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Clifton-Fine Community Fund Awards \$10,000 in Grants

The Northern New York Community Foundation’s Board of Directors approved \$10,000 in grants from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund. It is the first collection of grants disbursed from the geographic-specific community fund, designed to enhance the quality of life in the region. The Clifton-Fine Community Fund is a permanent philanthropic resource that will support programs, projects and initiatives that will have a lasting impact in their respective communities.

“The citizens of the Clifton-Fine region were tremendously successful in rising to the challenge, and have already exceeded the \$100,000 goal. They have set the example of how geographic-specific funds can benefit a region in meaningful ways, in perpetuity. These first grants, and the gifts that helped make them possible, are just the beginning of something that holds great potential for the region for generations,” said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation director. In 2013, the Community Foundation provided a \$50,000 matching grant to establish the fund. Combined with gifts from citizens of the region, over \$190,000 has been raised.

The approved community fund grants were:

- **Community Improvement Projects Committee - \$4,000** to support a community pavilion project in Cranberry Lake.
- **Wilderness Healthcare Foundation of Clifton-Fine Hospital - \$2,000** to provide military veterans with healthcare assistance.
- **Cranberry Lake Fire & Rescue Department - \$1,600** to purchase two firefighting suits.

- **Towns of Fine & Clifton - \$1,100** to assist with streetscape upgrades, as well as pedestrian and vehicle safety enhancements.
- **Save Our Schoolhouse (S.O.S) - \$1,000** to support the purchase of a propane furnace to allow the facility to be used during winter months.
- **Clifton-Fine Lions Club - \$300** funding for pilot program to clean up blighted properties.

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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