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INAUGURAL BOLDT SCHOLARS

Legacy continues in next generation

George C. Boldt's great-grandson endows scholarship at Community Foundation

Three Jefferson County high school seniors are the inaugural recipients of the **Northern New York Community Foundation George C. Boldt Scholarship**.

Alexandria Central High School students **Matthew Ford** and **Dylan O'Connor**, and **Watertown High School** student **Abrianna Parson**, were each awarded $5,000 scholarships in a ceremony at **Boldt Castle** on Heart Island, Alexandria Bay. The scholarship honors the legacy of the castle's builder, noted hotelier and philanthropist **George C. Boldt Sr.**

Mr. Boldt's great-grandson, **Malcolm Goodridge**, has led efforts to establish the scholarship with other descendants of Mr. Boldt and dozens of North Country donors who have made gifts to the scholarship fund at the Community Foundation.

About 150 people attended a reception at Boldt Castle to honor donors and recognize scholarship recipients. Mr. Goodridge thanked all who have supported the effort and personally presented scholarship awards to the first recipients. A permanent plaque that pays tribute to founding donors was placed in Boldt Castle along with a plaque that names recipients of the Boldt Scholarship. The **Thousand Islands Bridge Authority**, which owns and operates Boldt Castle as a leading tourist destination, has generously supported the scholarship program since its inception in 2017.

"George C. Boldt Sr. is looking down on all of us tonight with great pride," Mr. Goodridge said. "Each of you gathered here have helped keep his legacy alive and share his generosity to support education for our young people."

HONORING SCHOLARS: Above, from top left: **Malcolm Goodridge**, great-grandson of **George C. Boldt Sr.**, presents Alexandria Central High School graduate **Matthew Ford** with the **Northern New York Community Foundation George C. Boldt Scholarship**; Mr. Goodridge presents Watertown High School graduate **Abrianna Parson** with a scholarship. Mr. Goodridge presents Alexandria Central High School graduate **Dylan J. O'Connor** with a scholarship. Left: Mr. Goodridge at Boldt Castle with inaugural recipients **Dylan J. O'Connor**, **Matthew Ford**, and **Abrianna Parson**.

Like his great-grandfather who immigrated to the United States from Prussia at age 13, Mr. Goodridge said, each scholarship recipient embodies the character and perseverance to succeed despite challenging obstacles.

"They had some difficult times in the early stages of their lives — some very difficult times — and they rose above that," Mr. Goodridge said. "They've been in a valley and they rose up to the peak. Today is a peak, and we are all very proud of them."

The outpouring of support to make the Boldt Scholarship a reality has inspired local donors.

The Community Foundation is honored to be entrusted with this meaningful expression of Boldt's legacy, not only for what it is and will accomplish, but how it forever connects donors and students to an important piece of Northern New York history and heritage.

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Pictured in back row, from left: **Isabelle McDonough**, **Abigail McCarthy**, **Alyssa Nugara**, **Alison Swenson**, **Dylan Cooke**, **David McDonough**, **Anna Danielsen**, **Maddison Cupernall**, **Ashton Angus**, and **Laila Mooney**. Second row from left: **Ailene Lindsey**, **Zalena Davis**, **Ava Handley**, **Zoe Burns**, **Kassandra Votra**, **Lily Locke**, **Xena Skipper**, **Claire Pettit**, and **Mrs. Kathryn Ingerson**, director. Front row from left: **Mrs. Alison Lindsey**, Thousand Islands Middle School French and reading teacher/chaperone, **Lily Connerton**, **Kyle Tackitt**, **Sydney Langkabel**, **Logan Beerman**, **Emilee Clement**, **Emily Locke**, and **Ms. Robin Leavery**, RN, school nurse/chaperone. Absent from photo: **Duncan Van Schaick**, **Jon Clegg**, and **James Casselman**.

Legacy fund supports **Carnegie experience**

Grace Reinman gift helps send TI Select Vocal Ensemble to NYC

The love for community, education and the arts that **Grace L. Reinman** so dearly valued was felt in Manhattan's **Carnegie Hall** this spring when the **Thousand Island Central High School Select Vocal Ensemble** performed in the storied music venue.

Kathryn A. Ingerson, high school music teacher and choral director, led the school's 27-member ensemble as members of the National Youth Choir World Strides on Stage. The ensemble participated in an immersive workshop and performance experience from April 5 to 8, which culminated in an April 8 concert that many parents, friends and supporters attended.

A $5,000 grant from the **Grace L. Reinman Legacy Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation** helped the group make the trip. The grant is in keeping with the Community Foundation's tradition of partnering with donors to help achieve their charitable interests and passions.

Exposing local students to arts and cultural experiences that are unique and have the ability to be transformative is tremendously valuable and the Community Foundation is more than pleased that it could help such a talented group of students experience something that will become a memorable part of their musical and arts education.

The Community Foundation caught up with the ensemble during a rehearsal just before the trip to present a gift for its Carnegie Hall experience. Mrs. Ingerson said she was "beyond thrilled to receive this support from the Community Foundation for the Carnegie trip."

Geographic giving targets **River communities**

Residents of communities along the St. Lawrence River have a variety of ways to support nonprofit organizations, initiatives, and projects that are close to home through a pair of geographic-specific funds that benefit river community residents.

The **River Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation** was created in 2010 to honor the leadership of the late **Everett G. Foster** and those who have been instrumental in helping nonprofits in river area communities. Mr. Foster was a financial advisor and past chairman of the board of the Community Foundation. Throughout his life, he supported many nonprofits and organizations that helped to strengthen quality of life in our river communities. Since 2012, the fund has supported more than a dozen nonprofits and initiatives, including the **Clayton Jazz Festival**, **Thousand Islands Land Trust**, the **Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund**, the **Macsherry Library**, the **Alexandria Township Historical Society** and the **Thousand Islands Arts Center**.

Established in 2014, the **Lighthouse Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation** has annually awarded grant funding to support nonprofit organizations that help Cape Vincent and Clayton residents in need.

This geographic-specific charitable fund was established as a resource to local nonprofits that provide critical programs and services to underserved and vulnerable populations in the St. Lawrence River communities of **Cape Vincent** and **Clayton**. Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding in the spring. It is yet another example of how the Community Foundation works with donors to support communities where the needs of the population are greatest.

To learn more about these geographic-specific funds, or to discuss geographic-specific giving in your area, call the Foundation, **315-782-7110**.

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FOUNDATION SCHOLARS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?
MONICA WALLDROFF-SCHNAUBER, LAFARGEVILLE

Foundation scholar: Find what's meaningful

Since 1980, through the generosity of donors, the Community Foundation has awarded scholarships for post-secondary education to thousands of students in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. For many recipients, scholarships have made college more accessible. We recently caught up with **Monica Walldroff-Schnauber**, a Community Foundation Scholar, who in 2006 graduated from **LaFargeville High School** and was awarded a Community Foundation scholarship. For Monica, who completed a degree at **Queen's College** in Kingston, Ont., Canada, that meant $12,000 to pursue her education. We asked her about her experience and advice for students who are now looking ahead to college and careers.

A HEALTHY CAREER: LaFargeville resident **Monica Walldroff-Schnauber** is a 2006-2010 Northern New York Community Foundation scholarship recipient. She is a 2010 graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., Canada. After graduation, she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing at Utica College. She is a Registered Nurse at **Samaritan Medical Center**, Watertown.

What drew you to the program at Queen's University in Kingston?
I love Kingston. It was still a close proximity to home, but a different country. They had a program in global development that I was really interested in pursuing.

How did that bring you to nursing?
My studies at Queen's focused on the social, economic and environmental challenges that face nations in a globalized world. One of the most important indicators of the prosperity a nation can have is the health care it provides to its population. After I graduated from Queen's I thought about what occupation would allow me to have a meaningful career. That led me to health care, but I didn't really know what form. It wasn't until after I did a medical mission to Haiti after the 2010 earthquake that I decided I wanted to be a nurse.

Why did you choose critical care?
It wasn't even a question for me. If I was going to work in a hospital setting, I wanted to be working in critical care. I like caring for patients who are the sickest. I like the level of acuity of it and the daily challenges it poses. Critical care patients are admitted for a wide variety of conditions, so it's a very wide continuum of care to provide. Every day is very different; every day is learning for me and that's also the beauty of it.

