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Thank you for choosing to make a difference and strengthen our region

As the end of the year approaches, I am filled with gratitude for all that our friends have made possible. **Your generosity has made a profound difference** across every corner of our community, from meeting critical needs to enhancing the full spectrum of quality of life. Throughout 2025, our region has been enriched because donors with heart and vision believed that together, we can create change that is both immediate and enduring.



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Some of you have stood beside us for many years, while others joined our family for the first time. We hope our commitment to improving life in **Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence** counties continues to meet your expectations. Your vision and leadership matter more than you can imagine.

Now more than ever, the collective strength of our donor family provides inspiration, hope, and opportunity, building

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on the history and heritage of those who came before us. **Your single gift touches lives in countless ways**, supporting human services, health and wellness, education, families, children and youth, older adults, arts and culture, parks, trails, playgrounds and recreation, beautification, history, community and workforce development, animal welfare, and conservation and the environment.

Your generosity truly changes lives, and in doing so, makes life better for all of us. **Thank you for believing in this community and in the power of giving to improve it.** Because of you, Northern New York remains a place where people care for one another, strive to improve the quality of life, and come together for good.

YOUR ANNUAL GIFTS HELP VULNERABLE WOMEN & CHILDREN



DELIVERING DIGNITY: A \$3,000 Youth Philanthropy Council grant is presented to the **Victims Assistance Center (VAC) of Jefferson County** to help purchase new beds and bed frames for domestic abuse survivors. Back row, from left: **Amber Jackson**, VAC finance manager; **Shayne Morris**, VAC program director; and **Lucy Swartz**, first-year YPC student and Watertown High junior. Middle row, from left: **Kristin Proven**, VAC development director; **Annabelle Renzi**, first-year YPC student and South Jefferson High junior; **Emily Pfeil**, YPC advisor and Community Foundation Philanthropy Associate; and **Julia Tontarski**, second-year YPC student, Council secretary, and Immaculate Heart Central junior. Front row, from left: **Lydia Tremont**, first-year YPC student and South Jefferson High junior; **Devin Duffy**, VAC Direct Services Coordinator; **Amy Quonce**, VAC executive director; and **Emelia**, VAC facility dog.

YOUR GIFTS STRENGTHEN RURAL HEALTH CARE



A permanent promise for the River: How endowment strengthens care for generations

River Hospital's future grew even stronger this year when a transformational \$2 million gift was placed into its permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation. For hospital leaders, the decision reflects a clear belief: long-term stability is essential to sustaining high-quality rural healthcare.

River Hospital established its endowment fund in 2014. In 2021, hospital leadership partnered with the Foundation on a campaign to help strengthen the endowment with the Foundation providing a \$150,000 matching commitment.

Chief Executive Officer **Kelley Tiernan** describes endowment as both a practical tool and a promise.

"Rural healthcare is built on resilience, innovation, and the belief that every person deserves exceptional care close to home," she said. "Our endowment embodies that promise. It strengthens care today and ensures that, no matter what challenges come our way, River Hospital will be here with strength, readiness, and hope for generations to come."

That strength has already made a difference. Endowment support

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The Community Foundation brings deep expertise in stewarding charitable resources and has been a steadfast partner in helping us grow and protect our endowment. We see the Foundation as a true partner in securing the health and well-being of the River community, now and far into the future.

— Kelley Tiernan, River Hospital Chief Executive Officer

recently funded an automatic chest compressor now in use during cardiac emergencies, a lifesaving investment many rural hospitals often struggle to make.

The endowment also reflects the vision of donors like Wayne

Strauss, whose leadership gift was intentionally directed to secure River Hospital's long-term future. His commitment inspired others to invest, helping grow a fund designed to serve the community in perpetuity.

Andy Impaglia, CFO, said the hospital's partnership with the Community Foundation brings confidence and stewardship to that vision.

For Executive Director of Development **Stephanie Weiss**, the endowment also reflects the belief of the community in the hospital.

"This endowment is being built one act of generosity at a time," she said. "Every gift is a vote of confidence in our mission and a promise that exceptional care will always be here on the River."

Hospital leaders see the endowment fund as essential to meeting the challenges of rural healthcare, providing stability, fueling innovation, and giving donors a meaningful way to create lasting impact.

"If your mission matters to your community," Ms. Tiernan said, "an endowment is one of the strongest commitments you can make to ensuring it endures."

LEADERSHIP ON THE RIVER: From left: **River Hospital** Chief Financial Officer **Andy Impaglia**; Chief Executive Officer **Kelley Tiernan**; and Executive Director of Development **Stephanie Weiss**.

A \$2 million gift the hospital received was directed to help build the organization's permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation earlier this year.

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Endowment funds critical equipment

River Hospital's growing endowment plays a vital role in ensuring it can respond quickly to emerging needs and invest in **lifesaving patient technologies**.

The hospital recently relied on proceeds from its endowment for the first time to purchase an **automatic chest compressor**, a critical device that allows care teams to deliver uninterrupted, effective CPR during medical emergencies. This single investment demonstrates how the **endowment strengthens** the hospital's ability to **provide exceptional care today, while preserving resources** to protect the health of the community **well into the future**.

■ To help build the fund, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601**, or access secure online giving at **nnycf.org**.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL: YOUR GIFTS DEVELOP FUTURE GENERATIONS OF COMMUNITY LEADERS

YPC CLASS OF 2025-26:

Back row, from left: **Oliver King**, South Jefferson junior; **Lydia Tremont**, South Jefferson junior; **Annabelle Renzi**, South Jefferson junior; **Nola Johnson**, Watertown junior; **Julia Tontarski**, Immaculate Heart Central junior; **Trey Urf**, Watertown junior; **Hudson Guldenpfennig**, Watertown junior; **Maxwell Hunt**, Lyme junior. Front row, from left: **Isabel Mendez**, General Brown junior; **Caitlin Daugherty**, Watertown junior; **Frances Weir**, Watertown junior; **Lucy Swartz**, Watertown junior; **April Wang**, Watertown senior; **Valerie Akins**, Carthage junior; **Alexandria Zajac**, Immaculate Heart Central junior; and **Gaige Doroha**, Watertown junior. Absent from photo: **William Steward**, South Jefferson senior.

