



Six Town Connections

Linking our communities of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth to enhance quality of life for all

A brief history of the Six Town Community Fund

Established in 2012, the **Six Town Community Fund** was created as a geographic-specific fund to support projects and programs that positively impact the quality of life in the south Jefferson County region, specifically in the towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth.

The **Northern New York Community Foundation** stewards this charitable fund. To build initial support, the Foundation awarded a \$50,000 challenge grant to donors interested in giving to this philanthropic resource. By the end of 2014, donors from across the six towns came together to create a \$100,000 community fund. The fund will award grants to local projects in perpetuity. Contributions continue to be added to the Six Town Community Fund by donors like you. Now, families from the region can give to support the place they love and call home forever.

Save the date for Savor Six Town

Save the date Saturday, Nov. 19, for "A Taste of South Jeff — Savor Sixtown." The annual food-lovers event will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Adams Fire Hall, 6 N. Main St., Adams.

Restaurants from across the Six Town region will participate, presenting their best dishes for guests to sample. South Jeff Chamber of Commerce member businesses will also partner for the event.

Admission is \$15 per person. The evening will feature live music and a cash bar. Proceeds from the event will benefit, in part, the **Six Town Community Fund**.

A lasting legacy for Six Town

■ **Mollie Bangs believed in building better communities for everyone**

Lifelong Six Town resident Mollie Bangs believed in the strength of people working together to make communities stronger.

"When we share in the work, it helps more people," Mollie's daughter, Charlene Bickford, said. "My parents believed in South Jeff and a larger foundation for aiding its communities."

A native of Rodman and an Adams resident with her husband, Charlie, from 1949 until she passed away at age 95 on Sept. 5, 2015, Mollie was determined to make Adams more beautiful to all who entered the village. In the late 1990s, she led a campaign to refurbish the Conrail railroad bridge over West Church Street and have "Welcome to Adams" painted on its side to greet visitors as they entered Adams from Interstate 81 and points west.

It was little surprise to her family that, after Charlie passed away in 2010, Mollie became a founding donor to the Six Town Community Fund in 2012, leaving a generous gift to perpetuate a legacy of building better communities and enhancing the quality of life for all in the area.

"When we were kids she always believed in organizations that made good decisions as to where money goes," said Charlene, who lives in Arlington, Va. "She felt that way about the Six Town Community Fund, that it's good to have an organization that works to support the area exclusively. The support is well targeted."

Mollie left behind a caring legacy of service to a community she loved and an imprint on the Six Town area that will continue through a generous gift to the Six Town Community Fund. Through the fund and forever, when grants are made to support the communities



Lifelong Six Town resident Mollie Bangs, who died Sept. 5, 2015, left a lasting legacy for her communities.

Mollie loved so very much, it will have the legacy of her civic spirit attached to it.

"Both my parents bought into the concept of everybody working together to help as opposed to individual groups. It's a unified way of looking at things," Charlene said. "My sister and I have made decisions as to where people contribute. Our parents worked hard. They were both tire-

less advocates for the village of Adams and the school system."

Charlene said her parents believed very much in the community to get together and concentrate its efforts on the whole area and not having each individual community try to do the same thing and compete with each other to do so.

"I hope that more people contribute to the fund so that more good things can happen," Charlene said.

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— Charlene Bickford,
daughter of Mollie and Charlie Bangs



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Mission

The Six Town Community Fund supports programs, projects and activities that enhance the quality of life for our community in perpetuity.

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Committee Members

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Community Fund / By the numbers

100+

Total number of donors to date exceeds 100.

11

Founding-level donors — those who made a major gift to support the fund.

\$150,000

Fund total after award of a \$50,000 challenge grant from the Northern New York Community Foundation.

\$5,000

Total grant funding awarded in 2015.

7

Organizations awarded grants in 2015, the first series of grants out of the fund.

\$5,000

Available in grant funding to award in 2016 — scheduled to be announced in December.