How did you learn about the Community Foundation and its scholarship opportunities?
Through my guidance counselor at LaFargeville High School. Having chosen to attend college in Canada, I am very grateful for the financial support from the Community Foundation. Many other scholarships and aid became unavailable to me because I was not enrolled in college in the United States, so the Foundation awards were even more valuable.

You were valedictorian of your high school class and involved in a wide range of athletics and community activities during your academic career. What drives you to be so involved and how does it help form your basis to succeed?
Being involved with group activities, team sports and clubs has taught me a great work ethic and how to perform well on a team when you are all working toward a common mission. That drive took me all through my studies at Queen's and Buffalo and Syracuse. It compelled me to be a part of the common good. It's something I've always lived for, and it's what ultimately led me to a career in nursing. All of the professions that work here have a common mission we work toward every day.

MONICA WALLDROFF-SCHNAUBER

AGE: 31

HOMETOWN: LaFargeville

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts and Science in global development, **Queen's College**, Kingston, Ont., Canada; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, **Utica College**.

FAMILY: Husband, **Jason Schnauber**, partner, **Homestead Fields Farm**, LaFargeville; parents, **Ed**, owner, **Homestead Fields Farm**; mother **Anne**, director of physician recruiting, **Samaritan Health**, Watertown; brother, **Ben**; and sister, **Maria**.

EMPLOYER: Samaritan Medical Center, Watertown

CAREER: Registered Nurse, Intensive Care Unit critical care

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YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL GRANTS

The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation made the following grant awards in 2019:

Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York — $3,000 to help launch a "World of Work" program for legally blind students between the ages of 8 and 13.

Children's Home of Jefferson County — $3,000 to help the agency expand its foster care recruitment and retention program to assist with placement of youth in local foster care.

Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity — $3,000 to help expand its work to families in Jefferson and Lewis counties with smaller-scale home repairs such as painting, safety improvements, window replacement, and more.

Cape Vincent Food Pantry — $2,800 for installation of new shelving, to bolster food purchases and hygiene product inventory, and assist with promotion of mission-related community events.

Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust — $2,500 to support the land trust's "Fostering a Love of the Outdoors" outreach program designed to engage youth and families in collaboration with local schools and libraries on the initiative.

Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley — $2,000 to further develop a Hospice program centered on youth bereavement and grief counseling.

WPBS-TV — $1,800 to underwrite "More to the Story," a local news program that takes an in-depth look at trending and relevant stories and topics that impact the North Country. The programming provides information and details to viewers and consumers to help promote the region.

North Country Prenatal Perinatal Council — $1,000 to support a brain and body nutrition project to augment the NCPPC's Healthy Families initiative in Jefferson County.

ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence — $1,000 to help the agency increase access to consumers at its Dodge Pond Camp during the winter months and improve its ice fishing experiences.

Salvation Army of Watertown — $500 to fund a new "Let's Eat" program targeting youth. Participants will learn how to cook a nutritious meal that they can bring home and teaches students to be self-sufficient and build life skills.

NORTHERN NEW YORK YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL

YPC CLASS OF 2018-2019: From left: **Rosanna Pasowicz**, Watertown High School; **Kehinde Fasehun**, Watertown High School; **Emily Sprague**, Youth Philanthropy Council advisor & Northern New York Community Foundation board member; **Lucas Barney**, Watertown High School; **Madison Derouin**, Sackets Harbor High School; **Katherine DeLaGarza**, Immaculate Heart Central High School; **Isabelle Boyce**, Watertown High School; **Philip Marra**, Watertown High School; **Mark Lavarnway**, president & CEO, Watertown Savings Bank, program underwriter; **Madeline Gist**, Watertown High School; **Grayden Brunet**, Sackets Harbor High School; **Marialena Mouaikel**, Immaculate Heart Central High School; **Sofia Gray**, Sackets Harbor High School; **Leatrice Kakolewski**, Sackets Harbor High School; **Lauryn Quinn**, Immaculate Heart Central High School; **Hannah Pitcher**, Sackets Harbor High School; **Max DelSignore**, Youth Philanthropy Council advisor & Northern New York Community Foundation assistant director; **Caroline McPherson**, Immaculate Heart Central High School.

The **Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation** recently awarded $20,600 in grants to 10 North Country nonprofit organizations to support a wide range of community programs and projects.

Each year, the Council reviews requests from tri-county agencies to fund projects or initiatives that positively impact the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence counties. In addition to researching and recommending grants, Council members also discuss a variety of topics, including nonprofit sustainability, grantee stewardship, community investment and leadership.

GRANT OPPORTUNITY
The Youth Philanthropy Council will accept proposals for 2020 funding in the fall. Contact **Max DelSignore**, Community Foundation assistant director, **315-782-7110**, or **max@nnycf.org**, to learn more about how to apply for up to $20,000 available.

The Council received 30 requests for funding — its largest number to date — during the 2018-2019 program year. Eleven agencies presented their requests to the Council. Youth Council members delivered grant recommendations to the Community Foundation Board of Directors during its recent quarterly meeting. The Board unanimously approved the full slate of grant recommendations.

The Youth Philanthropy Council was chartered in 2010 to promote positive youth development and engage young people in meaningful activities that build their skills while educating them about community philanthropy and its impact on Northern New York. Council members grow to become problem solvers as they engage in lessons that may never be taught in a classroom.

The Council's grant program is made possible through generous support from **Watertown Savings Bank, Renzi Foodservice Charitable Foundation, RBC Wealth Management**, and gifts made to the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund**.

Since its inception eight years ago, the Council has awarded more than **90 grants totaling $146,340** in support to nonprofit organizations that serve tri-county residents.

This year's Youth Philanthropy Council includes 15 representatives from **Watertown High School, Immaculate Heart Central High School** and **Sackets Harbor High School**. Each council member is in his or her sophomore, junior, or senior class.

The Council will convene again at the start of the new school year in September with members from **Immaculate Heart Central, Sackets Harbor, South Jefferson**, and **Watertown** high schools.

The **Northern New York Youth Philanthropy Council** is made possible by gifts from donors like **YOU** who make contributions to the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund** and generous support from the following business leaders:

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THE YPC EXPERIENCE

"I had little idea of all the challenges our communities face. My time with YPC helped shed light on those issues and instilled a sense of hope that we can do something about it. Philanthropy is more of a duty; everybody can and should be a part of it no matter the means."

Marialena Mouaikel

Three-year YPC member; 2018-19 council co-chair

Immaculate Heart Central School '19

"I learned so much about my community. It's really opened my eyes to all the great things that so many people work on tirelessly even in our small North Country communities."

Grayden Brunet

Three-year YPC member

Sackets Harbor Central School '19

YPC ALUMNI PODCAST

Former **Youth Philanthropy Council** members, from left, **Sara Glover**, **Marcus Lavarnway**, **Sarah Van Eenenaam**, and **Dominic Uliano IV** (not pictured) reflect on their time with the Council, and dive into what they learned as they embark on the their professional careers and how they plan to give back in the future. Visit **nnycpodcast.com** to listen today. Turn to **page 9** to learn more about **Season 3** of the **Northern New York Community Podcast.**

THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFTS MAKE

2018-19 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge

Grant recipients & winning students

"Community is a group of people who work together to make the world around them a better place without being told to do so."

— Valery Zehr, Croghan, Beaver River Central School

SAVE THE RIVER: Margaret Hummel, Save The River outreach coordinator; **Franchesca Cartaya**, Thousand Islands Middle School student and 2018-19 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Lori Fearnside**, Community Bank, N.A., vice president and Clayton branch manager.

TIPAF / CLAYTON OPERA HOUSE: Lori Fearnside, Community Bank, N.A., vice president and Clayton branch manager; **Alexandra Ives**, Thousand Islands Middle School and 2018-19 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Julie Garnsey**, executive director, TIPAF / Clayton Opera House.

LEWIS COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY: Pat Adams, Lewis County Humane Society board president; **Katelyn Adams**, Beaver River Central School and 2018-19 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Kris Bidwell**, Lewis County Humane Society shelter manager.

