



## NEWSLETTER OF THE Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc.

### It All Began with Two Quarters

*The best giving can be a "spiritual" experience*

Many of us had our first experience of giving as young children. For myself, it was the act of putting two quarters in a Sunday School envelope and symbolically placing it in the offering plate. The experience of giving is a tradition that, for many, becomes an integral part of life. It can be much like enjoying a good book, listening to one's favorite music, working in the garden or taking a walk. Although everyone realizes that we must be responsible and practical in our giving, it also is a journey, an evolving part of who we are and how we define our lives.



Rande Richardson  
Executive Director

It is true that, especially at this time of year, we are all bombarded with requests for our financial support. Eventually, one appeal looks like all the others. As disheartening as this may seem, this often can help ground us more firmly in the act of giving itself.

It goes without saying that gifts should be directed towards organizations whose missions are most closely aligned with our values and priorities and which are best equipped to effectively carry out those missions. However, it is my belief that the best giving can and should be a "spiritual experience." Not necessarily in the religious sense, but defined simply as an experience that awakens something within us that "feels" the gift with the realization that we are committing to something outward, beyond ourselves. I think most who give feel an intense gratitude for the blessings they have, and giving becomes one way to express that thankfulness. In so doing, we also acknowledge that there are others who rely on that generosity to cling to some sense of life that may seem commonplace to us. At the same time, we receive a return on our investment that cannot be quantified.


While many of us were instilled with the obligation of giving early in



life, many others were not. Some are fortunate over the course of their lives to be placed in settings where they witness the power of a gift. Or, perhaps they, themselves, have benefited from such generosity, either through a scholarship, or because a project or initiative has made a profound difference in their lives. Some of these individuals eventually are able to cheerfully return the favor.

As I continue my own giving journey, it now saddens me when I realize that for some, even though they have the ability to give, they will never know the true joy that comes from giving. Knowing a gift made today can have both immediate impact and also can help shape a community for generations to come is really just the "icing on the cake." It is the inner satisfaction and life-changing effect philanthropy can have for the donor. Having your life intersect with that type of giving is powerful!

The Northern New York Community Foundation will always strive to aim higher while continuing to invest in the people, places and organizations of the North Country. It will also continue to make it a priority to let you know the full story of our work, so that we may earn and keep a place in your giving experience. We will continue to provide you with work that is worthy of your investment.

Most of you are able to live the true benefit of philanthropy beyond the gift. This great part of the human experience is available regardless of the extent of your resources. After all, it all began with two quarters. 

#### Recent Foundation Grants

##### **Children's Home of Jefferson County \$40,000**

*To assist with the merger of the Watertown Teen Center.*

##### **Frederic Remington Art Museum \$25,000**

*In support of their capital campaign.*

##### **Canton-Potsdam Hospital \$20,000**

*In support of their capital campaign to expand cancer treatment services.*

##### **North Country Arts Council \$10,000**

*Challenge grant to provide start-up funds to establish an arts center in Downtown Watertown.*

##### **Village of Dexter \$7,500**

*Assistance in purchasing fitness equipment for a walking trail at Fish Island Park.*

##### **Orchestra of Northern New York \$5,000**

*To fund an educational music program at Beaver River Central School.*

##### **Sci-Tech Center \$5,000**

*Challenge grant for program funding.*

##### **Watertown Urban Mission \$5,000**

*Start-up funds for Dollar Dinner program.*

##### **Henderson Historical Society \$3,000**

*For replacement of their furnace.*

##### **Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council \$2,800**

*Funding for a Fort Drum soldier/family separation and reintegration program.*

**TOTAL: \$123,300**

*When determining your year-end giving, please consider supporting the*

#### Friends of the Foundation Fund

*All gifts received by December 31 will be listed in the Foundation's Annual Report*

# Classmates Unite to Keep Scholarship Alive and Well

*Watertown High School Class of 1956 continues to raise funds to support students*

In 2003, members of the Watertown High School Class of 1956 began to discuss the idea of establishing a scholarship fund with the Northern New York Community Foundation to benefit future graduates of their alma mater. By their 50th class reunion in 2006, they were able to award the first scholarship. Class member **Fred Belcher** has spearheaded efforts to raise funds on an ongoing basis. The fund has reached over \$32,000 and continues to grow.



