

Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc.

2009 Focus: Basic Human Needs

In the Midst of Economic Downturn Foundation Assists with Essentials

Earlier this year, the Northern New York Community Foundation Board instituted a temporary policy to fund only those initiatives that supported basic human needs, with the exception of restricted funds, established by donors to support specific geographic areas or organizations. Despite the economic uncertainty, it was decided that the level of scholarship funding would be maintained.

Food

Major areas of funding included grants to the Food Bank of Central New York to supply food pantries in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties, start up funding for the Watertown Urban Mission's Dollar Dinner program as well as a grant to Harris Courts Apartments to return meal service for the elderly and disabled in the Harrisville area.

Shelter

Funding was approved to help complete the Mill Creek Apartment complex in the Lowville. In addition to providing much needed quality, affordable housing, it also will help revitalize a deteriorating neighborhood.

Health care

A grant provided seed money for the establishment of a school-based health center at the Wilson Elementary School Building in the South Jefferson Central School District to be operated by the North Country Children's Clinic. A grant was made to River Hospital, Alexandria Bay, for breast cancer screening services for those ineligible under existing programs. Also at that meeting, a proposal from Hospice & Palliative Care of the St. Lawrence Valley was approved. This grant will assist them in expanding their adult and pediatric palliative care services in St. Lawrence County.

Recent months show promising signs, however, as the Foundation saw investment gains of 24.53% as of September 30. The Board is currently considering when general grant making will resume, perhaps as early as the first quarter of 2010. 🌱



To date in 2008-2009, the Foundation has made \$67,000 in grants to the Food Bank of Central New York to supply food pantries in Jefferson & St. Lawrence counties. \$67,000 enables the Food Bank to distribute approximately \$670,000 worth of food. Pictured above are Food Bank driver, Devon Charles (left) and Food Bank executive director, Thomas Slater.

Grants January-October 2009

North Country

Children's Clinic • \$60,000

To open a new school based health center at Wilson Elementary School in the South Jefferson Central School District.

Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley • \$15,000

To expand adult and pediatric palliative care services in St. Lawrence County.

Snow Belt Housing Co. Inc. • \$15,000

Provide gap funding to complete Mill Creek Apartments project, which will supply quality, affordable housing for the elderly and disabled in the Village of Lowville.

River Hospital • \$12,175

For breast cancer screening services.

Harris Courts Apartments • \$6,200

Provide funding for kitchen exhaust hood so that local meal service preparation for the elderly and disabled can return to the Harrisville area.

Food Bank of Central New York • \$5,000

Food for the Watertown Urban Mission.

Watertown Urban Mission • \$5,000

Start up funds for the Dollar Dinner program.

Northern Choral Society • \$5,000

For their annual holiday concerts.

Grants from Designated Funds

Thompson Park

Conservancy • \$50,000

To complete the River Otter exhibit.

North Country Public Radio • \$45,000

To provide new transmitter facility for the Gouverneur area.

Adirondack Mennonite Heritage Association • \$5,000

Equipment to make archival materials more accessible to the public.

City of Watertown • \$5,000

Planting of 25 trees at 6 Watertown playgrounds.

Riverview Park Association • \$5,000

To construct a rest room/utility building at this Gouverneur park.

St. James Outreach Center • \$4,866

To replace equipment lost in a fire.

Reading Room Association of Gouverneur • \$2,300

Reference and ARCH program materials.

\$649,320 in Scholarships Awarded

328 students in three counties receive assistance for 2009-2010

Students from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties will receive a total of \$649,320 through the scholarship programs of the Northern New York Community Foundation this year. Since 1980, the Foundation has awarded more than \$8.8 million in scholarships.

For the majority of the scholarships, applicants must be full-time undergraduate students and be residents of Jefferson or Lewis counties. Applications are accepted from high school seniors for the freshman year, from college

sophomores for the junior year, and from non-traditional students for any year in college or technical school.

