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**North Country Business Establishes Charitable Foundation**

Through a substantial gift, Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, which has offices in Watertown, Potsdam and Plattsburg, has established a charitable foundation within the Northern New York Community Foundation. The new foundation will enable the company to formalize its reinvestment efforts in support of nonprofit organizations and schools in Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence and Clinton counties.

The company has a history dating back to 1893. Currently, the organization is led by Jay and Dawn Stone and two of their sons, Christopher Stone and Thom Stone. “This partnership with a company and family that has such a long-standing history in the North Country means so much to us. We are honored to be asked to help maximize their ongoing commitment to being a good corporate citizen,” said Rande Richardson, Community Foundation executive director. “The good that Hyde-Stone continues to do will now become more prominent and structured to reflect the family’s values and interests over the long-term,” he said.

The newly created charitable foundation will allow Hyde-Stone to look at their giving holistically and ensure that their contributions to local organizations are done effectively and efficiently. “Our family and this company have always understood our role to reinvest in the communities that have contributed so much to our success. We see this as a more thoughtful and impactful way to make sure our charitable work in the North Country is responsibly managed,” the Stone family said.

The Northern New York Community Foundation works with individual and corporate donors, as well as non-profit organizations and schools, to enhance the overall value of their missions and interests.

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