

Love the River, for Good



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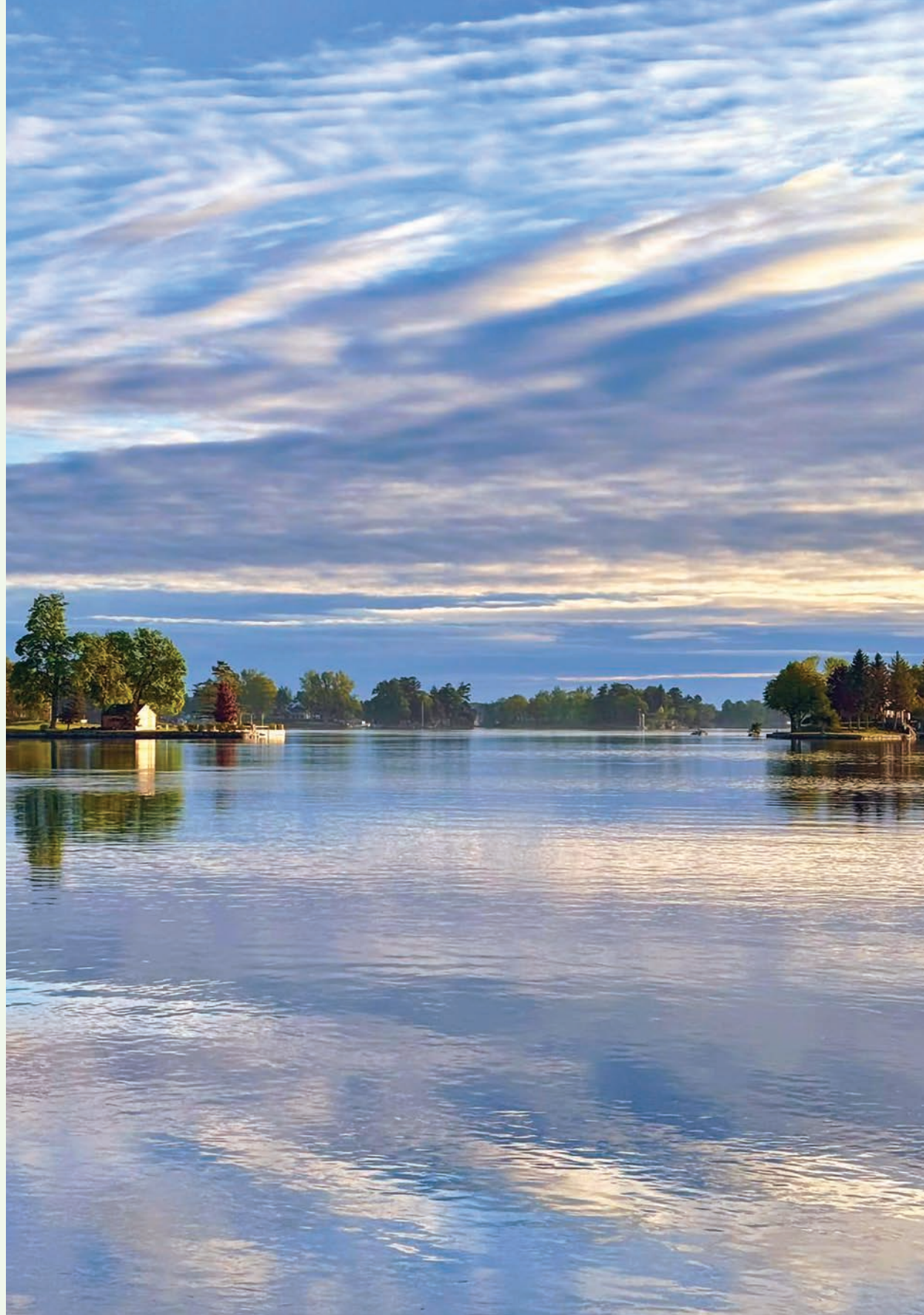
How to ensure what you care about most lives on, forever

The **St. Lawrence River**, from Cape Vincent to Clayton to Alexandria Bay and points in between, is one of the special places within the area the **Northern New York Community Foundation** serves.

In addition to its natural beauty, the **Thousand Islands** region is home to charitable organizations that enhance the quality of life in many ways. Since 1929, we have been fortunate to work alongside individuals, families, organizations and businesses committed to the betterment of our area, during their lifetimes and beyond.

A few of these stories are presented here. The donors behind them have something in common: a desire to ensure the things that mattered most to them have ongoing support in perpetuity. For these donors, the added assurance of ongoing stewardship and an ability to adapt to the changing needs and circumstances over time provides peace of mind — exactly what community foundations are designed to do.

We invite you to consider ways your imprint on the River will continue, either broadly or specifically, in the best manner possible so that your charitable objectives live on for generations to come.