Selection for freshman and junior scholarships is based upon academic achievement and personal data. Amounts are based upon unmet financial need as determined by the student's college and could total \$12,000 over four years for freshman and \$6,000 over two years for junior applicants. Amounts vary for non-traditional students, depending on need.

In 2008, the program was extended to offer high school seniors in portions of St. Lawrence County one-year awards of up to \$2,000. This year, 22 of those scholarships were granted.

Applications for 2010-2011 for all three counties will be available in February through high school guidance offices, the JCC financial aid office, and online at www.nnycf.org.

Alexandria

Nicole M. Balk
Katelyn Hunter
Almara Hutchinson
Nicholas F. Leeson
Raymond Trainham
Shane Umstead

Beaver River

Brian J. Cheney
Christina Crowell
Emily K. Gydesen
Caitlin Jacobs
Meghan C. Jones
Megan Nuffer
Emma M. Petzoldt
Nicholas R. Planty
Kylie J. Pominville
Rebekah K. Puddington
Shane T. Scanlon

Belleville-Henderson

Zachary Babcock
Jessica Duger
Kari Elliott
Kevin M. Magos
Jenny J. Mosier
Ian M. Young

Canton

Andrew Horwitz
Jennifer Sibert

Carthage

Kimberly Babcock
Adam C. Bracy
Amanda D. Braithwaite
Allison R. Canfield
Liam J. Carney
Heather Cean
Michael P. Clendenen
Michael D. Palmer
Julia Russell
Daniel J. Steiner
Joseph R. Steiner

Colton-Pierrepont

Biff Harbart

Copenhagen

Joseph Foy
Ryan M. Garvin
Bethany L. Pond
Asa T. Stackel
Kaitlyn N. Sullivan
Augusta A. Williams

General Brown

Sierra L. Amelio
Seth G.P. Babcock
Kristen M. Boshane
Gagnon

Maura J. Bradshaw
Justin M. Cole
Ryan M. Comins
Matthew R. Damon
Kaitlyn Darrah
Heather Donato
Casey Goodwin
Kelsey Halpin
Casey D. Isereau
Bryant John
Matthew H. LaJuett
Derek J. LeClaire
Christopher McKinney
Dean M. Oliver
Megan Scordo

Gouverneur

Sarah V. Blair
Tyler J. Boscoe
Jasmine L. Frasher
Emily R. Jackson
Jeanne K. LaVack
Khylee Rowe
Jillian E. Sergel
Jesse J. Sheen

Hammond

Aubrie E. Dunn

Harrisville

Jorden B. Backus

Heuvelton

Kelsie E. Rupp
Ellyssa J. Tennant

Immaculate Heart

Katherine Brennan
Anne Marie LaFave
Jacob M. Pignone

Indian River

Whitney Boshart
Thomas A. Coleman
Desiree Fuller
Jessica Gilchrist
Kaitlyn Kerry
Joshua Langtry
Sarah Moran

LaFargeville

Laura A. McFadden
Monica T. Walldroff

Lisbon

Rachael E. Bowdish
Chelsey Carr

Lowville Academy

Eric A. Adsit
Angela Arthur
Jordan D. Beyer

Chelsea Bielecki
Sarah Bush
Zachary Haenlin
Matthew J. Hall
Tyler Halladay
Aaron Ingersoll
Marion Kelly
McKenzie Lyndaker
Marissa Maring
Geoffrey T. Marks
Sarah A. Marks
Justin Martin
Morgan M. McGrath
Lindsay R. Merrell
Alyssa Monnat
Jacqueline Monnat
Chanelle Morse
Mariah Nagy
Jennifer I. Nortz
John Olmstead
Emily M. Petrus
Elizabeth Pisanello
Jacob Roes

Deanna Roggie
Hannah Root
Abbie L. Ross
William Schindler
Emily Tabolt
Sonya Vargulick
Katelyn Virga
Andrew Waite
Jamie Widrick
Traci Wood
Emily P. Yancey
Joshua Zehr