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YPC grant opportunity

■ The Community Foundation's **Youth Philanthropy Council** is now accepting 2026 funding proposals. Grant applications are due **Friday, Jan. 2, 2026**. Contact **Emily Pfeil**, Community Foundation philanthropy associate, **315-782-7110**, or **emily@nnycf.org**, to learn more about how to apply for up to a total of \$25,000. This opportunity is **not limited** to organizations that serve youth; **all tri-county nonprofits** are welcome and encouraged to apply regardless of their work and missions.



Community service, leadership lessons

Above left, from left: Council members hosted a leadership panel in October. They welcomed, **PJ Banazek**, managing director and partner, **Morgia Wealth Management**, Watertown; **Dr. Kevin Angstadt**, assistant professor of computer science at **St. Lawrence University** and president of the Board of Directors for the **Orchestra of Northern New York**, Potsdam; and **Erika Flint**, executive director, **Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization**, Watertown, and **Safe Schools Endeavor** Steering Committee chair. Panelists shared several lessons learned in community and organizational leadership. The 2025-26 YPC class began in late August to prepare

members for the year ahead. Students participated in several team-building activities that will help shape their perspectives on leadership, community service, and philanthropy. Above right: A \$2,500 Community Foundation grant will support local efforts for this year's **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots** program, ensuring that every child has a gift to open on Christmas. From left: Youth Philanthropy Council students **Ali Zajac**, Immaculate Heart Central junior; **Michelle Tinsley**, Jefferson County Toys for Tots coordinator; **Gaige Doroha**, Watertown High junior; and **Julia Tontarski**, Immaculate Heart Central junior. (Kara Dry Photography / For Thoughtful Giving.)

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



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LEAD COUNCIL: YOUR GIFTS HELP BUILD COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



LEAD COUNCIL AT WORK: LEAD Council members this year conducted several nonprofit site visits. **Double Play Community Center** Executive Director **Dan Myers** explains how a commercial kitchen will be used to provide classes and training at Double Play's new location. LEAD Council members, from left, **Anna Platz, Darian Eagle, Joel Robare, David Nisley, Steve Magovney, and Noah Taylor.** Throughout the past decade, LEAD members have participated in several creative and strategic initiatives, giving their time, talent, and treasure to combat food insecurity, conduct community giving challenges, student-led endeavors, and meaningful grants to nonprofits.

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Foundation's LEAD Council kicks off young professionals giving circle

The Community Foundation's **LEAD Council** is excited to launch the **LEAD Giving Circle** for young professionals who wish to give back to the Northern New York.

Residents in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties between the ages of 18 and 40 are encouraged to make a year-end gift of any size to the **Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Annual Fund** at the Community Foundation. With a contribution and agreement to be included in the LEAD Giving Circle, young professionals can participate in LEAD Council activities starting next year.

Young professionals who make a gift and join the LEAD Giving Circle will have access to a variety of local nonprofit site visits, volunteer experiences, resource sharing and oppor-



tunities to deploy individual skills and talents to help strengthen our communities. Giving circle members may also participate in the Council's annual LEAD Impact Grant Program. The gift also demonstrates the donor's belief in the impact of the Community Foundation's mission.

"LEAD feels strongly about our

community philanthropy being amplified when we give together," said **Marc Piche**, LEAD Council chair. "Through the LEAD Giving Circle, every contribution to Friends grows our strength and purpose, multiplying the effect of each dollar into lasting change across the North Country."

The LEAD Council was established in 2014 to empower young professionals to make a direct impact in the Foundation's tri-county footprint. The Council is presently comprised of 20 young professionals who live and work in the tri-county area with an interest in enhancing the quality of life for all in the North Country.

LEAD is an acronym that reflects four important guiding principles of the Community Foundation's work: **Leadership, Engagement, Access, and Direction.**

Join the LEAD Giving Circle

Joining the **LEAD Giving Circle** is easy, convenient, and tax-deductible through a gift to the **Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Annual Fund**. To make a secure online gift today, simply scan the code and designate your contribution as a LEAD Giving Circle gift.



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



YOUR ANNUAL GIFTS ENABLE VITAL COMMUNITY RESEARCH

A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE:

Right, **Joel LaLone**, executive director of the **Jefferson Community College Center for Community Studies** on the Watertown campus. Below: Joel LaLone and **Larry Danforth**, Center for Community Studies Research Director. A growing Community Foundation endowment fund supports the Center and its vital work.

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JCC's Center for Community Studies advances community insight through endowment

For 25 years, **Jefferson Community College's Center for Community Studies** has been a trusted voice in the North Country, gathering unbiased, nonpartisan data that helps communities plan confidently for the future. Established in 2021, the Center's endowment at the Community Foundation ensures its distinctive work endures, and builds upon many years of underwriting support for the Center's annual community surveys.

From its start in 1999, the Center understood that independence mattered. Its research needed to stand apart from politics, agendas, and outside influence. Creating an endowment was a deliberate step to safeguard that independence and secure the resources required for rigorous, community-based research.

The fund supports the Center's greatest asset: its people. Each year, student researchers conduct

interviews, analyze data, and gain real-world experience while contributing to regional projects that shape economic development and quality of life across Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties.

