

The Community Foundation for the

GREATER CAPITAL REGION

# ANNUAL REPORT

2018-2019



# Letter

FROM OUR LEADERSHIP



As we wrap up our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, we feel more connected to our community than ever. Your generous support of the *Campaign for Impact* and your partnership with the Community Foundation has helped expand and enhance every facet of our mission to strengthen our community through philanthropy. We work to build a community that benefits everyone by empowering nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, business leaders, and public officials. By growing our endowment to forever fund and support our region, we will always be a responsive resource to meet the Capital Region's ever-changing needs.

Every day, the Foundation is:

- Providing grant funding and the highest level of service and support to our nonprofit partners and student scholars
- Connecting donors and fund advisors to the causes and organizations they care about most and providing insights into community needs and opportunities for greater impact
- Honoring Capital Region giving legacies and telling the inspirational stories of generous friends
- Offering technical assistance, partnership and co-funding opportunities to philanthropists and local private, family and corporate foundations
- Leading impactful projects that connect people and communities to the resources they need most
- Building bridges between public, private and nonprofit partners to enhance our collective impact on issues of critical importance.

Our story for our 50<sup>th</sup> year and beyond is one of community connections. We reflect on our past, look to the future and work every day to connect people and resources that enhance everyone's quality of life. We hope you enjoy reading about our work and the stories of community connection from this past year. We are proud of all that has been accomplished and look forward to partnering with you in the days to come.

Thank you for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely

John Eberle  
President & CEO

Kevin O'Bryan  
Board Chair

In an embrace of our Region's creative talents, the Community Foundation commissioned Lee Gordon Dixon for our cover art. Lee had this to share about his design: "The cover design is an illustration celebrating the built and natural landmarks unique to the Capital Region. The mosaic pattern of shapes creates visual motion and draws the viewer across the page at varying angles, bouncing from one landmark to the next. As an illustrator and Albany native, I draw my inspiration from what is visually pleasing, culturally interesting and distinct/unique about a place – a city, a neighborhood, a street – and highlight those features in my work. I hope that my work inspires others to become more involved in their community while deepening their connection to the places we call home."

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By the Numbers

\$10,746,712

TOTAL GIFTS

\$14,291,653

TOTAL GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

\$76,814,111

TOTAL ASSETS

Number of Gifts : 2262

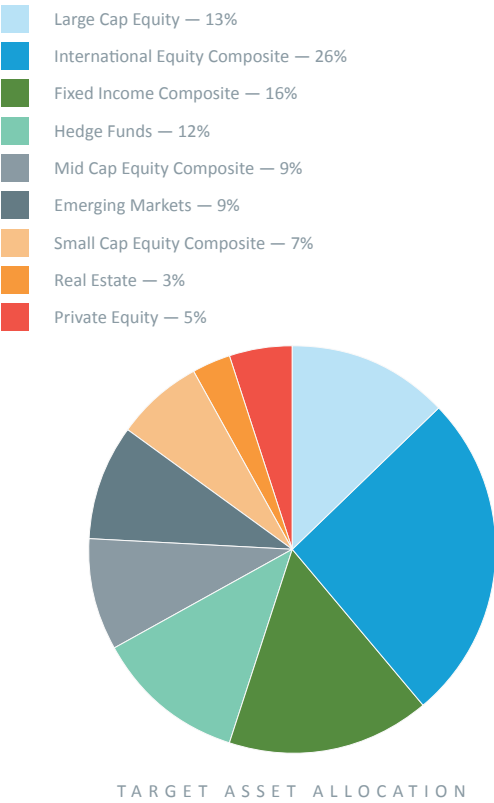
Number of Grants & Scholarships : 1289

A Diversified Portfolio

The goal of the Community Foundation’s investment program is to preserve and enhance the real value of assets over time. To accomplish this, the Community Foundation pursues diversified asset allocations.



Investment performance comparison:  
December 31, 2017; December 31, 2018; June 30, 2019



Investment Performance

Effective stewardship of philanthropic assets is key to the Community Foundation’s ability to fulfill its mission to collectively invest our region’s charitable resources, to grow these resources over time, and to serve the community forever.

The investment objectives of the Community Foundation are:

- Preserve and increase the value of the portfolio by earning a rate of return, net of fees, that exceeds our spending policy rate and the rate of inflation.
- Invest the portfolio in order to maximize return while assuming a reasonable risk.

Financial Summary

As a public charity, the Community Foundation takes seriously our stewardship role. The following chart provides financial figures as of December 31, 2018, with comparative information for the preceding year.

Financial Highlights for the Fiscal Years Ending December 31

		2018	2017
ASSETS	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$2,854,166	\$2,840,871
	Investments	\$69,488,487	\$82,152,232
	Receivables	\$2,915,966	\$2,824,572
	Split Interest Agreements	\$1,134,567	\$1,302,808
	Other Assets	\$420,925	\$305,707
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$76,814,111	\$89,426,190
LIABILITIES	Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$44,559	\$85,755
	Grants Payable	\$265,829	\$176,250
	Split Interest Agreements	\$408,893	\$32,424
	Agency Funds	\$2,564,788	\$3,126,902
	TOTAL LIABILITES	\$3,284,069	\$3,421,331
NET ASSETS	Without Donor Restrictions		
	Available for Grants	\$31,764,907	\$43,290,465
	Available for Administration	\$510,050	\$492,692
	Endowed for Administration	\$4,966,873	\$3,312,744
		\$37,241,830	\$47,095,901
	With Donor Restrictions	\$36,288,212	\$38,508,958
		\$73,530,042	\$85,604,859
TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS		\$76,814,111	\$89,026,190

To review the Foundation’s complete audited financial statements, please visit [www.cfgr.org/about-the-foundation/financial-info](http://www.cfgr.org/about-the-foundation/financial-info).





## An Advocate’s Legacy that Continues to Fight for Justice

Community activist Vera “Mike” Michelson devoted her life to fighting for social justice and bridging racial and economic divides while putting her progressive political beliefs into practice with street-level pragmatism. Paul Grondahl, Director of the New York State Writers Institute and contributor to the Times Union visited Mike in the hospital before she passed away earlier this year. Below are excerpts from the article he wrote about his friend, “*A lifetime devoted to the fight for social justice*” published in the *Times Union* on March 13, 2019.

“Mike,” as friends called her, was a retired state employee, white and Jewish, whose grandparents and parents fled Nazi Germany. She could have lived comfortably in the suburbs on her state pension, but instead she stayed rooted for 30 years in the predominantly African American neighborhood of West Hill, which struggles against the city’s highest rates of poverty, crime and gun violence.

“She had such a deep and authentic connection to the people in the black community that made her beloved as a friend, a mentor, and neighborhood organizer,” said Barbara Smith, a black activist and feminist author and editor. “What made Mike unique was that she lived her beliefs thoroughly and fully, far more than just a political ideology.” She never married and did not have children of her own, but Michelson helped out the neighborhood kids in ways large and small. She taught them to believe in themselves.

Mike’s activism started at a young age and continued throughout her life. “She’s always been a rebel,” said her younger brother David Michelson. She was involved with many social justice groups throughout her life including the Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism throughout the 1980s and protesting the Ku Klux Klan in the early ‘90s when they planned a rally on Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday.

“For her, it was very simple. There was right and wrong, and she devoted her life to fighting injustice,” he said. She preferred to work behind the scenes, without seeking recognition. Day after day, when nobody was watching, she became the change she wanted to see in the world. You could find her on street corners beside makeshift memorials, embracing bereft family members and advocating for peace after gunshots claimed another life.

“She could always see the big picture and make connections between poverty, mass incarceration and the marginalized, and she was deeply committed to community building,” said Lisa Good, CEO and Founder of Urban Grief. “Mike was a force to be reckoned with when it came to working toward ending gun violence.”