*Members of the WHS Class of '56 at a recent gathering. From left to right: Harold Darby, Arthur Williams, Patricia (Grant) Williams, Joe Ivers, Rose (Medwick) Crupi, Jack Lewis and Fred Belcher.*

“The Class of 1956 Scholarship was created to be a tribute and lasting legacy to the talent and achievements of this outstanding WHS class. We are in close contact with each other even after more than 50 years, due to our wonderful five-year reunions and an email network that is truly awesome,” said Mr. Belcher, a retired engineer with United Technologies Corporation.

Each year, members of the class make contributions to help build the fund’s value, so that larger scholarships can be awarded in the future. The scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Watertown High School student who “demonstrates good citizenship and solid values, both at WHS and in the community.”

The class has set a wonderful example for others to follow and their commitment is a testament to their belief in supporting education. The Foundation is grateful to be the administrator of this scholarship fund. **Gifts to build the fund can be made to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 120 Washington Street, Suite 400, Watertown, NY 13601.** 🌿

*“I’m extremely proud of our WHS Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund. Continuing education has always been important to our family and providing scholarships to college bound students is a way to contribute to the future of our great country. Without a scholarship, I would not have been able to graduate from St. Lawrence University or Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.”*

*-Born and raised in Watertown, Art Williams now lives in Lexington, Virginia and Fort Myers, Florida. He is a retired Lieutenant General and Commanding General of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.*



## Return on the Scholarship Investment

*Foundation recipient practicing medicine in the North Country*

In 1992, **Jason F. White** was the recipient of a scholarship from the Northern New York Community Foundation. After graduating from Watertown High School, he earned a degree from Cornell and completed studies at SUNY Upstate Medical College in 2001. After a brief time away from the area, Jason and his family returned to the North Country in 2004. Dr. White is a board certified family physician with Internal Medicine of Northern NY in Watertown. He is also involved in a variety of ways that help shape the region for the better.

Jason’s older brother, **Scott**, also a Watertown High School graduate, received a scholarship from the Community Foundation in 1990. He graduated from the University of Scranton in 1994, where he majored in Finance.

Jason and Scott are two of countless examples of the return on the community’s investment in scholarships administered through the Foundation. We are proud to list them as “ours.” 🌿



*“When I received the scholarship, it showed me the Foundation’s investment in local students. When I returned to the area, I learned how the Foundation takes the lead in funding major projects that touch the lives of all North Country residents.” - Jason F. White, M.D.*



In addition to resources set aside annually from unrestricted funds, the Foundation also administers several funds which were established by individuals, organizations or businesses for the benefit of North Country students attending college in the region and elsewhere. One of those such funds is the **Delos M. Cosgrove, Jr. Memorial Scholarship**. Mr. Cosgrove (whose father served on the Foundation board from 1930-1934) was a 1928 graduate of Watertown High School and a local attorney. He held leadership positions with a variety of area civic organizations. Upon his death, and after having served on the Foundation’s board of directors from 1953 to 1980, a scholarship was established in his memory. Thirty years later, this scholarship continues to affect the lives of area students each year. This is yet another example of the Foundation’s ability to serve as a vehicle for perpetuating legacies and sustaining giving long after someone is able to do so personally.

# \$673,535 in Scholarships Awarded

290 students in three counties receive assistance for 2010-2011

**S**tudents from Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties will receive a total of \$673,535 through the scholarship programs of the Northern New York Community Foundation this year. Since 1980, the Foundation has awarded over \$9.5 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 2011-2012 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](http://www.nnycf.org).**

## Alexandria

Ayanna Collins  
Vincent Hoover  
Robin D. LeClerc  
Jeremy Moench  
Zachery Rufa  
Dana Strough

## Beaver River

Rebekah Andre  
Brian J. Cheney  
Jessica Decker  
Kelsey Houppert  
Emily E. Jones  
Megan D. Nuffer  
Kylie J. Pominville  
Rebekah K. Puddington  
Mindy Roggie  
Ryan Scanlon  
Ashley M. Widrick  
Elizabeth Widrick  
Kelly L. Wormwood

