to help support his scholarship can be made to the Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.*



Enhancing our region together

Community Foundation donors, past and present, have helped not only support basic human needs, they have also helped enhance other aspects of the region's quality of life. For the past several years, through the generosity of donors like you, the Community Foundation has provided major funding to support the **Orchestra of Northern New York (ONNY)**. These include concerts in Watertown as well as in other venues in the tri-county area. The Orchestra brings outstanding, talented musicians from the Crane School of Music, greater New York State, New England, the eastern United States, Canada and beyond. These live orchestral music performances have attracted audiences of all ages. The October concert in Watertown was attended by bands from local schools. ONNY also provides the wonderful music for the annual **July concert in Watertown's Thompson Park**, supported by the Foundation and other sponsors. We are fortunate to have ONNY in our midst, and we are grateful to Community Foundation donors who make our grants to support these concerts possible and look forward to many more years of the wonderful way they make our region great!



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF LIVE MUSIC: The Orchestra of Northern New York launched its 30th season of bringing live symphonic music to enhance the lives of audiences across the North Country. A large crowd was on hand for their October 22 performance at First Presbyterian Church in Watertown, prior to performing the day before at SUNY Potsdam. Community Foundation donors have helped support ONNY's work over the last several years.

"Thank you for all you have done for so many people in Northern New York. I appreciate so much all the support you have given over these many years. You are an inspiration to those of us who have been fortunate to know you."

-Kenneth Andrews, Music Director & Conductor, Orchestra of Northern New York



WHY I GIVE

"The fund with the Northern New York Community Foundation is very important to me. It keeps Peter's name and legacy alive forever, while supporting causes, communities and organizations important to both of us. It also helps me learn about all the things you do for the entire North Country. I feel so happy to keep connected with the Foundation in this meaningful way."

—Becky Van de Water
Canton and Cranberry Lake

Peter Van de Water, who passed away in 2014, served on the Community Foundation's board of directors as its first representative from St. Lawrence County. **The Peter Van de Water Fund for St. Lawrence County** is a permanent component fund of the Community Foundation and provides annual grants in his name.

Boonville couple creates enduring legacy at Adirondack Central School

Kenneth V. Sawyer and **Jeannette Remp Sawyer** were passionate about the quality of life in Boonville. They participated in many community events and activities over the years and also served on local boards and committees. They each felt that a quality education was the impetus for a fulfilling life devoted to community.

Earlier this year, the **Kenneth V. Sawyer and Jeannette Remp Sawyer Scholarship Fund** was established at the Community Foundation to benefit graduates from Adirondack Central School. This endowed fund will award two scholarships each year forever, supporting the business and music pursuits of high school graduates from the District.

One recipient will be a graduating female with plans to attend a two-year or four-year college or university and major in business studies. Mrs. Sawyer completed a successful career of over 45 years at Rome Savings Bank and was an avid follower of the stock market. She also served on the finance committee of the Boonville United Methodist Church. Additionally, she assisted organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Dodge Pratt Northam Art and Community Center, the Erwin Library, and the Boonville Cemetery. Mrs. Sawyer passed away in 2015.

The other recipient will be a graduating senior with plans to major in music at a two-year or four-year college or university. Mr. Sawyer was a Boonville native, served in the United States Army, and enjoyed a gratifying career at Layng Furniture Company and as a supervisor at Erwin Park in Boonville. Most notably, he was a talented musician. He played tenor saxophone in high school band and clarinet with the Boonville Village Band. He frequently played with three separate drum and bugle corps in Boonville and Rome. Mr. Sawyer passed away in 2012.

We are grateful to the Sawyer family and the Adirondack Central School District for trusting the Community Foundation with this meaningful legacy. Together, we will help fulfill the promise to support quality education opportunities for Adirondack graduates pursuing futures in business and music.



New foundation honors Sami Curtis

A foundation has been established to honor the life of **Samantha "Sami" M. Curtis**. A 2016 graduate of Hugh C. Williams High School in Canton, Sami passed away on May 18 after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 18. During her short life, she touched the lives of many and demonstrated both courage and inspiration to all she interacted with. She was active in athletics and Future Farmers of America (FFA) and intended to pursue a career in agricultural education. She also had a great interest in and passion for horses and horse riding. Active in her community, she was instrumental in partnering with the St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund, personally raising over \$100,000 in memory of her mother, Terri A. Sgroi Curtis, who passed away from cancer in 2002. The St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund and Sami's family and friends have created the **Help Sami Kick Cancer Legacy Foundation**, a permanent fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation. This fund will honor Sami's life of service to others—supporting the things that were so important to her. We are especially grateful to the **St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund** and Sami's parents, **Jim and Karen Curtis**, for allowing us to be part of the very special, meaningful and enduring way her spirit of helping and inspiring others will continue to be fulfilled. *Additional gifts can be made to help build the foundation and can be directed to the Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.*

"The residents of St. Lawrence County have benefited greatly from the efforts of Sami Curtis though the years of her short life. Her contagious energy and love of people made a significant contribution to helping the people of St. Lawrence County avoid cancer, and for the less fortunate ones, deal with the terrible disease. Her legacy fund will continue her valuable work for many, many years."

—Mark Brackett, St. Lawrence County Cancer Fund



Donors Establish New Funds

Donors frequently establish new funds at the Community Foundation. The total number of funds we oversee has grown to more than 600. We feel honored that donors continue to place their trust in us to administer these funds to help carry out their specific charitable objectives. Donors may make additional contributions to help build these funds.

Charitable Funds

10th Mountain Division (Light) Wounded Warrior Fund
Norman and Cynthia Ahlheim Community Fund
Beaver River Central School District Education Foundation
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The 2017 Jefferson Physician Organization's (JPO) Lewis D. Yecies, M.D. Memorial Scholarship was recently presented to Jakob Knudsen (right) of Watertown. Jakob is pursuing a degree in biology at Houghton College with the goal of becoming a physician himself. Ultimately, he plans to return to the North Country to practice medicine. The award was presented to Jakob by Dr. Jason White (left), chairman of the JPO. The annual \$1,000 scholarship is designated for Jefferson County residents entering pre-medicine studies. We are grateful to the JPO and all those involved in helping make this investment in future medical professionals, and our community, possible. Encouraging our youth to pursue a medical career, and, hopefully, share their talents by returning to our local medical community to practice, and is a vital piece of sustainability for the North Country.

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Friends of Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library meets the challenge

One of the North Country's greatest treasures is the **Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library** in Watertown. The Friends of the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library was one of the first organizations to join in partnership with the Community Foundation to create a permanent fund to provide long-term support for its work and mission.

Recently, the Community Foundation provided a \$10,000 matching grant to help the group build their endowment fund at the Foundation. Donors responded favorably, meeting the match quickly. In addition to annual gifts, the Friends of the Flower Library endowment fund has been built by legacy gifts for those wanting to perpetuate their giving in support of the Library. Many have a special place in their heart for the Library, and there is now an enduring way to ensure that your desire to see its future sustained. *To learn more about various options to support the Friends of the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, including designating gifts for specific programs, through your estate planning or during your lifetime, contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.*



Hi-Lite Airfield Services establishes charitable foundation with NNYCF

Hi-Lite Airfield Services is the leading airport pavement markings, runway rubber removal and airfield maintenance contractor in the United States. Headquartered in Northern New York they offer a complete line of airfield maintenance services. Their clients span the globe. Hi-Lite has business units in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, Middle East, and the Caribbean. Whether they send a crew across town or across the world, Hi-Lite's main objective is to enhance airfield safety, and minimize runway incursions and excursions, making it safer to fly for every man, woman and child that boards a plane. They have been generous supporters of many local causes. As a way to formalize their corporate



giving and the way they give back to their community, they recently established the **Hi-Lite Group Charitable Foundation**. This new grantmaking fund within the Community Foundation provides greater structure and processes as businesses strive to reinvest in their community in the most thoughtful, responsible, effective and efficient way. It also allows the company to place funds in their foundation when most convenient, and make grants over time. We

are very grateful for this opportunity to collaborate with Hi-Lite in this meaningful and enduring way. This is the third corporate charitable foundation within the Community Foundation, joining the **Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors Charitable**