Urban Grief is a community-based organization that works to reduce violence and supports those in crisis with bereavement support. The organization breaks down the walls of isolation by connecting those suffering to caregivers offering resources and a support network. Founder Lisa Good created this award-winning model after personally experiencing the grief and loss that comes from violence. No one believed more in the work of Urban Grief than Mike. Before her passing in March 2019, she partnered with the Community Foundation to establish an endowed fund to permanently support Urban Grief using assets from her retirement fund. Her commitment to social justice will live on forever and in annual support for to help heal our community and fight for justice through the **Vera Michelson Love, Energy and Growth Fund**.

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# Rensselaer



## The Greatness of a Community

On a Monday morning in July, I sat down with five Community Foundation supporters at the Rensselaer County Historical Society for a conversation about their commitment to philanthropy at the local level. For all, the experience of community was a prominent theme.

Steve Muller, who moved to Troy with his wife Mary a few years before establishing a fund with the Community Foundation, led off with a rhetorical question: “Who wouldn’t support their community?” He and his wife Mary chose to settle in Troy partly because “it’s small and thus easier to have an impact.”

Wally and Jane Altes both grew up in small Midwest towns where their parents set an example of being involved as volunteers. In planning for retirement, Troy offered an opportunity to engage in a way they hadn’t experienced before; “we just liked the place,” remembered Jane. Having led the Chamber of Commerce for many years, Wally lauded the Community Foundation as a truly regional organization that can counterbalance our tendency to think only of our very local turf. As he says, “there are so many ropes pulling us apart as a region, but the Community Foundation pulls us together while allowing individuality in our philanthropy.”

Paul and Alane Hohenberg established their fund in 2000 when Paul served as a member of the Foundation’s board of directors. “I didn’t grow up with a sense of community; we moved from one large city to another. So I learned early that you sometimes must dig your own roots.” Paul and Alane have done just that in their beloved Troy. “We saw opportunities here,” said Alane. In a smaller city like Troy, you can get close to what interests you and have an impact in your community.”

Like the other donors in our conversation, I have found that the Community Foundation serves to extend my understanding of our community and to connect me to new initiatives and programs. I like the way Wally put it: “Pairing

up of needs with people who can help is key to the value of the Foundation.” Their staff can vet a small organization like a neighborhood food pantry to determine its reliability and the seriousness of its need and then recommend it to donors who might be interested. Alane pointed out that in many cases these can serve as “gateway” grants, endorsing a young organization that may then go to other funding sources with the credibility lent by the Community Foundation’s support. At the same time the Foundation can “school” a relatively new yet worthy not-for-profit in how best to work with potential supporters and by that means, help it to grow.

All of us had a desire and the ability to give back, but it was interesting to see how the Community Foundation helped to make it just a little easier. Many of us, especially at this point in our lives, are fortunate in having appreciated assets that we don’t need. The Foundation can help us make good use of those assets, and the charitable tax break is a bonus. And a donor-advised fund allows us the opportunity to give when it’s personally convenient and direct our charity as needs arise. Paul pointed out that this is a wonderful tool for planning a legacy. Jane said her personal goal is to “get it all spent” on worthy causes. Being able to support a cause such as help for people with HIV/AIDS brings her personal satisfaction, even joy. Whatever your philanthropic goal, the Community Foundation is there to help you reach it.

Philanthropy is for each of us deeply personal, yet to have an impact it must be community-oriented. The Community Foundation brings personal interests and community-orientation together, helping donors explore both their individual interests and the needs of their community, facilitating their grant-making and building a network of philanthropists to effect real change in our communities.

Reflecting on our conversation, something Coretta Scott King wrote comes to mind: “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its



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members.” There is of course more to compassion than writing checks, but lending financial support to worthy causes is an important step. The Community Foundation helps many of us to take that step with confidence, and by that means to grow in compassion. I see the modifying phrase in the Foundation’s name — “for the Greater Capital Region” — in a new light. Our region is greater, in Coretta Scott King’s sense of greatness, because of the Foundation’s work in building a community of compassionate giving.

— Michael Halloran, Advisor  
Tom Phelan Memorial Fund



Top left: Alane Hohenberg. Bottom group (L-R): Michael Halloran, Wally Altes, Alane and Paul Hohenberg, Steve Muller and Jane Altes. Bottom (M/R): Michael Halloran, Paul Hohenberg.



# Saratoga

## Legacies of Passion and Purpose

### Barbara Linell Glaser, Ed.D. Building and Sustaining Our Future

Having grown up surrounded by the natural landscapes of Minnesota, Barbara Glaser holds a special place in her heart for the great outdoors. Barbara made her way to our region via the Adirondack Mountains where, for many years, she served as the director of the historic Great Camp Sagamore. In that role, she welcomed people of all ages to explore the outdoors as visitors, program participants, staff and interns. In the years that have followed, Barbara has been active on boards throughout upstate New York, championing conservation, preservation, farmland protection and cultural engagement.

We are lucky to claim Barbara as a Capital Region resident. Her generosity and commitment to the health of our region's natural resources has served as a model for sustainability. "We need to be connected to the places that grow our food, understand the importance of forests to our ecosystem, and draw on nature to recreate and renew," reminds Barbara.

Specifically, Barbara cites as inspiration for her gifts: Saratoga PLAN's miles of trails for hiking and biking; Agricultural



Stewardship Association's diligent conservation of acres of farm lands and forest; Hudson Crossing Park's built and natural spaces for families to gather, walk and play along the river; and Pitney Meadows Community Farm's gardens, where multiple generations of families can join together to grow and harvest fresh vegetables.

An intuitive mentor, Barbara is respected for her dedication to nurturing people as well as the land and she has funded internships to reflect her perspective. As the daughter of three generations of educators, "I believe that significant hands-on internship and apprenticeship opportunities make a difference in the lives of young people exploring their vocational directions," she explains.

Barbara is gratified to know that her partnership with the Community Foundation is achieving her goal of connecting young people with meaningful service. She hopes that opportunities to work with accomplished professionals will result in a new generation of committed, effective and inspired environmental leaders. By funding combined stewardship and mentorship opportunities, Barbara has found a way to pass her brightly lit torch and help others ignite their own sparks.

### Jim & Cheryl Gold Partners with a Passion for Their Community

Jim and Cheryl Gold met during their studies at the Cooperstown Graduate Program of the New York State Historical Association and State University College at Oneonta in the mid-1960's. A native of Southern California, Cheryl would say it was the cold upstate winter that brought them together. They married in 1968. Theirs was a partnership of equals.

When Jim and Cheryl started working for New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the New

York Historic Site System was in its infancy, offering many opportunities for them to put their talents to work. From Fort Niagara near Buffalo, to Planting Fields on Long Island, to Schuyler Mansion in Albany, New York's history and its historic sites are richer through the work of Jim and Cheryl.

The Golds moved to Saratoga Springs in 1981 and bought a former Victorian boarding house which they took pride in rehabilitating. They appreciated the City's architecture and rich history and immersed themselves in the community. In 1987, they jumped on the chance to purchase an 1897 dilapidated carriage house. Together, they lovingly adapted the former stable just off North Broadway to a beautiful home with magnificent garden spaces, which they took joy in creating and tending.

Though they both had busy careers, they never shied away from a new challenge or project, and they found time to dedicate to nonprofits whose missions matched their interests. Closely involved as donors and volunteers for Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation, the Saratoga Springs Public Library, Saratoga PLAN, and Agricultural Stewardship Association, they have given back in ways that were meaningful and lasting.

