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**Stage Notes Establishes Charitable Foundation**

Jefferson County based Stage Notes has established a charitable foundation under the auspices of the Northern New York Community Foundation. Stage Notes was founded in 2009 as a way of helping students see their passion for musical theater make a difference in their community. They have presented five full-length musicals and are currently planning a July 2014 performance of *Les Miserables*, which will benefit the Watertown Urban Mission. Over the last four years, they have donated proceeds of over \$15,000 to local organizations. Their motto is “Performance with a Purpose.”

Through this new partnership with the Community Foundation, they will formalize their community grantmaking and also provide donors with the opportunity to make tax-deductible gifts to support their work and mission.

“Stage Notes is committed to a long-term relationship of supporting the needs of our community. What better way to ensure performances with a purpose than to partner with the Northern New York Community Foundation? We respect their commitment of connecting donors who care with causes that matter,” said Michele Glover, Stage Notes board president.

Two funds will be established at the Community Foundation, one for grantmaking and one to help build a permanent endowment fund. “As a Community Foundation, we have all the systems in place to help organizations maximize their impact on the community, both through the important charitable work they do, but also by helping them build long-term capacity to continue to fulfill their missions. We are honored that a group so committed to giving back is now an official member of our family of partners,” said Rande Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

Anyone interested in learning more about supporting Stage Notes through their newly established funds, can contact Mr. Richardson at (315) 782-7110.

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