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**Community Foundation Explores Creation of  
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Resource Center**

The Northern New York Community Foundation is actively exploring the possibility of establishing a philanthropy and nonprofit resource center to serve donors, nonprofit organizations and communities in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. The center would also create a permanent home for the Community Foundation. A committee of board and community members has been formed to study the feasibility of such a center and to examine possible locations, including the historic Black River Valley Club building in Downtown Watertown. Several meetings have been held with the Central New York Community Foundation which established a similar center in 2010 in the historic University Club in Downtown Syracuse.

The centers typically have as their focus a philanthropy hub which provides ample and unique space for collaboration between the Community Foundation, donors, other funders, nonprofit organizations as well as business and community leaders. It would also accommodate any future programmatic growth and ultimately enhance the Foundation's mission to expand the impact of regional philanthropy and be a force for positive change.

"As we continue to grow, we are exploring the logical next chapter in the Community Foundation's 85-year history. We are taking a deliberate and thoughtful look at ways we can enhance and further our vision and values for what a community foundation should be. At the same time, we would look to create mission-based community space to provide added value for all of our stakeholders who have a desire to enhance the quality of life in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties," said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

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