After retirement, the Golds began to thoughtfully plan how they would use their time and their resources. They had been fortunate, and they wanted to see the organizations they loved so much continue to prosper. In 2012, the couple chose to bequeath a portion of their estate to establish the **James P. and Cheryl M. Designated Fund**. This fund will provide support for the causes they care most about in perpetuity.

Jim would be the first to say that he "lived a wonderful life as a partner" with his late wife Cheryl, who passed away in 2016. Together, they worked hard, seized opportunities to engage with their community and benefitted from occasional runs of good luck. "It is important to me, and it was to Cheryl, to know that our support will continue our work long after we are gone."

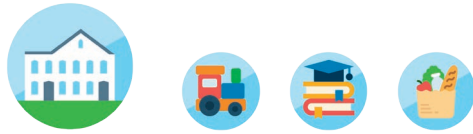


Above: Jim Gold and Samantha Bosshart, ED, Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation at the Spirit of Life statue, Congress Park. Bottom, left: Jim and Cheryl Gold. Bottom, right, Jim Gold—Always one to be active, Jim enjoys supporting Pitney Meadows.



# Schenectady

## Investing in Her Community's Future



Throughout her childhood, Judith (Judy) Stein's mother instilled in her and her siblings the idea of fairness through the example she set for them every day. While they never went without, theirs was not a childhood of excess. Her parents worked hard to provide for them and to support their education and broaden their understanding of the world.

Years later, what stands out most to Judy is the care and concern her mother demonstrated for children. Edna Mae would save a little bit wherever she could to make charitable contributions to national organizations like St. Jude's and Save the Children, and she found ways to show her family that giving back was important. "It was clear that my mother felt if you could, you should do your part to make the world a little better for someone in need. She showed us that supporting organizations that enhance our community is a responsibility, an opportunity and a privilege," remembered Judy.

Judy retired from GE Global Research after 30 years where she worked as a chemist, specializing in silicones chemistry, nanotechnology, and alternative energies. Before nanotechnology was integrated into the common vernacular, Judy was helping to shape nanotechnology standards and road mapping and was later elected as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Through her work, she had the opportunity to travel extensively and collaborate with scientists from across the world. Though the opportunities for her were many, Judy chose to stay in Schenectady. As she says, "Schenectady is a special place; there is a wonderful mix of people here who care about, and are investing in, our community. I like being a part of the Foundation, linked to donors who share the common objective of making our community stronger."

Always setting new goals for herself, Judy began to think about how she could have the greatest impact with her charitable giving. Her advisor, Bridget Ball Shaw, encouraged her to investigate the Community Foundation. Having served on the Foundation's board years ago, Bridget thought it might be the perfect fit. Judy is clear in her intentions, "I knew I wanted to give back, but the Community Foundation has helped me have a broader understanding of my community, and I like that the Foundation's staff are able to offer ideas for where my support might have the greatest impact."

The establishment of the Judith Stein Family Fund has allowed Judy to give to the causes she cares most about and provides her the opportunity to support new initiatives as they develop. One example of this support is her recent gift to the capital campaign for the Schenectady Boys and Girls Club. Her early leadership was recognized by the Club, naming the center's Judith Stein Family Fund Music and Theater Practice Room in her name. "My mother loved classical music, and this space would just delight her," mused Judy.

In recognition of all her mother taught her, Judy established the **Edna Mae Fitall Stein Memorial Fund** in 2018. This fund is endowed for grantmaking support in Schenectady. "This fund seemed like a wonderful way to tie our legacies together and to honor my mother's memory and her love for taking care of others. I know this would have made her so proud."

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# Changing the Game

— Community Leadership in the Greater Capital Region —

## Understanding Community Needs

The Community Foundation is working in partnership with the Capital District Regional Planning Commission, the Capital Region Chamber, and the AVAIL Labs at the University at Albany to develop a new community indicators website and dashboard. The website will provide a collection of accessible and credible data with mapping and visualization features useful to community leaders, policy makers and funders as they work toward collaborative solutions to address our community’s most pressing needs.



## Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy

The Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy (ACE) works with cross-sector, geographically diverse individuals, private and public organizations, nonprofits, and community leaders to develop and implement programs that benefit the people, places, and creativity of the greater Capital Region.

- ACE originated from a Community Foundation and Center for Economic Growth funded report called Captivate: Leveraging Regional Assets for a Vibrant Community.
- As a result of the report and ongoing research, community leaders have learned that the creative industries are the fourth largest employment sector contributing \$1.4B in earnings in the Capital Region.
- The Community Foundation continues to provide leadership and grant support to ACE.

In 2019, ACE announced its merger with the Center for Economic Growth to support and sustain regional economic development initiatives.

## Investing in Leadership Training

In collaboration with several local funders, the Community Foundation supports organizational development training and capacity building grants for nonprofits aimed at strengthening their infrastructure and operations to make them more effective, efficient and able to fulfill their mission.

- In 2019, over 100 executive directors and board members of local nonprofits received training that included board development, volunteer engagement, strategic alliances, and nonprofit life cycles.
- By participating in the training, nonprofits were eligible to apply for mini-grants up to \$2,500 to support continuing capacity building initiatives. In 2018, we collectively awarded 11 nonprofits grants for projects such as technology software, fundraising training, staff and board professional development, and marketing.
- The Emerging Nonprofit Leadership Accelerator, organized by UAlbany’s Institute for Nonprofit Leadership and Community Development, a program with support from the Foundation, trained its second cohort of 15 emerging nonprofit leaders by providing training, resources, and connections to succeed in the nonprofit sector.

## Census 2020

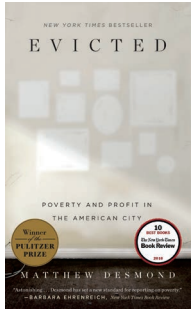
Accurate census data is essential for the fair distribution of political representation at the national, state and local levels—and for prudent, equitable allocation of government resources. The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region is taking an active role in promoting an accurate census, ensuring representation for a “complete count” and connecting communities to funding and workforce opportunities.

- The Community Foundation is helping implement a communications and outreach campaign to educate the community about the importance of an accurate census, promote census job opportunities, connect people to census information, provide support to organizations serving underrepresented groups, and inspire community members to help the efforts.

## Changing the Conversation: Home is Where the Heart Is

Changing the Conversation is a community partnership among Catholic Charities, the Community Foundation, Unity House and the NYS Writers Institute. Our goal is to educate and raise awareness around relevant community issues which inspire changemakers to take action.

- On November 14, 2019, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author and Princeton University Sociology Professor Matthew Desmond will be giving an informative lecture and discussion of his book, **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City**. Through this event, the committee hopes to initiate an evocative, inclusive educational experience that transforms perceptions around poverty and the impact housing has on this equation.



## Supporting Private Foundations

The Community Foundation is pleased to partner with private foundations to provide administrative support, technical assistance, and community expertise for optimal philanthropic impact. We are proud to work with several foundations including:

- **Bender Family Foundation:** Distributed \$188,000 in grant funds to arts, education, environment, and history organizations as well as several capital improvement projects throughout Albany.
- **John D. Picotte Family Foundation:** Awarded \$100,000 in 2018 to healthcare, human services, and arts organizations throughout the region.
- **B’nai B’rith Gideon Foundation:** Awarded \$428,000 in grant funding to 25 organizations providing senior housing, rental assistance, and community services.
- **The McCarthy Charities:** Distributed nearly \$358,000 in awards to support arts, education, environment, healthcare, human services, and religious organizations throughout Rensselaer County in their competitive grant process.

## Green & Healthy Homes Initiative®

Based on the national model, the Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) Greater Capital Region is a group of regional nonprofit agencies and municipalities working together to serve low-income individuals and families living in unhealthy, unsafe and energy inefficient housing.