Foundation and the **Renzi Foodservice Charitable Foundation**. We are grateful for their commitment to being extraordinary examples of corporate citizenship. *To learn more about better options for giving through your business, contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.*

Donors celebrate Six Town Community Fund successes Geographic-specific options help donors focus their charitable giving

Over the last four years, the creation of a permanent geographic resource to support southern Jefferson County went from dream to reality. Since the first grants were awarded from the **Six Town Community Fund** two years ago, 13 area projects have been enhanced or completed for the betterment of the region. Several generous contributors made these grants possible. In September, a donor reception to recognize all supporters of the effort to build the community fund was held at the Six Town Meeting Hall in Adams. The



Community Foundation kick started the campaign with a \$50,000 matching grant in 2014. More than 100 donors made a gift to establish a community fund exceeding over \$100,000. The Six Town Community Fund is designed to support programs and projects that impact the quality of life in the towns of **Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth**. More than 50 donors were in attendance for the reception, which featured remarks from founding donors **David Porter** and **Barry Waite**, as well as two Six Town Community Fund grant recipients. The next series of Six Town Community Fund grant awards will be announced in December. *For those interested in making a charitable gift to support the Six Town Community Fund, please direct your gift to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. You may place "Six Town Community Fund" in the memo line. You may also make a gift online at www.nnycf.org.*



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SIX TOWN GIVING: Donors to the **Six Town Community Fund** recently gathered to celebrated some initial accomplishments and results of grantmaking, as **John D. Marsellus** responds to a question. The Marsellus family has been long associated with the Henderson Harbor area and were lead donors to help establish the Six Town Community Fund.

LEAD program examines and invests in community needs

The Community Foundation continues to engage residents of all ages in its meaningful mission and work. The **Foundation's LEAD Council** empowers young professionals to assist with strategic grantmaking and thoughtful philanthropy to address important community needs. There are currently 26 representatives from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties serving on this advisory council and helping the Foundation.

This year, LEAD has taken a deep dive into the poverty cycle at a localized level. Key meetings and conversations with non-profit directors and community leaders were conducted over several months to learn more about critical programs and services provided across the region. The council worked collaboratively with this year's **Jefferson Leadership Institute** class, which is stewarded each year by the **Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce**. LEAD volunteered and participated at the **JLI's "Race Against Poverty"** fundraising event in May in downtown Watertown. The two groups are also partnering with local non-profits on an effort to support area residents living in poverty. More information will be shared on this strategic endeavor toward the end of the year.

The Foundation is honored to have the talents, participation and enthusiasm of this young professional cohort. LEAD is a platform for young adults to explore, discover and realize community philanthropy on many levels. This program for area young professionals is made possible through the generosity of the **Hyde-Stone Charitable Foundation**, **BCA Architects & Engineers**, **Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes**, and your gifts to the **Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Annual Fund**.



LEADING THE FIGHT ON POVERTY: Members of the Community Foundation's LEAD Council volunteered for the Race Against Poverty fundraiser held in Watertown in May. Pictured (L-R): Eli Anderson, Drew Boulter, Andrea Pfeiffer, John Nuber, Max DelSignore and Aaron Naklick.

LEAD Council Members

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Norfolk native establishes scholarship

Marilyn Mauer Pike (pictured on left), a retired teacher, who spent her childhood and young adulthood in Norfolk, recently had the opportunity to meet the first recipient of her newly created scholarship. **Avani Patel** (right) was awarded the **Marilyn Mauer Pike Scholarship** in June. Avani is pursuing studies in nursing. We are grateful for the generosity and thoughtfulness of donors like Marilyn, who want to see the way they change and shape lives both during their lifetime and forever. This permanent Community Foundation fund will perpetuate the caring spirit that was such an important part of Marilyn's life work. We are grateful to be part of that.



First writer's award present to Norwood graduate

Skyler Fetter (pictured on right), a recent graduate of **Norwood-Norfolk Central School**, was the first recipient of the **UpNComing Writers Award**. The award, founded by local author Marguerite "Peggy" Mooers of Potsdam, is for students in St. Lawrence County either pursuing a degree in writing, literature or journalism or who have demonstrated a passion and love of writing. Skylar is attending Columbia University, majoring in liberal arts. Ms. Mooers established a permanent fund with the Northern New York Community Foundation in 2016.

"Thank you for awarding me the UpNComing Writers Award. Not only was it wonderful to be recognized by the scholarship, but meeting with you was truly an honor. I'm at Columbia University now and I truly love it. Thank you for your support and encouragement." -Skylar Fetter, Norwood

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A PLACE FOR SHARING

When the **Northern New York Philanthropy Center** opened its doors in early 2017, it was intended to be a place for community conversations, a place where people could gather to convene to discuss important issues and a hub to share ideas. In addition to the nonprofit collaboration floor, which currently houses three nonprofit organizations as well as the Community Foundation, the first floor is available for nonprofit and community organizations to use. To date, over thirty organizations have utilized the space for meetings, presentations, retreats and various other types of gatherings. Four rooms of various sizes are available, based on the needs of the organization. Within this historic downtown building, the next chapter of betterment for Northern New York is being written. We hope to expand our work to include more opportunities for nonprofit management, efficiency, grantwriting, endowment development and strategic partnerships.



Since opening in March, the Northern New York Philanthropy Center has been a gathering place for many community organizations, including the **Friends of the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library**, who held their annual meeting there in June.



The following organizations have used, or plan to use the Philanthropy Center for their gatherings:

Adirondack Club, Black River Chapter
American Association of University Women Jefferson County Branch
Association of the United States Army
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York
City of Watertown Parks & Recreation Department
Community Action Planning Council
Development Authority of the North Country
Downtown Business Association
Food Bank of Central New York
Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization
Heather A. Freeman Foundation
Friends of the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Garrett Loomis Foundation
Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways
Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce
Guitars for Vets Watertown Chapter
Herring College Memorial Educational Trust
Jefferson Community College
Jefferson Community College Foundation
Jefferson County Children's Home
Jefferson County Drug Free Committee
Jefferson County Planning Board
Jefferson County SPCA
Jefferson Leadership Institute
Jefferson-Lewis Library Association
Knights of Columbus Council #259
LEAD Council
Little Theatre of Watertown
Mayor's Charity Ball Committee
National Association of the 10th Mountain Division
North Country Family Health Center
Ontario Bays Initiative
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Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
Snowtown USA
St. Lawrence County Arts Council
Salvation Army of Watertown
Six Town Community Fund
Thompson Park Conservancy
Thousand Islands Book Festival Steering Committee
Watertown Family YMCA
Watertown Lyric Theater
Workforce Development Board
Youth Philanthropy Council

"The space provided our group the ideal setting to meet and discuss issues critical to our organization. The quiet, yet business-like atmosphere of the space also encouraged thoughtful interaction and group participation."

Nonprofit or community group? To reserve space for your upcoming gathering, **contact Mary Perrine, Coordinator of Partnerships, at (315) 782-7110 or at maryp@nnycf.org**

Beyond grantmaking...making our nonprofits stronger

We are pleased that the following partners have chosen to make the Philanthropy Center their home, joining in our shared vision to look for ways to share, collaborate and support each other. As a Community Foundation, it is an additional way for us to support organizations doing important work in our region, an extension of our mission beyond grantmaking.



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The Association for the Blind and Visually
Impaired of Northern New York



The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York brings quality of life for those who are blind, legally blind and visually impaired. They provide quality services, education and up-to-date technology to help sustain independence within the home, the workplace and in the community. They serve individuals in all stages of vision loss in Jefferson, Lewis, southern St. Lawrence counties and some portions of Oswego County.

The Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways is a component of a 2.6 million strong organization (1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults) who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ to change the world. In 1912 the very first Girl Scout troop was organized and they continue to honor the vision and legacy, building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. They are the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. And with programs from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success. The Philanthropy Center is pleased to house the Watertown Service Center, representing Region I, encompassing St. Lawrence, Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego and Northern Herkimer counties.



The Food Bank of Central New York is the main food supplier to over 364 partner organizations and programs including food pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters to provide the food needed for our neighbors who are hungry. They have an eleven county service area, which includes Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The Community Foundation provides annual grants to over 40 Food Bank pantries throughout Northern New York.



"We would like to thank the Northern New York Community Foundation for all of your support of our organization. Since the move to the Philanthropy Center, we have seen an increase in those utilizing the services we can provide for them. Our consumers are impressed and appreciative of the easy access to our new home."

-Dr. Charles Metzler, President, Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York

Philanthropy Center welcomes neighbors...



The Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways cut the ribbon May 12 on the new home of the Region I Watertown service center within the Northern New York Philanthropy Center. Pictured are **Julie Dale**, (left) Girl Scouts chief executive officer and **Karen Hegeman**, Girl Scouts board chair.

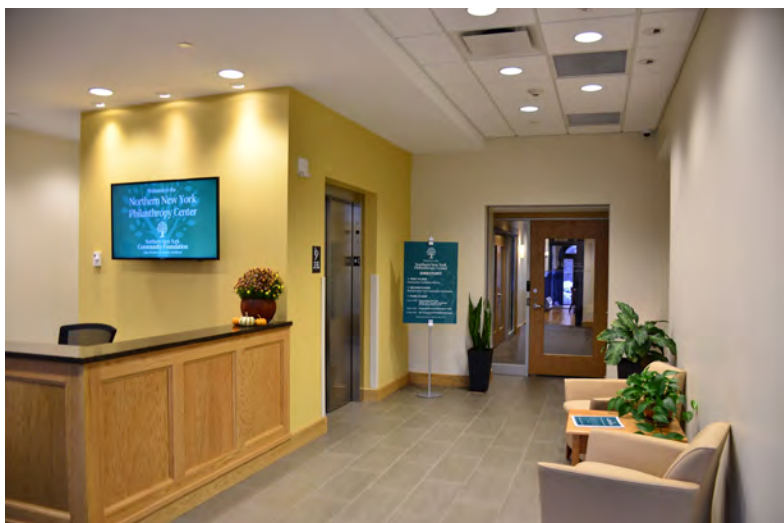


The Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York held a celebration and open house to mark their move to the Philanthropy Center. Staff, volunteers, donors and clients gathered on July 27.

LEADing the way



We are thankful for the generous contribution from the **Hyde-Stone Charitable Foundation** in support of the Community Foundation's **LEAD Council**. Pictured (left to right) are: Eli Anderson, LEAD Council member; Thom Stone, Vice President, Hyde-Stone; John Nuber, LEAD Council member; Jay Stone, President, Hyde-Stone; Christopher J. Stone, Vice President, Hyde-Stone. The support from community partners such as **BCA Architects & Engineers** for Community Foundation programs like LEAD Council mean a great deal to us. We could not be more appreciative of their belief in this young professional council. Pictured (left to right) are: Jason Jantzi, BCA Principal/Architect and founding LEAD Council member; Krysta Aten-Schell, BCA Architects & Engineers and LEAD Council member; Drew Boulter, LEAD Council; Kevin Lewis, CEO, BCA Architects & Engineers.



The main entrance to the Philanthropy Center is now on the back of the building, which has a ground-level, fully-accessible entry and serves as a gateway to the community conference spaces on the first floor, the Community Foundation headquarters on the second floor and the nonprofit collaboration floor on the third floor. The reception area shown on the left in the photo will eventually be staffed by community volunteers, students and interns. The open space on the left will be the permanent home of the **Foundation's legacy wall**, where we will pay tribute to all those who, since 1929, have enabled the Community Foundation to serve the people of Northern New York. Anyone who has left a legacy to the Foundation or has created an endowed fund will have their name listed there. Annual donors to the Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund will also be listed here, as well as those who made contributions to make the Philanthropy Center possible. A Community Foundation donor appreciation reception is planned for next spring.

Although several spaces within the Philanthropy Center have been named, there are other naming opportunities to support the Center's vision in perpetuity and possibly honor a friend or loved one. Contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110 to learn more.

Honoring and perpetuating a lifetime of service

A friend of long-time North Country educator and administrator **Gary F. West** recently offered a \$5,000 matching challenge to create a permanent scholarship. Mr. West retired as Immaculate Heart Central elementary school principal in June. He has served for 40 years in various capacities in both public and parochial education in Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties. **The Gary F. West Faith-Based Education Scholarship** will be a component fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation and will provide financial assistance to elementary students attending Immaculate Heart Central School. Those wishing to join others in honoring Mr. West can make tax-deductible gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601. Gifts should designate the scholarship on the memo line or can be made online at www.nnycf.org.



"I am honored and most grateful for the scholarship in my name at the Northern New York Community Foundation. I have been truly overwhelmed with the creation of this scholarship in my name that will be given as a scholarship to students to attend Immaculate Heart Central School. I loved my time as principal of IHC Elementary School. It truly was a privilege. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to work with your family, and more importantly, your children. It's difficult to find the words to express my gratitude and appreciation for this beautiful gift." -Gary West

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Food Bank and Community Foundation: Working together to supply food pantries in all three counties

Partnerships are possible when missions are similar. The relationship between the **Food Bank of Central New York** and the Community Foundation continues to grow because of each organization's emphasis on addressing critical needs for local residents.

For the Food Bank, working to eliminate hunger in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties is a top priority. They have partnered with several area pantries to supply food and meals to needy individuals, couples and families. The Community Foundation supports close to 40 food pantries and soup kitchens serving the tri-county region. Since 2010, the Foundation has awarded over \$166,000 in grant support for organizations affiliated with the Food Bank. Grants are awarded directly to the food pantries and soup kitchens, which are required to purchase food items through the Food Bank.

The Community Foundation and Food Bank have forged a stronger partnership through the Northern New York Philanthropy Center. The Food Bank opened a satellite office as part of the Foundation's Nonprofit Collaboration floor. The organization has also conducted community meetings in the center's community spaces. Together, we are facilitating conversations and appropriate change to meet the evolving hunger needs of the North Country.



NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS: (Top): **The Food Bank of Central New York** recently hosted an educational seminar at the Philanthropy Center, attended by representatives of several area food pantries. (Left): Community Foundation executive director **Rande Richardson**, center, recently toured the Food Bank headquarters in Syracuse, meeting with Food Bank executive director **Kathleen Stress**, left, and chief operating officer **Karen Belcher**, right. The Community Foundation was recently recognized for its commitment to fighting hunger in Northern New York. **The Food Bank now has a North Country office, located in Suite 302 of the Philanthropy Center.**

An enduring tribute to an Ogdensburg pastor: Harrisville graduate receives first Rev. Phillip A. Caruso Memorial Scholarship

Rev. Phillip A. Caruso is fondly remembered as a willing listener and someone who looked to always lift the spirits of others. Following his passing in 2013, Mr. Caruso's family wanted to honor his impact on others and the community with the establishment of a scholarship at the Community Foundation.

