A permanent charitable fund for Clifton-Fine

Established in 2013, the Clifton-Fine Community Fund was created as a geographic-specific fund to support projects and programs that positively impact the quality of life in the southeast St. Lawrence County region, specifically in the towns and hamlets of Fine, Oswegatchie, Star Lake, Newton Falls, Wanakena and Cranberry Lake.

The Northern New York Community Foundation stewards this charitable fund. To build initial support, the Foundation awarded a $50,000 challenge grant to donors interested in giving to this philanthropic resource. By the end of 2014, people from across the region came together to create a $100,000 community fund.

Gifts continue to be added by donors like you. Families from across the region can now give to support the places they love and call home, forever.

Library brings joy to children

A $500 grant from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund supported a Clifton Community Library initiative aimed at early childhood literacy while combating rural poverty in the Newton Falls community with impressive results.

The library serves the entire town of Clifton as part of its New York State library charter. Although the library is located in Cranberry Lake, it also serves Newton Falls and part of Star Lake. The library is fortunate to have formed a number of community partnerships in the past few years. Working with partners, the library often seeks opportunities to reach underserved communities in our township. In the past year, this philosophy came together in a perfect storm: What if the library joined with some of its community partners to provide a story time to children in Newton Falls? Newton Falls is one of the poorest communities in Northern New York, particularly after the local paper mill closed several years ago. Library officials thought many children would enjoy attending a library event, even if their families couldn’t get them to the actual library. After a community member approached Clifton Community Library Director Kate Kosior, she enthusiastically dived into applying for a grant from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund to help support the first-time program. The library was awarded $500 and began advertising and signing children up almost immediately. Officials also decided to form a partnership in the community and signed on volunteers from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund to help support the program.

Legacy planning a means to ensure gifts will continue, forever

For the past six years, many people have demonstrated a sincere belief in their community with a meaningful gift to support the Clifton-Fine Community Fund.

It is interesting to note how each generous supporter has a specific affinity for their community. Whether a longtime, year-round or seasonal resident, volunteer, or just one who admires the Adirondacks, each person believes in what the Clifton-Fine region continues to offer. The Clifton-Fine Community Fund was established in partnership with the Northern New York Community Foundation to build charitable support and strengthen that faith within each community. This charitable fund is a core piece of the community growing together for the future.

Take a drive and pick a community. You will likely find a project, program or initiative that’s been positively impacted by a grant from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund. Revitalized trails, multi-generational programs, and community development efforts have been made possible because of the generosity of all who have given to the fund.

The Clifton-Fine Community Fund can be a catalyst for even greater change. It builds momentum each year. It is an impetus for nurturing a spirit of philanthropy that has been part of the region’s identity for years. The Community Fund is an example of a growing trend of people charitably supporting the place where they grew up, spent time with family, operated a business or organization, and made a lifetime of memories.

There are several meaningful ways to participate at any level and
“Thanks to the Clifton-Fine Community Fund, the library and its partners could provide Newton Falls children a unique story time experience that also addressed critical needs in our region. We are very lucky to see community philanthropy working so generously to improve our quality of life.”

—Kate Kosior, director, Clifton Community Library

Central School PTO and Newton Falls Fire Department, which also generously allowed the library to use its fire hall to host the weekly story time events.

Children met with Ms. Kosior for five weeks during the winter. Each week, she and children read a story together, completed a craft, and then each child took home an item relating to the book that would help alleviate some of the poverty issues faced in Newton Falls. Volunteers from the fire department, the PTO, and even a local high school student came in to work with the children every week.

The five weeks of books and projects included:

- "No More Water in the Tub" by Tedd Arnold. Children made their own bath tub finger paints and were given a variety of toiletries to take home.
- "Llama Llama Red Pajama" by Anna Dewdney. Children created microwavable heating pads to snuggle with at night and received new pajamas.
- "The Mitten" by Jan Brett. Children created 3D paintings using "snow paint" (a mixture of shaving cream, glue and paint) and received hats and mittens.
- "Stone Soup," a European folk tale. Children attended a soup-cooking class, created sun catchers out of colorful glass "stones," and took home all the fixings needed to make chicken noodle soup for their families.
- "Curious George Makes Maple Syrup" by H. A. Rey. Children put on a pancake party with volunteers and took home syrup and pancake mix.

"Participating children had a wonderful time, as did all of the adults who volunteered," Ms. Kosior said. "One mother reported that as soon as her daughter got home from story time, there was a pot of soup being prepared right on the stove for their dinner. Children also enjoyed spending time around fire trucks and in the kitchen. Their creativity was beautiful to see.”