- Organizations in Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties initially leveraged \$166,000 to improve home assessment and service coordination.
- The GHHI Learning Network has created three county triage teams and last year assisted the Rensselaer County Department of Public Health in researching and securing a \$1.3M grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to address lead hazards in low-income homes.

## The Hortense and Louis Rubin Community Health Fund

This Fund was made possible by the proceeds from the operation and sale of the Rubin Dialysis Centers, with the goal of supporting programs for the prevention, management, and treatment of kidney disease and related health issues.

- The fund was opened in 2016 with an initial gift of \$7.25 million.
- The Community Foundation staff and Rubin Community Health Advisory Committee undertook a comprehensive review of our region including an online survey, interviews, presentations, funding reviews, and site visits.
- In 2018, the fund granted \$370,000 to a handful of organizations focused on healthcare services and disease prevention including the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Baby Institute, Capital Roots, Northeast Kidney Foundation, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District, and Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region.
- **To date, this fund has invested more than \$700,000 in health initiatives in our region.**



## Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness

The Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness brings together government officials, nonprofit service providers, academic leaders, and businesses to mobilize action to address homelessness and support the policies and programs in place working to end it. The Community Foundation has been supporting the coalition since 2015 and leadership actively participates in systems collaboration initiatives.





# Campaign for IMPACT

## Our Region's Foundation

The Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region is the only entity focused on growing an endowment to forever fund and support our region's nonprofits. Our flexibility to move with the times is key to addressing our community's ever-changing needs and strengthening community-based organizations.

## Building a Vibrant Future

To position the Foundation for the future, an effort to raise \$7.8 million is being pursued for three priorities. This campaign will allow the Foundation to capitalize on the current and emerging opportunities and deploy resources to transform our community.

### Committee Leadership:

#### Campaign Co-Chairs

**Murray C. Massry\***

Massry Charitable Foundation, Inc.

**Chet Opalka\***

Opalka Family Donor Advised Fund

**Ellen Sax\***

Sax-Greene Family Fund

#### Committee Members

**Matthew Bender IV\***

Bender Family Foundation

**William Kahn, CPA**

Judith and William Kahn Charitable Fund

**John J. Nigro**

John J. Nigro Advised Fund

**Kevin O'Bryan\***

Chair, Community Foundation

**Amy O'Connor, Esq.**

Terence and Amy O'Connor Fund

\*Denotes members of the Board of Directors

### Priority 1:

#### Invest in Our Team

**\$3 Million**

The Foundation's role in the landscape of nonprofits has grown significantly. We are the catalyst for change and a convener of community leaders and nonprofits. We advise donors on regional needs and enhance their philanthropic experiences. The Foundation is often the first call for nonprofits and fields hundreds of inquiries seeking guidance, financial support, and technical assistance. And when the need is urgent, the Foundation works swiftly to strategize solutions.

### Priority 2:

#### Impact Grantmaking

**\$3 Million**

Grantmaking at the Foundation occurs in two primary ways: through donor advised funds (which frequently include guidance from our staff ) and the Foundation's own directed grants. While the Foundation's discretionary grant fund has grown, it pales in comparison to our region's needs. As the first point of contact for local nonprofit organizations, the Foundation is uniquely positioned and acutely aware of the many worthwhile initiatives that need funding.

The Foundation is often the initial investor for projects. Our grants provide seed money, enabling groups to leverage our support into much larger grants from private, state and federal sources.

### Priority 3:

#### Change the Game

**\$1.8 Million**

The nonprofit sector often requires organizations to leverage synergies, stimulate community discussions and develop novel strategies to address identified needs. The Foundation has demonstrated its unique ability to provide advice and leadership.

We have had the opportunity to lead and affect tangible change. With resources generated for Priority Three, we believe that potential projects which could lead to transformative change may include exploration around education, human services, and healthcare.

The Foundation is the center of overlapping partnerships and networks of generous and dedicated people, working together to make life better in our region. To build our vibrant future, we must build on what we have accomplished, think bigger and dedicate more funding for ambitious and impactful projects that promise a better future for everyone in the region.

"Having served on the grants committee and now on the Foundation's Board of Directors, I have a clear understanding of how critical unrestricted resources are to our community's future. I am proud to help lead this effort."

—Murray C. Massry

Co-Chair, Campaign for Impact

To date, the Foundation has raised more than \$5 million thanks to the generosity of these donors:

*Anonymous (1)*

*Augustin Fund for Community*

*Grantmaking*

*Jim Ayers and Miriam Tremontozzi*

*M. Christian Bender*

*Matthew Bender IV*

*Phoebe Powell Bender*

*Buchan Family Fund*

*Capital Region Chamber*

*Anthony and Sandy Capobianco*

*Susan and Bill Dake Fund*

*Mark N. Eagan*

*John and Pam Eberle*

*Foy Foundation, in memory*

*of Frank J. Lasch*

*Barbara L. Glaser, Ed.D.*

*Neil and Jane Golub*

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*Siobhan and Aaron Kent*

*Charles M. Liddle III*

*Dr. Hyacinth Mason and*

*Dr. Steven Stain*

*Patty Michaelson and*

*Walt Klisiwecz*

*John J. Nigro*

*Kevin and Pat O'Bryan*

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*Cynthia and Herb Shultz*

*Sidford Family*

*Slingerland Foundation*

*Jan and Stan Smith*

*Standish Family*

*Judith Stein*

*Edward P. Swyer*

*Linda and Michael Toohey*

*Dr. Timothy and Maggie Vinciguerra*

"An investment in the endowment will enable the Foundation's team to be even more effective in their mission. The funds the Foundation manages make philanthropy more impactful and satisfying for us as community investors."

— Chet (Campaign Co-Chair)  
and Karen Opalka, Opalka Family Fund

# Connecting Donors and Nonprofits to Transform Our Community



## Addressing the Community’s Most Pressing Needs

The Foundation manages several funds focused to respond to changing community needs. These funds, our “Community Impact Funds,” are either discretionary funds, which allow the Foundation the flexibility to use its extensive knowledge of community issues and organizations to make grants that address emerging issues, or field-of-interest funds, which give the Foundation grantmaking discretion within given areas of interest. With these funds, the Foundation utilizes the expertise of its staff and Board of Directors to identify opportunities to make grants that will have the greatest impact.

In 2019, the Community Foundation awarded \$256,731 to 39 organizations throughout the Greater Capital Region. The following page offers a sampling of the grants awarded in 2019.