"As costs rise, the endowment ensures that the Center remains a stable, reliable resource for the region," said Joel LaLone, executive director of the Center. "Our partnership with the Community Foundation is both natural and essential. We share a mission to strengthen communities and improve quality of life through education, engagement,

and trusted information."

The Center is the only public opinion research institute operated by a community college in the United States, a distinction made possible through deep partnerships. Jefferson Community College provides operational support, while the Community Foundation's stewardship of the endowment sustains long-term capacity and preserves the Center's independence.

The endowment has helped to expand the Center's sustainability and position it to meet growing demand for timely, reliable data that guides local governments, nonprofits, and businesses.

Mr. LaLone hopes others see the value in investing for the long term.

"Endowments allow important work to continue long after individual projects end. Every gift strengthens students, strengthens communities, and strengthens the region," Mr. LaLone said.



Help build the endowment

To help build the Jefferson Community College Center for Community Studies endowment at the Community Foundation, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601**, or access secure online giving at nnycf.org.

Family's journey inspires new scholarship

Nilie and Rose Richardson believed in education as a 'path to possibility'

Nilie and Rose Richardson believed deeply in the power of education. Though their own schooling was limited, they worked tirelessly to ensure their five children had opportunities they never did. Their message was constant and clear: Earn an education. Learn a profession. Build an independent, productive life. They were, as their children describe, "the wind beneath our wings."

Curtis, Calvin, Ellen, Virginia, and Cody Richardson graduated from Ogdensburg Free Academy, an achievement their parents celebrated as one of their life's greatest rewards. Earlier this year, Dr. Curtis Richardson, Ellen Weir, Virginia Wescott, and Cody Richardson honored their family's legacy by establishing the Nilie and Rose Richardson Family Scholarship.

The annual award supports an OFA graduate pursuing teaching, nursing, engineering, or business,



Nilie and Rose Richardson

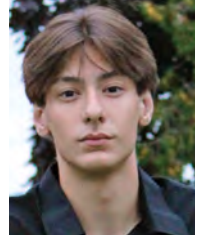
fields that reflect the values Nilie and Rose championed: service, practical skills, and contributing to a stronger community.

Rose and Nilie's lives were powerful testaments to perseverance. Rose left school at 14 to help raise her 11 younger siblings. After raising five children of her own — and often holding two jobs — she earned her GED and later an associate degree. She spent many evenings at the kitchen table helping her children with homework, instilling the dis-

cipline and confidence that would carry them through life. Her work as a nurse's aide at the St. Lawrence State Hospital reflected her compassion and resilience.

Nilie left school after ninth grade to run the family's 300-acre dairy farm in Macomb following his father's passing. A skilled farmer, conservationist, and problem-solver, he embraced modern practices long before they were common. When the farm was sold, he went on to work as a heavy equipment operator on the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway. His love for the natural world would inspire Curtis to a career in applied ecology at Duke University.

Rose and Nilie's story is one of grit, sacrifice, and unwavering belief in education as a path to possibility. Through this new scholarship, their children are ensuring that belief continues to open doors for OFA students for generations to come.



First recipient

■ **Gabe Peabody** is the first recipient of the **Nilie and Rose Richardson Family Scholarship**. A 2025 Ogdensburg Free Academy graduate, Gabe attends SUNY Potsdam where he studies early childhood education. He aspires to become a teacher.



Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund empowers tri-county women entrepreneurs

Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund grant recipients recently gathered at the Philanthropy Center for a reception to celebrate the fourth presentation of awards from the fund.

Grant funding will help support professional development for a trio of entrepreneurs. The newest grantees are: **Dr. Amy St. Croix**, Scolastico Educational Consulting, Watertown; **Evelyne Verret**, Radiant Alchemist, Potsdam; and **Renee Little**, Little House, Watertown.



Maxine Quigg

In the past four years, the Community Foundation's Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund has provided \$16,505 in grant funding to support 16 entrepreneurial women who live and work in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties.

Maxine Quigg was a successful real estate broker and a community and business leader in Jefferson County who passed away unexpectedly in April 2021. At the time of her passing, she was serving on the Community



Foundation's Board of Directors.

The fund was established at the Community Foundation in July 2021 by Maxine's sister-in-law, **Kimberley Horrill**, and daughter, **Kennedy Quigg**, with a goal to increase local mentorship, volunteerism, civic and community engagement, and investment. Its mission is to perpetuate Maxine's life and legacy by supporting and empowering women entre-

SUPPORTING SUCCESS:

From left: **Morgan Spencer**, MSPEN; **Melissa Tousley**, Sarissa Melissa Photography; **Mary Chiappone-Filson**, Treating the Root Acupuncture and Massage Therapy; **Dr. Amy St. Croix**, Scolastico Educational Consulting Firm, LLC; **Kimberley Horrill**; Maxine Quigg's sister-in-law and founder; **Lauren Eggleston**, New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation; **Kayla Jamieson**, Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce; **Gabriella "Gabi" Haycock**, Exceptional Kids and Family Therapies, and **Marina Loew**, Thousand Islands Arts Center.

preneurs in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties to succeed in their pursuits and realize their full potential.

To join others in helping to build the **Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund**, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Access secure online giving at nnycf.org.



Peter L. Clough

Peter L. Clough lived a life rooted in service, compassion, and a deep love for family, faith, and community. A proud Massena native and 1965 graduate of Massena High School, he served his country with distinction in the U.S. Army military intelligence during the Vietnam War before dedicating his career to the New York State Department of Corrections. A devoted resident of Watertown's North Side, Peter poured his energy into public service, serving 12 years on the Watertown City Council and in leadership roles with the North Side Improvement League and other local organizations. Together with his wife of 53 years, **Susan**, they raised two sons and two daughters. Peter's humor, generosity, and steadfast commitment to others left an enduring mark on all who knew him. When he passed away in July at age 77, his family chose to celebrate his life through the Community Foundation's **North Side Legacy Fund**, ensuring his lifelong spirit of service continues to strengthen the community he loved.

