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**New Community Foundation Scholarship Established
to Provide Annual Scholarships for STEM Education**

The Northern New York Community Foundation is pleased to announce that a new scholarship will initially provide up to a total of \$30,000 in scholarships each year for students graduating from St. Lawrence County schools who will be pursuing studies for careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering or mathematics).

The Evergreen STEM Scholarship Fund, in partnership with Massena natives and Gouverneur residents Charles and Higouhi Owens, is a new, permanent component fund of the Community Foundation, and will be administered by the Foundation, in perpetuity, in collaboration with representatives from school districts throughout St. Lawrence County.

“The new scholarship, made possible by the generosity of two very committed and caring lifelong St. Lawrence County residents, will go a long way to help inspire and encourage students from that area to consider various career options in the STEM fields. It is an honor for the Community Foundation to be part of facilitating something Mr. & Mrs. Owens feel very passionate about, and is a way that many, many lives and futures will be affected for generations to come,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation Executive Director.

“We have lived all of our lives in St. Lawrence County, and we find this a meaningful way to share our success with our friends and neighbors throughout the region,” Mr. and Mrs. Owens said. “We would hope that this scholarship will help inspire high school graduates to consider the opportunities available through a career in the STEM areas. We believe this is important for the future long-term health, vitality and leadership for our community and our country and its efforts to excel in innovation, discovery and productivity,” they said. Mr. Owens spent his career as a practicing pharmacist and later in a management capacity for Kinney Drugs, retiring in 1994.

The first scholarships will be awarded in May 2016. The Community Foundation will make applications available in early 2016 and will coordinate efforts to promote the scholarship with each school district in St. Lawrence County.

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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. The Foundation has been built and added to from gifts (both while living and through their legacy plans) by individuals and organizations committed to meeting the changing needs of Northern New York, as well as supporting specific charitable interests and passions.

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