Focus	→	Project	→	Program	→	Fund
 Healthcare Wesley Health Care Center	→	Purchase of Medication Dispensing Equipment	→	Wesley will purchase modernized medication carts that will enable their nursing staff to improve the safety, security, and medication dosing accuracy to Wesley Health Care Center’s residents.	→	<b>Ellen Barrett Bevins Fund</b> supports programs to improve the quality of life for senior citizens in the Capital District.
 Human Services Media Alliance	→	Spirit of the Suffragettes	→	These funds will support an 8-week concert series and Community Resource Fair at Freedom Square to connect low-income mothers, mothers-to-be, and mothers with physical and mental disabilities to educational and program resources.	→	<b>Donna B. McKean Memorial Fund</b> supports programs for women.
 Environment Schoharie River Center, Inc.	→	Amsterdam Environmental Study Team Youth Development Program	→	With a focus on building environmental and cultural literacy skills, this program immerses youth in the scientific study of their local community’s ecology and celebrates our diverse backgrounds and culture.	→	<b>Helen K. Everson Fund</b> benefits the residents of Amsterdam, New York.
 Education Schenectady County Community College Foundation, Inc.	→	ADA Enhancements in the new Learning Commons	→	The first and second floors of the Begley Building are being renovated to create an ADA compliant space. The Learning Commons is an alternative environment where students and faculty can access the support they need.	→	<b>Marjorie Rockwell Fund</b> for the Disabled was established to help meet the needs of those who are mentally and physically challenged.
 Arts Albany Symphony Orchestra	→	Symphony in Our Schools	→	The Symphony in Our Schools program in the Albany City School District gives students exposure to classical music through hands-on, innovative opportunities to creatively engage with music and the arts.	→	<b>Ann B. &amp; Robert E. Patton Music Fund</b> benefits the field of classical music.
 Youth Children’s Museum at Saratoga	→	Making Connections	→	For one weekend morning each month, the Children’s Museum at Saratoga will be closed to the general public in order to open its doors for children with autism and their families, free of charge.	→	<b>Madelyn Pulver Jennings Fund</b> benefits organizations in Saratoga County, New York, that serve youth and/or the arts.
 Disabilities Spina Bifida Association Albany Capital District Chapter	→	Dance with Spina Bifida	→	Spina Bifida will arrange dance classes and performance opportunities for children ages 3-21 with medical or physical challenges to enhance leadership skills and self-esteem of teens and provide community education in the area of disability awareness and tolerance.	→	<b>Marjorie Rockwell Fund</b> for the Disabled was established to help meet the needs of those who are mentally and physically challenged.
 Housing Joseph’s House & Shelter	→	Emergency Shelter Services for Families and Singles	→	The funds will support Joseph’s House, an emergency shelter that provides support to men, women and children. The grant provides unrestricted support to ensure the shelter is available to those in need.	→	<b>Wallace Whitney Sanderson Memorial Fund for the Homeless</b> benefits organizations that serve the needy and the homeless.
 Food Access Capital Roots	→	Greater Capital Region Food System Assessment	→	This assessment collaborative research project seeks to understand the complexities of our regional food system and identify interdisciplinary approaches that will strengthen our community wellbeing by increasing access to healthy food in low-income communities and building agricultural capacity and economic resilience region-wide.	→	<b>Schenck Family Fund</b> exists as purely discretionary funding to respond to the needs of the community.



# 2018 Grant Recipients

— Connecting People Who Care with the Causes Most Important to Them —

The following list represents the generosity of many and the diverse grantmaking to support our nonprofit community in 2018.

## Arts, Culture and Humanities

Albany Center Galleries, Inc.  
Albany Institute of History & Art  
Albany Pro Musica  
Albany Symphony Orchestra  
Alpheios Project, Ltd.  
Arts Center of the Capital Region  
Caffe Lena  
Capital Repertory Company  
Center for International Education, Inc.  
Children’s Museum of Science and Technology  
Collar Works, Inc.  
Community Access to the Arts  
Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation  
Creative Cauldron, Inc.  
Dudley Observatory  
Empire State Youth Orchestras  
Friends of Pruyn House  
Friends of Tanglewood  
Glimmerglass Opera, Inc.  
Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.  
Hubbard Hall Center for the Arts  
Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway  
Hyde Collection  
IECA Foundation  
International Center for Journalists  
International Film Seminars, Inc.  
Irish American Heritage Museum  
Iroquois Indian Museum  
Lake George Opera Festival Association  
Luzerne Music Center, Inc.  
Media Alliance  
Media Working Group, Inc.  
Metropolitan Opera Guild, Inc.  
Museum of Innovation & Science (miSci)  
National Museum of Women in the Arts  
National Portrait Gallery  
National Women’s History Museum  
Newseum, Inc.  
North Country Public Radio

Old Songs, Inc.  
Palace Theatre  
Park Playhouse  
Proctors  
Ragdale Foundation  
Raymond F. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.  
Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra  
Riverside Theatre  
Sand Lake Center for the Arts  
Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Inc.  
SaratogaArtsFest  
Schenectady Symphony Orchestra Association, Inc.  
Schoharie River Center, Inc.  
Shaker Heritage Society  
Stand Up and Play Foundation  
The Ark, Inc.  
The Corporation of Yaddo  
The Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company, Inc.  
The Hub on Canal, Inc.  
The Hudson Valley Writers Guild  
The Vero Beach Museum of Art  
The Vineyard Playhouse  
Theatre Voices, Inc.  
Troy Savings Bank Music Hall Corp.  
U.S.S. - Slater Destroyer Escort Historical Museum  
Underground Railroad History Project of the Capital Region  
University Radio Foundation, Inc.  
WFAE Radio 90.7  
WAM Theatre, Inc.  
WAMC FM  
WETA  
Williamstown Theatre Festival  
WMHT Educational Telecommunications  
X-Quest, Inc.

## Civil Rights, Social Action and Advocacy

Albany Friends Meeting

American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
Bishop’s Appeal  
St. Patricks Cathedral  
Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy  
Temple Beth El  
Teresian House Foundation, Inc.  
United for a Fair Economy

## Community Development and Capacity Building

Association of Fundraising Professionals, Hudson Mohawk Chapter  
Albany Can Code, Inc.  
Carey Institute for Global Good, Inc  
Community Foundation of Collier County  
Institute for Nonprofit Leadership and Community Development at University at Albany  
National Academy of Human Resources Foundation  
New York Council of NonProfits, Inc.  
New York State Community Action Association, Inc.  
Prattsville Local Development Corporation  
Society for Human Resource Management Foundation

## Disabilities

Arc of Rensselaer County  
Down Syndrome Aim High Resource Center Inc.  
Easter Seals of New York, Inc.  
Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation, Inc.  
Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Living Resources Corporation  
Northeastern Association of the Blind at Albany, Inc.  
Saratoga Bridges - NYSARC, Inc., Saratoga County Chapter  
Special Olympics New York  
Center for Disability Services Foundation, Inc.  
Independent Living Center of Hudson Valley, Inc.  
Wildwood Foundation



## PROVIDING A SAFE PLACE



Nearly 30 years ago, the Community Foundation worked with the Mechanicville Area Community Service Center in southern Saratoga County to establish the Foundation’s very first agency endowment fund. It was a relatively new concept at the time, a way for small nonprofit organizations to benefit

from the Foundation’s pooled investment portfolio, flexible giving options, and administrative resources.

Named for Floyd Wicks, a steadfast volunteer committed to Mechanicville’s youth, the **Floyd Wicks Endowment Fund** was established to provide support for programs for “latchkey” kids. As more families saw both parents working outside of the home, Floyd was dedicated to ensuring there was a safe place for children and young teens to go after school; a place where they could do homework, access tutoring, have a healthy snack and learn some basic life skills.

The fund was established in 1991 with many small gifts totaling \$18,000 over the course of several years. Since 1991, the fund has provided over \$30,000 to support after-school programs. Through careful stewardship, assets have grown to over \$40,000.

## Disaster Preparedness and Relief Services

American Red Cross of Northeastern New York  
Americares  
Delmar Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc.  
Doctors Without Borders  
Edgartown Firemen’s Association  
Elsmere Fire Company  
Fire Department of Ocean Beach, Inc.  
Florida State Firefighters Education Foundation, Inc.  
Grand Boulevard Fire Company, Inc.  
The North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Department

## Disease Services

Alliance for Postive Health  
Alzheimer’s Association  
Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Association of Northeastern New York Chapter  
American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults  
American Cancer Society  
American Heart Association  
American Lung Association of the Northeast  
Bay Eye Charitable Foundation  
Beyond My Battle Inc.  
CARES, Inc.  
Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation  
Compassion and Choices  
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation  
Huntington’s Disease Society of America  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation/ Northeastern NY Chapter  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Upstate New York/Vermont Chapter  
Lung Cancer Alliance  
Macular Degeneration Research - Bright Focus Foundation  
Marc Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Foundation  
March of Dimes

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation  
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America  
National Parkinson Foundation  
Northeast Kidney Foundation  
Pan Massachusetts Challenge Trust  
St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital  
To Life! Inc.