## Belleville-Henderson

Jared M. Arnold  
Jenny J. Mosier  
McKenna O'Keefe  
Clarissa Vohnoutka

## Canton

Lara C. Clemens  
Keagan M. McGovern  
Claire Sweeney  
Emily Sweeney

## Carthage

Michael P. Clendenen  
Katie Cloe  
Samuel E. DeFreese  
Margaret Pogue  
Daniel J. Steiner

## Colton-Pierrepont

Jacob Muller  
Garrett Thomas

## Copenhagen

Ryan M. Garvin  
John Hanchek  
Chelsea O. Pyland  
Kaitlyn N. Sullivan  
Philip Tanner  
Augusta A. Williams

## Edwards-Knox

Raven Reese

## General Brown

Sierra L. Amelio  
Vincent Amelio  
Adam P. Babcock  
Seth G.P. Babcock

Maura J. Bradshaw  
Nathaniel Brenon  
Jessica Cean  
Justin M. Cole  
Ryan M. Comins  
Kaitlyn M. Darrah  
Kyle Delaney  
Heather M. Donato  
Casey Goodwin  
Casey D. Isereau  
Britney L. Matthews  
David Siembida  
Spencer J. Timmerman  
Alex Tyler

## Gouverneur

Danovan Adams  
Darren Fuller  
Brittany Schermerhorn  
Lindsey Weldon

## Harrisville

Jorden B. Backus  
Emily M. Dickinson

## Heuvelton

Reginald Pierce

## Immaculate Heart

Katherine J. Brennan  
Shannon Elliott  
Megan L. Hyneman  
Edward Knapp III  
Anne Marie LaFave  
Brian T. Magovney  
Thomas J. Roman II  
Elizabeth Snow

## Indian River

Caitlin R. Adams  
Sarah Adams  
Kyle W. DeCarr  
Desiree K. Fuller  
Taylor Kelsey  
Jarrod Mattingly

## LaFargeville

Tiffany Burrows  
Lindsay A. Labiendo  
Laura A. McFadden

## Lowville Academy

Dakota Bain  
Ariel Birchenough  
Kaitlyn Bray  
AJ Capone  
Sharon Doolen  
Stephanie Edick  
Tyler Forney  
Matthew J. Hall  
Elani Ingersoll  
Rachael Kaban

Molly Kingsley  
Geoffrey T. Marks  
Jacqueline J. Monnat  
Jennifer I. Nortz  
Rachel Nortz  
Katherine O'Brien  
Kyle O'Brien  
Katie Peters  
Emily M. Petrus  
Mary Pisaniello  
Deanna K. Roggie  
Kyle Roggie  
Hannah M. Root  
Abbie L. Ross  
Keely Sammon  
Jackie Schneeberger  
Lindsey Steria  
Hayley Strife  
Sonya Vargulick  
Traci Wood

## Lyme

Rebecca Simon

## Ogdensburg

Holli-Jo Cota  
Alison Edwards  
Mackenzie Ferguson  
Zeb Fortune  
Megan Morrison  
Brittany Taylor

## Parishville-Hopkinton

Dailyn Harper

## Potsdam

Crystal Myler

## Sackets Harbor

Jed N. Buote  
Jonathan R. Burris  
Erik J. Fingar  
Olivia Townsend

## South Jefferson

Leanore L. Burkard  
Whitney Chambers  
Jamieson P. Crast  
Ashley M. DeMar  
Jacob Dowker  
Matthew C. Egeberg  
Malarie R. Gokey  
Katelyn Gonnella  
Olivia E. Hallett-Ebeling  
Allyson R. Jones-Brimmer  
Justin T. LaLone  
Elizabeth I. Morosini  
Alyssa J. Moroz  
Josiah D. Sliz  
Jedediah E. Tift  
Benjamin F. Wheeler  
Tina Wu

## South Lewis

Amanda R. Bolich  
Helenka Lepkowski  
Ostrum  
Heather McManus  
James Strigle, Jr.  
Roger Young