The **Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge** is made possible by gifts from donors like **YOU** who contribute to the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund** and the generous support from the following business leaders:

Community Bank N.A.

2018-19 Program Partner

Foundation gift supports Lowville Food Pantry project

Construction of new facility will allow agency to efficiently store food, serve clients

A $20,000 Community Foundation grant recently awarded to the **Lowville Food Pantry** will support a capital project to overhaul the organization's facility, moving operations into a nearly brand-new building.

The pantry's board approved renovations of one of its existing buildings, presently used for storage, to become the permanent home for the food pantry. Renovations will allow it to maximize more than 7,000 square feet for food inventory, storage and refrigeration, meeting space for counseling with consumers, and administrative space to manage operations.

The board-approved grant was made possible with $8,000 in support from **Michael Brown Fund** and $2,000 in support from the **Joan Davis Fund** of the Northern New York Community Foundation.

The food pantry meets the emergency food needs of individuals and families throughout Lewis County with its reach serving between 250 and 300 families each month.

"The Community Foundation has always been a great help to us and a generous partner," **Lowville Food Pantry Executive Director Daniel Taylor** said. "We are very appreciative of their assistance and support for this critical project.

The Community Foundation recently presented a $20,000 grant to the **Lowville Food Pantry** in support of its capital campaign. The grant will help the organization build a new facility on land it owns behind its present Forest Avenue location. Pictured from left are: **Madeline Kimbrell**, pantry volunteer; **Denise Erwin**, pantry board member and volunteer; **Jude Nnadi**, pantry volunteer; **Cathy Hinkleman**, pantry board treasurer; **Jim Freeman**, pantry board member; **Daniel Taylor**, pantry executive director; **Linda Dean**, pantry board member and volunteer; **Max DelSignore**, Northern New York Community Foundation assistant director; **Tina Drelick**; pantry board member and volunteer; **Linda O'Leary**, pantry board member and volunteer; **Nancy Hanno**, pantry board member; and **Judy Karelus**, pantry board secretary. The pantry serves hundreds of clients in the town and village of Lowville.

Food Bank grant will help bolster support in North Country

A matching grant the **Community Foundation** awarded to the **Food Bank of Central New York** will be used to encourage charitable gifts from donors in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties and build support for the Food Bank's efforts in the tri-county region.

The $5,000 board-approved grant was made with support from the **David G. Gregor Community Fund** and the **Alex Velto Community Fund** of the Community Foundation.

The Food Bank is working hard to address the many challenging layers of food insecurity in communities across its sprawling 11-county service area that includes all of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The organization strives to eliminate hunger through nutritious food distribution, education, and advocacy in cooperation with the community.

Food Bank of Central New York
WE WORK FOR FOOD

The Food Bank's presence across the North Country is visible and staggering. More than 50 agencies, regional food pantries and soup kitchens partner with the Food Bank to provide food to residents and families in need across Northern New York each year. The Foundation gives annual support to organizations and school districts that properly steward funding to purchase food items through the Food Bank.

Established in 1985, the Food Bank's impact in the North Country has grown over the decades as a result of evident need. The agency held a community discussion at the **Northern New York Philanthropy Center** last year with local supporters to discuss regional progress, impact, and ways to increase engagement with North Country donors.

The Community Foundation's history with the Food Bank of Central New York goes back more than 20 years. A key to continued success, which the matching grant helps to address, is developing a strategic and structured plan to encourage charitable contributions to support the Food Bank's efforts in the tri-county region.

Donors Establish New Funds

Charitable Funds
John and Gina Poggi Fund
Watertown Sunrise Rotary Club Foundation Mission Fund

Field of Interest Funds
Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Fund
Dottie Clark Foundation Fund
Moore Family Fund

Project Funds
Burns Family Endowment to Honor and Protect "The Raffle"
Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund

Organization Funds
Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association
Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association Flexible Fund
Beaver Camp Endowment Fund
Florence (Flo) Dear and Ethel Lee Library Fund
Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley Endowment Fund
Lyme Free Library Sustaining Fund
Massena Public Library Endowment Fund
North Country Public Radio Endowment Fund
Samaritan Medical Center Endowment Fund
Walker Center for Cancer Care Endowment Fund

Scholarship Funds
Edward Blackford IV Memorial Scholarship
Episcopal River Parishes Scholarship
Ball and Knight Scholarship
Cathleen A. Haggerty Scholarship Fund
James and Janice St. Croix Scholarship Fund

Helping others when they need it most

Annual support for food pantries continues across region

The **Community Foundation** invested $40,000 in local food pantries and soup kitchens in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties to provide mission-related support during the 2019 operating year. The board-approved grants will help strengthen programs and stock shelves at community food pantries, thrift stores and soup kitchens across the tri-county region.

The Foundation provides annual support to organizations that operate in partnership with the **Food Bank of Central New York**, Syracuse. Fifty organizations will receive funding through the latest grant that the Community Foundation Board of Directors approved during its Dec. 18 meeting.

For the second year, the Food Bank is also continuing a school-based food pantry program at four public schools: **Watertown City School District**, **Thousand Islands Central School**, **Clifton-Fine Central School** and **Heuvelton Central School**, as well as for the first time, **Jefferson Community College**.

The annual grant enables the Community Foundation to meaningfully impact its entire service area, while making a difference now and all year long for communities in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

Support for these programs continues to strengthen the Foundation's long-standing partnerships with community-based food pantries and the regional Food Bank, which helps to leverage significantly more food for every dollar contributed.

According to the Food Bank, one in eight people in Northern and Central New York are classified as "food insecure." Each dollar local food pantries and soup kitchens spend with the Food Bank can provide enough food for three meals. The Food Bank also estimates that 29 percent of the North Country's "food insecure" are age 18 and younger, making children among the most vulnerable of our population served.

These grants are made possible, in part because of generous donors who support the **Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund.**

Organizations receiving grant support for 2019 operations include:

Jefferson County

Alexandria Bay Food Pantry
Antwerp Food Pantry
Cape Vincent Food Pantry
Clayton Council of Churches Food Pantry
Community Action Planning Council Food Pantry, Watertown
Depauville Food Pantry
Feed Our Vets Food Pantry, Watertown
Gwen's Food Pantry, LaFargeville
Indian River Baptist Church Food Pantry, Philadelphia
Jefferson Community College Food Pantry, Watertown
Rohde Center Food Pantry, Adams
St. Mary's Church Food Pantry, Evans Mills
St. Paul's of Redwood Food Pantry
Salvation Army, Watertown
Theresa Food Pantry
Thousand Islands Central School Food Pantry, Cape Vincent
Village Ecumenical Ministries Food Pantry, Carthage
Watertown City School District Food Pantry
Watertown Urban Mission Food Pantry

Lewis County

Copenhagen Food Pantry
Croghan Food Pantry
Harrisville Food Pantry
Lowville Food Pantry
New Bremen Food Pantry
Port Leyden Food Pantry

St. Lawrence County

Canton Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Church and Community Program, Canton
Christian Fellowship Center Food Pantry, Madrid
Christian Life Fellowship Food Pantry, Gouverneur
Clifton-Fine Central School Food Pantry, Star Lake
Colton-Pierrepont-Parishville Center Food Pantry
Free Community Meal Soup Kitchen, Star Lake
Free Will Meal Program Soup Kitchen, Canton
Gouverneur Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Grasse River Food Pantry, Russell
Hammond Food Pantry
Heuvelton Central School Food Pantry
Massena First United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen
Massena Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Norfolk-Raymondville Food Pantry
Ogdensburg Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Potsdam Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Richville Baptist Chapel Food Pantry
Salvation Army, Massena
Salvation Army, Ogdensburg
Salvation Army North Kountry Kitchen, Ogdensburg
St. Vincent de Paul of Massena Food Pantry
Star Lake Neighborhood Center Food Pantry
Tri-Town Community Services Food Pantry, Winthrop
Waddington Resource Center

RECENT FOUNDATION GRANTS

This list includes competitive grant recipients the Community Foundation Board of Directors has recently approved and those suggested by advisors of individual named funds.

