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Watertown High School's Youth Philanthropy Council Awards \$10,000 in Grants

The spring cohort for Watertown High School's Youth Philanthropy Council had seven grant recommendations awarding up to \$10,000 approved by the Northern New York Community Foundation Board of Directors on Tuesday. The recipients are organizations providing services in Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties. This year, the school district had two Youth Philanthropy Councils award nearly \$20,000 in grants.

"We have been continually impressed by both the way the Youth Philanthropy Councils have developed, as well as the types of projects they've chosen to support. What doesn't necessarily come through in the final grant awards is the personal leadership growth that occurs in these young adults. This will help serve our communities and the world well in the years to come," said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation executive director.

Watertown Youth Philanthropy Council grants approved were:

- **Children's Home of Jefferson County - \$2,500** to support the organization's SoZo Teen Center, which is a program designed to help students focus on academics and participate in a variety of after-school activities.
- **Volunteer Transportation Center - \$2,000** to assist with mileage reimbursement for volunteers using personal vehicles to transport clients to various destinations.
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension & 4-H Camp Wabasso - \$1,800** to purchase two stand-up paddleboards to utilized for new summer water programming for all ages.
- **Credo Community Center - \$1,300** to provide additional support for the organization's "Healthy Recovery Connection" initiative.
- **Gouverneur Breast Cancer Fund - \$1,000** to assist with funding for supplies included in the organization's informational bags provided to clients.
- **Watertown Evening Rotary - \$900** as part of an initiative to purchase books for students in kindergarten through fourth grade within the Watertown City School District.
- **Disabled Persons Action Organization - \$500** to help with upgrades at the organization's Pamela Street location.

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The Community Foundation's Board of Directors also approved the following grants:

- **Orchestra of Northern New York, Potsdam - \$15,000** in support of their 2014-15 Watertown concert season.
- **Lewis County Historical Society - \$5,259** in funding to support restoration of their deteriorated floor. *This is made possible, in part, through the Michael Brown Fund for Lewis County.*
- **Trinity Concert Series - \$5,000** in funding for the 2014-15 season.
- **Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust - \$4,000** for exhibit renovations at the Thompson Park Conservancy. *This is made possible, in part, through the David G. Gregor Community Fund.*
- **City of Watertown - \$3,000** to assist with fall tree planting project. *This is made possible by the Carolyn Whitney Fund.*
- **Thompson Park Conservancy - \$3,000** for restoring and replanting damaged trees from last winter's ice storm, in a collaboration effort with the City of Watertown. *This is made possible by the Carolyn Whitney Fund.*
- **Sackets Harbor Historical Society - \$2,500** for support of this year's 30th Anniversary of the Concert on the Waterfront Series.
- **Lyme Community Foundation - \$2,500** to provide support for movie costs and public access as part of the organization's community-wide summer film series.
- **Jefferson-Lewis Workforce Investment Board - \$2,000** to assist with support to launch "Career Jam" event for high school freshmen in Jefferson and Lewis counties.
- **Northern Choral Society - \$1,000** to assist with orchestral support for its Christmas concert performances this December.
- **Sackets Harbor Vocal Ensemble - \$1,000** to support the organization's orchestral performances in 2015.

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 and have a general, broad and enduring interest in supporting the quality of life in the North Country.

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