This summer, **Caitlyn Sullivan** was selected as the first recipient of the **Rev. Phillip A. Caruso Memorial Scholarship** through the Community Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating high school senior from a St. Lawrence County school pursuing an education in the field of human services. A Harrisville graduate, Caitlyn is attending North Country Community College with plans to pursue a career in social work. She and her parents were able to meet with members of the Caruso family at a gathering in Canton. Rev. Caruso was a chemist



FIRST SCHOLARSHIP: Members of the family of Rev. Caruso gather to meet the first scholarship recipient.



and served as a senior pastor at the New Life Assembly of God in Ogdensburg for 26 years. We are honored to assist the family in stewarding this important part of Mr. Caruso's legacy in perpetuity. *For those interested in supporting the Rev. Phillip A. Caruso Memorial Scholarship, please make gifts payable to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. You may place "Rev. Phillip A. Caruso Memorial Scholarship Fund" in the memo line. You may also make a gift online at www.nnycf.org.*

FOREVER REMEMBERED: The late Rev. Phillip A. Caruso (right), with son Josh Caruso and daughter-in-law Joan Caruso. The first recipient of Rev. Caruso's scholarship was selected this year.

Your gifts at work: helping strengthen our communities...



The Community Foundation, in partnership with the **St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce**, sponsored the inaugural nonprofit conference held in Canton in September. Nearly 50 attendees, representing 31 organizations attended the event. Doug Sauer of the New York Council of Nonprofits was the keynote speaker, along with co-sponsors **Angela Gray of Gray & Gray Associates CPAs PC** and **Diane Leonard of DH Leonard Consulting and Grant Writing Services, LLC**. We appreciate this opportunity to partner with the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce and look forward to next year's event!



The **Church & Community Program of Canton** is one of many food pantries and soup kitchens that receives annual assistance from the Community Foundation. They recently became an official nonprofit partner with the Community Foundation by establishing two funds within the Foundation to help ensure the long-term viability and vibrancy of their

important work and mission. In September the Community Foundation awarded a \$10,000 matching grant to them to help continue to build those funds to provide even greater strength for the long-term. Pictured is **Connie Jenkins** of the Church & Community Program of Canton.



supporters with additional long-term giving options. Pictured (L-R): Max DelSignore of NNYCF, Roland "Bud" Baril and Michael Bennett of TIERS, Rande Richardson of NNYCF and Bobby Cantwell and Justina Burrows of TIERS.

The Community Foundation recently completed its matching grant in support of the **Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS)** capital campaign. In addition to supporting their new facility, the match also helped establish a permanent endowment fund to support their organization in the future, and provide their

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Charles & Fern Brown— They cared about their community, so they gave

During their 40 years together, **Charles R. and E. Fern Brown** supported many charitable causes and provided scholarships to students pursuing their educational dreams. Mr. Brown was born in Ellisburg and was a graduate of Adams High School. The Browns returned to the Adams area after several years of service with the Carrier Corporation in Syracuse. The generosity they demonstrated during their lifetimes will be perpetuated through the **Charles and Fern Brown Fund**. This permanent fund of the Community Foundation will forever provide grants and scholarships to support the quality of life in the region. In this meaningful way, their story of helping others and giving will continue and always be a reminder of the good that can be accomplished through thoughtful legacy planning. We are honored to be

the steward of their thoughtful generosity and desire to have a lasting impact. The North Country and those who live here will forever benefit from the desire of two incredibly giving individuals who believed that leaving a legacy for future generations was an important thing to do.

Why church endowments make sense for donors (and churches too) A way to ensure that your gift to support your church has enduring stewardship

The Community Foundation is fortunate to steward many funds on behalf of donors. Those funds are as diverse as the interests of those who create them. They are not limited to nonprofit organizations, school or municipalities. Churches hold deep meaning for many. However, when making a gift that they would like to see perpetuated, donors often look for a more structured, enduring way to do it. In recent years, several donors have chosen to establish funds to either provide an ongoing source of support for their church or to continue their annual giving after they are no longer able to. With a named Community Foundation fund, one can specify its purpose to be put to use as long as the church exists. If for some unfortunate or unforeseen reason the church should be forced to close, merge or dissolve, the donor can designate alternate uses for their gift. This can be extremely powerful and comforting, knowing that when the donor is no longer here to direct or control their wishes personally, the Community Foundation can act as an advocate on their behalf. This is true for any organization a donor wishes to support forever. **To learn more about the best ways to support your church or any of your favorite charities in perpetuity, contact the Community Foundation at (315) 782-7110.**



ENDURING GIFTS: The Community Foundation administers a fund for the **United Church of Madrid**, pictured above. Other churches with funds at the Foundation include **Lorraine United Methodist Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Cape Vincent** and **All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, Watertown**. Donors can also establish their own funds to provide ongoing support for their church, knowing that alternative uses can be specified in the event their church dissolves, closes or merges.

"I established a fund that will provide for my favorite charities in perpetuity. A portion of my estate will be contributed to the fund so I can continue to give back."

Beverly S. Colligan: Helping others during her lifetime, and beyond

We are saddened by the loss of **Beverly S. Colligan** who passed away October 16 at the age of 91. A 1944 graduate of Watertown High School and retired chief court clerk, Bev felt strongly about investing in her community and those who live here. In 2011, she established the **Beverly Colligan Family Scholarship** to support students pursuing careers in environmental science or the medical field. In July, Bev and her son, Michael, were visited by **Ashley Hodge**, the current recipient of her scholarship. They immediately bonded over their shared passion for the environment, and it was clear the impact each had on the other. Ashley is attending Paul Smith's College, majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and geographical information systems. **Pictured (L-R): Ashley Hodge, Beverly Colligan and Michael Colligan.** *To make a gift in Bev's memory to help support her scholarship, gifts can be made to the Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, with a designation for the scholarship. Donors will be listed in the next Foundation newsletter.*

"It was so lovely to finally meet you, and put a face to the wonderful family that has given me so much. This scholarship is a blessing for me and my family and it helps with the large burden of going to college. Now knowing why I received this award, it makes it the most meaningful scholarship I have been given. Seeing the passion you and your son have for the Community Foundation is truly inspiring. When I'm in a stable place, I will be giving back to the Foundation so I can be like you and your family and help out my community." -Ashley Hodge



Investing in your quality of life...



The **Wilderness HealthCare Foundation** of **Clifton-Fine Hospital** recently established a formal partnership with the Community Foundation, including forming a permanent endowment fund with the Foundation. This fund will forever be a resource to support the healthcare needs in the Clifton-Fine area of St. Lawrence County. It will also provide donors with a way to perpetuate and steward their giving with a long-term view. The Community Foundation is currently offering a \$10,000 matching grant for all gifts made to the endowment. This is in addition to recent grants totaling \$50,000 in support of the important role Clifton-Fine Hospital plays in the region. Pictured (L-R) are **Vanessa Vaverchak** and **Annette Craig** of the Wilderness Health Care Foundation and **Rande Richardson** and **Max DelSignore** of the Community Foundation.



The future of the **Lowville Food Pantry** may include more suitable space to provide critical food, products and services across Lewis County. Last year, QuibicaAMF – a longtime manufacturer of bowling pins and products – donated its old location in the village of Lowville to the food pantry. The pantry's director and leadership engaged the Community Foundation in assisting with strategic steps to determine the building's current state and potential renovations. A grant from the **George R. Davis Fund for Lowville** at the Foundation was awarded to assist with a feasibility study. This key investment will allow the food pantry examine appropriate next steps for expansion. The George R. Davis Fund for Lowville supports a variety of programs and projects each year that enhance the quality of life for residents in the village and town of Lowville. The Lowville Food Pantry is an all-volunteer organization that serves approximately 300 families each month. Pictured (L-R) are **Daniel Taylor** and **Vicki Roy**, both of the food pantry.



The Community Foundation continued its support of **North Country Public Radio (NCPR)** by providing a grant to help with the **North Country at Work** initiative. Communities come to be when there is work to sustain people. Over time, the work of a community may change, expand, contract or disappear. Communities are shaped by changing work life. This partnership explores the work history of the Adirondack North Country, community by community, based on the photos and stories that are collected and shaped into an online, public archive. The archive will trace our region's work history through the earliest photos from the 19th century up to present time, and into the future. NCPR is building a searchable history that residents and visitors, educators and historians will all find interesting and useful. Stories related to the photographic collection will be shared on air and online through NCPR. Pictured is **Ellen Rocco** (left), NCPR station manager and **Kathy Wyckoff**, Community Foundation board member.



