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### **Dale Kenyon Community Fund Awards Grants to Three Local Agencies**

The Dale Kenyon Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation will award \$5,000 in total grant funding to support three local non-profit organizations.

The geographic-specific fund was established in 2013 to be a permanent resource to assist non-profit agencies serving residents in the town of Clayton in perpetuity. This is the second series of grants from the fund since its inception.

“Geographic-specific giving has become an increasingly meaningful way to impact a defined region. These grants help make a real difference and we appreciate the opportunity to be part of that,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

This year’s grant recipients are:

- **Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS) - \$2,500** to help secure infrastructure that will protect the agency’s information technology at their new facility. The system will help preserve patient records, enhance building security and properly integrate a telecommunications system.
- **Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry (St. Mary’s Church) - \$1,500** matching challenge grant to build community support for the pantry. Funding will help increase the supply of additional personal hygiene and paper products.
- **Thousand Islands Young Leaders Organization (TIYLO) - \$1,000** to assist with the construction and implementation of proper fencing around the community garden at the Thousand Islands Land Trust’s Zenda Farms Preserve.

Last year, the Dale Kenyon Community Fund also awarded \$5,000 to three organizations in the Clayton area.

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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