OUR FRIENDS MAKE IT HAPPEN

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Friends represent the best of our region

Friends add meaning to our lives. They are there in good times and bad. True friendships are intentional and deliberate. They represent loyalty, empathy, loving care, concern, honesty, thoughtfulness, connection, mutual respect, and trust. One time each year, we ask those who believe in the importance and value of our work together to join us by becoming Friends of the Foundation. I am continually filled with humility and gratitude that they make the choice to renew or begin their commitment to support a shared mission for a better community. Always know that your friendship is a cherished blessing all throughout the year.

Amid turbulence and uncertainty, our friends responded in amazing ways. What do these friends know? They believe that a community foundation is a valuable resource for all of our region’s charitable organizations, many of which they also support. They recognize that an investment in the common good benefits the region broadly and strengthens the infrastructure that supports their other favorite causes and interests in powerful and lasting ways. Our friends believe in the importance of encouraging civic engagement among our young people, helping ensure multi-generational leadership in the tri-county area. They make the Youth Philanthropy Council, Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge, and young professionals LEAD Council a reality.

They understand that while the Community Foundation is fortunate to steward hundreds of charitable funds, many of them are restricted. Our friends choose to actively participate in shaping a stronger, healthier, more vibrant, educated community as needs emerge. They acknowledge that annual support is critical to strengthen and extend the reach of all available resources to enhance a diverse array of quality-of-life work happening in the North Country.

The bottom line: The things we accomplish do not happen on their own. They are made possible by donors like you who are willing to make a commitment to the common good. For every life touched, for every organization made stronger, for every future leader nurtured, you share in their successes. You represent the best of our region.

Throughout the coming year, as we share with you more stories of the work you make possible, know that your vision and generosity provides inspiration that is powerful beyond measure. You are the fabric of our community. The communities across Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties owe you their thanks. We are grateful that the Northern New York Community Foundation is part of the meaningful way you help our communities reach their greatest potential every day, all year long. To be a partner with you toward that noble goal is valued, appreciated and never taken for granted.

OUR MISSION:
To inspire and celebrate giving, steward resources honorably, and foster vibrant North Country communities.

INSPIRE PHILANTHROPY
Inspire a spirit of giving across generations, celebrate generosity in many forms, and nurture meaningful legacies.

DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS
Connect donor interests to the community, build and sustain partnerships, and listen for emerging needs.

HONOR STEWARDSHIP
Steward resources responsibly and act with the greatest regard for donor wishes now and for the future.

On the cover ...
Youth Philanthropy Council members participate in a tree-planting event at Watertown’s Thompson Park in November 2020. Clockwise from left front: Council member Isabelle Boyce, Watertown; Council Advisor and Community Foundation Director of Stewardship & Programs Kraig Everard; Council member Maxwell Gray, South Jefferson; Council Advisor Leslie Renzi; Council members Logan Hess, South Jefferson, Philip Marra III, Watertown, and Hailyn Boker, South Jefferson; Council Senior Advisor and Community Foundation Board Member Emily Sprague; and Council members Ella Arnott, Watertown, Dakota Sloat, Watertown, and Katherine Banazek, South Jefferson. The Northern New York Youth Philanthropy Council is made possible by gifts from donors who support the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund and generous corporate support from Watertown Savings Bank, Renzi Foodservice Charitable Foundation, and RBC Wealth Management.
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Mabel Elizabeth Brooks Walker

A steadfast advocate for education, compassionate health care, and community, her leadership lifted organizations serving the region to new heights, strengthening quality of life for others and opening new doors with opportunities to succeed and thrive.

Mabel B. Walker is well known for generosity and caring that touched many organizations and individuals across the North Country. Born in 1927 in Clarion, Pa., she graduated from nursing school at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh in 1948 with a degree in nursing. While a student at Allegheny General, she met T. Urling “Tom” Walker who was a student at Washington and Jefferson College. In Ohio, she began a career as a Registered Nurse. The two were married in September 1948, moving to Watertown in 1951 after Tom completed an engineering degree. Together with Tom, they raised a son, Tom Jr., and three daughters, Laurel “Laurie,” Winifred “Wendy” Grace, and Constance “Connie” Louise. Wendy, age 17, and Connie, age 37, each lost their lives to cancer. Mabel returned to school in 1948, moving to Watertown in 1951 and Jefferson College. In Ohio, she regarded education as a priority in people’s lives. In their community and civic organizations. Along with her husband, advocacy positions to service as a board member for several roles in the community ranged from nursing and health Jefferson County. Waring & Audrey Blackburn

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T. Urling “Tom” and Mabel Walker on their wedding day in 1948. Tom and Mabel celebrated 72 years of marriage together with their family in September.

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Our spring issue of Thoughtful Giving will feature stories and memorial tributes about the lives and legacies of several Community Foundation supporters who recently passed. They include:

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Donors frequently establish new funds at the Community Foundation. We have grown to now oversee a wide range of nearly 1,000 charitable funds that support hundreds of organizations and causes. We are honored that donors continue to place their trust in the Community Foundation to administer these resources and carry out specific charitable objectives. Donors may make additional gifts to help extend support and build these funds. The following funds were created in 2020:

**Charitable Funds**
- Caldwell Family Fund
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- Russell I. Wilcox Family Fund

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- Youth Philanthropy Council Endowment

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- Jefferson-Lewis Board of Realtors Food Pantry Fund
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- Central Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired Flexible Fund
- Clayton Jazz Festival Endowment
- Depauville Free Library Endowment
- Friends of the (Minna Anthony Common) Nature Center Endowment
- Friends of Thompson Park Endowment
- Grasse River Heritage Endowment
- Indian River Lakes Conservancy Endowment
- Lorraine Volunteer Fire Company Flexible Fund
- Lyme Free Library Endowment
- Mental Health Association in Jefferson County
- Ogdensburg Library Endowment
- Society of United Helpers Endowment
- South Jefferson Lions Club Flexible Fund
- Watertown Catechetical Board Fund

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- Depauville Free Library Tutoring Program Fund
- LEAD Holiday Giving Fund
- Leap of Kindness Day Fund
- Northern New York Community Foundation COVID-19 Community Support Fund
- Tennis Court Project Fund of the Watertown City School District Educational Foundation
- Watertown City Pools Fund

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- Anne T. & Emmett M. Fenlon Scholarship
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- Coach Matthew J. Branski Scholarship
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- Henry Colby Scholarship
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- International Water Level Coalition Scholarship

The **Russell I. Wilcox Family Fund** of the Northern New York Community Foundation was established in 2020. In its first year, the fund awarded a $2,000 grant to **Indian River Ambulance Service** to support paramedic education for two trainees. Mr. Wilcox, who retired as executive director of the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority, is a founding member of the IRAS board of directors. The **Russell I. Wilcox Family Fund** is a permanent charitable fund that supports a range of community initiatives, including programs and projects that benefit the Theresa and Indian River Lakes areas. The fund also awarded a pair of scholarships last year to two graduating seniors from Indian River High School. Pictured, from left, Russell I. Wilcox, Theresa; **Indian River Ambulance Service** paramedic trainees **William Zenyuk**, Calcium, and **Patrick O’Connell**, Watertown; and **Lance Ronas**, IRAS director of operations/CEO.
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