— The C. Arthur and Judith Frank Pearson Fund —

A family legacy for the River

Enduring support, broadly and specific

For **Art** and **Judy Pearson**, summers on the St. Lawrence River were special. Their home in Cape Vincent was where they gathered with family, enjoyed the beauty of the Thousand Islands, and built memories that lasted a lifetime. Their love for the River community inspired them to give back to the places and causes that mattered most throughout their lives.

The Pearsons wanted that spirit of giving to live on. They believed the River communities should benefit not only during their lifetimes but for generations to come. After thoughtful planning and discussions with the Northern New York Community Foundation, they created the **C. Arthur and Judith Frank Pearson Fund** that provides annual support to several area organizations they cared about deeply.

Their vision went further. They included a way for their children to recommend grants to future programs, projects, and initiatives — whether along the River, in the communities where they live, or beyond. This ensures their fund remains flexible and impactful, adapting to emerging needs over time.

Through this generous and forward-thinking plan, Art and Judy built a legacy that honors their values, strengthens the River, and empowers future generations. We are grateful to carry out their wishes and share their inspiring example of enduring commitment to the causes closest to their hearts.



- Provides annual support to designated River-area charitable organizations.
- Makes funding available for emerging needs of the region.
- Enables the family to make grants in their home communities or elsewhere.
- Provides broad support to area charities recommended by the family.
- Awards an annual scholarship to a Thousand Islands High School graduate.



—The Gerald J. Reinman Class of 1954 and Judith Reinman Scholarship Fund—

A legacy for education

Geographic and academic study specific

Gerry Reinman believed education opens doors. Growing up in Clayton, he considered himself an average student, but his strong work ethic and college degree shaped a successful career in business and industry. He never forgot how higher education changed his life, or how hard it can be for some students to access.

Together with his wife, **Judith**, who spent her career as an educator, Gerry wanted to help students from his alma mater — Thousand Islands High School — achieve their own goals.

In 2013, they worked with the Northern New York Community Foundation to create the **Gerald J. Reinman Class of 1954 and Judith Reinman Scholarship Fund**. This fund permanently supports graduates of Thousand Islands High School who aspire to continue their education in a wide range of academic disciplines.

When Gerry passed away in 2022, his estate added a generous gift to strengthen the scholarship’s impact. Now, because of their vision and planning, Thousand Islands-area students will have support for generations to come.

Their fund guarantees that their legacy will live on. It is more than a scholarship; it’s an investment in young people and the future of the communities they loved. We are proud to honor and steward this enduring gift, which will continue to open doors for tomorrow’s leaders and uplift the community they loved.



■ Awards annual scholarships to residents of the Town of Clayton, Fishers Landing, or east of the Thousand Island Bridge in the Town of Orleans in a wide range of academic disciplines.



June T. Walker and John R. Walker Fund

A legacy for Cape Vincent

Enduring support, community specific

For **June T. Walker** and her husband, **John R. “Jack” Walker**, Cape Vincent was more than a place to live — it was home. Lifelong educators, they shaped countless students’ lives, instilling values that reached beyond the classroom. Their quiet generosity also strengthened local organizations and inspired those around them.

After Jack’s passing in 2002, June continued giving back to the community they loved. She supported causes close to her heart, always seeking ways to help her neighbors and secure Cape Vincent’s future.

Determined that their support endures, June worked with the Northern New York Community Foundation to create the **June T. Walker and John R. Walker Fund**. This permanent fund benefits the organizations they cherished and provides scholarships for students pursuing vocational and technical careers.

June’s vision extended even further. She ensured the fund would broadly support Cape Vincent for generations, establishing the **June T. Walker and John R. Walker Cape Vincent Community Fund** as a component. In this way, they will support programs, projects and initiatives that emerge in the future.

Through these lasting gifts, June and Jack’s passion for their community lives on. Their foresight, paired with the Community Foundation’s stewardship, guarantees the Walkers’ love for Cape Vincent will continue to touch lives and strengthen the River communities they held so dear — forever.



- Provides grants to designated Cape Vincent charitable organizations.
- Provides broad, flexible funding to improve quality of life in Cape Vincent.
- Awards annual scholarships for students pursuing vocational and technical careers.



The River Fund: An enduring way to support the Thousand Islands region

The **River Fund** of the Northern New York Community Foundation was established in 2010 to honor the leadership of the late **Everett G. Foster** and those who have been instrumental in helping nonprofits in River-area communities. The fund is a broad-based, flexible grantmaking option for those whose interests cover a wide range of quality of life within the River communities, from Cape Vincent, Clayton and Alexandria Bay, and points in between. Since 2012, the fund has provided vital grant support to nearly two-dozen organizations and initiatives.

If you are considering leaving a legacy that will have the ability to address the emerging needs of the region in a lasting way, the River Fund is a giving option that can help accomplish that.

Partnering to help River-area students succeed



Since 2002, the River-area school districts of **Alexandria Bay, LaFargeville, Lyme, and Thousand Islands** have been generous in providing financial aid to many deserving high school graduates through the **Thousand Islands Foundation**. In 2014, it became a permanent fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation. Through this

partnership, young people continue to receive scholarships to help achieve their educational goals thanks to generous donors. A volunteer Advisory Board leads the Foundation, and the Community Foundation stewards the fund. At certain levels, donors have the option of a named scholarship fund and may also designate specific schools, majors, and other attributes.