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Daniel G. Fay

For more than five decades, **Daniel G. "Danno" Fay** shaped the lives of thousands of students at SUNY Canton. As a beloved professor of accounting and business, he inspired generations to think critically, work hard, and give back; lessons that reached far beyond the classroom. Born in Massena in 1944, Dan graduated from Massena High School and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Clarkson University. He and his wife, **Linda**, settled in Canton, where they raised a daughter and two sons and built a life grounded in faith, friendship, and service. A tireless advocate for his community, Dan gave generously of his time, serving on numerous boards and supporting causes close to his heart. As longtime Friends of the Community Foundation, he and Linda established family funds at the Foundation to benefit the people and places of St. Lawrence County. Dan's legacy endures in the students he mentored, the community he strengthened, and the love he shared with all who knew him.

Tribute gifts in memory of Daniel G. Fay

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson



William P. Doyle II

William P. "Bill" Doyle II built a life defined by warmth, humor, and generosity. A Potsdam native and 1968 Immaculate Heart Central graduate, he cultivated friendships everywhere he went — from his early days at Century Housewares, where he rose to district manager, to his later career in sales at WWTI TV 50. Bill proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserve and remained deeply engaged in his community. He valued family above all. Together with his first wife, he shared two daughters. Bill later married **Debra Platko**, building a family that included a son and daughter. When he passed away in September, his family chose a tribute that reflects his enduring connection to service and the place that shaped him. Memorial gifts helped establish the **William P. Doyle Memorial Golf Scholarship** at the Community Foundation, supporting graduating seniors from Immaculate Heart Central. In this special way, Bill's legacy will continue to lift young people forward, just as he lifted others throughout his life.

Tribute gifts in memory of William P. Doyle II

Nora M. Doyle
Karen Loftus & Family



Cathleen Freeman

Cathleen Freeman shaped the lives of hundreds of young people, mentoring them with skill, patience, and heart. A Watertown native and Copenhagen Central School graduate, she built her life around family, community, and a deep love for her craft. After studying cosmetology at Howard G. Sackett Technical Center and later earning a technical education degree from SUNY Oswego, Cathleen found her purpose in the classroom. For more than 25 years at the Sackett Technical Center and Jeff-Lewis BOCES, she prepared students for meaningful careers, instilling confidence that stayed with them long after graduation. Cathleen shared 48 years of marriage with her husband, **Gerald**, and together they raised a daughter and a son. She also nurtured community through her home salon for more than 30 years. In August, colleagues and friends established the **Cathleen Freeman Memorial Scholarship** at the Community Foundation, ensuring her impact continues for future cosmetology students. We are honored to be part of the enduring way she will be remembered.

Tribute gifts in memory of Cathleen Freeman

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MARY M. McDONALD MASCOTT 1944-2025

Mary M. McDonald Mascott cared deeply for her family, community, and the North Country. An accomplished attorney who spent most of her career with Merck & Co., Inc., she never forgot her roots in Northern New York. Mary supported many local and regional causes while sharing her leadership with a wide range of organizations throughout her life of 80 years, including the Community Foundation. She served on the Foundation's Board from 2002 to 2009 and was instrumental in its growth and development as a steadfast advocate for its important role. She brought insight and wisdom in extraordinary ways. A Watertown native, Mary was born in 1944, a daughter to **Anna M. (Murrock)** and **J. Donald McDonald**. She graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1962 and earned a bachelor's



degree from D'Youville College, Buffalo, and a Juris Doctor from the Fordham University School of Law. She married **G. Theodore "Ted" Mascott** in 1983. Mary began her career practicing public service law in New York City for five years with the Legal Aid Society and the City Bar Association. Mary concluded her career at Merck as General Counsel, the first woman to hold that position in a major American corporation. We share our heartfelt sympathy as we mourn her loss and celebrate her life and legacy. We are grateful that, together with Ted, she established numerous funds at the Community Foundation that will touch the lives of many in our region for generations to come. To those listed below, we appreciate your gifts that honor Mary's deep commitment to the people and places of Northern New York.

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Rande Richardson



Lee D. Berry

Lee Donald Berry leaves a legacy grounded in family, service, and a deep commitment to the North Country's forests and rural communities. An Adams Center native and South Jefferson graduate, Lee built his life around stewardship — shaped at the New York State Ranger School and strengthened during his Vietnam War service. With his brother, Gary, he helped lead Berry Brothers Lumber, reflecting both his entrepreneurial drive and respect for the land. He and his wife of 55 years, **Sue**, raised two children and rooted their family in generosity and community spirit. Lee shared his expertise widely. For more than 20 years, he served on the Ranger School Board and championed responsible forestry and land use. He also gave back locally as a member of the Lorraine Town Board. To honor his memory, Lee's family directed gifts to the Community Foundation to grow the **Berry Brothers Lumber FFA Award**, a scholarship he and Sue established in 2021 to support students pursuing agricultural studies. We extend our sympathy

to Lee's family as we celebrate his enduring legacy of stewardship and service.

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Lee Donald Berry

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Theresa Ann Constance Desormeaux

Theresa Ann Constance Desormeaux spent 93 years living her values of faith, family, hard work, and service to others. A Cape Vincent native and Watertown School of Commerce graduate, she built an early career at Knowlton Brothers before beginning the chapter that defined her life: raising a son and six daughters while operating a successful Gouverneur dairy farm with her husband, **Albert**. Theresa's commitment to community ran just as deep. She volunteered generously, supporting local nonprofits, her church, and neighbors who knew they could always count on her steady presence and practical kindness. Giving back was a shared priority for Theresa and Albert. Together they supported the Community Foundation and its **Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund**, later establishing family funds to lift the causes they cared about most, both now and in the future. When she passed in October, her family chose to honor her by directing memorial gifts to the Foundation, an enduring reflection of her belief in

helping others. Theresa's legacy lives on in the family she nurtured, the community she strengthened, and the charitable impact she set in motion. We are grateful to honor her life, her generosity, and her example.