## Education

A Different Way In Reading Center, Inc.  
AAUW Education Foundation  
Academy of the Holy Names  
Albany Fund for Education  
Albany High School Theatre Ensemble  
Albany Law School  
Albany Masonic Hall  
Albany Public Library Foundation  
American Indian College Fund  
Amsterdam Free Library  
Averill Park Education Foundation  
Ben Osborn Memorial Fund  
Bethlehem Central Middle School

Bethlehem Central School District  
Bethlehem Central School District Music Association  
Binghamton University  
Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar, Inc.  
Christian Brothers Academy  
City School District of Albany, NY  
Coxsackie-Athens Foundation for Education  
Craig Elementary School  
Dwight-Englewood School  
Emma Willard School  
Friends of the Cambridge Public Library, Inc.  
Glenclyff Elementary School  
Hay Memorial Public Library  
Hospitallier Brothers St. John of God School for Special Children  
Immokalee Child Care Center, Inc.  
Iroquois Middle School  
LaSalle Institute  
Maimonides Hebrew Day School

Mercersburg Academy  
Muse Writers Center  
New York Institute for Special Education  
New York State Network for Youth Success, Inc.  
Niskayuna Central School District  
Niskayuna Community Day Care Center  
Niskayuna High School PTO  
PTA of the Albany School of Humanities  
Red Bookshelf, Inc.  
Redemption Christian Academy  
Rensselaerville Library  
Shenendehowa Central School District  
Shenendehowa Dollars for Scholars  
Shenendehowa Education Foundation  
Shining Hope for Communities  
Social Enterprise and Training Center  
South Colonie Central School District  
South Kortright Central School District  
St. Andrew’s Society of the City of Albany  
St. Labre Indian School  
St. Mary’s Institute  
Texas Women’s University  
The Albany Academies  
The University at Albany Foundation  
The Wooster School  
Tower School  
Troy Public Library Foundation  
University of Minnesota Foundation  
Woodland Hills Montessori School  
Yale University

Environment and Animals

Agricultural Stewardship Association  
Alley Cat Allies, Inc.  
Animal Protective Foundation of Schenectady, Inc.  
ASPCA  
Berkshire Garden Center, Inc.  
Colorado Wolf and Wildlife Center  
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Schenectady County  
Cultivate Catskill  
Defenders of Wildlife  
Earthjustice  
Environmental Advocates of New York  
Environmental Defense Fund  
Farm Sanctuary  
Five Rivers Limited  
Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.  
Guilderhaven, Inc.  
Humane Society of the United States  
Lake George Land Basin Conservancy  
Land Trust Alliance  
Loggerhead Marinelife Center

Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc.  
Mohawk Hudson Humane Society  
Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy  
National Parks Conservation Association  
National Resources Defense Council  
Nature Conservancy  
New York Public Interest Research Group, Inc.  
One Love Animal Rescue Group, Inc.  
Operation At Ease, Inc.  
Pine Hollow Arboretum  
Saratoga P.L.A.N.  
SLE Lupus Foundation  
Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center  
Sustainable Saratoga  
The Adirondack Council  
The Cousteau Society, Inc.  
The Fund for Lake George  
The Humane Farming Association  
The Lake George Association  
The Nature Conservancy Eastern NY Chapter  
The New England Anti-Vivisection Society  
The Southern Poverty Law Center  
The Trustees of Reservations  
Urban Ecology Center  
Vermont Land Trust  
Voyageur Outward Bound School  
Wild Animal Sanctuary  
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

Food Access

Capital Roots  
Christian Appalachian Development Projects  
Concerned for the Hungry  
Feed the Children  
Feeding America  
Food for the Poor, Inc.  
Food Pantries for the Capital District  
Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, Inc.  
Honest Weight Food Co-Op  
Pitney Meadows Community Farm  
Regional Food Bank of Northeastern NY  
Vegetable Project, Inc.

Health Care

Albany County Department of Health  
Albany Medical Center Foundation  
American Heart Association  
American Volkssport Association, Inc.  
CDPHP Foundation, Inc.  
Daughters of Sarah Jewish Foundation

Ellis Hospital Foundation, Inc.  
Glens Falls Hospital Foundation  
Healthcare Association of New York State  
Hillside Family of Agencies  
Indian River Medical Center Foundation  
Koinonia Primary Care, Inc.  
Martha’s Vineyard Hospital, Inc.  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
New Dimensions in Health Care, Inc.  
Nick’s Fight to be Healed Foundation, Inc.  
Northeast Health Foundation  
Partners In Health  
Planned Parenthood  
Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson, Inc.  
Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida  
Saratoga Hospital Foundation  
Shriners Hospitals for Children  
St. John’s University School of Law  
St. Peter’s Health Partners - Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center Foundation  
St. Peter’s Hospital Foundation, Inc.  
The North Queensbury Rescue Squad  
The Oley Foundation, Inc.  
Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood  
Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs  
Water to Thrive  
Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center, Inc.

Historic Preservation

Albany County Historical Association  
Erie Canalway Heritage Fund, Inc.  
Historic Albany Foundation  
Historic Cherry Hill  
Historical Society of Saratoga Springs  
Holocaust Survivors & Friends Education Center  
Lesbian Herstory Educational Foundation  
Martha’s Vineyard Preservation Trust  
New York State Archives Partnership Trust  
Rensselaer County Historical Society  
Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation  
Schenectady County Historical Society  
The Lamplighter Foundation, Inc.  
Thomas Cole Historic House

Housing


Bethesda House of Schenectady  
Better Neighborhoods, Inc.  
Capital City Rescue Mission  
City Mission of Schenectady  
Community Loan Fund of the Capital Region, Inc.

Equinox, Inc.  
Habitat For Humanity  
Habitat for Humanity Capital District, Inc.  
Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County, Inc.  
Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center, Inc.  
Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless  
Joseph’s House & Shelter Inc. of Collier County, Inc.  
St. Matthew’s House, Inc.  
St. Paul’s Center, Inc.  
Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation  
Sunlight of Collier County, Inc.

Human Services

Adirondack Tri-County Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Inc.  
AVillage, Inc.  
Baby Institute, Inc.  
Backstretch Employee Service Team of New York, Inc.  
Because International Corp.  
Capital District Child Care Council  
Capital District Women’s Bar Association – Legal Project  
Capital District Women’s Employment & Resource Center, Inc.  
Captain Youth & Family Services, Inc.  
Catholic Charities of Saratoga, Warren and Washington Counties  
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany  
Centro Civico, Inc.  
Children’s Shelter of Hope Foundation  
Colonie Senior Service Centers, Inc.  
Community Caregivers, Inc.  
Covenant House New York  
East Side Neighborhood Recreation Center, Inc.

## SPREADING SUNSHINE



Dennis and Lynne Crimi established the **Jennifer Crimi Sunshine Fund** as a way to continue to share the light their daughter brought to each of them and to her global community. The fund was started with life insurance proceeds that had been left to them by their daughter. The family thought long and hard about how to put the money to work for a cause that would emulate her life and make her proud.

“Most of the photographs we had of Jenn had two things in common – they were shot outdoors, and she always had the biggest smile on her face ... like a ray of sunshine,” said Lynne. “We coupled that with her love of children and created the Jennifer Crimi Sunshine Fund,” remembers Dennis. The Community Foundation facilitates their grantmaking and connects the family to new programs and services that meet their giving criteria.

Jennifer never wasted a minute of her precious life. Hers was a life jam-packed with adventure and spirituality. The Crimis take comfort in knowing that through their loss, Jennifer’s life has served a greater purpose and her legacy is honored every year by helping dozens of kids, most from the inner city, experience outdoor adventures at various camps including Beaver Cross, Samaritan Rensselaer Discovery Camp, KidsFirst Childcare Center and Camp Little Notch.