The **Cape Vincent Improvement League** received two grants over two years from the **Lighthouse Fund** at the Community Foundation to establish a bountiful community garden. The organization received a \$1,000 grant in 2015 to secure necessary supplies to harvest fresh fruit and vegetables during the spring and summer seasons. The fresh produce was donated to the **Cape Vincent Food Pantry** and provided healthier food options for pantry clients. In 2016, a \$1,000 grant was awarded to connect an adequate water line and construct additional raised beds to plant other fruits and vegetables. The Cape Vincent Improvement League is an all-volunteer organization committed to the community garden's growth and assists with the beautification of the village and town.

“What a success story! Thank you Northern New York Community Foundation for your generous grants to the Cape Vincent Community Garden. In addition to supplying the food pantry with fresh vegetables, this year the League offered plots to community members to garden.”

Foundation helps launch Sackets Harbor YMCA



INVESTING IN QUALITY OF LIFE: A Community Foundation grant provided the start-up funds to open a YMCA in the Sackets Harbor area. The programs are housed within the historic Madison Barracks complex, shown in this archival photograph. This grant builds upon a history of grantmaking to support the efforts of the Watertown Family YMCA to create healthier communities.

The Community Foundation continued its long history of supporting the work and mission of the YMCA and the programs they provide that strengthen families, contribute to the healthy development of children, and foster positive individual behaviors for a healthier and safe community. The Foundation recently provided a grant to help expand their services in the Sackets Harbor area. The facility, located on the historic Madison Barracks property, opened in March. In addition to a fitness center, the new location plans to introduce family wellness programming, including exercise classes and youth sports. They are also looking to expand to include small boat water safety classes, diabetes prevention and first aid training.

"The YMCA is excited to offer health and wellness family programming in a welcoming community like Sackets Harbor. We are grateful to the Community Foundation for their instrumental support to help us establish the Sackets YMCA in the beautiful, historic health club at Madison Barracks."

-Denise Young, CEO, Watertown Family YMCA

Giving where you live...

Clifton-Fine region celebrates community generosity

Over the last few years, our friends in the **Clifton-Fine** area of St. Lawrence County have demonstrated time and time again how to make good things happen in a place they love. The Northern New York Community Foundation is home to the **Clifton-Fine Community Fund**, a geographic-specific, permanent fund that makes varied investments to enhance the region. Individuals donors like **Steven Moyer** and **Lester Allen** have also established named component funds within the Community Fund. The Community Foundation has also made grants from its own grantmaking fund, including a lead gift to support the rebuilding of the historic **Wanakena Footbridge**, the completion of which was celebrated this summer. Over the last decade, the Community Foundation has made grants totaling over \$150,000. The **Clifton-Fine Hospital** through the **Wilderness HealthCare Foundation**, recently established a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation, bolstered with a matching grant to help continue to build it. We consider ourselves very fortunate to work with such caring, dedicated, thoughtful and committed people.



Photo courtesy of Steven Moyer of Wanakena



FOOD PANTRY GRANT: The Community Foundation provides an annual grant to the **Star Lake Food Pantry**, which helps serve approximately 400 families each month. The Free Community Meal Program in Star Lake also receives annual support from the Foundation. Pictured (L-R) are Star Lake Food Pantry volunteers: Anna Cooper, Philip F. Giardino, Beverly Thornton, and Louis Thornton.



SUPPORT FOR ART SHOW: A grant to the **Clifton Community Library** supported the **Cranberry Lake Art Show**. Pictured (L-R): Char Lough, Rug Hooker, Silver Lake; Marilyn Zimmer, Quilter, Cranberry Lake, co-chair of the show; Nicki Nolan, Painter, Cranberry Lake.

"A big thank-you to the Northern New York Community Foundation for their grant award to the Clifton Town Museum. Another recent grant from the Community Foundation also supported North Country Public Radio so they could come to Cranberry Lake this summer as part of the North Country at Work program. We are all winners!"

-Mark Friden, Clifton Town Historian

RECENT FOUNDATION GRANTS

This list includes some of the many nonprofits we fund. This list includes competitive grant recipients and those suggested by advisors of individual named funds.

ACR Health
Adirondack For Kids
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County
Alexandria Bay Food Pantry
Alexandria Township Historical Society
Alzheimer's Association
Central NY Chapter
American Cancer Society
Eastern Division
American Lung Association
American Maple Museum
American Red Cross
of Northern New York
Antique Boat Museum
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of NNY
Beaver River Recreation Association
Boy Scouts of America
(Lowville Chapter)
Boys & Girls Club of Massena
Canton Central School
Canton College Foundation
Canton Neighborhood Center Pantry
CAPC of Jefferson County, Inc.
Cape Vincent Arts Council
Cape Vincent Community Library
Cape Vincent Fire Department
Cape Vincent Food Pantry
Catholic Charities
Diocese of Ogdensburg
Chaumont Food Pantry
Children's Home of Jefferson County
Children's Miracle Network
at Samaritan Medical Center
Church & Community Program
of Canton
City of Watertown
Clarkson University
Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center
Clayton Council of Churches
Food Pantry
Clayton Figure Skating Club
Clayton Improvement Association
Clayton Jazz Festival
Clifton Community Library
Clifton-Fine Economic
Development Corporation
Clifton-Fine Hospital
Colton-Pierrepont-Parishville
Center Pantry
Community Performance Series

Concert in Thompson Park
Cornell Cooperative Extension
of Lewis County
Cornell Cooperative Extension
of St. Lawrence County
Credo Community Center Foundation
Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division
Crosby Public Library (Antwerp)
Depauville Food Pantry
Dexter Historical Society
Disabled Persons Action Organization
Family Counseling Service
of Northern New York
FFA & NYS Association &
Local Chapter (Lowville)
Friends of the Roswell P. Flower
Memorial Library
Fort La Présentation Association
Frederic Remington Art Museum
Free Community Meal Soup Kitchen
Free Will Meal Program Soup Kitchen
GardenShare
Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways
Gouverneur Hospital
Gouverneur Neighborhood Center
Food Pantry
Grasse River Food Pantry
Grasse River Heritage
Gwen's Food Pantry
Hammond Food Pantry
Hammond Presbyterian Church
Hawn Memorial Library
Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc.
Henderson Free Library
Henderson Harbor Performing
Arts Association
Henderson Harbor Water
Sports Programs
Henderson Historical Society
Heuvelton Central School
Historical Association of Mannsville
Historical Association
of South Jefferson
Hospice and Palliative Care
of St. Lawrence Valley
Hospice of Jefferson County
Indian River Baptist Church
Food Pantry
Jefferson Community
College Foundation
Jefferson County Historical Society
Jefferson Rehabilitation Center
Jefferson-Lewis Library Association
Kiwamis Club of Ogdensburg
Lewis County General
Hospital Foundation
Lewis County Historical Society
Lewis County Opportunities
Lewis County Search and Rescue
Lewis County Volunteer
Firemen's Association