Tribute gifts in memory of
**Theresa Ann (Constance)
Desormeaux**

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Ellen A. Hayes

Ellen A. Hayes built a life grounded in kindness, learning, and family, values she passed to her children, grandchildren, and the many people she quietly lifted along the way. Born in Rochester in 1950, Ellen pursued education with purpose, graduating from Penfield High School, earning a bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, and completing a master's in teaching at SUNY Potsdam. She and her husband, **Daniel**, shared 50 years of marriage and raised a daughter and three sons. Ellen taught reading at Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School, nurturing a love of learning in countless young students. While raising her family, she devoted herself to community service, giving time and heart to organizations that strengthened the places she called home. Together with Dan, her long-standing leadership with the **Sandstoner Foundation** (and partnership with the Community Foundation), that generations of Potsdam High School students will be

inspired to pursue their own educational dreams. Ellen's legacy of generosity endures in every life she touched. We honor her memory and extend our deepest sympathy to Dan and their family.

Tribute gifts in memory of
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Rande Richardson



John J. O'Brien

John J. O'Brien poured pride and purpose into serving students, teachers, and staff as a special patrol officer with the Oneida County Sheriff's Department at Camden Central Schools. His calm presence and easy rapport made him a trusted part of school life. Born at Fort Sill in 1964, John grew up in Watertown, graduated from Immaculate Heart Central in 1982, and attended Buffalo State University, where he played football. He continued his love of the game with the Watertown Red and Black and went on to a 29-year career with the New York State Department of Corrections, retiring as a lieutenant. John married **Colleen Bennett** in 1991, and together they raised two sons. After his unexpected passing in August, his family directed memorial gifts to the Community Foundation to strengthen the **Terry O'Brien Memorial Scholarship**, honoring both John and his late brother. In this special way, John's legacy will help support IHC students for years to come.

Tribute gifts in memory of
John O'Brien

Anonymous
Mary Ann Bailey
Max & Sara DelSignore

William & Janice Falvo
Sue & Dave Guyton
Immaculate Heart Central
School Booster Club
Mark & Joanne Lavarney

Peter & Beth Levos
John & Gina Marzano
North Country Goes Green
Irish Festival

Kurt & Maureen Robbins
Stephanie Schell
Mark & Shanie Strife
Steve & Tiffany Woodward



William D. O'Brien

William D. O'Brien built a life anchored in faith, family, and community service. Born in Rhode Island in 1940, he grew up in Providence before serving in the U.S. Army at Camp Drum. He married **Katherine "Kay" Lortie** in 1961 and raised a daughter and four sons together. After his honorable discharge in 1966, they made their home in Watertown. William worked for Seaway Motor Express, co-owned the Elbow Room, and later retired from Fort Drum, where he spent many years as a skilled mechanic. When William passed away in September at age 85, his family directed memorial gifts to the Community Foundation to help build the **Terry O'Brien Memorial Scholarship**. The fund honors his late son while supporting Immaculate Heart Central graduates. We are saddened by William's loss as we celebrate his life and legacy of generosity.

Tribute gifts in memory of
William O'Brien

Max & Sara DelSignore
Peter & Beth Levos
Paul Trimper &
Sarah Barden-Schantz



Lawrence C. Barone

Lawrence C. "Larry" Barone devoted his life to art, teaching, and the communities he loved. A Batavia native who earned degrees from SUNY Buffalo and UMass Amherst, he inspired generations of students as an art educator in New York and Massachusetts. His belief in young people was profound as he helped hundreds of students find their path. When he and his wife, **Constance**, settled in Sackets Harbor in 2002, Larry continued to share his gifts. He opened The Gallery-Fine Art, taught at Jefferson Community College, and remained an active, thoughtful voice. His service as a village trustee, historian, and volunteer reflected a deep sense of responsibility to place. A celebrated printmaker and pastel artist, Larry's work appeared in exhibitions across the country. Memorial gifts to the **Brennan-Barone Fund** at the Community Foundation will help ensure that Larry and Connie's passion for community and the causes they value most continue to leave an imprint on the people and places of our region and beyond.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Lawrence C. Barone

Elizabeth Alverson
Kathleen LaRussa Andrews
Arts Association of NNY
Joanne Barone
Samuel M. & Anne L. Barone
Bowers & Company CPAs
Jon & Karen Constance
Cynthia Cratsley
Randall T. & Elizabeth L. Crawford
Betsy & Mike Cuccinello

Inger & Lou Curth
Peter & Sally Daly
John & Mary Jo Deans
Marty & Sharon DelSignore
Max & Sara DelSignore
Richard & Sandra Dodge
Sally Doxtater
Judith & Robert Fiorentino
Bonnie J. Gestwicki
Bill Haller
Marcia Henderson

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Hounsfield Senior Citizens Club
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Kathy Killeen
Karen Lago
Dominic & Janet Lovria
Carolyn (Corky) Marlowe
Briggs McAndrews
James & Patricia Newell
Lynn S. Newman
Colleen, Matthew & Megan
Petschke

Marc & Becky Reitz
Rande Richardson
Zachary A. & Sarah J. Rogers
The Rutenkrogers
Kezia & Steve Sullivan
JoAnn & Merlin Tasant
Mary Ann Van Der Jagt
Beth White
Vicki Wilson
WPBS-TV
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Includes only gifts made to the Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund from Sept. 1, 2025 to Nov. 17, 2025, or for those who have just recently passed.

