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**Foundation Board Approves \$25,750 in Grants
Allocates Nearly \$700,000 for Scholarships**

At their quarterly meeting Tuesday, the Northern New York Community Foundation Board of Directors approved grants totaling \$25,750 to local organizations and allocated nearly \$700,000 for scholarships.

Grants approved were:

- **Thousand Island Performing Arts Fund - \$10,000** to purchase a new sound system for the Clayton Opera House. *This is made possible, in part, through the River Fund.*
- **Volunteer Transportation Center - \$5,000** to assist in expanding services in Lewis county. *This is made possible, in part, through the Joan Davis Fund.*
- **Heuvelton Historical Association - \$5,000** to help with the Pickens Hall Restoration project.
- **Ogdensburg Command Performances - \$5,000** in funding towards two performances of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in October.
- **Lyme Central School District - \$750** to supplement the funding for an historical photograph project, in collaboration with Lyme Central School, Lyme Free Library and Lyme Heritage Center.

The Board also approved \$7,500 to continue the Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Council initiative in 2012. In other business, the board allocated \$698,590 for scholarship assistance for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties. Jefferson and Lewis County scholarships are for full-time undergraduate students entering freshman or junior year at college or technical school, and for non-traditional full-time undergraduate students in any year of college or technical school. Residents of North Pleasant Street, Watertown may apply for any year in college or technical

school. In St. Lawrence County, the Foundation will award one-year freshman scholarships to students in the following school districts: Canton, Clifton-Fine, Colton-Pierrepont, Edwards-Knox, Gouverneur, Hammond, Harrisville, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Morristown, Ogdensburg and Potsdam.

The Foundation also awards the Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship to residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties who have been awarded the Purple Heart or to their dependents (spouse or child). Applicants for this scholarship may be in any year of full-time undergraduate study.

Applications can be downloaded and printed from the Foundation's web site, www.nnycf.org. They are also available at high school guidance offices, the Jefferson Community College financial aid office, or the Foundation office, 782-7110. Completed applications must be returned to the Foundation by April 2, 2012, except Rotary Purple Heart Scholarship applications which will be accepted throughout the year until all funds available for the academic year are awarded.

The Northern New York Community Foundation, Inc. manages and administers a permanent endowment and funds for the benefit of the community. Guided by a board of community leaders, the Foundation makes grants to support the work of non-profit organizations and provides scholarships to individuals in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties.

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