Adams Revitalization Committee
Adirondack Community Chorus
Adirondack Foundation
American Cancer Society Eastern Division
American Heart Association
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Northern New York
AUSA Northern NY-Fort Drum Chapter
Best Friends Animal Society
Boonville Black River Canal Museum
Canton Central School
Cape Vincent Food Pantry
Cape Vincent Village Green
Carthage Area Hospital Foundation
Castorland Fire Company
Catholic Relief Services
Children's Home of Jefferson County
Children's Miracle Network at Samaritan
Church and Community Program of Canton
City of Watertown
Clarkson University
Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center Foundation
Colton Volunteer Fire Department Corp.
Constable Hall Association Inc
Constableville Volunteer Fire Company
Copenhagen Central School
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County
Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County
Credo Community Center Foundation
Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division
Densmore Church
Dodge Pratt Northam Art and Community Center
Double Play Sports Community Center
Disabled Persons Action Organization Foundation
Empire State College Foundation
Erwin Library and Institute
Frederic Remington Art Museum
Friends of Lewis County Hospice
Friends of the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
FFA — Canton Chapter
GardenShare
Gouverneur Central School District
Gouverneur Historical Association
Grasse River Heritage Area Development
Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce
Hay Memorial Library
Help Sami Kick Cancer Foundation
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Jefferson County Volunteer Fire Chiefs and Firefighters Association

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Parishville-Hopkinton School partners with Foundation

Lead donor establishes charitable fund to help replace musical instruments

The **Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District** recently formed a charitable partnership with the **Northern New York Community Foundation** to help purchase and upgrade musical instruments for students.

The **Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund** was established at the Community Foundation with a generous lead matching gift from **Dr. G. Michael** and **Mrs. Barbara Maresca**. Dr. Maresca is president of **St. Lawrence Radiology Associates**. He and his wife are St. Lawrence County residents who share an affinity for local arts and education.

"We consider ourselves very lucky to live in an area that places such importance on music education, and we are happy we are able to help invest in a worthy North Country music program," Mrs. Maresca said.

Mrs. Maresca noted how her son, Michael, who graduated from Potsdam High School in 2013, "benefited enormously from music programs available from kindergarten through high school."

For the Marescas, the call to act in such a meaningful and thoughtful way came after **Jeremy** and **Allison Carney**, owners of **Brick and Mortar Music**, Potsdam, alerted them to the need for new instruments in several St. Lawrence County school districts, Dr. Maresca said.

"We decided to begin the effort at Parishville-Hopkinton Central School because it is really lacking in some of the basics for music classes," Dr. Maresca said. "We hope others will also be inspired to look to neighboring districts, reach out and help."

Gifts to the fund will provide support for the school district, over the next five years, to upgrade musical instruments for the benefit of students at Parishville-Hopkinton Central School. Under a five-year plan, all instruments could be upgraded for roughly $72,000.

The Community Foundation partnership enables the school to raise money it needs to complete the instrument project while offering donors the maximum flexibility and benefit of giving to a charitable fund. All gifts to the fund are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law and directly support the cause.

Charitable gifts to support the fund will enhance the music and arts experience for Parishville-Hopkinton students beginning this fall and into the future.

Parishville-Hopkinton Central School District Superintendent Dr. Bill Collins said he and school officials appreciate that the Maresca family has taken a valuable leadership role to improve music education through a worthy investment.

"We are tremendously grateful for the Marescas generosity. Their gift, combined with the support from our other community members, will go a long way to providing our music students with instruments they will use for many years," Dr. Collins said. "This is a wonderful investment in our music program that will have a positive impact on generations of students here at Parishville-Hopkinton Central."

Participating in community philanthropy while also working to make a difference in the lives of many St. Lawrence County youth has already brought rewards, Mrs. Maresca said.

"The tradition of philanthropy is strong in St. Lawrence County and we are merely following in the footsteps of so many other generous North Country donors," she said. "Giving in the North Country is extremely gratifying; the gift really makes a difference and goes a long way."

The Community Foundation strives to foster this type of giving and help facilitate charitable contributions for the community's greater benefit.

The leadership and generosity the Maresca family demonstrated will not only encourage additional gifts, but also create a belief in the effort to enhance a strong music program for St. Lawrence County students in the Parishville-Hopkinton district.

Donors may make gifts to the **Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund** of the **Northern New York Community Foundation** by mail to 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Gifts may also be made online at **nnycf.org/giving/donate-online**. Contact the Community Foundation, **315-782-7110**, to learn more about giving options and other ways to support this charitable fund.

Parishville-Hopkinton High School band members rehearse last spring. The **Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund** of the **Northern New York Community Foundation** is a new partnership that will, over the next five years, work to replace musical instruments in the school district. A leading gift from **Dr. G. Michael** and **Barbara Maresca** established the project fund.

We are grateful to those who have made gifts in support of the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund.

Donald Cannamela
William Collins
Jane Daby
Frazer Computing, Inc.
Jonathan D. Goss and Catherine Sajna
Cheri Hollenbeck
Marjorie Meashaw
St. Lawrence Radiology Associates, P.C.
Connor Sullivan

To join in helping to support the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund, make gifts to: Northern York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or online at www.nnycf.org. All donors will be recognized in future publications of the Northern New York Community Foundation.

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—Barbara Maresca,
On establishing the Parishville Hopkinton Central School Musical Instrument Fund

Community Podcast stories highlight giving in all forms

Since it launched in 2016, more than 30 conversations have been captured as part of our **Northern New York Community Podcast — Stories From the Heart of Our Community** series. The reflections on the value of giving back continue to generate meaningful discussion about the future of philanthropy in our region and inspire others to act. As we continue to provide these stories in collaboration with **WPBS**, we hope listeners of all ages respond and demonstrate generosity that makes the North Country better, forever.

The complete Season 3 lineup includes conversations with:

- Kay Church, Gouverneur
- John and Mary Jo Deans, Sackets Harbor
- Bruce Irwin, Watertown, and Dave Stoodley, Adams Center
- Kevin A. Kieff, Watertown
- Mart Liinve, Watertown
- Next Generation Leadership, featuring:
  - Erin Simser, Watertown; Robert Sligar, Carthage; Joanna Loomis, Watertown; Grayden Brunet, Sackets Harbor; and Lauryn Quinn, Watertown
- Jill and Tim Savage, Canton
- Thomas J. Yousey, Lowville
- Youth Philanthropy Council Alumni, featuring:
  - Sara Glover, Watertown; Marcus Lavarnway, Watertown; Dominic Uliano IV, Watertown; and Sarah Van Eenenaam, Watertown

We all have journeys to go on, and in giving, you receive. I think most everybody at one time or another in their life, whether it is financially, health wise, in some way will have a need in their lifetime. And if my children and my grandchildren can share with others and make that difference by just a listening ear, in some small way then they're making a difference to mankind."

— Kay Church

I've lived here in Watertown now more than half my life, in spite of the fact that I'm an Estonian, Swedish, Canadian, American. I'm Estonian, but I'm an American citizen. And I feel like I belong here, and it's a great country, and I want to do my part to give back to the community, where I've had the opportunity to run a business, and meet a lot of great people. I'm blessed.

— Mart Liinve

Northern New York Community Podcast
Stories From the Heart of Our Community

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What specific experience as a youth instilled a sense of service in your character?

One, being raised on a farm, for sure, instilled a hard work ethic in me and really taught me the meaning of life and what's really important. It was never going to be a desk job for me after farm life. Also, my education at LaFargeville and involvement in sports were both very formative.

What is special about Northern New York that drew you back home and keeps you here?

My family and friends. They're very important. I also love what this place has to offer. It's kind of a hidden gem. The sense of community here is an extension of family.

What is important for young people as they consider opportunities for service?

It's imperative they understand that they're going to get out of it exactly what they put in for effort. Whether it's joining a team or a trade or going to college to earn a degree, the most important asset is always going to be giving back, because that's what got them there. No one is going to be happy with any occupation or degree that they don't find personally meaningful.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY? Are you a Community Foundation scholar who has completed your post-secondary education and is now working in your field? Tell us how the Foundation helped you achieve your goals. **Contact** our **communications director** at **315-782-7110** or **ken@nnycf.org.**

You wrote in your essay back in 2006 that "a strong education and close community ties form a symbiotic relationship." How?

It takes one to have the other; it takes one to have the other succeed and, as far as personal happiness goes, absolutely integral.