Lyme

Garret J. Blank
Heather R. Jackson
Katrena J. Lane

Morristown

Kirsten M. Skelly
Chloe Whalen

Ogdensburg

Jenna Amo
Spencer Crawford
Shelby L. Ewart
Jordan A. Greer

Potsdam

Grace Hobbs
Alexander J. Pacific

Sackets Harbor

Rachel K. Boulio
Jonathan R. Burris
Dana Gorman
Jeffrey J. Terrillon II
McKenzie F. Townsend

South Jefferson

Leanore L. Burkard
Jordon S. Carr
Jamieson P. Crast
Matthew C. Egeberg
Joanna J. Fassett
Malarie Gokey
Allyson Jones-Brimmer
Kylie Joynor
Justin T. LaLone
Travis D. Mathous
Elizabeth I. Morosini
Matthew J. Pickert
Jared R. Roberts
Mandy Rogers
Josiah D. Sliz
Nicole Thomes
Nathan J. Thompson
Kathryn Voss
Chad J. Wall
Benjamin F. Wheeler
Bethany Zembiec

South Lewis

Amanda Bolich
Shaina Ferguson
Scott G. Kraeger
Michael Levesque
Rachel C. Watkins

Thousand Islands

Carol Blake
Brian R. Bowman
Mark C. Bowman
Joshua Dawes
Marc A. Delaney
Carly Fairbanks
Timothy Freitag
Dusten Green
Emily Kellogg
Nathan LaShomb
Rebecca Lawrence
Paige E. Montroy
Kyle Petrie
Adam J. Powers
Kathleen M. Seymour
Joseph Soluri

Watertown

Matthew P. Abell
Karissa Arel
Michael Bufalini
Vaughn Butler
Tamibeth Campbell
Timothy J. Caughlin
Hila Choi
Patrick Curry
Jennifer Hearne
Stephen A. Hirst
Lindsay M. Jaacks
Gregory W. Kaskan
Amanda S. Keister

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Ashlei Patterson
Nicholas R. Pope
Camila Prieto
Sophie Quackenbush
Gisella O. Quinones
Tyler Reynolds
Marissa Richardson
Dennis A. Ruppe
Ty Santiago
Jenna Schwerzmann
Mariah Soluri
Clair L. Tartell
Gunjan Udeshi
Andrew VanNostrand

College Students

Paul S. Albery
Braden Allen
Justin T. Andre
Bryan A. Balk
Dominique Bass-Terpstra
Elena Blakesley
Kelsey Brand
Jessa R. Brenon
Abbie Brinson
Catherine Burgess
Emily A. Campeau
Jillian R. Caramanna
Luby Choi
Katherine A. Crowell
Samantha J. Cunningham
Emily Desjarlais
Casey Dickinson
Rachel E. Duffany
Katie L. Eastman
Sarah Elliott
Nicholas N. Fortenberry
Robert J. Fountain III
Robert Goforth
Courtney Hanno
Grace E. Johnston
David A. Jones
Katie J. Korman
Christina LaParr
Dennis G. LaVere, Jr.
Andrew J. Lawrence
Matthew O. Lyndaker
Anna Mallette
Michelle L. McHale
Kathryn McHugh
Marc J. Nafziger
Kaitlyn O'Brien
Kellie O'Keefe
Megan E.R. Osuna

Molly Papin
Andrew J. Pope
Danielle C. Quinn
Megan A. Ramsey
Andrea Roggie
Ryan T. Sawyer
Bridgette Sharlow
Katherine Smith
Tanner C. Stewart
Charles Walck
Nikki R. Weickum
Anthony Young
Meredith L. Young
Jason T. Yuhus