Lisbon Central School District
Lorraine Volunteer Fire Co., Inc.
Lowville Food Pantry, Inc.
Lyme Community Foundation
Lyme Free Library
Massena First United Methodist Church
Soup Kitchen
Massena Neighborhood Center
Food Pantry
Meals on Wheels
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Mountain View Prevention Services
New Beginnings Clothing and
Food Outreach
New Day Children's Center
Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry
North Country Arts Council
North Country Family Health Center
North Country Public Radio
North Country Troopers
Assisting Troops
Northern Choral Society
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club
Ogdensburg Cemetery Association
Ogdensburg City School District
Ogdensburg Garden Club
Ogdensburg Backpack Program
Ontario Bays Initiative
Orchestra of Northern New York
Potsdam Central School District
Potsdam College Foundation
Potsdam Holiday Fund
Potsdam Neighborhood Center
Food Pantry
Friends of the Potsdam Museum
Resolution Center of Jefferson
and Lewis Counties
River Hospital
Rohde Center
Rotary Club of Watertown
Sackets Harbor Vocal Arts Ensemble
Salvation Army of Ogdensburg
Food Pantry
Salvation Army of Watertown
Samaritan Auxiliary
Samaritan Medical Center
Save The River
Society of United Helpers
South Jefferson Central School District
South Jefferson Housing
Development Fund Company
SPCA of Jefferson County
St. James Outreach Center Food Pantry
St. James School
St. Lawrence County Arts Council
St. Lawrence County Fire
Training Facility
St. Lawrence County
Historical Association
St. Lawrence University
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House

St. Mary's Church Food Pantry
St. Paul's of Redwood Food Pantry
St. Vincent de Paul of Massena
Food Pantry
Stage Notes
Star Lake Food Pantry
SUNY Canton
SUNY ESF
Theresa Food Pantry
Theresa Free Library
Thompson Park Conservancy
Thousand Islands Area
Habitat for Humanity
Thousand Islands Arts Center
Thousand Islands Emergency
Rescue Service (TIERS)
Thousand Islands Hose Haulers
Thousand Islands Land Trust
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund
at the Clayton Opera House
Three Mile Bay Fire Department
Town of Canton
Town of Morristown
Traditional Arts in Upstate
New York (TAUNY)
Trinity Concert Series
Tri-Town Community Services
Food Pantry
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
United Way of Northern New York
Victims Assistance Center
of Jefferson County
Village Ecumenical Ministries
Food Pantry of Carthage
Village of Canton
Volunteer Transportation Center
Wanakena Historical Association
Watertown American Little League
Watertown Family YMCA
Watertown Lyric Theater
Watertown Urban Mission
Wilderness HealthCare Foundation
WPBS-TV
Zonta International Club
of Ogdensburg

In addition to the grants listed above, over 600 Community Foundation scholarships are awarded each year to students in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

Supporting performing arts in NNY

Community Performance Series (CPS) has provided exceptional performing arts opportunities in Northern New York since gaining residency at SUNY Potsdam nearly 30 years ago. The Community Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant in support of the organization's 2017-18 season. Specifically, the Foundation's grant will be designated for the Canadian Brass concert in March at the college's performing arts center. "North Country neighbors, as well as guests to our region, will benefit from the generosity of the Northern New York Community Foundation, helping to realize a goal that we established over 25 years ago," said **Sal Cania**, Founding Director of CPS. "Today, more than ever before, gifts to the arts assure the continuation of what makes us fully human. We are grateful."

INVESTING IN THE ARTS: A Community Foundation grant provided funding for the 2017-18 Community Performance Series in Potsdam. Pictured on the SUNY Potsdam campus are Max DelSignore (left) Community Foundation assistant director and Jason Dominie, CPS executive director.



"We are so grateful that you have chosen to continue our partnership in the arts. It is especially moving to know that you remain confident in the history and strength of our organization. With your support, we are able to move forward to create further opportunities for Northern New Yorkers and to enhance our region's quality of life." -Jason L. Dominie, Community Performance Series

2017 YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL GRANTS

The following grants were made by the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council:

Boys and Girls Club of Massena - \$4,000 to support the organization's "Teen Adventure Club" activities and increase access for disadvantaged youth in 2018.

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways - \$3,000 to enhance the agency's "College Life Program" to be held this fall for high school sophomores at Jefferson Community College.

Volunteer Transportation Center - \$2,500 to assist with mileage reimbursement for volunteer drivers across the tri-county region.

Hawn Memorial Library, Clayton - \$2,500 to engage youth in programs promoting boat building and the history of the St. Lawrence River.

Henderson Free Library - \$2,000 for the purchase of books and materials that will encourage youth to discover STEM-related skills and opportunities.

Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley - \$1,600 to establish a "Music and Memory" program to help patients struggling with Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Potsdam Holiday Fund - \$1,000 for the purchase of winter hats, gloves and other warm clothing as part of the agency's holiday program to support families in need.

Watertown American Little League - \$700 to purchase appropriate containers that will bolster a recycling initiative to educate youth and adult participants.



GIFTS OF TIME: (L-R) **Marialena Mouaikel, Ryder Simser** and **Caroline McPherson**, members of the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council, recently volunteered sorting items at the Watertown Urban Mission. Last school year, the students awarded nearly \$20,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

Double your gift...

The following matching grants are currently being offered by the Community Foundation. Each gift received will be matched, dollar-for-dollar. This is a great opportunity to provide support for an organization you care about, **and have the value of your gift doubled by the Community Foundation.**

Alexandria Township Historical Society
American Maple Museum
Church and Community Program of Canton
City of Watertown Community Fund
Fort La Présentation Association
Friends of the Potsdam Museum
Friends of Thompson Park
Gouverneur Hospital
Grasse River Heritage
Lewis County General Hospital Foundation
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
New Beginnings Clothing & Outreach
North Country Council of Social Agencies
Ontario Bays Initiative
River Hospital
Save The River
Stage Notes
St. Lawrence NYSARC-Rotary Dodge Pond
SUNY Canton
Watertown Lyric Theater
Wilderness Health Care Foundation

For more information about maximizing your gift to support any of these Community Foundation partners, contact the Foundation at (315) 782-7110.

School Foundations

What you need to know...

In New York, public schools cannot endow funds, they are limited in the way they can perpetuate scholarships, especially those created as a memorial, with the intention that they endure. Several schools in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties partner with the Community Foundation so that those funds can endure. In recent years, donors have expressed interest in supporting their favorite local school in a more broad way, for something other than scholarships. Among the schools who have established educational foundations within the Community Foundation for this purpose are: **Adirondack, Beaver River, Copenhagen, Hermon-DeKalb, Lowville, Massena, Potsdam, South Jefferson, St. Lawrence/Brasher and Watertown City School District.** In this way, alumni, parents, teachers, retirees and others for whom their school holds special meaning can leave a legacy. Donors can also designate a specific use (music, athletics, library, etc.) and fund name.



"The \$10,000 matching grant from the Community Foundation to the Potsdam Public Museum's endowment fund creates an excitement and momentum for Potsdam. The endowment, started by the Friends of the Potsdam Museum, provides hope for a sustainable future for the museum, to benefit Potsdam and the surrounding communities." -Mimi VanDeusen, Potsdam Public Museum

"The generous support of the Northern New York Community Foundation strongly affirms our belief in the value of this unique project to the cultural and economic life of Canton. It has, in turn, already inspired a generous response from many members of the community." -Louis Tremaine, Grasse River Heritage

Honoring the life and legacy of George C. Boldt

Great-grandson makes lead gift, asks others to join in establishing memorial scholarship



Photo courtesy of Boldt Castle/Thousand Islands Bridge Authority

RIVER HERITAGE: George C. Boldt with his three granddaughters, Clover on his lap with Manuelita and Louise standing. Malcolm Goodridge, who is helping establish the scholarship, is the son of Louise and the great-grandson of Mr. Boldt.

As many familiar with the North Country know, at the turn of the century, **George C. Boldt**, proprietor of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, set out to build a full-size rhineland castle in Alexandria Bay, on picturesque Heart Island. The grandiose structure was to be a display of his love for his wife, **Louise**. Beginning in 1900, the Boldt family spent summers in the 1000 Islands at the Boldt Families Wellesley House near Mr. Boldt's Wellesley Island Farms while 300 workers, including stonemasons, carpenters, and artists, fashioned the six-story, 120-room castle, complete with tunnels, a powerhouse, Italian gardens, a drawbridge, and alster tower (children's playhouse). Following his wife's death in 1904, Mr. Boldt never returned to the island, leaving behind the structure as a monument of his love. The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority acquired the property in 1977, and it was decided that through the use of all net revenues from the castle operation it would be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations.

