

The background of the entire page is composed of several overlapping, wavy, ribbon-like shapes in shades of orange and yellow. These shapes flow from the top left towards the bottom right, creating a sense of movement and connection. The lines are thin and densely packed, giving the ribbons a textured, almost fabric-like appearance.

IMPACT 2025

Connected for Good

Dear Friends,

Connected for GOOD.

I am pleased to share the Community Foundation's 2025 Impact Report. The report includes stories of ways the Foundation is leading and inspiring change through connections—with our fund advisors and community partners, through our grantmaking and collaborations and in our investment in leadership initiatives.

As I reflect on our work together, there are countless threads that connect us. More than 480 individuals, families and organizations have established charitable funds bound by a common goal to enrich the lives of others and uplift the place we call home.

Connection is where change happens.

In these pages, you will see how each of our funds—the Rubin Community Health Fund, our Community Impact Fund, scholarship and donor advised funds—are connected, woven into the fabric of a vibrant and committed community of care and generosity. Collectively we were able to braid resources and ideas to address the issues of the day and invest in leaders through nonprofit training programs, including our *Catalysts for Change* Leadership Program.

Each day we are reminded of the dedication our fund advisors have for others, and we are proud to be a part of their legacy of giving. We are grateful to the donors who chose to establish funds with few or no restrictions on their grants. The Community Impact Funds provide an opportunity for the Foundation to respond to urgent community needs and champion leadership initiatives that are central to our mission. These flexible gifts empower support to collaborate with individuals and organizations to address the changing needs of our region. I am pleased to share an example of how our collective efforts provided support to address food insecurity on the pages inside.

Change requires community.

No one can make a go of it alone. We believe that it is through our connections—donor to cause, neighbor to resource, leader to opportunity—we will see positive change happen.

I hope this report will inspire you to connect with a circle of people who, like you, believe we are stronger together. Please join us.

Sincerely,



John Eberle
President and CEO

Our mission is to strengthen our community through philanthropy.

We do this in collaboration with donors and community partners who share our vision for community transformation through stewardship of charitable endowments, superior donor services, effective grantmaking, and leadership to address community needs.

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join us

The Community Foundation is here to connect you to the change you want to see.

We connect donors like you with high performing local organizations making a difference in our community.

Our team provides personal service—

no chatbots or call centers when you have questions.

We share your vision for a better tomorrow.

The connections we made in 2025 were just the beginning.

Join us to bring -

- more capacity to serve our nonprofits
- more flexible, discretionary funds to meet changing community needs
- more programmatic support to prepare the next generation of leaders for service.

**join us to make
more good possible!**

\$24+ million in gifts

480 charitable funds

29 new funds created

1,493 grants distributed



The Foundation is comprised of more than 480 unique charitable funds, established by individuals, families, and corporations who are connected in their desire to make more good possible through charitable giving. Our knowledge of solution-based programs, combined with the resources our donors entrust to us, are a powerful force for good to help our region prosper.

\$9.7 million in grants!

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Too many families face an impossible choice: pay the rent or buy groceries. In Q4 2025, we saw something powerful happen—funds joined together—connected by a shared goal to address food insecurity, each playing a unique role to address the need.

\$832K granted
Hortense and Louis Rubin Community Health Fund provides dedicated, ongoing support for programs that improve health and nutrition. In 2025, Rubin Fund grants supported mobile food markets that bring fresh produce directly to underserved neighborhoods—meeting families where they are.

\$622K granted
Community Impact Funds provide grant support to respond quickly when needs emerge. Last year, when a regional food pantry faced unexpected demand, these discretionary funds were able to provide emergency support within days. These flexible dollars let the Foundation be a nimble partner to nonprofits navigating an unpredictable environment.

\$6.5M granted
Donor Advised Funds reflect the priorities and values of the individuals who establish them. In 2025, many donors recognized the urgent need to expand access to healthy food and responded with meaningful action—supporting school meal programs, investing in community gardens, and funding initiatives that help families make the most of their food budgets. Their contributions underscore a powerful truth: sustainable change begins at the community level.



\$773K=
access to healthy food
for our neighbors.

“Our fund advisors’ remarkable generosity underscores the strength of collective philanthropy in meeting urgent community needs.”

—Shelly Connolly,
VP Community Grantmaking

Dreams Realized

In 2025, scholarship awards opened doors for college-bound students, those seeking trades certification, adults returning to college, and students entering private high schools—advancing educational opportunity across every stage of learning.

\$693K=
234 scholarships awarded



Strengthening Capital Region Nonprofits

Our technical assistance program helps nonprofits address capacity challenges and adapt to change through deep-dive workshops and personalized support. These sessions provide practical, actionable strategies that help leaders strengthen their organizations, clarify priorities, and pursue new opportunities for collaboration.

The Foundation partnered with CAPTAIN Community Human Services to mentor Pitney Meadows Community Farm, a 166-acre community farm that donates more than 100,000 servings of fresh produce annually to hunger relief efforts in Saratoga Springs. “Pitney was at a familiar inflection point for nonprofits: strong demand, small staff, BIG opportunity. Working with Dylan Hall at the Foundation, helped to develop a plan to scale with care—ensuring our community can count on us for years to come,” commended Brooke McConnell, Executive Director, Pitney Meadows.

Over 300 non-profit leaders participated
in no-cost training in 2025.

\$145M
granted since 1968

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Catalysts for Change: elevating new leaders



“Participating in the Catalysts’ program was an incredibly valuable experience for me—renewing my confidence that my instincts are valid and valuable.”

—Terisha Ellis, *Catalysts for Change* Graduate



The Community Foundation welcomed—and graduated—its fifth cohort of the *Catalysts for Change Leadership Program* in fall 2025. This 10-week journey brings together emerging leaders from diverse backgrounds and lived experiences who share a commitment to creating meaningful change in their communities.

The program nourishes both body and mind: each session begins with a shared meal that fosters connection before participants dive into governance training that builds skills in fundraising, strategic planning, and a deeper understanding of the fiduciary responsibilities of board service.

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