The Clifton Community Library sincerely thanks the Clifton-Fine Community Fund and the Northern New York Community Foundation for generously supporting this critical needs initiative and looks forward to collaborating again in the future.

Newton Falls students participate in a craft project, as part of a Clifton Community Library outreach program earlier this year at the Newton Falls Fire Department. A $500 grant from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund helped to support the effort. Students gained valuable skills over the course of the five-week program.

LEGACY PLANNING from page 1

Through a variety of charitable giving vehicles. Through the Northern New York Community Foundation, supporters have made a charitable gift to the Community Fund from a donor-directed fund. The community fund may be included as part of an individual or family’s legacy plan through an estate or will. Specific designations can be made into the community fund based on a particular community, need, or charitable passion. There are options to ensure gifts to the Clifton-Fine Community Fund, and the region you love, are lasting and perpetuated.

Giving can be transformational. It is happening where you live. The Clifton-Fine Community Fund is poised to be a community builder and impact generations to come. Why?

Because of you, meaningful projects will continue to happen.

Because of you, faith in your community will be strengthened.

Because of you, the Clifton-Fine region will continue to grow, forever.
Sincere appreciation for all who give

The Clifton-Fine Community Fund and the Northern New York Community Foundation gratefully thank all donors who help support and strengthen the quality of life for all in the Fine, Oswegatchie, Star Lake, Newton Falls, Wanakena, and Cranberry Lake communities. Every gift, large and small, enables a more effective pursuit of our collective work and mission. We hope you will consider renewing your support in the year ahead. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

### Sustaining Gifts

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**Clifton-Fine Community Fund Founding Gifts**

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In 2018, it became very clear that the Cranberry Lake Fire Department’s existing message board sign could no longer accommodate community needs. The sign is used to keep residents and passersby informed and up to date while displaying information about community-wide public safety matters, highway and emergency information, events, gatherings, and celebrations. The department initiated a fundraising campaign, which included money from the department’s budget, to upgrade to a modern digital sign that allows for enhanced community service.

The department wanted to relieve a 70-plus-year-old volunteer who trudged through rain, ice, snow and, on occasion, heat to carefully place the letters on a typical community sign. A new sign now allows volunteers to input information remotely from home regardless of weather conditions and allows for much greater variety of postings. A $2,000 Clifton-Fine Community Fund grant helped the department complete its fundraising and purchase a modern digital sign. The department installed the sign and now provides greater community service while keeping residents better informed.

Community meal program supports most vulnerable

Each Wednesday evening, a group of volunteers provides a free home-cooked meal for anywhere from 30 to 80 Clifton-Fine residents. Many of these senior citizens, developmentally disabled individuals, and families do not have access to balanced family-style meals. The Free Community Meal experienced a crisis in 2017 when it received notice that the building that hosts the meal had a septic system that failed to meet state Department of Health regulations. Without a new septic, the Free Community Meal would no longer exist.

Volunteers quickly began a fundraising campaign and prepared a request for support from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund. They were provided with a $1,300 capstone gift that allowed them to install a new septic system and continue to serve the poor, isolated and hungry in the Clifton-Fine region.

“The Free Community Meal is the only opportunity that many we serve have access to a balanced meal. There is never a charge for the meal, and we see families with babies all the way up to senior citizens age 90-plus,” said Phil Giardino, who founded and manages the Free Community Meal program. “We extend a heartfelt thanks to the Clifton-Fine Community Fund and the Northern New York Community Foundation for providing critical support to those who need it most in our region.”

COMMUNITY FUND / WHY I GIVE

“We both see the impact of community philanthropy and the critical role the Clifton-Fine Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation has played in improving our region.”

— Charles ‘Chuck’ Hooven, lifetime resident and Clifton Town Supervisor

We recently spoke with lifetime resident and Clifton Town Supervisor Charles “Chuck” Hooven about life in the region and what makes the area special. “I was one of the first babies born at Clifton-Fine Hospital. I live in the Sears and Roebuck house my great-grandfather built. My mother was a nurse at Clifton-Fine Hospital, and my dad worked at J&L. Yes, I am indeed a long-time resident from a family of long-time residents. Living here all these years has been a gift because I live in an authentic community. Daily life is just as difficult in this beautiful place as it is in more populated areas, but here I have the opportunity to serve on the Clifton-Fine Hospital board, the Town of Clifton board and, for many years, as a volunteer in the Cranberry Lake Fire Department. I have seen firsthand what this area has to offer, and I have seen what folks working together can accomplish. I believe that there is a real future in this area, and I consider myself very lucky to live here. I am so fortunate to have married a force of nature named Mary who has been by my side and my chief supporter through it all. Her assets are too many to mention.”
**COMMUNITY FUND / WORKING TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE**

