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Community Foundation Makes \$200,000 Lead Gift in Support of Watertown Urban Mission Campaign

At their quarterly meeting today, the Northern New York Community Foundation Board of Directors approved a \$200,000 lead gift in support of the Watertown Urban Mission's capital campaign. The Mission's first ever capital campaign will make possible important facility repairs and upgrades as well as implement critical strategies for long-term sustainability. "The Mission serves so many through such diverse programs. They provide many of the services that align closely with the Community Foundation's core values. It is truly a valuable community resource, touching so many facets of community need," said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation Executive Director.

Other grants approved:

- **North Country Arts Council - \$25,000** toward the group's "Screen on the Square" project to provide a multiple purpose venue for films, lectures, recitals, and other presentations. *This made possible, in part, through the Herring College Memorial Trust.*
- **Orchestra of Northern New York - \$15,000** to fund a minimum of four concerts as part of their 2012-13 Watertown season. *This was made possible by the Foundation's Orchestral Fund.*
- **Jefferson Community College Foundation - \$10,000** towards a funding partnership to conduct a feasibility study for a proposed multi-purpose facility.
- **Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County - \$10,000** toward the construction of a new residential shelter.
- **Watertown American Little League - \$7,000** matching grant for upgrades and improvements to their facilities.

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- **Trinity Concert Series - \$5,000** in funding for their 2012-2013 season.
This was made possible by the Foundation's Orchestral Fund.
- **Watertown Family YMCA - \$4,000** in startup funds for the youth life skills/employment program.
- **Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways - \$3,500** for tree planting efforts as part of their 100th anniversary commemoration, "100 Girls, 100 Trees, Celebrating 100 Years."
This was made possible by the Carolyn Whitney Fund.
- **Northern Choral Society - \$2,500** grant to help fund their annual holiday concert.
This was made possible by the Foundation's Orchestral Fund.
- **American Maple Museum, Croghan - \$2,000** to purchase computer hardware and software to assist in development of their fundraising efforts.

The Northern New York Community Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. This work is made possible by donors who have established permanent, charitable funds with the Foundation during their lifetimes or through their wills.

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