Empire Servicedog Program, Inc.  
Family and Child Service of Schenectady  
Family Promise of the Capital Region  
Family YMCA of the Glens Falls Area  
Folds of Honor Foundation  
Foundation for Quality Care  
Friends of the Albany Children’s Center, Inc.  
Girls & Boys Town  
Guadalupe Center, Inc.  
Heart of America Foundation  
HIAS, Inc.  
High Peaks Hospice  
Hope for the Warriors  
Hudson Post #184 American Legion  
Ignatian Volunteer Corps

International Center of the Capital Region, Inc.  
Jewish Social Service Agency  
Kids Wish Network  
Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.  
Literacy New York Greater Capital Region, Inc.  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
Mechanicville Area Community Services Center  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault  
Northern Rivers Family Services  
Paralyzed Veterans of America



# Funds Collaborate to Support Young Abolitionists

Finding programs during the summer for teenagers living in the Arbor Hill and West Hill neighborhoods can be a challenge. Understanding this, the Underground Railroad Project of the Capital Region put together a 5-week summer institute for over 30 neighborhood teens.

The Young Abolitionists Teen Scholars’ Institute is an interdisciplinary, multi-sensory, service-learning program connecting students to their community’s history and heritage. The results are extraordinary. Young people learn how to work together, build leadership and work-readiness skills, develop healthy living and financial literacy experiences and feel empowered to become more civically engaged.

“It is inspiring to see what can happen through collaborative grantmaking,” said Shelly Connolly, Vice President for Community Grantmaking. This year the Foundation was able to reach out to several funds to share programs that we thought would pique their charitable interests. These efforts resulted in the **Judith Fund**, **Times Union Hope Fund** and **Review Foundation** joining forces by investing in this unique summer experience for teens.

Through the program, teens develop leadership skills through the inspiring stories of our Capital Region Underground Railroad heroes. Learning tracks included: movie production, carpentry, visual and dramatic arts, archeology, and research. These experiences supported creative storytelling from the past which helped participants find their unique voice to tell their own story.

*As our world changes, the Community Foundation continues to focus on bringing donors together to positively impact our region. Grant stories like these prove that we are stronger together than we could ever be alone.*



Pride Center of the Capital Region  
Race Track Chaplaincy of America  
New York Division  
Refugee and Immigrant Support  
Services of Emmaus, Inc.  
Respond, Inc.  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
of the Capital Region, Inc.  
Ronald McDonald House of Charities of  
South West Florida, Inc.  
Safe Incorporated of Schenectady  
Salvation Army  
Salvation Army Schenectady  
Citadel Corps.  
Salvation Army, Albany Area Services  
Saratoga Foundation for Women  
Worldwide, Inc.  
Schenectady Inner City Ministry  
Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs  
Senior Service Centers of the  
Albany Area, Inc.  
St. Anne Institute Foundation  
St. Catherine’s Center for Children  
The Center for Adoption Support  
& Education Inc.  
The Center for Community Justice, Inc.  
The Community Hospice  
The Quest for Grace Foundation  
The Salvation Army  
Things of My Very Own, Inc.  
Toys For Tots Foundation  
Trinity Alliance of the Capital District  
Unity House of Troy, Inc.  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
of the United States  
Visiting Nurse Association of Albany, Inc.  
Wellspring  
Women in Military Service for America  
Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
YWCA of Northeastern NY  
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region

## International and Foreign Affairs

African Reflections Foundation, Inc.  
Amnesty International  
Asante Sana for Education, Inc.  
Business Council for Peace  
CARE  
Easy Water for Everyone  
Heifer Project International  
Imani House, Inc.  
Mercy Corps  
Mooncatcher Project, Inc.  
Save the Children Federation, Inc.  
SFV Refugee Children Center, Inc.  
Sinapi Foundation, Inc.

UNICEFUS Association for UNHCR  
World’s Window, Inc.

## Philanthropy

CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc.  
Father Peter G. Young Foundation  
John’s Island Foundation  
Jonathans Landing Cares Inc.  
Junior League of Albany, Inc.  
Ocean Beach Community Foundation  
Pegasus Foundation  
Saratoga Foundation  
Saratoga Institute, Inc.  
The Giving Circle, Inc.  
United Way of Indian River County, Inc.  
United Way of the Greater  
Capital Region, Inc.

## Public & Societal Benefit

Albany County Department for Children,  
Youth and Families  
Albany Rural Cemetery  
League of Women’s Voters of New York  
State Education Foundation  
Oakwood Cemetery  
Schenectady County  
Town of Niskayuna  
USS Albany Association, Inc.  
Village of Sackets Harbor

## Religious Organizations

Bethlehem Chabad, Inc.  
B’nai Shalom Reform Congregation  
Capital Area Council of Churches  
Catholic Charities of Fulton and  
Montgomery Counties  
Catholic Charities of the Diocese  
of Venice, Inc.  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Congregation Beth Emeth  
Congregation Emanu-El  
Congregation Rodeph Shalom  
Cranesville Reformed Church  
First United Presbyterian Church  
Frances Pope Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
Grace Fellowship Church  
Harrisena Community Church  
Jerusalem Reformed Church  
Jewish Community Center  
of Schenectady, Inc.  
Jewish Federation of Northeastern  
New York  
Malta Ridge United Methodist Church  
Middle Grove United Methodist Church  
Niverville-Chatham Center United  
Methodist Church

North Country Ministry  
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church  
Our Lady of Victory Church  
Presbyterian New England  
Congregational Church  
Sacred Heart Church  
Samaritan’s Purse  
Serving Christ Ministries, Inc.  
St. Andrews Charitable Foundation  
St. Edward’s Catholic Church  
St. John’s-St. Ann’s Center  
St. Michael the Archangel Church  
St. Pius X Church  
Temple Sholom in Broomall  
The First Reformed Church of Schenectady  
Troy Area United Ministries  
Unirondack, Inc.  
United Jewish Federation of  
Northeastern New York

## Youth

Ballston Spa Junior Baseball League  
Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the  
Capital Region  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast  
Black Watch Soccer Club, Inc.  
Boys & Girls Club of Albany  
Boys & Girls Club of Schenectady  
Boys & Girls Club of Southern  
Rensselaer County  
Capital Region Youth Tennis Foundation  
Double “H” Hole in the Woods Ranch  
Equestrian Outreach Center  
Fresh Air Fund  
Girl Scouts of USA  
Girls Incorporated of the Greater  
Capital Region  
Girls on the Run Capital Region  
Happy Hats & More, Inc.  
Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast NY  
New York Bicycling Coalition  
Niskayuna Soccer Club, Inc.  
Saratoga Rowing Association  
Saratoga Springs Recreation Department  
Saratoga Wilton Youth Soccer Club  
Schenectady Youth Boxing & Fitness, Inc.  
Sidney Albert Albany  
Jewish Community Center  
Special Olympics North Carolina  
The Fast Break Fund  
United States Olympic Committee  
Warriors on Wheels  
Watervliet Civic Chest, Inc.  
Young Elites, Inc.

# Scholarships

— Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams —

## Make Your Own Scholarship Celebrates 20 Years!

Phyllis (Philly) Dake believed in the power of higher education and making it accessible. It was through her personal generosity that she created the **Make Your Own Scholarship** program in 1999. Philly chose the phrase **Make Your Own Scholarship** to emphasize that although these funds provide an opportunity, true learning only occurs when students apply themselves and discover the keys to make their own education.