## Thousand Islands

Kevin Bachmann II  
Jaime L. Barton  
Daniel L. Bowman  
Cynthia Bryan  
Joshua M. Dawes  
Marc A. Delaney  
John W. Eppolito  
Cayla A. Haycock  
Heidi Hess  
Dylan Hornback  
Rebecca F. Lawrence  
Teresa M. Mayforth  
Joshua A. Reff  
Matthew Turcotte  
Jared M. Wolf  
Mark C. Wolf  
Sarah E. Wolf

## Watertown

Matthew P. Abell  
Logan Barnard  
William J. Boulter II  
You Lim Chang  
Hila Choi  
Jordan Converse  
Kyle Datoush  
Tiffani Fercken  
Taylor Gardner  
Zoe Garry  
Wyatt Gressler  
Mark P. Harrienger  
Olivia Haynes  
Laura Hirst  
Stephen A. Hirst  
Phillip Hodoso  
Jordan A. Hoffman  
Brett Holberg  
Taylor Hughes  
Gregory W. Kaskan  
Paige A. LaBarr  
Morgan E. LaVere  
Timothy Madden  
Morgan McGuire  
Edward M. Mentry, Jr.  
Gemini Moore  
Kathryn E. Morrison  
Mitesh Panwala  
Camila Prieto  
Kayla Robertson  
Jessica Satchwell  
Laura Schimpf  
Jenna M. Schwerzmann  
Brynne L. Sturge

Taylor Upton  
Ashley Walbroehl

## College Students

Judith M. Anderson  
Jacob Backus  
Dominique Bass-Terpstra  
Amanda Battista Cleary  
Kristin Briot  
Emily A. Campeau  
Ashley Carmo  
Luby Choi  
Katherine A. Crowell  
Megan Cullen  
Nicholas D'Alessandro  
Emily J. Desjarlais  
Casey D. Dickinson  
Caitlin Dreisbach  
Katie L. Eastman  
Sarah K. Elliott  
Carly R. Fairbanks  
Jeanne Flynn  
John D. Fraczek  
Courtney Gillespie  
Robert L. Goforth  
Dana M. Gorman  
Brooke A. Grunert  
Shannon Harmon  
Grace E. Johnston  
David A. Jones  
Katie J. Korman  
Stewart J. LaPan  
Christina M. LaParr  
Kevin Machia  
Alaina L. Mallette  
Anna E. Mallette  
Kathryn E. McHugh  
Kaitlyn Meeks  
Marci J. Nafziger  
Kayleigh Neff  
Brett Nortz  
McKayla Nuffer  
Kaitlyn R. O'Brien  
Brittany Patenaude  
Nicole Perry  
Adam J. Powers  
Krista L. Puffer  
Ryan M. Pyland  
Travis J. Pyland  
Andrea I. Roggie  
Ryan T. Sawyer  
Katherine Smith  
Brittney Szempruch  
Stephanie Szempruch  
Terra Towne  
Gunjan Udeshi  
Katelyn Virga  
Charles W. Walck  
Jason T. Yuhas  
Madalynn Zocco

## Non-Traditional Students

Thomas B. Bair  
Peter E. Bingle  
Thomas P. Bradley  
Laura Brenon  
Mary Burr  
Deborah L. Busby  
Brianna M. Bush  
Denine Calvin  
Karleen Campbell  
Wendy L. Casler  
Shirley J. Coello  
Colleen L. Doolen  
Rhonda Dudley  
Andrew J. Foster  
Benjamin Gilchrist  
James D. Godek  
Thomas C. Hanno, Jr.  
Sherry L. Havard  
Kenneth Jenkins  
Phillip R. Kaufman  
Donna M. Knowlton  
Jon A. Laclair  
Erica A. Leonard  
Charlene K. Lyndaker  
Carolynn M. MacNay  
Laurie McGrath  
Timothy D. Mills  
Denise L. Mueller  
Douglas E. Osborne, Jr.  
Colin Riendeau  
Ray S. Robinson  
Neely J. Shaw  
Rebecca Strong  
Stephanie Vandeputte

## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THIS YEAR

Eulene & Dorrance B. Bush Beaver River Scholarship  
Matt Doheny Scholarship  
Donald J. "Dutch" Grant Scholarship  
Daisy Allard Jamerson & Dorothy Jamerson Eckford Scholarship  
Janet Ostanek Memorial Scholarship

Since 1980, over \$9.5 million in scholarships to North Country students has been awarded through the Foundation.

