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Community Foundation Approves Matching Grants to Strengthen Partnerships

The Northern New York Community Foundation continues to make a strategic investment in building partnerships with non-profit organizations and leveraging funding opportunities for community projects. At their quarterly meeting Tuesday, the Community Foundation’s Board of Directors approved a series of matching grants focused on long-term sustainability for a number of local organizations and projects promoting community betterment in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. “One of the most important roles a community foundation plays is to help create opportunities to enhance the collective charitable investment made throughout our region. By providing both leveraging opportunities through challenge matches, and stressing the importance of endowment building, it is hoped that we provide support, not just for current needs, but for long-term needs as well,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation director.

The approved matching grants were:

- **Hospice of Jefferson County - \$10,000** challenge match to help build the organization’s endowment fund administered by the Community Foundation.
- **Lewis County Hospital Foundation - \$10,000** challenge match to help grow their endowment fund administered by the Community Foundation.
- **Friends of Mercy Hospital - \$10,000** matching grant as part of the organization’s current fundraiser. The grant will help establish and endow the “Friends of Mercy Hospital Nursing Scholarship” at the Community Foundation and assist in purchasing a piece of equipment in Mercy’s name for the North Country Family Health Center.

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- **North Central Zone of the New York State Retired Teachers' Association - \$5,000** match to support the association's scholarship fund at the Community Foundation.
- **North Country Council of Social Agencies - \$2,500** matching grant to help endow the organization's newly established scholarship fund at the Community Foundation

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 and have a general, broad and enduring interest in supporting the quality of life in the North Country.

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