Community Fund / Generous giving

FOUNDING DONORS

(\$5,000 or more)

Mollie Bangs
Frank and Ann Cean
Daisy Marquis Jones
Foundation
Maurice L. Herron
Bill and Bonnie Kellogg
The Marsellus Family
The Porter Family
Alan Reed
Dave and Mary Stone
Jay and Dawn Stone
Robert and Julia Storms
Barry and Ellen Waite

CHARTER CONTRIBUTORS

Adams Village Baptist Church
Tim and Renee Alford
Eric and Jennifer Anderson
Betty G. Andrews
Andrew Beckstead
Aubertine and Currier Architects,
Engineers & Land Surveyors
Belloff's Department Store
Robert and Donna Berback
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Charlene Bickford
Max and Greeta Bovee
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Barry and Betsy Ormsby
Joan and Gordon Peterson
P&T Supply and Services, Inc.
Queen of Heaven & St. Cecilia's
Roman Catholic churches
Mark and Patty Randall
Rande Richardson
Rodney and Karen Richmond
Sara Schastok
Albert and Thelma Schneider
Don and Donna Shelmidine
Doug and Sue Shelmidine
Milledge and Diana Smith

South Jefferson Lions Club
South Jeff Wine & Liquor, LLC
Doug and Karen Spooner
Bill and Teresa Stoodley
Dave and Carol Stoodley
Mark and Tammy Taylor
Thomas Excavating LLC
John and Sara Treadwell
Deborah Vink and Martin Clark
Bob and Liz Walker
Watertown Savings Bank
Sally and Doug Wilson
Joan Treadwell Woods
Dave and Barb Zembiec
Anonymous Donors

TRIBUTE GIFTS

Gifts made to the Six Town
Community Fund at the Northern
New York Community Foundation
in memory of a loved one.

In Memory of *Given by*

Mollie L. Bangs
Betty G. Andrews
Charlene N. Bickford
Barbara S. Hatheway
Susan Munro
Rande Richardson
Sara Schastok
Dave and Mary Stone
Mark and Tammy Taylor
John and Sara Treadwell
Joan Treadwell Woods

Kenneth J. Eysaman II
Gretchen G. Eysaman
Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Ruth W. Porter
Mary Ellen Reed
Betty M. Whiteman
Rande Richardson

Community Fund / Grants in action

South Jefferson Central Schools / \$1,300

The school has provided an adventure education program since the early 1990s. Six years ago, a capital project included the construction of an outdoor adventure course on land behind the Clarke Middle/High School. The program has operated with minimal resources in recent years due to school budget cuts; however, there has been interest from some community organizations about utilizing the site. Grant funding will be exercised to offer advanced training, so more facilitators could lead organizations through the course, making it available for multi-purpose use.



Theresa Lavery, Rohde Center volunteer; Vicki Pitkin, Board President, Rohde Center; Andrew Beckstead, Six Town Community Fund Committee; Mary Jo Taylor, Pantry Manager, Rohde Center.

Rohde Center / \$1,000

This agency has been serving Southern Jefferson County as an emergency food pantry for close to 40 years. The organization operates three food-related programs and collaborates with the Food Bank of Central New York. The center is concentrating on ensuring its sustainability and developing quarterly fundraising events to assist with monthly costs and providing optimal food access to those in need. This grant was put toward costs associated with coordinating a community race/walk this spring. Funding was used for basic race set-up, race day timing and supplies.

Adams Revitalization Committee / \$600

This committee has played an integral role in key community events, and last year presented the Adams Community Concert Series. The goal was to provide an array of quality music and entertainment to the Six Town region. Taking place in the summer, the series was attended by residents from local and surrounding communities. Funding would be utilized as a major resource in offering the concert series next summer, covering the costs for musicians and outreach. The 2016 concert series was a great success thanks to the generous grant. Concert attendance grew with each event.



Members of the Adams Revitalization Committee in the community gazebo at the Adams Village Green, downtown Adams — Marlene Norfolk, John McFadden, and Connie Elliott.

Community Fund / Grants in action

South Jefferson Rescue Squad / \$600

The rescue squad has been a volunteer ambulance service since 1969. Its operating territory covers the majority of Southern Jefferson County and responds to an average of more than 800 calls each year. The agency continues construction of its five-bay garage project. The squad is entering phase two, which includes remodeling an area to provide community training programs. Grant funding was awarded to assist with the renovations of rooms for community programs.



April Fallon, Coordinator of Partnerships, NNY Community Foundation; Lisa Porter, Six Town Community Fund Committee; Debbie Singleton, Executive Director, South Jefferson Rescue Squad; Andrew Beckstead, Six Town Community Fund Committee; Brendan Higgins, Six Town Community Fund Committee.