## PRESERVING PUBLIC RECREATION SPACE

Many tourists and local residents enjoy access to the Wanakena Footbridge, top, and the public beach, above, right. A $600 Clifton-Fine Community Fund grant to the Wanakena Historical Association provided support to replace eroded materials for the approach to the bridge, above left, and new sand for the beach. The Lester Allen and Stephen Moyer Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation provided funding for this grant. The fund supports projects and endeavors in the Clifton-Fine region with special emphasis on Wanakena. (Top photo courtesy Stephen Moyer.)

## A NEW VIEW FOR THE COMMUNITY

The Clifton-Fine Municipal Golf Course was recently awarded a Local Waterfront Grant to revitalize its aging facility, add new restrooms and a visitor information center. The golf course committee invested in the project by adding a deck that offers a beautiful vista of the course. A $500 Clifton-Fine Community Fund grant to Friends of the Clifton-Fine Golf Course provided support for the community deck project.

**COMMUNITY FUND / WHY I GIVE**

“<I> I believe in the value of community and I feel that local businesses are crucial to the success of a thriving economy. Contributing to the Clifton-Fine Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation gives me peace of mind knowing that my donation stays local to help provide grants and other financial support to those in need. It is a tremendous service they offer, and I am proud to be able to play a small part as long as I am able to.</I>”

— Matthew Scott, R.Ph., owner and supervising pharmacist, Adirondack Pharmacy, Star Lake

## BOOT WALK PROJECT HONORS VETERANS

Kim Nolan wanted to do more to recognize the contributions of veterans, active duty military and their families in the Clifton-Fine area. She decided to honor the region’s veterans by posting a flag with every veterans’ name — 1249 to be exact — between Fine through Oswegatchie, Star Lake and Cranberry Lake all along Route 3. Some flags were posted in boots provided by a $500 Clifton-Fine Community Fund grant. “We are grateful the fund is available and thank all who are involved for helping us recognize the Clifton-Fine military families through the generations,” Mrs. Nolan said. “Our veterans deserve all that we can give to honor their sacrifice.”

**BOOT WALK PROJECT**

WWII veterans Bob Noody, left, and Fred Hall, right, with Kim Nolan, organizer, Veterans Boot Walk Across Clifton-Fine.

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South Woods Historical Society exhibit combines art with history

As Clifton town historian and a supporter of the arts, Mark Fridén firmly believes that art and local history can create a sense of pride in one’s community.

“By understanding our history, we can get a better sense of who we are as a community, and where we are going,” he said. “Different art and media evoke different feelings in each of us and reflect the beauty of the Clifton-Fine region.”

The Clifton-Fine Community Fund has been a gracious partner with the South Woods Historical Society, providing essential financial support to bring photographer Frank Liberti here for a show and sale. A $350 grant helped facilitate the hosting of the exhibit that highlighted local features.

“The Community Fund has also been a great supporter of the Clifton History Office, which has been a godsend,” Mr. Fridén said.

Cranberry Lake Community Players keep arts alive with ‘Chagall: The Play’

Few things help to build a sense of community and add value for residents like the arts. From live theater to music to history, the arts in the Clifton-Fine region offer residents an important intellectual and creative outlet. Support for the Cranberry Lake Players and its production of “Chagall: The Play” was essential to help strengthen quality of life.

Marc Chagall and his wife Bella spent the summers of 1943 and 1944 in Cranberry Lake, with Marc painting and Bella enjoying the surroundings. Why Cranberry Lake? Marc and Bella had settled in New York City after fleeing the Nazi invasion of France in 1941, yet neither were happy in the city, so they often sought refuge in the rural countryside of Northern New York. According to a local newspaper, some Cranberry Lake residents thought the Chagalls were spies because they spoke Yiddish to each other, and natives mistook the Yiddish for German. It is this assumption that led to the development of “Chagall: The Play.”

A $250 Clifton-Fine Community Fund grant provided support to assist with this cultural arts production. “We extend gracious thanks to the Clifton-Fine Community Fund and the Cranberry Lake Boat Club for its support and funding of this innovative, quirky and totally Cranberry Lake project,” said Patricia Peterson, Cranberry Lake Players.