In Memory of Given by

Robert F. Asbury

James E. & Sandra L. Branski
Janet J. George

Frank Joseph Avallone Jr.

Lynne Marie Finn
Robert Fox
Peter & Jeanette Turner
Joseph & Patricia Ventiquattro
Noelle Warfield

Ronald L. Bovay

Elizabeth K. Gleason
Empire Hermon Chapter 68
Order of the Eastern Star
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Terry R. Brown

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John R. Cecil

Rande Richardson

Bonnie J. Clark

Rande Richardson

Lee Clary

Peter & Jeanette Turner

Daniel I. Cole

Rande Richardson

Marjorie K. Cole

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande Richardson

Paul L. Cook

Max & Sara DelSignore
William & Beth Maguire & Family
Jeff & Claudia Marsh
Rande, Evan & Braeden Richardson

Bruce Dartt

Mary G. Colton

Bruce Wayne Daugherty

Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Beverly Eunice DeMar

Max & Sara DelSignore
Rande & Kara Richardson

Ann Denny

Warren & Mary Beth Denny

Shirley Eagles-Salmon

Michele Gehring-Jeican
Rande Richardson

Linda Nichols Lahey Fay

Mary G. Colton

Mary Lou Edmonds Ferry

Warren & Mary Beth Denny

Pamela I. Gagnon

Stephen & Jacqueline Gagnon
Thomas Richard Gagnon
Deborah L. Papin
Nancy Wakefield

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Kevin I. Gleason

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Betty Henry

Warren & Mary Beth Denny

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Rande Richardson

Louise Kidder

Rande Richardson

Robert M. Kowalick, Sr.

Warren & Mary Beth Denny

Eugene Joseph Langone Jr.

Rachel Cox
Alan & Nannette Cowen
Timothy M. Langone
Joan & George Smith

MaryAnn Larney

John J. Gaffney

Joseph C. Loftus Jr.

Rande Richardson

Dorrinne J. (Jowett) Lyon

Joseph Roukous & Michelle
Mullen-Roukous
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Rande Richardson

Kevin R. Murray

Max, Sara, Grace & Jack
DelSignore

Dorothy Maude (Spencer) Olin

Rande Richardson

Ora R. Phillips

Rande Richardson

Douglas S. Quintin

Theresa L. Quintin

John Ramus

Warren & Mary Beth Denny

Rejean H. Roux

Rande Richardson

Lori Schenk

Rande Richardson

John R. "Jack" Shaw

Deborah Bates
Albert Desormeaux & Family

Bradley W. Smith

Rande Richardson

Sally A. Smith

Deborah Griffith

Keira L. Thurheimer

Maria Mesires
Rande Richardson

Elizabeth "Becky" Van de Water

Mary G. Colton

Joan Taylor Welch

Rande Richardson

Katherine "Kay" Davis Whitbeck

Rande Richardson

William "Bayne" White

Rande, Evan & Braeden
Richardson

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Trinity Episcopal Church,
Fayetteville

Agnes J. (Crescenzi) Zaremba

Rande Richardson

In Honor of Given by

Constance A. "Connie"

Elliott's 88th Birthday
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Gretchen Eysaman's

89th Birthday
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Dave Stone's 90th Birthday

Kenneth J. Eysaman III
Rande Richardson

Stephen J. Todd's Retirement

Kenneth J. Eysaman III

In our next issue ...

■ Our spring 2026 issue of **Thoughtful Giving** will feature stories and memorial tributes about the lives and legacies of several Community Foundation supporters who recently passed including:

Caleb Wesley Alford
Ronald L. Bovay
Bradley W. Smith
Joan Taylor Welch

Funding lifts Christmas Sharing Program

A Community Foundation grant is helping to brighten the holidays for Lewis County children and families.

Members of the Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council recently presented the award to the Lowville Food Pantry to support its long-running Christmas Sharing Holiday Assistance program. The initiative ensures that the childhood memories of Lewis County children include waking up Christmas morning to gifts under the tree.

Funding will be used to purchase

gifts, food, and supplies for families.

In addition, families in need may receive enough food for the holiday break, including all the ingredients for a Christmas dinner. The program also contributes to the well-being of Lewis County senior citizens during the holiday season.

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT: From left: **Valerie Akins**, first-year Youth Philanthropy Council student and Carthage High junior; **Caitlin Daugherty**, first-year YPC student and Watertown High junior; and **Sue Burnham**, Lowville Food Pantry Christmas Sharing Program director in the pantry's gift room. (Kara Dry Photography)



STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABILITY: North Country Family Health Center Chief Financial Officer **Erin Hunter**, left, and Chief Executive Officer **Joey Marie Horton** at the Health Center's main office in Watertown. A recent Community Foundation grant helped the Health Center complete a critical finance project that will boost its operational stability for years to come.

Kara Dry Photography
/ For Thoughtful Giving



Foundation grant helps health center strengthen long-term sustainability

A Community Foundation grant is helping the North Country Family Health Center take a major step toward long-term stability while ensuring essential care remains within reach for thousands of families in Jefferson and Lewis counties.

This year, the Foundation awarded \$25,000 to support a comprehensive review of the Health Center's revenue cycle management — a behind-the-scenes but mission-critical system that keeps the doors open and services accessible. As the Health Center continues to expand to meet rising community needs, the investment arrived at exactly the right moment.

Since becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center, the organization has tripled its budget and grown its workforce to serve more patients than ever. The Center expects to care for nearly 400 people each day across five clinical sites in Jefferson and Lewis counties. It also provides medical, dental, and behavioral health care in school-based centers across seven districts.

Unlike many health care providers, the Health Center cannot raise

The Community Foundation's generous support made it possible for North Country Family Health Center to complete a critical revenue optimization project. Thanks to the Foundation's partnership, we are better positioned to sustain our mission and continue providing exceptional care to our community for decades to come.