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JRC Foundation
Lewis County Amateur Hockey Association
Lewis County Historical Society
Lowville Academy and Central School
Lowville Free Library
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Morley Volunteer Fire Company
North Country Arts Council
North Country Family Health Center
North Country Goes Green Irish Festival
North Country Mission of Hope
North Country Parkinsons Coalition
North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council
North Country Public Radio
North Country Troopers Assisting Troops
Northern Choral Society
Northern Regional Center for Independent Living
Ogdensburg Snackpack Program
Ontario Bays Initiative (OBI)
Potsdam College Foundation
River Hospital
Riverside Cemetery Association
Sackets Harbor Historical Society
Samaritan Auxiliary
Samaritan Medical Center
Samaritan Medical Center Foundation
Save The River
South Jefferson Central School
Special Olympics New York
St. Lawrence County Community Development
St. Lawrence County Fire Training Facility
St. Lawrence County Historical Association
St. Lawrence Leadership Institute
St. Lawrence University
St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House
Stage Notes
The Antique Boat Museum
The Orchestra of Northern New York
Thompson Park Conservancy
Thousand Islands Arts Center
Thousand Islands Central School
Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Services
Thousand Islands Land Trust
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund
Town of Diana Historical Museum
Traditional Arts in Upstate New York
United Helpers Care
United Way of Northern New York
USO Fort Drum
UVM Alice Hyde Medical Center
Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County
Village Ecumenical Ministries (VEM)
Village of Boonville
Village of Canton
Village of Constableville
Volunteer Transportation Center
Watertown Lyric Theater
Watertown Urban Mission
West Leyden Fire Company
Wilderness Health Care Foundation
WPBS-TV
Zonta International Club of Ogdensburg

HIGOUHI 'HI' OWENS 1932-2019

Throughout her lifetime, **Higouhi "Hi" Owens** sought to help others while working to improve the world around her. Her affection for the place where she and her husband, **Charles**, grew up led the couple to begin a life together after college in their hometown of Massena. Hi and Charles deeply valued education as a means to improve quality of life. For that reason, she helped champion the establishment of the **Evergreen STEM Scholarship** at the Northern New York Community Foundation in 2014. Students receive the scholarship due to their interest and intent to study the sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics while in college. The scholarship made its first $3,000 awards to 10 St. Lawrence County high school students in 2016. Hi sincerely believed education in a STEM field would prepare students for life-long success. She also appreciated the important role that generosity plays in a community's health and well-being and viewed a quality education as a pathway to achieve both. Her gifts helped make possible a very unique scholarship that will continue to help students and strengthen the North Country, forever. Because of the thoughtfulness of Hi and her husband, 30 St. Lawrence County students have been able to pursue their educational dreams. Hi embodied the spirit of giving with great joy and appreciation and she enjoyed personally getting to know the students who received the Evergreen STEM scholarship. She viewed each scholarship as an investment in the future generation and was happy to learn about the accomplishments of students who she and Charles helped. Hi also held a deep love for the St. Lawrence River and enjoyed time spent with family and friends at the family's Morristown riverfront cottage. She was very involved with church activities and credited her faith for opening her eyes to philanthropy by giving of her time and talents throughout her lifetime. We join others in expressing our sadness over the loss of this friend to many and advocate for higher education. We are grateful to Hi and Charles for all they have done, and continue to do, to help others while making the North Country an even more special place. She will continue to leave an indelible imprint on students, families and the St. Lawrence County region she loved, forever.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Higouhi Owens

Ann Adams & Ronald Bovay
Polly L. Davies
Max & Sara DelSignore
Gale Ferguson & Sue Emrich
Freedom Financial Planning LLC
Jeff & Mary Perrine
Rande Richardson
Ray & Janet Richardson
Norton W. Taylor
Robin Truax

To join others in helping to honor Higouhi Owens, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.

James D. St. Croix

James D. St. Croix Sr. dedicated his life in service to his country and community. His greatest devotion was saved for his wife of 63 years, **Janice Anne Traynor**, along with their eight sons and extended family. James graduated from Immaculate Heart Academy in 1951 and married his high school sweetheart in 1954. He valued the importance of community and building meaningful relationships. His efforts to improve life for others were rooted in his deep love for the North Country and the place where, along with Janice, he chose to raise their family. He appreciated all who invested in making the area a better place. He was a proud member of the U.S. Navy and a veteran of the Korean War. A career with the U.S. Postal Service also gave time to pursue elected office. He served as a member of the Jefferson County Board of Legislators from 1996 to 2011, representing Watertown. James also served his community as a member of several civic and community organizations. He was known to his colleagues, constituents and family for his warm demeanor and kind spirit. He was always willing to listen or provide a piece of wisdom while expecting nothing in return. To honor his unwavering commitment to his community, his family established **The James and Janice St. Croix Scholarship Fund**. We are honored to be part of the special way he and Janice will be remembered in the community they loved so much. In this lasting and meaningful way, a family legacy of helping others is perpetuated and will forever change and shape the lives of North Country students.

Tribute gifts in memory of
James D. St. Croix

Kenneth & Sheila Blankenbush
James E. & Sandra Branski
Andrew & Andrea Calcara
Mark Curtis
Don Curtis & Sheila
Allen Drake
Betsy Elliott
Russ & Teresa Gallup
Gouverneur Correctional Facility
Executive Team
Linda & Bob Hagemann
Jefferson County Board of Legislators
Jane Bowman Jenkins
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Jan H. St. Croix
Jayme & Jo Ann St. Croix
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Molly Stacy
Vicky Stefanik
Bruce D. Traynor
Jack & Mary Lou Trombly
West Genesee High School
Math Department

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Carol Chamberlain Allard

Carol Chamberlain Allard often described her love of teaching and her joy in the time spent with her students. She began her education career Pennsylvania before moving with her family back to the North Country and worked for Jefferson-Lewis BOCES until her retirement. Carol also loved her hometown of Watertown and was a dedicated supporter of her alma mater, Watertown High School.
We are saddened to learn of her recent passing in Pennsylvania where she spent her retirement years. Carol will be remembered for her love of family and friends and her warm smile. Carol's family has chosen to honor her legacy through gifts to an effort she proudly supported, the **Watertown High School Class of 1956 Scholarship Fund**. We join her family in expressing our sincere appreciation for those who made memorial tributes in her name.

Tribute gifts in memory of
Carol Chamberlain Allard

Janet I. Chamberlain
Jill H. Johnson
Jeanne Laninger
Francis Sweet
Art Williams
Sheila H. Wood

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Michael E. Maser

Michael E. Maser never forgot where he came from. His love for the St. Lawrence River and his native Northern New York helped form his character on and off the field of football. Mike would go on to play college football at the University of Buffalo where his love of teaching and the sport led to a career as a football coach at both the college and highest of professional levels. Mike, or "Coach Maze" as he was known to all, shaped the lives of many young men as a college offensive line coach, during a 22-year career that saw stops at Marshall University, Bluefield State University, the University of Maine, and Boston College. He served as offensive line coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars, Carolina Panthers, and Miami Dolphins. Despite his success as a college and professional football coach, Mike never let his career define him and his professional success paled in comparison to his accomplishments as a devoted husband, father, granddad, and friend. His love for life and his hometown showed in the way he lived. He was a man of extraordinary faith and devotion. He was a mentor to many and his quick wit, sense of humor, laugh, and his balanced approach to life and work were the traits that grounded him, made him the man he was, and endeared him to many. The family has decided that the most fitting way to honor Mike's memory is through gifts to a scholarship that bears his mother's name: the **Margaret Maser Scholarship**. It is awarded to Thousand Island High School graduates who excel in English, reading and community activities. We are honored to help steward Mike's legacy in this most endearing and selfless way. Gifts in his memory will help build this permanent fund at the Community Foundation. We join his wife of 48 years, **Barbara**, and his family in mourning the loss of a great friend and coach.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Michael E. Maser**

Harry & Pati Bazinet
Heather L. Behan
Thomas & Cynthia Bresney
Carolina Panthers
Joseph Costello
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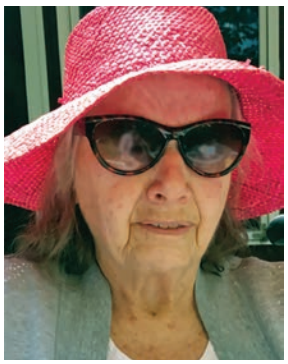

Elinor Walton Ducat

Elinor Walton Ducat so loved her native North Country that she chose to move home with her young family in 1980 and make a life on the St. Lawrence River in Alexandria Bay. With her husband, **Jack**, she was a loyal and consistent supporter of the Community Foundation and its many charitable causes that seek to improve the quality for life for all. She especially appreciated and valued the Community Foundation's commitment to the St. Lawrence River communities and the broader North Country region. She was always proud to be "a farm girl from Upstate New York," and she was an avid St. Lawrence River fishing enthusiast. A graduate of Watertown High School and Cazenovia College, she married Jack Ducat in August 1976. Elinor was the most senior member of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and was instrumental in the establishment of the General Jacob Brown Chapter. She also belonged to the Albany Chapter of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and was involved as a member and volunteer with the Jefferson County Historical Society. We join her husband, Jack, and five children in remembering a life well lived. We are grateful for her support of the many meaningful works of the Community Foundation.