This past summer, descendants of Mr. Boldt returned to the Castle for a reunion. Although the Castle itself is an iconic reminder of George Boldt's legacy, descendants of Mr. Boldt, led by **Malcolm Goodridge**, great-grandson of Mr. Boldt, desired see the legacy of his great-grandfather extend to help others in pursuit of educational

endeavors. The recently established **George C. Boldt Scholarship** will be a permanent component fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation. With the family's initial lead gifts, it is hoped that others for whom Boldt Castle and the St. Lawrence River legacy have special meaning will help to offer the first scholarship in 2018. The scholarship will be available to Jefferson County students attending a 2 or 4-year school or a technical or trade school. Students who have had a gap of no more than four years after high school will also be eligible. In addition to academics, school and community service will be considered. In recognition of founding donors, there will be an opportunity to have their name(s), or the name(s) of someone they wish to honor, inscribed on a permanent plaque at Boldt Castle.

To join in honoring and commemorating the life of George C. Boldt and all the ways the Boldt legacy has become a part of the heritage of the St. Lawrence River, gifts can be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 or at www.nnycf.org. When making a gift by check, please make a notation on the memo line for the "George C. Boldt Scholarship."

"The Thousand Islands Bridge Authority and the Boldt Facilities are delighted that Malcolm Goodridge, great-grandson of Mr. George C. Boldt, has committed to establishing a scholarship for graduating high school seniors in the Jefferson County area. This scholarship will be an enduring tribute to the hard work and innovating practices that Mr. Boldt brought to the modern hotel industry of which many standards are still in practice today."

-Shane Sanford, Boldt Castle facilities director



Boldt Castle on Heart Island, Alexandria Bay
Photo courtesy of North Country native **Alan P. Goldstein**
w4apg@verizon.net



organization. It is hoped the Community Foundation's commitment will serve as a catalyst in continuing to build community support toward the hospital's campaign goal. The construction and renovation project includes converting the historic Monticello Hotel across the street from the main campus into a medical office building and renovating and updating the existing hospital building. Terms of a recent state grant require a \$4 million match from the community. Pictured is **Ben Moore**, River Hospital CEO (left) and **Max DelSignore**, Community Foundation assistant director.

The Northern New York Community Foundation provided a grant to support **River Hospital's Hope + Healing capital campaign**, designed to modernize the agency's facilities and enhance the organization's services. The Community Foundation maintains a strong relationship with River Hospital and support of its services by administering a permanent endowment fund for the



are, seated (L-R): Melinda Comstock, Judy Keeler, and Martha Grimes, ATHS board members; standing (L-R): Suzanne Kimmitt, museum director; Steven Keeler and Tammy Quinn, ATHS board members; and Suzie Keeler, museum manager. Their members have responded with amazing generosity to provide enduring support of the ATHS work and mission for this generation and the next. **To support the ATHS Fund at the Foundation, matching gifts can be made to the Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.**

We welcome the **Alexandria Township Historical Society (ATHS)** to the growing list of Community Foundation partners. The organization recently established a long-term sustainability fund at the Foundation and was awarded a \$5,000 matching grant to help build it. Pictured at the ATHS within the **Cornwall Brothers Store & Museum**

Your gifts foster appreciation for the arts for the next generation

Grant supports Jazz in the Classroom initiative

Because of donors like you, the Community Foundation is able to offer assistance to help programs that might not otherwise happen, become a reality. The Foundation was a presenting sponsor to enable the **Clayton Jazz Festival** to offer its first “**Jazz in the Classroom**” program. This new initiative enabled three, two-hour student music workshops over a two-day period at **Thousand Islands** and **Indian River Central School Districts**. The program featured the Boston-based band, **Brighton Beat**, whose influences range from Afrobeat to modern cutting-edge New York City Jazz and classic New Orleans brass band Funk. The school programs included both performance and breakout sessions focusing on particular band sections, including brass, strings and percussion. Band members also shared some music history and their own experiences in jazz performance. The interactive and engaging program was a hit for the students. The band later performed in concert at the **Clayton Opera House**. We are grateful for the opportunity to put our donors gifts to work supporting meaningful experiences such as this, that help enrich lives and leave a lasting impact with our next generation.



Northern Credit Union recently presented the proceeds of its annual golf tournament to the Northern New York Community Foundation in support of the **Michelle D. Salisbury Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship was established in Michelle's memory, for graduating seniors from **Belleville-Henderson Central School** who exhibit a caring, optimistic attitude, willingness to be open-minded, and motivated to help others. Michelle, a 2006 graduate of Belleville-Henderson passed away in 2009. At the time of her death, she was an employee of Northern Credit Union. Gathering recently at the Philanthropy Center (L-R): **Max DelSignore** of the Community Foundation, **Jennah Fraser** and **Alexa Bennett** of Northern Credit Union and **Shaun Gagan** of Belleville-Henderson Central School.

The Northern New York Community Foundation was the presenting sponsor of the **Jefferson-Lewis Library Association** to support the **Thousand Islands Book Festival: Reading on the River**, held in Cape Vincent in June. The event included opportunities to interact with children's authors, illustrators and storytellers who were on hand to present and speak about their books. The festival was attended by many area students, their families, and the general public. Some schools represented were **Indian River, Carthage, Adirondack, Belleville-Henderson** as well as **Thousand Islands, Alexandria, Watertown** and **Lyme**. We appreciate this opportunity to help enrich the lives of readers of all ages. In addition to gifts made by donors like you, a portion of the grant was funded through the **Jan B. Oliver Lifelong Reading Fund**, a permanent component field-of-interest fund of the Community Foundation. (Pictured at left is author Suzanne Bloom).



Carolyn Whitney passed away 10 years ago.
This year, she'll plant 40 trees.

Giving YOUR way.
Love where you live. Now and forever.

Identify your passions, causes or interests.
Create a named fund to support them **FOREVER**.

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 (up to 8%) 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?
- Can I make a gift of appreciated stock to start a donor-advised fund, avoid capital gains, receive a tax deduction and then make grants to charitable causes I recommend over time?

Can I make a small gift that will make a BIG difference?

The answer to each of these questions is....YES!

The best gift planning begins with a conversation.

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Take advantage of current charitable tax laws prior to December 31, 2017 that allow deductions as well as avoidance of taxation of capital gains. Also, donors age 70½ and older, currently 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).



The Community Foundation was pleased to make a grant to support the effort to revitalize the four-corners intersection in **Lowville**. The **Lowville Lions Club** led the drive to raise funds to install a new clock and other enhancements to the site at the center of the village. The project was recently completed and an event was held to celebrate the endeavor. The grant was made possible, in part, through two geographic-specific funds administered by the Community Foundation, the **Michael K. Brown Fund for Lewis County** and the **George R. Davis Fund for Lowville**, as well as board-designated grant funds.



The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** participated in this year's **Youth Advisory Council** annual conference, held in Lowville in March. The event is sponsored in collaboration with the **Pratt-Northam Foundation**. The conference is a way of building a community of youth, gathered from throughout the region, that benefits from sharing their philanthropic activities with each other. It is also intended to encourage creative thinking and establish a practice of philanthropy while promoting volunteerism and service. The Community Foundation's students were able to interact with students from **Lowville, Carthage, Beaver River, South Lewis, Copenhagen, Harrisville and Adirondack Central Schools**. Guest presenters included **Dr. Shellie Asher Ware, Amber Lee Clement, Jeff Ginger, and Tom Yousey** (pictured at left). The students left with a greater awareness of philanthropy and entrepreneurship, with many expressing a greater desire to find more ways to make a difference.