**A**s the beautiful colors of fall slowly give way to the snows of winter, the seasonal changes in the North Country once again quietly and reliably move forward. Just as we know the forces of mother nature work according to an ancient rhythm, so too is there constancy in the inherent generosity and willingness of people in the North Country




**Kenneth J. McAuliffe**  
Board President

to help others. The people of the North Country are not only generous in spirit, but in giving materially to others who need a helping hand. Over the generations, student scholarships, small and large community projects, assistance to non profit organizations, support of the arts and many other important initiatives have been funded by the Northern New York Community Foundation. At its heart, the Foundation's success over the years has come directly from community-minded citizens who have the foresight and willingness to help others.

The great recession of 2008-2009 shook the very core of our global and national economy. In spite of significant losses in the broader market, the Foundation continues to rebound through the help and generosity of others. During this challenging recovery period, the value of every proposal and the dollars needed to fund them have been carefully considered by the Board. The Board's long term view in providing support for worthy projects in a difficult economy will help us transition to a stronger future. The

work of the Finance Committee, our Executive Director Rande Richardson and staff throughout 2010 has been instrumental in helping the Board of Directors maintain a steady course in fulfilling the mission of the Foundation.

As we look ahead to 2011 and the start of a new year, the needs of the greater North Country remain significant. Regional unemployment and the loss of manufacturing jobs over the last several years have accelerated. Non profit organizations who do so much in the Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence area on so few dollars have been particularly hard hit. Our local food pantries are in great demand as more people struggle to stay above the poverty line. The Foundation's historical commitment to basic human needs, education and helping communities prosper will not waiver. The work of the Foundation through its unrestricted grant program will continue to provide critical resources so our young people will have access to high quality education, to nudge a local project in the right direction and to step in when necessary to positively change the direction and nature of a critical community endeavor.

Please know the staff and Board of Directors will continue to work on your behalf in maintaining and building the Foundation as an important asset to the communities and individuals we serve. With your help and cooperation, I'm confident the NNYCF will continue to make a significant difference, one by one, organization by organization, steadily and reliably in improving life in the North Country. Please accept my sincerest and grateful appreciation for all that you do as a friend of the Foundation. 



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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.*

## St. Lawrence County Advisory Council Meets

*New panel will help prioritize grantmaking efforts in the region*

The Foundation's newly formed St. Lawrence County Advisory Council recently held its first meeting at Rushton Place, Canton. The group will assist the Foundation in prioritizing its grantmaking in St. Lawrence County. In recent years, the Foundation has made nearly \$500,000 in grants in St. Lawrence County, as well as \$90,000 in scholarships to students in the area.



*The Foundation's St. Lawrence County Advisory Council at its first meeting. (seated l-r): Joseph Laurenza, Richville, Kathy Wyckoff, Canton, Charles Goolden, Colton, and Peter Van de Water, Canton; (standing l-r): Phil Harnden, Richville, Mike Burgess, Gouverneur, Chris Angus, Canton, Fred Hanss, Potsdam, Peter Beekman, Canton, Thomas Patterson, Ogdensburg. Not pictured: Thomas Burns, Canton, Sal Cania, Hannawa Falls, Sally Palao, Ogdensburg, Robert Reddick, Gouverneur, and John Vose, Potsdam.*

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Through the Northern New York Community Foundation's Charitable Gift Annuities, a donor can receive guaranteed income for life along with significant tax benefits. Best of all, it provides another vehicle to give back to the community and support the Foundation's work and mission. To have a proposal tailored just for

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Age 55:	5.0%
Age 65:	5.5%
Age 75:	6.4%
Age 85:	8.0%

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