Charitable funds that support River-area organizations, residents

Listed are some of the funds donors have established at the Community Foundation to exclusively benefit the River-area in perpetuity.

Alexandria Bay Rotary Club Scholarship Endowment
Barry L. Mills Beechwood Scholarship
C. Arthur Pearson & Judith Frank Pearson Fund
Carl H. Frink Scholarship
Cary & Janet Brick Riverside Foundation
Clayton Rotary Club Scholarship
Dominy Family Fund
Dr. William James Grant Fund for
Cape Vincent Arts Council
Garlock Lumber & Hardware Scholarship
George C. Boldt Scholarship
Gerald J. Reinman Class of 1954 &
Judith Reinman Scholarship Fund

Grace L. Reinman Fund
Greenizen Scholarship
Henry “Tyke” Wood Memorial Scholarship
International Water Level Coalition Scholarship
James V. Gosier Memorial Scholarship
Jean McInnis Walldroff Fine Arts Scholarship
June T. Walker & John R. Walker Fund
Leonard C. Ferguson Fund
Lee & Deborah Hirschey Fund for the
Antique Boat Museum
Lighthouse Fund
Lucy Reff Memorial Scholarship
Lynn Anne Dominy Memorial Fund
Mary Bastian Memorial Foundation
Mary M. & George W. Forbes Thousand
Islands Central School Scholarship

Matt Doheny Scholarship
Patricia Taylor Scholarship
Pearson Family Scholarship
Point Vivian Preservation Project Fund
Russell I. Wilcox Thousand Islands
Bridge Authority Scholarship
Scott Fiorentino Athletic Memorial Scholarship
Stumpf Farm Productions Scholarship
The River Fund
Thousand Islands AFS Scholarship
Thousand Islands Foundation (and component funds)
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund
Sidney T. Cox Memorial Concert Fund
Thousand Islands Young Leaders
Organization Scholarship

In addition to the funds listed here, several River-area donors have donor-advised funds at the Community Foundation.

Partner with us to support your favorite causes

The following River-area organizations have established permanent endowments at the Community Foundation which ensure enduring stewardship and annual funding for the causes that matter most to you. Consider including one of these funds in your planning, or design your own fund to include these, or others.

Alexandria Township Historical Society
Cape Vincent Community Library
Cape Vincent Arts Council
Cape Vincent Village Green
Densmore Church
Depauville Free Library
Foundation for Community Betterment
(Alexandria Bay Chapter)
Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center
Hammond Presbyterian Church
Hawn Memorial Library
Hearts for Youth
Macsherry Library
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Point Vivian Preservation Corp.
River Hospital
St. John’s Episcopal Church, Cape Vincent
Save The River
Thousand Islands Arts Center
Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS)
Thousand Islands Land Trust
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund
(TIPAF) at the Clayton Opera House



How to leave a legacy for the River area

There are many flexible ways to leave a legacy to benefit the places and organizations you love the most, during your lifetime or as a planned gift. A gift made through the Northern New York Community Foundation can be powerful and enduring. Consider these smart and effective giving options as you prepare to discuss plans with your advisors:

Bequests

A bequest is the most common way to support your favorite charities and community in perpetuity. You can leave a specific sum or percentage of your estate in your will or trust to the Community Foundation. The Foundation can provide specific language to ensure your gift is designated responsibly.

Charitable Gift Annuity

This gift can generate income for you or a loved one and create partial tax savings with the establishing gift and subsequent annuity payments. The remainder reverts to the Community Foundation after your lifetime and can be directed to a River-area endowment stewarded by the Foundation, or to create a permanent named fund on your behalf.

Gift of stock or appreciated securities

This option presents tax advantages. Receive a tax deduction and avoid capital gains tax on a stock gift to the Community Foundation. Establish a named fund at the Foundation to support nonprofits of your choice or direct the gift to an existing River-area fund.

Life insurance

Many people find that the protection offered by life insurance policies is no longer needed later in life. You can list the Community Foundation as the beneficiary of an existing or new policy to increase generosity in support of your objectives.

Retirement Plans

By changing the beneficiary to the Community Foundation, you maximize your gift for the charitable goals you wish to see fulfilled. It is a simple and meaningful way to make a difference.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

If you are 70 ½ or older, a QCD to the Community Foundation can be an excellent way to make a gift. Make a distribution from your IRA as part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to the Foundation and avoid taxes. Then, the IRA distribution to the Foundation may be directed to support an existing River-area fund or to establish a named fund of your own to help local charities of your choice. Distributions to start Donor-Advised Funds are excluded.

Real estate and other property

This gift can maximize your charitable intentions, help avoid estate taxes, and reduce the burden placed on heirs. The Foundation's gift acceptance policy can help guide the responsible execution of this type of gift.

It starts with a conversation

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