— Joey Marie Horton,
CEO, North Country
Family Health Center

fees to balance rising costs. At the same time, reimbursement challenges have grown more complex, especially following an unexpected cyberattack that disrupted key financial operations.

The Community Foundation grant enabled the Center to engage top healthcare financial experts to analyze workflows, improve processes, and strengthen systems that support accurate reimbursement and long-term sustainability.

"This investment will strengthen our financial stability and operational efficiency for years to come," said Joey Marie Horton, chief executive officer. "Funding not only helped us recover from an unexpected cyber-attack that significantly impacted our operations, but also empowered us to build a stronger, more resilient organization."

The Community Foundation is a longtime Health Center supporter and partner. It played a key role in the organization's 2013 restructuring, including helping establish a permanent endowment at the Foundation, a fund designed to anchor the Center's future.

For this latest effort, the **Jane Deline Foundation** joined the Community Foundation with a \$25,000 matching grant, doubling the impact and ensuring the Center could complete this mission-essential project.



Help build the Health Center's endowment

The North Country Family Health Center established a permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation in 2013 to help plan for its future. To help build the fund, make gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or access secure online giving at nnycf.org.

Philanthropy Center welcomes Advocate Drum

Nonprofits continue to enjoy community spaces as activity rebounds

Advocate Drum is the newest organization to join the **Northern New York Philanthropy Center**, leasing space on the **Robert and Jean Sturtz Nonprofit Collaboration Floor**.

Celebrating 40 years this year, the nonprofit is dedicated to strengthening the connection between Fort Drum and the surrounding communities.

"We are excited to co-locate with the Community Foundation, strengthening our shared commitment to serving the Fort Drum and North Country communities," Advocate Drum Executive Director **Michael S. McFadden** said.

The organization joins the **Food Bank of Central New York** and the **Central Association of the Blind and Visually**

Impaired (CABVI) as Philanthropy Center tenants.

The CABVI office recently welcomed a new team member to serve clients with low vision needs in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties. **Renee Williams** is available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Learn more about their services at cabvi.org.

The Philanthropy Center continues to see growth in activity from nonprofits of all types using the Center's first-floor conference rooms for meetings and classes. Since January, more than two dozen different nonprofits have utilized Philanthropy Center conference rooms. Email info@nnycf.org, or call 315-782-7110 to reserve space today.



ADVOCATE DRUM TEAM: From left: **Ashley Shepard**, program manager, Next Move NY — Live. Love. Stay.; **Nancy Datoush**, executive assistant; and **Michael S. McFadden**, executive director.



JEFFERSON-CAN COMMUNITY SCHOLARS: Jefferson Community College recognized the 2025-26 class of **Jefferson-Can Community Scholars** during a campus reception in October. The program is a partnership with the **Community Foundation**, the **Jefferson Community College Foundation** and Jefferson alumnus **Stephen Can**.

New class of Jefferson-Can Community Scholars named

The 2025-2026 class of 32 **Jefferson-Can Community Scholars** was honored during an October reception at **Jefferson Community College**.

The Community Foundation administers the Jefferson-Can Community Scholars program in collaboration with Jefferson alumnus **Mr. Stephen H. Can**, his wife, **Pam**, and the **Jefferson Community College Foundation**.



Stephen H. Can

The program awards high school seniors who are in the top 15 percent of their graduating class a merit-based scholarship to cover tuition for the first year of study at Jefferson Community College. Since its inception in 2007, the Jefferson-Can Community Scholars program has provided scholarships totaling approximately \$1.9 million, supporting 856

CLASS OF 2025-26 JEFFERSON-CAN COMMUNITY SCHOLARS

Alexandria

Rylynn J. Bain
Brayton T. Bradley
Mason M. Savage

Beaver River

Abigail L. Eisel
Carter J. Rice

Belleville Henderson

Avery M. Pritchard

Carthage

Tamia Cooley

Copenhagen

Maddy S. Carroll

General Brown

Raegan Burgenstock
Madelyn T. Ferris
Anthony T. LaSage
Haley M. Parker

Immaculate Heart

Abigail D. Bombard

Indian River

Katie E. Bleam
Amiah A. Hicks
Savannah E. Verne
Richard J. Via

LaFargeville

Morgan L. LaBow

Lowville Academy

Nicholas Martin
Simeon M. Rush

Lyme

Alyssa N. Coolidge

South Jefferson

Elizabeth D. Hobbs
Abigail C. Rudd
Nicholas Williams

South Lewis

Gracielynn A. Black

Thousand Islands

Ava M. Diabo
Emily E. Phinney
Tori Sampson

Watertown

Lychelle L. Bagay
Luke A. Charlton
Nathaniel S. Otis
Abigail Prior

students. Mr. Can, New Hope, Pa., is a former executive chairman and founder of Strategic Partners, a Blackstone Group private equity business in Manhattan. Mr. Can earned an Associate of Science in business administration from Jefferson Community College in 1980 before continuing his education.

We are honored to continue to partner with Mr. Can and the JCC Foundation to provide this unique opportunity to Jefferson and Lewis county students. This investment in local students is made possible through Mr. Can's generous commitment to the future of our community, our region, and our country.

YOUR ANNUAL GIFTS HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

DELIVERING ESSENTIAL NEEDS FOR NEIGHBORS:

Right, **Salvation Army Watertown Corps** volunteers help clients with food distribution in the gymnasium on a recent afternoon.

Below: Watertown Corps Captains **Christine** and **Josh Morales** hold a composite of the new 12-passenger van that Community Foundation grant funding will help purchase.