The Community Foundation is honored to steward a permanent scholarship fund for the **North Central Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association**. The fund was established in 2014 and continues to grow to provide more scholarships to students entering careers in education. This year's recipients were **Martina Leake** (left) and **William Beyer** (right). Martina is a graduate of Carthage High School. William is a graduate of Lowville Academy. Both Martina and William are attending St. Lawrence University pursuing a studies in education. They received their awards at the Association's luncheon in June. Pictured with the students is **Stella Garitz**, a retired Watertown City School District educator.



This year's recipients for the **Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship** were **Thomas Bauschke, Kayla Burns, Amanda Hunter, Kerry Lehman, John Hunter and Rayanne Kuhner**. Thomas is pursuing a degree in creative writing at SUNY Oswego. Kayla attends St. Lawrence University. Amanda is attending Nazareth College with the ultimate goal of receiving a degree in law. Kerry is attending Liberty University studying biblical studies. Thomas, Kayla, Amanda and Kerry were presented their awards at a luncheon held on July 12. John is pursuing a degree in computer science at the University at Buffalo and Rayanne is attending SUNY Binghamton, majoring in nursing. John and Rayanne were presented their award on August 16. The Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship was established in 2004 by the Rotary Club of Watertown, and continues to be built by many generous individuals, organizations and businesses. It is awarded to residents of Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence counties who have been awarded the Purple Heart, and/or their dependents.

PICTURED (TOP L-R): Gil Pearsall, Purple Scholarship Committee chairman; recipients Thomas G. Bauschke, Black River; Kayla M. Burns, Deferiet; Amanda Hunter, Chaumont; and Kerry D. Lehman, Watertown; and Mary Perrine, Community Foundation coordinator of partnerships.



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The Community Foundation is grateful to **Jefferson Community College** for being named the 2017 recipient of the **Jefferson Citation**. The Jefferson Citation was established by the Jefferson Community College Board of Trustees to recognize an individual or organization whose leadership and actions have demonstrated outstanding commitment to education and the vision and mission of Jefferson Community College. For many years, the Community Foundation has not only invested in the College itself, but has provided scholarships to those attending JCC as well as providing support for the College's **Center for Community Studies** and its surveys across the tri-county area. The award was presented to **Rande Richardson** (left) by JCC President **Carole McCoy** at the College's 53rd commencement on May 19.



This year's recipients of the **Jefferson Leadership Institute Scholarship** were introduced at a JLI graduation luncheon held on June 9. Pictured at the event are (L-R): **Keith Perry**, scholarship committee chairman; **Grace Babcock**, a South Jefferson Central School student; **Spencer Gray**, also from South Jefferson Central School; and **Joelle Leek**, a student at LaFargeville Central School, The Community Foundation is grateful for the opportunity be part of this annual program.



The Ralph F. Brouty Watertown Savings Bank Scholarship was established in 2013 by Watertown Savings Bank, to forever honor Mr. Brouty's memory. Mr. Brouty graduated from Watertown High School and Syracuse University. He began working at WSB in May 1947 as the bank's messenger, and retired in 2000 as the bank's President and Chairman of the Board. The permanent scholarship, administered by the Community Foundation on behalf of WSB, assists two students each year who are graduating from a high school in Jefferson County. Preference is for students pursuing careers in business, accounting, or a related field. **Ivey Cantwell**, (in center in top photo at left) a graduate of Thousand Islands Central School, was one of this year's recipients. Ivey is pursuing a degree in business at Jefferson Community College. She plans to complete her degree and transfer to complete her bachelor's degree. Ivey is pictured with her father, **Bobby Cantwell** (left), and **Patricia Kendall** (right), Clayton branch manager. According to Ivey: "I have grown up in a civic-minded family and I hope to use my education to further my future in the economic and social aspects of the development in Clayton." **Gabriel LaFex**, (in center in bottom photo at left), a graduate of Watertown High School, was also a recipient this year. He is attending Jefferson Community College, majoring in business. He wants to continue to be a role model and give back to his community. Gabe is known for being a hard-working and dedicated individual who also demonstrates a positive attitude. Also pictured is **Mark Lavarney** (left), WSB President and Chief Executive Officer and **Peggy Brouty-Benton** (right), Mr. Brouty's daughter.



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The annual **North Country Goes Green Irish Festival Scholarship** luncheon was held on May 23. This year's recipients pictured (L-R): **Clare Woolschlager**, Croghan; **Ian Widrick**, Croghan; **Marlaina Bush**, Canton; **Raegan Becker**, Castorland; and **Joseph Freda**, Watertown. Not pictured is **Vera Freda**, Watertown. A total of \$9,000 was awarded to these deserving North Country students. Scholarships are open to students who are either a graduating senior from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties who plans on attending an accredited college or enrolling in a vocational or technical program, or a student currently enrolled in a college degree program. These scholarships, which include the **J. Richard Gaffney** and **William K. Archer** awards, were established in 2005 and are supported from the proceeds of the North Country Goes Green Irish Festival.

Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge



Your gifts at work: New program launched to engage middle school students



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Stage Notes recently presented a portion of the proceeds from this season's performances to be matched by the Community Foundation through gifts made to the **Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund**. A total of \$10,000 in grants will be awarded by students in the 7th and 8th grades attending school in Jefferson or Lewis county.



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For several years, the Community Foundation has involved high school students in various aspects of community engagement and philanthropy. This year, the Foundation is teaming up with local theatre group, **Stage Notes**, to initiate a new program to involve middle school students in the 7th and 8th grades. Through the **Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge**, students in Jefferson and Lewis counties can compete for a total of \$10,000 that they can designate to support what they feel makes their community a great place to live. The competition ended in early November. The winning students will personally present their grant awards to their chosen nonprofit organization located within Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence county. We look forward to sharing with you the essays and stories of the students who participate in this pilot program that your generosity helps make possible!

I am your child. Wherever you go you take me too. Whatever I know I learned from you.

Whatever I do you taught me to do. I am your child and I am your chance. Whatever will come will come from me.

Tomorrow is won by winning me. Whatever I am you taught me to be. I am your hope. I am your chance. I am your child.



The second annual **Evergreen STEM Scholarship** recognition dinner and reception was held on October 16 at Clarkson University. The scholarship is awarded each year to ten St. Lawrence county juniors planning to pursue a degree in a STEM-related field. Pictured are this year's recipients (front L-R): **Meggan Barlow** (Norwood-Norfolk Central School), **Charles and Higouhi Owens** (scholarship founders), and **Allison Hockey** (Morristown Central School; (back L-R): **Elisa Sergi** (Hugh C. Williams High School, Canton), **Sabrina Ciambra** (Gouverneur Central School), **Hunter Dean** (Hugh C. Williams High School, Canton), **Audrey Higginson** (Madrid-Waddington Central School), and **Olivia Brown** (homeschooled from Heuvelton). Not pictured are **Alexa Hooper** (Ogdensburg Free Academy Academy), **Emily Lasher** (Edwards-Knox Central School) and **Sadie McGay** (Massena Central School). We are tremendously grateful to the Owens for their thoughtful generosity that makes these investments in our region's future a reality.



In April, the Community Foundation teamed up with the **Disabled Persons Action Organization (DPAO)** to bring the singing group, "**The Lettermen**" to Watertown. This particular grant helped provide access to this performance to senior citizens, including transportation to the concert. In addition, there was an opportunity for area students to interact with members of "The Lettermen." This allowed high school students interested in music and performing a chance to ask questions and learn, first hand, about a career in the performing arts and entertainment fields. The Community Foundation also saw this as a way to support and promote the important work DPAO accomplishes in our region, and also highlight the new partnership DPAO formed with the Community Foundation. They recently established of a permanent endowment with the Foundation to provide donors with long-term options of supporting DPAO in perpetuity. We are grateful to DPAO for the opportunity to work together for a better community, and to our donors who make grants like this possible.



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