Recent Tribute Gifts

Includes only gifts made to the Friends of the Foundation Community Betterment Fund from May 16, 2019, to Aug. 6, 2019, or for those who have just recently passed.

Jeffrey Bryan White Armstrong
Rande Richardson

S. Graham Atkinson
William & Kimberly Couch
William & Margaret Couch

Lis S. Couch
Peter & Laurie Pike
George Smith

Elizabeth "Betty" Coughlin
Rande Richardson
T. Urling & Mabel Walker

William Norwood Fipps
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Michael Geiss
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The Vanyo Family
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Foundation strengthens **partnership with JRC**

Matching grant supports organization's capital campaign to overhaul facility

The Community Foundation recently awarded a $100,000 matching grant to the **JRC Foundation** in support of its capital campaign for **The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence**, formerly **JRC**.

The organization is planning a $10 million investment in its main program and services building off Gaffney Drive in Watertown. The JRC Foundation is working to raise $3 million from the community to support the project.

The JRC Foundation established a formal relationship with the Community Foundation in September 2015, creating a permanent endowment fund and a sustaining investment fund at the Community Foundation with major initial investments in each fund.

"The JRC Foundation is appreciative of all that the Northern New York Community Foundation does for our region. We moved our investments to the Community Foundation several years ago to not only support an organization that does so much for our communities, but to also increase the exposure of our organization to community members and become an active partner," The ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence CEO **Howie Ganter** said.

The Community Foundation's board approved the matching grant with the **Emma Phoebe Hurd Fund of the Community Foundation** providing $10,000 in support. The grant also seeks to strengthen the relationship with the JRC Foundation.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SUPPORT: A rendering of the planned facility project of **The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence**, formerly JRC. The Community Foundation recently awarded a $100,000 matching grant to the **JRC Foundation** in support of its first-ever capital campaign for **The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence**.

Since 1954, The ARC Jefferson-St. Lawrence has provided critical services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It works to enhance the quality of life and maximize potential for the more than 1,000 children and adults it serves. The organization has seen an increase in demand in recent years and has maximized space in its facilities that are targeted for renovation.

For the first time in its history, the JRC Foundation has embarked on a capital campaign. The project will increase physical space, upgrade clinical facilities, enhance therapeutic equipment and improve overall safety and environmental conditions for clients and staff.

The JRC Foundation is overseeing the project, along with board leadership from the organization and foundation. The project sets the stage for the next chapter of the organization, which employs more than 500 employees and is the second-largest nonprofit agency in Jefferson County.

"The Community Foundation has such a broad reach in the region and our relationship is a vital connection to help us raise awareness of our mission to the key leaders and valued donors of our area," JRC Foundation Director **Michelle Carpenter** said. "That partnership only adds merit to our cause and strengthens our efforts."

To learn more about how the Community Foundation supports tri-county nonprofits through a variety of unique partnerships, contact **Max DelSignore**, assistant director, **315-782-7110**, or **max@nnycf.org**.

New fund at Foundation offers **unique way to protect painting**

"**The Raffle**" is a painting by **George Henry Taggart** that is now owned by the **Jefferson County Historical Society**. It depicts **Patrick Burns**, **Michael Burns**, and **John Burns**, who were three of the children of **Thomas Burns** and **Mary Flynn Burns**. It has been an iconic symbol of the many descendants of Thomas Burns and Mary Flynn Burns. It was painted in Watertown, New York, in 1893, and was later reproduced and distributed nationwide as a calendar by the Osborne Company.

Catherine Burns Quencer, who led this effort, created an endowment at the Community Foundation to ensure the painting will always remain on display in Jefferson County for the enjoyment of all. Mrs. Quencer, a longtime supporter of local history, also wanted to provide a unique way to help with ongoing operations of the Historical Society. In consideration of the endowment, the Historical Society has agreed to not sell the painting and to ensure it remains on public display. The **Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library** and the **Northern New York Community Foundation** have agreed to serve as alternate display sites should the painting rotate out of exhibition. The endowment will forever protect "The Raffle" and its owner.

Gifts support the Jefferson County Historical Society and the preservation of Jefferson County history. An exhibition of "The Raffle" and other Taggart paintings of the Burns brothers is now open at the **Paddock Mansion**, 228 Washington St., Watertown, through October.

We are grateful to all those who have made generous gifts in support of the Burns Family Endowment to Honor and Protect "The Raffle."

Taggart Adams
Daniel T. Burns & Margaret Burns
Paul Burns
Scott & Paula Burns
Thomas J. & Elena P. Burns
Tom & Irene Carman
Carthage Savings & Loan Association
Mrs. Virginia Burns Cenedella
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Connie Farley & Frank Carroll
Jim & Linda Farley
John B. & Elizabeth Farley
Maureen E. Farley
Ron & Ann Farley Fillhart
Kathleen Burns Hendrix
Ms. Dana Keefer
Cyril & Marlene Mouaikel
Bethany E. Neuroth
Jill & Gary Parker
Phyllis Burns Plante
Elizabeth Catherine Quencer
William & Catherine Quencer
Rande Richardson
Mr. John H. Treadwell II
John F. & Jane A. Ward
Lisa Weldon
Amy Winston

To join in helping to support the Burns Family Endowment to Honor and Protect "The Raffle," which benefits the Jefferson County Historical Society, make gifts to: Northern York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or online at www.nnycf.org. All donors will be recognized in future publications.

To ensure the things you care about most ENDURE

We commend the following organizations for creating funds at the Community Foundation to provide donors with options to support their work both now and in perpetuity

Jefferson County

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
Alexandria Township Historical Society
Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired of Northern New York
Carthage Central School District
Carthage YMCA
Child Evangelism Fellowship
City of Watertown
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County (Camp Wabasso)
Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division
Dexter Historical Society
Disabled Persons Action Organization (DPAO)
Faith Fellowship Christian School
Foundation for Community Betterment (Alexandria Bay Chapter)
General Brown Central School District
Hay Memorial Library
Henderson Historical Society
Herring College Memorial Educational Trust
Historical Association of South Jefferson
Honor the Mountain Monument
Hospice of Jefferson County
Immaculate Heart Central School
Indian River Lakes Conservancy
Jefferson County Historical Society
Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer-Oneida BOCES
Jefferson Rehabilitation Center
JRC Foundation
Knights of Columbus Council #259
Lorraine United Methodist Church
Lyme Free Library
Lyme Central School District
Macsherry Library
Meals on Wheels of Greater Watertown
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
National Association of the 10th Mountain Division
Nature Conservancy
North Central Zone New York State Retired Teachers' Association
North Country Council of Social Agencies
North Country Family Health Center
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Thousand Islands Arts Center
Thousand Islands Emergency Rescue Service (TIERS)
Thousand Islands Foundation
Thousand Islands Land Trust
Thousand Islands Performing Arts Fund (TIPAF) at Clayton Opera House
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
United Way of Northern New York
Village of Dexter
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Watertown City School District
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Watertown Lyric Theater
Watertown Musicales
Watertown Noon Rotary Club
Watertown Sunrise Rotary Club
Watertown Urban Mission
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Lewis County

Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association
Adirondack Central School District
American Maple Museum
Beaver River Central School District
Constable Hall Association
Copenhagen Central School District
Double Play Sports Community Center
Friends of Lewis County Hospice
Fund for Hope of Lewis County Hospital Foundation
Lewis County Agricultural Society
Lewis County General Hospital
Lowville Academy and Central School
Mountain View Prevention Services

St. Lawrence County

Boys & Girls Clubs of Massena
Brasher Falls Central School District
Canton Community Fund
Canton Fountain Fund
Canton Free Library
Cerebral Palsy Association of the North Country
Church & Community Program of Canton
Clifton-Fine Community Fund
Clifton-Fine Hospital
Colton-Pierrepont Central School
Community Health Center of the North Country
Edwards-Knox Central School District
Fort La Présentation Association
Frederic Remington Art Museum
Gouverneur Hospital
Grasse River Heritage
Hammond Presbyterian Church
Hermon-DeKalb Central School District
Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley
Indian Creek Nature Center
Little River Community School
Madrid-Waddington Central School
Massena Central School District
Massena Music Friends
Massena Public Library
Morristown Central School District
New Beginnings Clothing and Food Outreach
North Country Children's Museum
North Country Public Radio
Norwood-Norfolk Central School District
Norwood Village Green Concert Series
Ogdensburg Boys & Girls Club
Ogdensburg Command Performances
Ogdensburg Free Academy
Orchestra of Northern New York
Potsdam Central School District
Potsdam Holiday Fund
Potsdam Humane Society
Friends of the Potsdam Museum
St. Lawrence Central School District
St. Lawrence County Historical Association
St. Lawrence Land Trust
The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence & Dodge Pond Camp
St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum
Traditional Arts in Upstate New York (TAUNY)
United Church of Madrid
United Helpers
Wanakena Historical Association
Wilderness HealthCare Foundation

Advantages of supporting your favorite charity through a fund at the Community Foundation include:

- Additional layer of stewardship and oversight
- Ability to ensure donor intent remains intact as organizational leadership changes
- Ability to designate alternate uses for your gift should the organization cease to exist
- Unique legacy naming opportunities
- Greater diversification of pooled investments
- Ability to endow your annual giving by establishing parameters for annual distributions to the charity or charities

If you or an organization you represent are interested in learning more about options for supporting your favorite school, church or charity in perpetuity, **contact the Community Foundation, 315-782-7110** or **info@nnycf.org.**

LEGACY PLANNING

Flexible giving where you live, now & forever

A part of your legacy may include a charitable gift to support the Northern New York Community Foundation. A wide range of donor options are available to make giving efficient, simple and rewarding. Loyal residents and supporters of the North Country have the ability to maximize generosity and give where they live, forever.

BEQUESTS — You may plan a gift as a provision in your will, naming the Northern New York Community Foundation for the benefit of a specific community or communities, field of interest or charitable cause or causes. You may instead choose to give a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.

RETIREMENT PLANS — This option allows you to truly maximize your meaningful gift. You can avoid taxes on retirement plan distributions by naming the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate how the gift will be put to use.

LIFE INSURANCE — List the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate how you wish the contribution to be applied. It is an efficient option that maximizes the value of your charitable gift and also allows you to receive a tax deduction.

STOCK, INSURANCE OR IRA TRANSFER — Consider a contribution through a transfer of stock, IRA, or life insurance. Contact the Community Foundation, **315-782-7110**, to learn more. The Foundation can also work with donors to allocate IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), which can be used to make tax-free charitable gifts. Ask the Foundation how to take advantage of this opportunity.

■ Other legacy planning options include charitable gift annuities (CGAs), charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and more. To discuss legacy planning or other charitable giving interests with the Northern New York Community Foundation, contact **Executive Director Rande Richardson** or **Assistant Director Max DelSignore** at **315-782-7110** or email **rande@nnycf.org** or **max@nnycf.org**.

A space for community

Philanthropy Center welcomes community-based organizations

The **Northern New York Philanthropy Center** continues as a hub where many community organizations gather. The **North Country Bird Club** uses space monthly for its meeting. To book space for your nonprofit organization, call **Mary Perrine**, **315-782-7110**.

The following community-based organizations used the Northern New York Philanthropy Center for their gatherings from November 2018 through July 2019:

ACR Health
Adirondack Club, Black River Chapter
Advantage Watertown
American Association of University Women
Jefferson County Branch
Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
of Northern New York
Association of the United States Army
Northern New York-Fort Drum Chapter
Children's Home of Jefferson County
City of Watertown Charter Commission
City of Watertown Parks & Recreation Department
City of Watertown Planning Department
Downtown Riverfront Connection
Feasibility Study
City of Watertown Strategic Planning Committee
Development Authority of the North Country
Food Bank of Central New York
Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization
Fort Drum Regional Liasion Organization
Friends of Thompson Park
Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways
Greater Watertown-North Country
Chamber of Commerce
Guitars for Vets, Watertown Chapter
Heather A. Freeman Foundation
Herring College Memorial Educational Trust
Jefferson County Businesses Against Drugs
Jefferson County Historical Society
Jefferson County SPCA
Jefferson-Lewis Library Association
JRC Foundation
LEAD Council
Little Theatre of Watertown
Mayor's Charity Ball Committee
Neighbors of Watertown
North Country Affordable Housing
North Country Arts Council
North Country Bird Club
North Country Family Health Center
North Country Library Association
North Country Prenatal/Perinatal Council
Northern Regional Center for
Independent Living
Ontario Bays Initiative (OBI)
Race Against Poverty
Safe Schools Endeavor
Salvation Army of Watertown
Samaritan Medical Center
Six Town Community Fund
Snowtown USA
St. Lawrence County Arts Council
Stage Notes
Station WBVS
The Nature Conservancy
Thousand Islands Area Habitat for Humanity
Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
United Way of Northern New York
Watertown Family YMCA
Watertown Farm & Craft Market
Watertown Lions Club
Watertown Lyric Theater
Youth Philanthropy Council

In March, the **City of Watertown Planning Department**, held a public meeting at the **Philanthropy Center** about its **Downtown Riverfront Connection Feasibility Study** that drew about two-dozen city residents.

FIRST DR. DOUGLAS M. SANFORD SCHOLAR

FUTURE MEDICAL STUDENT: Emma Lynch is the inaugural recipient of the newly established **Dr. Douglas M. Sanford Scholarship**. Emma graduated from **Alexandria Central School** and will study pre-med at **Wells College**, Aurora, this fall. The scholarship supports students who plan to pursue medical careers. Dr. Sanford's wife, **Mary**, right, and daughter, **Janet** (not pictured) recently met Emma and presented her with a $500 scholarship award. We are grateful to the Sanford family and all who made memorial gifts to be part of the special way that Doug will be remembered.

DAPHNE A. PICKERT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

HUMAN-SERVICES SCHOLAR: Natalie McCormick, right, is the 2019 recipient of the **Northern New York Community Foundation Daphne A. Pickert Scholarship**. Natalie is a 2019 graduate of **Ogdensburg Free Academy High School** and will attend **St. Lawrence University** this fall where she plans to study psychology. She is the daughter of **Scott** and **Patricia McCormick**. Established at the Community Foundation to honor **Daphne A. Pickert**, left, retired executive director and CEO of **St. Lawrence NYSARC**, the scholarship is awarded to **St. Lawrence County** students pursuing post-secondary education in the human services field. Natalie recently met Mrs. Pickert at her Canton home and received a $500 award.

CLASS OF '62 PRESENTS OFA ALUMNI AWARD

OFA ALUMNI AWARD: Nolan Hogle is the 2019 **Ogdensburg Free Academy Alumni Scholarship** recipient. Nolan, a 2019 graduate of **Ogdensburg Free Academy High School** is the son of **Glen** and **Patti Hogle** and will attend **Clarkson University**, Potsdam, where he plans to major in mechanical engineering. Pictured with **Nolan**, center, is **Curt Richardson** and **Judy Longshore**, members of the **OFA Class of 1962**. The scholarship is a component fund of the **Northern New York Community Foundation**.