Left, a painting titled “Sur la route a la Cranberry Lake” by Marc Chagall. Marc and his wife Bella are the inspiration for Cranberry Lake Players production “Chagall: The Play,” which was supported by a grant from the Clifton-Fine Community Fund.

Clifton-Fine Community Fund: How it works to benefit all who give

The Clifton-Fine Community Fund is an affiliate of the Northern New York Community Foundation. Its core functions of reviewing requests for grant funding and making grant awards are accomplished through a partnership with the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp. and its Smart Growth Committee.

Each summer, the Clifton-Fine EDC issues a call to nonprofit and municipal organizations for requests for grants. It receives proposals ranging from $250 to $5,000 for a wide range of worthy and important projects. It’s rare that full funding is provided to any one project, encouraging organizations to think creatively and seek additional philanthropic support.

The Smart Growth Committee, presently comprised of Annette Craig, Halsey Bagg, Malinda Hayes-Riquelme and Susan Smith, evaluate proposals. The Clifton-Fine EDC reviews the applications and either approves or modifies committee recommendations. The Northern New York Community Foundation board of directors also must approve grants.

The Smart Growth Committee reviews applications in late August each year and grants are made after Community Foundation board action in late September. To apply, they must either be a municipal organization, a 501(c)(3), or the project must be stewarded by Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp., which is a 501(c)(3). Previously completed projects cannot be funded.

The Northern New York Community Foundation provided a $50,000 challenge grant to initiate the fund in 2013. Since, the fund has grown via new gifts and prudent investment.

Individual donors to the Clifton-Fine Community Fund total more than 350. Neither the Clifton-Fine Community Fund or the Northern New York Community Foundation receives any federal, state or local government money. Gifts of any amount are welcome to help improve quality of life in the Clifton-Fine region. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. As a component fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation, gifts of stock or other appreciated securities are accepted. For more information on making gifts and to learn about legacy planning, see page 7.
The Cranberry Lake North Shore Hub selected the Northern New York Community Foundation to serve as its fiscal partner to manage many generous gifts for its key restoration project. Public docks have been installed at the former Cranberry Lake Church and they are being used daily. This first major step is one that all can take pride in as the building and property transition to a thriving centerpiece of the community. The Hub Board is still waiting for New York State Supreme Court approval to move to closing.

The Hub Board held two community sessions to discuss potential uses for the building, one in July and one in August. Small groups brainstormed building uses — several good ideas were shared. Over the course of the winter, the board will explore viability of options for community impact, cost and human power to manage.

The only restrictions on the sale are no alcohol or cigarette sales. The Hub is subject to Adirondack Park Agency, state DEC and Dam Commission regulations regarding septic issues and dockage. There may be many good ideas that state regulations prohibit, but they remain unknown until vetted.

Any residents who did not attend one of the sessions should send ideas for the property. The Hub Board sincerely wants the building to matter in the context of rebuilding a tight-knit and viable community.

Please email CLNorthShoreHub@outlook.com. Thank you for caring. Thank you for giving. Thank you for believing. Together, our community thrives. Cranberry Lake North Shore Hub Board of Directors working for our community: Scott McWharf, president; Denise Barstow, vice president; June McWharf, secretary; Clint Farnsworth, treasurer; board members Darren Bullard, Nick Hunter, Terri Smith, and Karen Vavra; advisors Jaime Owens, Darrell Bullard, treasurer; board members Clint Farnsworth, vice president; Denise Barstow, president; June McWharf, secretary; Clint Farnsworth, treasurer; board members Darren Bullard, Nick Hunter, Terri Smith, and Karen Vavra; advisors Jaime Owens, Terri Smith, and Denise Barstow.

Pictured with his husband, Tyler, Shane Simpson, right, is not yet 30. He grew up in Star Lake and on Cranberry Lake, left the area for Syracuse to attend college, and now lives in Maryland. Despite distance, he is part of the fabric of the lake community and is already giving back.

Denis and Tina Walsh, Susan Smith, and Louise and Roger Johnson.

CLIFTON-FINE COMMUNITY FUND / HOW TO GIVE

Flexible giving where you live, now & forever!

The Clifton-Fine Community Fund is a Northern New York Community Foundation affiliate. The Foundation stewards this charitable, philanthropic resource that will have a lifetime impact on all residents in the areas of Fine, Oswegatchie, Star Lake, Newton Falls, Wanakena and Cranberry Lake. There is no better option to give where you live and support a stronger quality of life in your community, forever!

