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Community Foundation Collaborates with Dyson Foundation to Support Double Play Sports Community Center

The Northern New York Community Foundation's board of directors recently approved a \$10,000 grant in support of the Double Play Sports Community Center in Lowville.

The Community Foundation will award \$5,000 to assist with the renovation of space at the organization's fitness center location. The renovated space will allow the agency to offer additional programming at their Utica Boulevard site. The board also agreed to a \$5,000 grant to establish an endowment fund for the organization to be administered by the Community Foundation. The Dyson Foundation has also agreed to match the Community Foundation's commitment with another \$5,000 for Double Play's endowment, for a total of \$10,000.

"We continue to be impressed with all that Double Play has been striving to do to impact Lowville and Lewis County. By providing both a grant for immediate needs and long-term needs, we hope to be able to continue our investment in their efforts," said Rande S. Richardson, Community Foundation director. "We are especially grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with the Dyson Foundation to maximize the overall support for Double Play," Mr. Richardson said.

Other grants recently approved are:

- **Orchestra of Northern New York, Potsdam - \$15,000** to support their 2016-17 concert series.
- **North Country Arts Council, Watertown - \$5,000** to help conduct an organizational assessment and board development process.
- **Trinity Concert Series, Watertown - \$5,000** to support their 2016-17 performances.
- **City of Watertown - \$3,000** to assist with fall tree planting projects in the city of Watertown. *This is made possible, in part, by the Carolyn Whitney Fund and the Walker Tree Fund.*

- **Northern New York Art Trail - \$2,500** in support of the trail's "Open Studio Weekend" tour across Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties this fall.
- **Northern Choral Society - \$1,000** to assist with orchestral support for its Christmas concert performances in December.

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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