INAUGURAL EDWARD RUBLE MUSIC SCHOLAR

FUELING A PASSION FOR THE ARTS: Family members presented **Watertown High School** graduate **Nicholas Chapman** with the inaugural **Northern New York Community Foundation Edward Ruble Music Scholarship** at the Philanthropy Center in July. **Ed Ruble** was a music teacher for the Watertown City School District for decades, retiring in 1999. Throughout his career, he passionately inspired young minds to seek a deeper relationship with the arts. Nicholas is a 2019 graduate who will begin his studies to become an elementary music teacher this fall at **Jefferson Community College**. Nicholas plans to continue his education at **SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music**. As a student, he enjoys vocal music most and is presently learning to play the piano. Nick also has a love for musicals, having performed in many school and local productions. Ed's sister, **Lee Ruble Prugar** and her husband, **John**, presented Nicholas with a $500 scholarship award. We are honored to help continue Ed's legacy along with his sister and extended family.

NEW YORK STATE RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION NORTH CENTRAL SCHOLARS

NEXT-GENERATION TEACHERS: Lowville Academy and Central School graduates **Daniel Mayer** and **Abigail Rockwood** are the 2019 recipients of the **New York State Retired Teachers' Association North Central Zone Scholarship Award**. The award, in partnership with the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, is given annually to high school seniors who plan to pursue teaching careers. The Association's North Central Zone covers Jefferson and Lewis counties. Daniel will attend **SUNY Cortland** where he plans to study elementary education. He is the son of **Jeffrey** and **Emily Mayer**, Lowville. **Abigail** will attend **SUNY Geneseo** where she plans to study elementary education. She is the daughter of **Ronald** and **Susan Rockwood**, Lowville. Pictured from left, **Jim Newell**, New York State Retired Teachers' Association North Central Zone president; recipients **Daniel Mayer** and **Abigail Rockwood;** and **Mary Perrine**, Northern New York Community Foundation coordinator of partnerships. The Community Foundation in honored to partner with the New York State Retired Teachers' Association North Central Zone to steward their scholarship fund.

MATCHING GRANT CHALLENGE: The Community Foundation board recently approved a $5,000 matching gift to help encourage giving to the **New York State Retired Teachers' Association North Central Zone Scholarship Fund**. The organization is a very active partner, consistently promoting its work with the Foundation. All gifts to the fund will be matched up to $5,000 to continue the trend of building permanent resources to help students throughout Jefferson and Lewis counties. The **Rose Petrie Fund of the Community Foundation**, which is designated to support educational pursuits, will provide the match.

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About the recipients

Matthew Ford, Alexandria Central High School, is a National Honor Society member and graduated with a Regents Diploma. He was a varsity athlete, Frontier League All-Star, and captain of his bowling team. He also studied criminal justice at the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Bohlen Technical Center. He will attend SUNY Canton where he plans to study forensic science and criminal investigations. Matthew aspires to serve in the New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Throughout high school, Matthew participated in FFA, American Kang Duk Won Karate, and volunteered for local highway clean-ups and fishing derbies.

Dylan O'Connor, Alexandria Central High School, is salutatorian of his class and graduated with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. He is enrolled in a seven-year pharmacy program at Daemen College and the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. He is a National Honor Society member and loves math, science, languages and music. Throughout high school, he participated in French Club, Whiz Quiz Team, Booster Band, and the River Rat Rhythm Project. Dylan is also a four-time participant in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., and volunteers annually for Relay for Life and the Race for a Cure.

Abrianna Parson, Watertown High School, was a varsity athlete, basketball team captain, and Frontier League All Star who graduated with a Regents Diploma. She also studied nursing at the Jefferson-Lewis BOCES Bohlen Technical Center, where her instructor praised her as a "role model for other nursing students." She is enrolled in the nursing program at Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, and aspires to practice at her hometown hospital upon completion of her undergraduate education and licensing. After experience as a Registered Nurse, Abrianna plans to pursue graduate studies to become a Nurse Practitioner in her community.

About the scholarship

Following a summer 2017 family gathering at Boldt Castle, descendants of famed hotelier George C. Boldt, led by Mr. Goodridge, decided to create a permanent scholarship fund to forever benefit Jefferson County students. The Northern New York Community Foundation was selected to administer the scholarship, which honors Boldt's legacy of service.

Thank you to the following donors who made lead gifts to help establish the Northern New York Community Foundation George C. Boldt Scholarship:

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To join in helping to support the George C. Boldt Scholarship, make gifts to: Northern York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or online at www.nnycf.org. All donors will be invited to the Class of 2020 scholarship presentation and appreciation reception at Boldt Castle in June. ★Direct Descendant of George C. Boldt.

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Double your gift

The Community Foundation presently offers the following matching grants. Each gift will be matched, dollar-for-dollar. This is a meaningful opportunity to provide support for an organization you care about, **and have the Community Foundation double your gift value.**

Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association
Alexandria Bay Township Historical Society
American Maple Museum
Canton Free Library
Canton Fountain Fund
Church and Community Program, Canton
City of Watertown Community Fund
Fort La Presentation Association
Friends of Thompson Park
Gouverneur Hospital
Grasse River Heritage
GWNC Chamber-JLI Community Fund
Henderson Harbor Water Sports Program
Hospice and Palliative Care of
St. Lawrence Valley
Indian River Lakes Conservancy
JRC Foundation
Lewis County General Hospital
Minna Anthony Common Nature Center
Mountain View Prevention Services
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Wilderness HealthCare Foundation

Contact the Foundation, **315-782-7110**, to learn more about maximizing your gift and to support any of these Foundation partners. All Community Foundation gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

WHY I GIVE

Lynn Morgan spent the first 11 years of her elementary education career teaching kindergarten, first, second and third grades. Her first job was in the small Southern Tier town of Canaseraga, about an hour south of Rochester. Eight years later, she moved to the North Country to teach in the **Beaver River School District** and became an elementary school librarian after about three years in the classroom. A job in the **Carthage School District** as a librarian was her last move and where she spent about 20 years before retiring in 2006, capping a 36-year career. A Carthage resident, Ms. Morgan is also a professional storyteller and has taught the art of storytelling to third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students. She has traveled the world as a storyteller, sharing the art with residents in China and India. She is a board member at **New Day Children's Center**, and a past board member at the **Minna Anthony Common Nature Center**. Ms. Morgan also has a passion for music and the outdoors. We recently talked with Ms. Morgan about community philanthropy and why it's important to her.

What does philanthropy mean to you?

Philanthropy is the giving of yourself financially as well as in service and your time.

What is important about philanthropy as a means of local service?

I think giving definitely begins locally. There are some local agencies that I have long been involved in, and nonprofits. They're the ones that, after I retired, I now spend more time with because I like their missions and their purpose for being. I think it's the kind of thing that if you start locally, if you want to, you can get more involved at higher levels. But I think locally is where the impact is really critical.

What's important about philanthropy that can inspire others to take a leadership role to help improve a community's quality of life?

The agencies that I feel most strongly about — there are four that I have opted to contribute to — all involve kids. That's something that I feel is very critical. I think kids, don't necessarily have some of the positive role models that are needed as they grow up, so that they have something to aspire to. If they see people who are involved and interested in them as a person and they see value in that, hopefully when they get older, they'll remember that and carry it on.

What organizations are you involved with that are especially close to your heart?

Asbury United Methodist Church, the Minna Anthony Common Nature Center up on Wellesley Island, Aldersgate, which is a Methodist church camp over on the other side of Lowville, and New Day Children's Center, which is part of the mission of Asbury United Methodist Church.

How did you learn about the Community Foundation and become involved with giving?

I've known about its work and all the positive community actions it supports for a long time, but I can't tell you how long. I especially got interested in the Community Foundation after contributing to the annual "Friends Fund" for several years, and then I decided to do something more. Now I've gotten to know more of the staff and have grown relationships that have become great friendships.

How would you encourage others to get to know giving options through the Foundation?

The Community Foundation offers an opportunity to contribute to organizations, nonprofits or other agencies that are near and dear to your heart, and it's a way to give forward, so when you're physically no longer here there's a way that you can continue to make an impact upon the things that you value.

What leaves you feeling positive about the impact you're making in your community?

I see very tangible results by virtue of the fact that every place I give, I am also very involved. I know where there is a need and I work toward that need, and hopefully I'm a positive influence. It's not just giving of money that's important, it's actually getting involved with the organizations and finding out what they consider to be important and how they strive to reach their goals.