LEGACY PLANNING

A part of your legacy may include a charitable gift to support the Clifton-Fine Community Fund. The Community Foundation provides a wide range of donor options to make giving efficient, simple and rewarding. Loyal residents and supporters of the region have the ability to maximize generosity and give where they live forever.

BEQUESTS — You may plan a gift as a provision in your will, naming the “Northern New York Community Foundation for the benefit of the Clifton-Fine Community Fund.” You may either choose to give a dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.

RETIREMENT PLANS — This option allows you to truly maximize your meaningful gift. You can avoid taxes on retirement plan distributions by naming the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate the “Clifton-Fine Community Fund” as your charitable fund of choice.

LIFE INSURANCE — List the Northern New York Community Foundation as the beneficiary and designate the contribution to the “Clifton-Fine Community Fund.” It is an efficient option that maximizes the value of your charitable gift and also allows you to receive a tax deduction.

Other legacy planning options include charitable gift annuities (CGAs), charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) and more. To discuss legacy planning or other charitable giving interests with the Northern New York Community Foundation, contact Executive Director Rande Richardson or Assistant Director Max DelSignore at 315-782-7110 or email rande@nnycf.org or max@nnycf.org.

STOCK, IRA OR INSURANCE TRANSFER — Consider a contribution through a transfer of stock, IRA, or life insurance. Contact the Community Foundation to learn more, 315-782-7110. The Community Foundation can also work with donors to allocate IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), which can be used to make tax-free charitable gifts. Ask the Foundation how to take advantage of this opportunity.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY — The Northern New York Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Consult a tax professional to learn more.

You may specify your gift to the “Clifton-Fine Community Fund”
For more than 20 years, the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp. has worked to encourage residents and organizations to engage in activities and projects that help to improve the overall quality of life and economic vitality of our towns. The Clifton-Fine Community Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation was established to provide a resource to help support these activities and projects. An extremely successful community-driven campaign has enabled grant awards to a range of regional nonprofit organizations for a variety of projects. These grants have provided motivation for organizations and groups within our communities to successfully implement projects with a final result of improving the quality of life in our towns. I am pleased to support this partnership with the Community Foundation.”

— Chris Westbrook, outgoing board president, Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp.

I am honored to offer my service to the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp. as board president. Carrying on the work of a highly engaged and vibrant group of past and present community volunteers, this organization is simply for the people, by the people.

With the essential support of the Clifton-Fine Community Fund at the Northern New York Community Foundation, our immediate area is able to expand vital programs and grow indispensable projects that have a genuine affect on our population’s quality of life. By supporting a diverse set of projects, events, and initiatives, the Community Foundation encourages positive economic movement in our area, as well as social and cultural progress. Looking forward, the Clifton-Fine communities will continue to grow with the assistance of CFEDC, as we serve to strengthen the bond between groups on the ground and the contributions of the Community Foundation.”

— Hannah Fedorow, incoming board president, Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp.

The Wilderness HealthCare Foundation is proud to support quality care close to home for residents and visitors to the towns of Clifton and Fine in rural southeastern St. Lawrence County. The Northern New York Community Foundation has generously supported the Wilderness HealthCare Foundation as a valued partner of many years. This partnership has helped to execute vital services and improve the quality of life for all who need access to quality health care in the sprawling rural Adirondack environment.

The Wilderness HealthCare Foundation has successfully met several immediate needs of Clifton-Fine Hospital thanks to support from the Community Foundation and many generous donors. It has helped provide gifts for much-needed medical equipment, pave a deteriorated, dangerous parking lot, renovate a patient bathing area and pay down a clinic mortgage. Its work extends beyond the hospital, too.

Today, the Wilderness HealthCare Foundation is taking steps to ensure quality care is delivered to Clifton-Fine residents well into the future. A permanent endowment has been established at the Community Foundation, which is presently offering donors an opportunity to double their gifts up to $25,000. This will build momentum and help to guard an important resource that supports health care in our region in perpetuity.

Please consider a gift to help secure the future of care for the Clifton-Fine region. Incredible natural beauty abounds here, but residents need to know they can live and play safely with quality health care close to home.

Contact the Community Foundation, 315-782-7110, or info@nnycf.org, to learn more about how to maximize gifts in support of the Wilderness HealthCare Foundation. Secure online giving is available at www.nnycf.org. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.