Kara Dry Photography
/ For Thoughtful Giving



Community Foundation support helps Salvation Army replace critical van

Second grant award sustains Thanksgiving holiday meal tradition

Strengthening a meaningful local impact

■ The Community Foundation's grant to help replace an aging 12-passenger van includes support from the **Emma Phoebe Hurd Fund** and the **David G. Gregor Community Fund**. Grant funding for Thanksgiving turkeys includes support from two meaningful legacy funds stewarded at the Foundation: the **Dr. LaVerne R. VanDeWall Jr. Legacy Fund** and the **Allen L. and Martha M. Smith Community Fund**.

A \$15,000 Community Foundation grant is helping the **Salvation Army Watertown Corps** replace its aging 12-passenger van — a vehicle the team has relied on for more than a decade to run essential programs across Jefferson County.

The van is central to nearly everything the Corps does: stocking its food pantry and soup kitchen, delivering winter shelter supplies, supporting disaster-relief efforts, transporting youth to camps and programs, and moving donated toys and holiday gifts. But after years of heavy use, the vehicle is no longer safe, requiring constant repairs. A new van will cost about \$70,000, and the Foundation's support helps close the remaining funding gap.

"We provide many different services, the overwhelming majority of which require transportation," **Capt. Josh Morales** said. "Whether it's picking up food donations, driving



children to camp, or picking up toys or bell-ringers, none of what we do can happen without a 12-passenger van. This grant helps us maintain staff and passenger safety. The new van will allow us to continue to effectively serve our community and put more money into our pantry and lunch programs."

The need is clear. In the last five years, the Salvation Army in Watertown has emerged as a steady resource for residents facing hardship. Each Thursday, 300 to

400 people rely on its free food-giveaway program. More than 200 others receive regular food support. During the holidays, assistance reaches more than 300 families and 3,000 children.

The Foundation also recently awarded a \$4,000 grant to ensure the Corps could serve its annual Thanksgiving meal, after learning the organization had lost its lead turkey sponsor.

The funding will cover the full cost of the main entrée. Last year, more than 1,200 individuals received a Thanksgiving meal at the State Street facility.

"The Salvation Army thanks the Community Foundation so much for providing support to make our annual Thanksgiving Day meal possible," Capt. Morales said. "With growing financial hardships we expect that number will be far exceeded. The Foundation has helped us feed the hungry in a very tangible way. For that, we say thank you."

YOUR ANNUAL GIFTS INSPIRE COMMUNITY SPIRIT YOUTH GIVING CHALLENGE STUDENTS



ROSWELL P. FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY: From left: **Suzie Renzi-Falge**, Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library executive library director; **Nicholas Orsini**, Watertown City School District student and Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Abbey Pedroza**, Community Bank Washington Street retail branch assistant.



MORRISTOWN BACKPACK PROGRAM: From left: **Brian and Lisa Colby**, grandparents; **Maggie Rollins**, Morristown ELA teacher; **Brianna Colby**, Morristown Central student and Youth Giving Challenge winner; **Nathan Colby**, father; and **Sarah Belile**, Morristown Central guidance counselor.



MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION IN JEFFERSON COUNTY: From left: **Ed Thomas**, Mental Health Association in Jefferson County executive director; **Annabelle Fletcher**, Indian River Middle School student and Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Bethany Todd**, Community Bank Arsenal Street branch manager.

YOUR GIFTS HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED

More than \$130,000 awarded to aid tri-county food pantries

Since last December, the Community Foundation has awarded more than **\$130,000 in grant support** to assist food pantries, soup kitchens and school-based backpack programs in **Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence** counties.

The grants were distributed to strengthen each organization and initiative, stocking shelves and serving families with essential needs. Local food pantries and soup kitchens continue to play a critical role in addressing food insecurity concerns across the region. School-based backpack programs provide nutritious options that help support disadvantaged children of all ages.

More than **50 locations** have received funding over the past year. Most support has been

awarded to acquire inventory from the **Food Bank of Central New York**, a longtime Community Foundation partner. Some grants have also been directed to secure critical hygiene products and other critical pantry supplies.

The Community Foundation remains steadfast in its support of these important community organizations and their reach across the tri-county region.

This is made possible because of the commitment and generosity of donors past and present like you who believe in our mission to create a prosperous North Country for everyone.

Food pantries, soup kitchens, and school-based backpack programs listed below have received Community Foundation grant support in the past year:



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Cape Vincent Community Food Pantry
Chaumont Food Pantry
Christian Fellowship Center Food Pantry
Church and Community Program
Churches of Canton
Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry
Clayton Food Pantry
Clifton-Fine Central School Food Pantry
Community Action Planning
Council of Jefferson County
Croghan Food Pantry
Dexter Methodist Church
Feed Our Vets Watertown Food Pantry
Food Bank of Central New York
Gouverneur-Richville Christian Fellowship Food Pantry
Grasse River Food Pantry
Gwen's Food Pantry
Helping Hands of Potsdam
Heuvelton Central School Food Pantry
Indian River Backpack Program
Indian River Baptist Church Food Pantry
Lewis County Opportunities
Lowville Food Pantry
Massena First United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen

Massena Meals On Wheels
Massena Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
New Beginnings Clothing & Food Outreach
Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry
Potsdam Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Potsdam Snack Pack Program
Richville Baptist Chapel Food Pantry
Salvation Army of Massena
Salvation Army Watertown Corps
South Jeff Backpack Program
St. Lawrence County Community Development Program
St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging
St. Mary's Food Pantry
St. Paul's of Redwood Food Pantry
St. Peter's Outreach Ministry
Star Lake Food Pantry
The Rohde Center
Theresa Food Pantry
Thousand Islands Central School Backpack Program
Town of Lyme Food Pantry
Tri-Town Community Services Food Pantry
Village Ecumenical Ministries
Waddington Family Resource Center Pantry
Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry

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— Robert & Julia
Storms, Adams