In 2009, the Phyllis E. Dake **Make Your Own Scholarship** Fund joined the Community Foundation. The Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to facilitate this educational resource available for the family of Stewart's employees. It is an honor to be a part of Philly Dake's legacy and her commitment to empowering our community through education.

Since 2009, the Foundation has helped Stewart's distribute 1,427 scholarship awards totaling more than \$3.4 million!



Philly Dake with past scholarship recipients. The program has helped shape scientists, musicians, performers, accountants, artists, business professionals, doctors, professors, and many other career paths.

## Congratulations 2019 Scholarship Recipients!

In 2019, the Community Foundation will award over \$583,000 to 170 students. The Foundation manages over 75 scholarship funds together with partners at the Bethlehem Central Community Foundation and the Niskayuna Community Foundation.



## Myra and Joseph Patanian Endowed Scholarship

In 1994, the board of the Latham Chamber of Commerce (now Colonie Chamber) chose to honor the founder and local small business owner, Joseph Patanian by establishing a scholarship in his name at the Community Foundation.

Myra and Joseph worked hard, raised a family and gave back to their community in many ways. Joseph built the business, Myra tended to their four children. At the age of 29, Myra returned to high school to finish her degree and then went on to complete a nursing degree from the College of Saint Rose.

**The Patanian Scholarship Fund** meant so much to Joseph and Myra. "My parents may have done it the hard way, but they never gave up on achieving their goals," shared the Patanians' daughter Dennise Davis. Myra added a little to the fund each month over the last 20 years of her life.

Through the scholarship, the Patanians have helped to support 31 students from Shaker High School further their education.



## Honoring John Boyd's Legacy

John Boyd was a student at Watervliet High School when he was offered a job with a weekly pay of \$9 — it was during the Great Depression. Though he had always planned to go to college he made the difficult decision to abandon his dream, leaving high school to help support his family.



Despite not being able to finish high school or attend college, his dream for himself took on a new shape. Mr. Boyd worked for many years as a mechanic, car salesman, and custodian. Beginning in 1995, he made small annual gifts to begin building a scholarship fund that would support students in his hometown of Watervliet. The **John A. Boyd Scholarship Fund** presented its first scholarship in 1999. In 2010 when Mr. Boyd passed away, his life's savings were added to his fund at the Community Foundation.

This year marks 20 years of support from the **John A. Boyd Scholarship Fund**, which has awarded over \$90,000 to students from Watervliet High School. John Boyd has inspired others in his community to follow his lead. In the years since John established his fund, five new scholarships have been established for Watervliet High School.



Ariana Greene, John A. Boyd Scholar '16, Kyleigh Sawyer, Coach Dan Reinfurt Scholar '16, and Kimberly Kriett, Ariana's mom, at our 2016 Scholarship Reception.

*"I feel honored that I am the result of Mr. Boyd's sacrifice and hard work, and I feel like I have a responsibility to help him accomplish his dream through me."* — Ariana Greene 2016 Boyd Scholar

*John A. Boyd Scholarship Fund for Watervliet High School*

**\$332,000**

TOTAL GIFTS

**\$94,000**

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**\$383,000**

FUND BALANCE



# Partners in Giving

— Options for Contributing to the Community You Love —



## Working with an Advisor

**Richard J. Miller, Jr., Esq.**  
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“Many times I am approached by clients who wish to provide for charity during their lifetimes or upon death. We discuss a number of options, including private foundations—either nonprofit corporations or charitable trusts. In reviewing the various administrative details with respect to private foundations, it is generally much more beneficial to our client to use a donor-advised fund at the Community Foundation to accomplish these charitable objectives. This generally avoids additional tax and state filings, as well as provides our client and the client’s family with direct input with respect to these charitable initiatives, which may also involve multi-generational involvement.

My long-standing experience working with the dedicated professionals at the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region has been truly invaluable. The Foundation’s resources, professionalism, and commitment to charitable organizations in our community have made a vital difference in the quality of life for all of us who reside in the region.”

## Ways to Invest

Our in-depth knowledge of our community and expertise in philanthropy can help you transform your passion for giving into powerful, meaningful change.

How the Community Foundation can help you:

- The Community Foundation provides an extremely flexible charitable platform for long-term giving. Donors can create funds for multiple charitable beneficiaries or allow the Foundation to direct funds to organizations that can most effectively achieve their goals.
- The Foundation accepts donations of complex, non-cash assets including real estate, closely held or highly appreciated stock, art, collections and life-insurance.
- For donors interested in creating a platform for family philanthropy, the Foundation has a depth of experience developing mission and strategic goals and engaging family members of all ages and from across the country.
- The Community Foundation specializes in honoring life legacies and ensuring that a donor’s charitable wishes are administered with care in perpetuity.



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The Community Foundation offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to choose the vehicle best suited to their philanthropic goals. With all of our funds, the Foundation handles the due diligence, issues grant checks, and provides as much – or as little – staff assistance as needed. The Community Foundation is an independent public charity. All contributions are eligible for an immediate tax deduction.

Our expert staff can provide guidance to ensure effective grantmaking, customize a fund to meet your philanthropic goals, and support gifts of complex assets to your fund for your grantmaking ease.

## Options for Giving

### Community Impact Fund

Through Community Impact Funds, the Foundation keeps pace with the region’s most pressing needs. The Foundation’s Board is dedicated to ensuring grants from these funds best meet a donors’ area of interest. Donors can rely on the Community Foundation to identify opportunities for the greatest impact in the specific issue area or region of importance to them.

### Donor Advised Funds

By creating a donor advised fund, donors can organize all their charitable activities through one expertly-managed and cost-effective charitable vehicle. These funds allow donors to recommend grants to support specific charitable organizations. Fund advisors make grant recommendations; the Community Foundation then vets the nonprofits, writes the checks, and handles reporting.

### Scholarship Funds

Through a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation, donors can help students realize their educational dreams. Donors can designate eligibility requirements and selection criteria and work with the Foundation to name an advisory committee to assist with making awards.

### Designated Funds

While many donors prefer to give directly to their favorite charities, a designated fund may be a preferable option for ongoing support. Donors select the specific nonprofits to receive grants and the Foundation invests the charitable assets and regularly pays grants to the charities donors have named in perpetuity.

## New Funds

Triple Peak Vista Fund  
Aurora Sky Charitable Fund  
Little Red School House Fund  
Ethereal Charitable Fund  
Nicole’s Hope Fund  
Gateway Trail Fund  
Chen Sheng Memorial Fund  
Sergeant First Class Keith C. Martel Memorial Fund  
Chris Porter Fund  
Standish Family Fund  
Patricia and Anthony Spadaro, Jr. Fund  
Edna Mae Fitall Stein Memorial Fund  
Hudson Crossing Park Internship, Volunteer and Staff Enhancement Fund  
Sarah M. Pellman Fund  
Troy Educational Pride Foundation  
Olga Seme Stain Memorial Fund  
Community Foundation’s Change The Game Fund  
Virginia and Harry Taylor Designated Fund  
Jackie Fund  
Edwin B. Augustin Fund for Community Grantmaking  
Kent Family Fund  
Dwight Smith Future Fund for ASO Endowment Fund  
Sarah B. Foulke Charitable Fund  
Jonathan D. Kirk Foundation  
Timothy Koubek Rainbow Fish Fund  
Christine Koubek Rainbow Fish Fund  
Colin Koubek Rainbow Fish Fund  
Cameron Koubek Rainbow Fish Fund  
Lundy Legacy Foundation  
Happy Together Fund  
Zachary Hill-Joseph Charitable Fund  
Pitney Meadows Community Farm Internship and Apprenticeship Fund  
Tippy-Tag Fund  
Sally and Edward Jennings Family Fund

\*These funds were established between January 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019 and listed in the order they were created.



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