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Community Foundation Makes Grants in Three Counties

At their quarterly meeting Tuesday, the Northern New York Community Foundation Board of Directors approved over \$108,000 in grants to support organizations and programs in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. “We were very fortunate this quarter to have the ability, through our donors, past and present, to support a wide range of projects all across the North Country. This helps demonstrate the ability of a Community Foundation to support the whole spectrum of quality of life,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation Executive Director.

Grants approved were:

- **Orchestra of Northern New York, Potsdam - \$17,000** to fund a minimum of four concerts as part of their 2013-14 Watertown season. This grant also includes funds to assist the Orchestra in their outreach efforts to establish a presence in Jefferson County.
- **SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry - \$15,000** matching grant to complete fundraising for the Thousand Islands Biological Research Station, located on Governor’s Island near Clayton. *This made possible, in part, through the Grace L. Reinman Fund for Clayton and the Alex Velto Community Fund.*
- **St. Lawrence Power and Equipment Museum, Madrid - \$12,500** matching grant to assist in their campaign to establish an endowment fund at the Community Foundation.
- **Henderson Historical Society - \$10,000** towards the completion of their campaign to construct a boat annex adjacent to their current museum which preserve and display collections featuring the boating heritage of Henderson.
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County - \$10,000** to fund the “Adopting Healthy Habits” initiative, whose primary focus is to address childhood obesity. In partnership with the Community Foundation, several mini grants will be awarded to various local agencies and schools who will design programs to help promote healthy lifestyles.

- **New Beginnings Clothing & Food Outreach, Inc., Madrid - \$10,000** to help complete the construction of a new thrift store and food pantry.
- **Town of Lowville - \$5,000** to complete repairs to a retaining wall at Old Lowville Cemetery. *This grant is funded through the George R. Davis Fund for Lowville.*
- **Community Performance Series, Potsdam - \$5,000** towards their summer musical series.
- **North Country Arts Council - \$5,000** in support of the annual Independence Day concert and fireworks in Watertown's Thompson Park.
- **Trinity Concert Series - \$5,000** in funding for their 2013-2014 season.
- **St. Lawrence County NYSARC, Canton - \$4,800** in startup funds for a pilot program, "Freedom Reins," an equine therapy program for those with developmental disabilities.
- **Double Play Sports Community Center, Lowville - \$3,000** in support of their summer enrichment program. *This grant is funded through the George R. Davis Fund for Lowville.*
- **City of Watertown - \$2,500** for tree plantings at various locations throughout Watertown. *This grant is funded through the Carolyn Whitney Fund.*
- **Lowville Food Pantry - \$1,123** to purchase new shelving. *This grant is funded through the George R. Davis Fund for Lowville.*
- **Northern Choral Society - \$1,000** grant to help fund their annual holiday concert.
- **Sackets Harbor Vocal Arts Ensemble- \$1,000** grant to help fund their annual concert.
- **Arts Community of Lewis County - \$600** to purchase new easels and lighting. *This grant is funded through the George R. Davis Fund for Lowville.*

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. This work is made possible by donors who have established permanent, charitable funds with the Foundation during their lifetimes or through their wills.

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