Bilkey Moore, Six Town Community Fund Committee; Marlene Norfolk, Six Town Community Fund Committee; Vince Moore, Supervisor, Town of Lorraine.

Town of Lorraine / \$500

The town submitted a request to renovate signage paying tribute to community residents who served in the armed forces. A wooden sign located in the town's rural cemetery and displaying the local names deteriorated over a number of years. Grant funding helped produce a new sign made out of lasting materials that recognizes local residents who have devoted their lives to the military across several eras.

Community Fund / Grants in action



Front row from left: Francis Warner, Elizabeth Horton, Brenda Dickinson, Marjorie Cohrs and Alice Ward; Back row: Susan Broadhurst, Manager, Henderson School Apartments, Dick Vincent, Russell Grandjean, Betty Grandjean, Dorothy Hobbs, Esther Hanson and Andrew Beckstead, Six Town Community Fund Committee.

Harbor View Housing Development Fund Company, Inc. / \$500

This company is affiliated with the Henderson School Apartments-Tenants Organization, and Christopher Community, Inc. — a non-profit organization in Syracuse. Henderson School apartments are located on Harborview Drive in Henderson. There are 23 full-sized, one-bedroom apartments providing adequate living space for individuals

and couples. The organization does conduct grassroots fundraising to purchase school and back pack program supplies for students at Belleville Henderson Central School. Grant funding was exercised for the purchase of a large, HD television. The TV is used for programming presented by the Office of the Aging, AARP and other activities for apartment residents.

Henderson Free Library / \$500

The library's mission is to promote literacy and reading in all forms to every community member. The organization supplies an assortment of print media, as well as audio, electronic books and DVDs. To expand its mission, the library will be developing an outdoor area and classroom. Officials plan to create a sitting area outside for programming and public use. The project will take several years to complete and will be in collaboration with the local fire department, garden club, highway department and other volunteers. Funding will assist with initial cost of site development.



Front row from left: Kay Britzke, Mary Bryant, Mary Bidwell, Library Director, and Nancy Tackley. Back row: Barb Greene, Leah Poulin, Sara Treadwell and Ann Trowbridge. Absent: Gretchen Martelle and Bonnie James.

Community Fund / How to give

You Can Give Where You Live ... Now & Forever!

The Six Town Community Fund is an affiliate of the Northern New York Community Foundation. The Foundation stewards this charitable, philanthropic resource that will

have a lifetime of impact on the towns of Adams, Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman and Worth. There is no better option to give where you live and support the quality of life in your community forever!

Giving Options through the Northern New York Community Foundation

CHECK — You may mail contributions via check to:
Northern New York Community Foundation
120 Washington St., Suite 400, Watertown, NY 13601.
Please note the “Six Town Community Fund” in the memo line.

ONLINE — A quick and efficient way to make your contribution:
Go to www.nnycf.org & click the “Donate” button
You may specify your gift to the “Six Town Community Fund”

**STOCKS, IRA
LIFE INSURANCE —** Consider a contribution through a transfer of stock, IRA or life insurance.
Contact the Community Foundation for more information, (315) 782-7110.

LEGACY PLANNING

A part of your legacy may include a charitable gift to support the Six Town Community Fund. The Community Foundation provides an array of donor options to make giving efficient and simple. Loyal residents and supporters of the region have the ability to maximize their generosity and give where they live forever.

BEQUESTS — Contributors may include a provision in their will naming the “Northern New York Community Foundation for the benefit of the Six Town Community

Fund.” You may choose to give a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.

RETIREMENT PLANS — This option allows you to truly maximize your meaningful gift. You can avoid taxes on retirement plan distributions by naming the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and list the “Six Town Community Fund” as your designated charitable fund.

LIFE INSURANCE — List the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate

the contribution to the “Six Town Community Fund.” It is an efficient option that maximizes the value of your charitable gift and also allows you to receive a tax deduction.

■ Other legacy planning options include charitable gift annuities (CGAs), charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and more. To discuss legacy planning or other charitable giving interests through the Northern New York Community Foundation, please contact Executive Director Rande Richardson or Assistant Director Max DelSignore at (315) 782-7110.

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☐ I prefer to give anonymously

☐ I am interested in learning more about planned giving options to support this fund

Please make gifts payable to the **Northern New York Community Foundation** and write

"Six Town Community Fund" on the memo line. Your contribution is tax-deductible

to the fullest extent allowed by law. Detach this form and mail with your gift to:

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