Non-Traditional Students

Tina R. Anderson
Cathy Austin
Thomas B. Bair
Heather L. Bender
Peter E. Bingle
Thomas Bradley
Deborah L. Busby
Wendy Casler
Marina Cole
Sabrina R. Cummins
Craig Doherty
Colleen Doolen
Rhonda Dudley
Erin E. Dulmage
David E. Elmer
Laura Farrell
Andrew Foster
Stephanie Freeman
Vandeputte
Julie A. Gaylord
Kyle I. Harris
Sherry L. Havard
Carol S. Hutchinson
Thomas Ierlan
Kenneth D. Jenkins III
Jon Laclair
Erica A. Leonard
Charlene K. Lyndaker
Carolynn MacNay
Daphne Maeweather
Julie A. Moots
Brandy L. More
Denise L. Mueller
Lindsey M. Oakes
Cassandra S. Patnode
Matthew R. Putt
Colin Riendeau
Carol Rivers
Ray S. Robinson
Jacqueline M. Soukup

Foundation Strives for Greater Impact in St. Lawrence County

Grant making efforts continue to expand to more communities in Northern New York

Recently, the Northern New York Community Foundation amended its charter to enable grant making in portions of St. Lawrence county. Since then, the Foundation has provided thousands of dollars in food to pantries in the county, and in 2008, matched the local share of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant to equip libraries with computers. \$101,569 was awarded in total, \$47,739 of which was directed to 17 libraries in St. Lawrence county.

In 2008, the Foundation's scholarship program was extended to students in several St. Lawrence county school districts, including **Canton, Clifton-Fine, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Hammond, Harrisville, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Morristown, Ogdensburg and Potsdam**. This past year, 22 scholarships were awarded to students attending these schools.

At its October meeting, the Foundation Board approved two grants which signaled a desire to augment grant making in the northern portions of its service area.

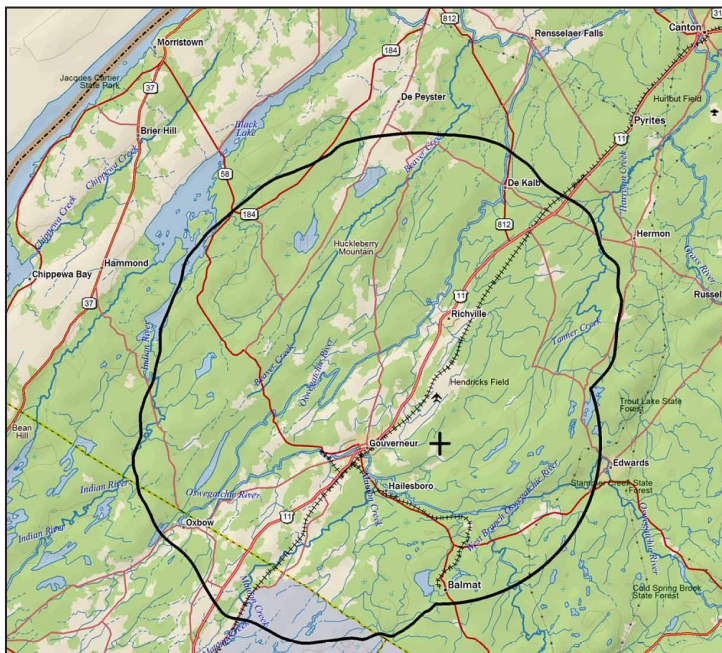
North Country Public Radio

A \$45,000 grant was made to North Country Public Radio (NCPR) to provide a new transmitter facility which will provide a more reliable signal in the Gouverneur area. The signal in that portion of the county is unpredictably weak and at times, non-existent. Once completed, the project will make the important information services provided by NCPR more consistently and readily available.

Hospice & Palliative Care of the St. Lawrence Valley

The Board also awarded a \$15,000 grant to Hospice & Palliative Care of the St. Lawrence Valley to expand their palliative care services for adult and pediatric patients. Palliative care services are often not covered by traditional means such as Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. Palliative care patients have a longer life expectancy, which makes them ineligible for traditional hospice services. However, they face the same types of physical and emotional issues that hospice patients and their families do.

Although currently grants awarded to organizations in St. Lawrence county are Foundation-initiated, we are appreciative of suggestions and information about how grant making can be most impactful to the communities there. 🌲



A recent \$45,000 Foundation grant to North Country Public Radio, Canton, will assist them in building a new transmitter facility in St. Lawrence County. The approximate signal coverage area is outlined above and will provide vastly improved service to the greater Gouverneur region.



A \$101,569 Foundation grant to the North Country Library System provided the local share for a Gates Foundation grant to purchase computers for 43 eligible libraries in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. 17 libraries in St. Lawrence county received funds, including the Reading Room Association of Gouverneur, shown above.

New Members Join Foundation Board

Dr. Gregory A. Gardner, Pierrepont Manor, is an Associate Professor of Business at SUNY Potsdam. He is the former dean of the Business Division at Jefferson Community College and writes a monthly column on regional business issues in the *Watertown Daily Times*. Dr. Gardner is a former member of the boards of WPBS, Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust, Literacy Volunteers, the Greater Watertown North Country Chamber of Commerce, and the Jefferson County Job Development Corporation. He is a research fellow at the Center for Community Studies at JCC and a member of the New York Air National Guard.

Linda S. Merrell, Lowville, was born and raised in New Jersey. She graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Public Relations and Clothing Studies. While at Syracuse, she met and married Edgar S. K. Merrell 3rd and moved to Lowville in 1978. Linda was a stay-at-home mom while her two daughters were young. She now works as a paralegal in her husband's law office, working on estate administration and office management. She is a former community member of the Lowville Academy Central School Planning Team and was treasurer of Operation Lowville for several years. Linda travels frequently to visit her daughters and their families in Montreal and Los Angeles and her father in Florida.

We are grateful for the service of retiring board members Douglas Brodie of Lowville and Mary McDonald Mascott of Clayton.

School Honors Carolyn Whitney

Foundation donor's legacy enhances community quality of life

Following the devastation of the ice storm, Watertown resident Carolyn Whitney decided to make a provision through her estate to provide a fund which would provide periodic grants for the purpose of planting trees in the City of Watertown. Since her death in 2007, several new trees have been planted. Earlier this year, the students of Sherman Elementary School, located in the neighborhood where Ms. Whitney lived, held a special tree planting ceremony. In October, the Foundation approved a grant from the Whitney Fund to provide 25 trees at 6 playgrounds in Watertown. 🌳



Watertown City Planner Michael Lumbis (right) assists Sherman School students as a tree was planted in memory of Carolyn Whitney on April 24, 2009.

New Clinic Opens in South Jefferson District

Wilson Elementary students to benefit from health services

On October 28, an open house and family night was held at the new school-based health center which recently opened at the South Jefferson Central School District's Maynard P. Wilson Elementary Building.

The start up of the clinic was made possible by a \$60,000 Foundation grant. The program, operated by the North Country Children's Clinic, is the second for the district. The clinic at Mannsville-Manor Elementary School opened in 2007. Since 1993, the Clinic has operated centers that provide quality, comprehensive medical, dental and mental health care services. This is the sixth such center operated by the Clinic. 🌳



Students at Wilson Elementary School cut the ribbon to open the new school-based health center. Looking on at the event are (l-r): Aileen Martin, NCCC executive director; Mary Beth Denny, South Jefferson School District director for programs; Rebecca Stone, Wilson Elementary principal and Rande Richardson, Foundation associate director.



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The Northern New York Community Foundation raises, manages and administers an endowment and collection of funds for the benefit of the community, built and added to by gifts from individuals and organizations committed to meeting the changing needs of Northern New York.

Guided by a board of community leaders, the Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. Donors who wish to establish funds within the Foundation receive professional administration, significant tax savings, and the opportunity and satisfaction of benefiting our community now and in the future.

The grants described in this newsletter are made possible through the generosity of annual donors as well as those who have established charitable funds with us during their lifetimes or through their wills. Donors who have made gifts on an unrestricted basis have provided the Foundation with the financial flexibility to respond to the community's changing and emerging needs over time. If you would like to learn more about how to most effectively do this, please contact us at (315) 782-7110.

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