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Newsletter of the Northern New York Community Foundation



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legacy forever impacts
St. Lawrence County**

North Country Public Radio Station Manager Mitch Teich in the Canton studio. A recent Community Foundation grant from the Dr. D. Susan Badenhausen Fund will enable the station to upgrade its broadcast technology. (page 8)



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All that was good will forever prevail

On behalf of the Community Foundation's Board of Directors, I write this message in tribute to our friend and colleague, **Maxine Quigg**, and her business partner and fellow community leader, **Terry O'Brien**. Words — usually the coin of the realm in human expression — have no real adequacy to express our shock and dismay at Maxine and Terry's deaths nor power to convey fully the sorrow we hold in our hearts for the Quigg and O'Brien families.

We deplore the fact that Maxine's chair at our meeting table is empty and think of her articulate and compassionate voice, now stilled. With the tribute we give her, we resolve to ensure the generosity of her spirit remains vital in our community.

Many years ago, an unspeakable act of violence came into my own family. Over time, I realized one of my family's enduring sorrows is that people's foremost, and often only, memory of our loved one was about how she died and, in that way, they make her death define her life. Most people never push through this memory into any recollection of how the person we loved lived her life, why she cared about the things she gave her heart to. It's another way a loved one is lost to violence, and it informs my perspective now.

What happened to Maxine and Terry is appalling. And we have a duty always to be appalled by it, never to become desensitized to such events. But, as the Foundation honors Maxine and Terry, we know we have another duty — and that is to surface into prominence our gratitude for the time we had with her on this board, to remember the graceful passion she had for what we do here. By her presence among us, Maxine left a piece



KATE FENLON

of her goodness — with us and for us. It is important that we keep this goodness at work in the community she loved and served so well, and to do so in a way that reflects her values and the way she lived her life.

Through our board colleague, **Mark Lavarney**, we reached out to the Quiggs — and as they so graciously requested, also to the O'Briens — to gather their thoughts and guidance about how we might best offer our tribute.

In gratitude for Maxine's service to the Community Foundation and the region, and in observance of all the ways Terry touched his community, the board has authorized creation of the **Maxine Quigg and Terry O'Brien Reach for the Stars Fund**. The Foundation has seeded this fund that others are helping to build. It will honor Maxine and Terry in tribute to their long working relationship and shared values of community engagement and community service. Through this permanent fund, grants will be made each year in perpetuity to support a broad range of endeavors and the Foundation will continue to work with both families to steward its use.

As these funds are forevermore deployed to support initiatives for the betterment of our community, all that was good in Maxine and Terry will not only remain. It will prevail.

KATHERINE F. FENLON is chair of the Northern New York Community Foundation Board of Directors and retired Vice President for Academic Affairs at Jefferson Community College. She and her husband, Brian, live in Copenhagen.



The Maxine Quigg and Terry O'Brien Reach for the Stars Fund

Through this permanent Community Foundation fund, grants will be made each year in perpetuity to support a broad range of endeavors and the Foundation will continue to work with both families to steward its use. To join others in helping to honor the lives and legacies of **Maxine Quigg** and **Terry O'Brien**, make gifts to the **Maxine Quigg and Terry O'Brien Reach for the Stars Fund** of the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 or online at nnycf.org.

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT: BRODIE PRICE, LAFARGEVILLE



TECHNICAL SCHOLAR AT WORK: From left: **Brodie Price**, HVAC/Plumbing Service Technician and **Chris Stone**, President, **Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors**, Watertown. **Brodie** was awarded the 2018 **J. Richard Gaffney & William K. Archer Career and Technical Education Scholarship**. The **North Country Goes Green Irish Festival** award is presented annually in partnership with the **Community Foundation**. **Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors Charitable Foundation** is a partner and affiliate fund of the Community Foundation.

Foundation scholar keeps community running

Brodie Price graduated in 2018 from LaFargeville Central School, 12th in his class. While he excelled in the classroom, continuing his education in a traditional two- or four-year academic setting wasn't most appealing to a young man who prefers a hands-on approach to learning and problem solving. Brodie was awarded a **North Country Goes Green Irish Festival J. Richard Gaffney & William K. Archer Career and Technical Education Scholarship**, an affiliate fund of the **Community Foundation**. Brodie earned his technical certification in HVAC and plumbing at the **Jeff-Lewis BOCES Bohlen Technical Center** and has since worked in the field for **Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors**, Watertown. The **Northern New York Philanthropy Center**, home to the **Community Foundation**, is among the wide range of building projects he's helped to maintain.

How did you learn about the Community Foundation and its many scholarship opportunities?

Through my guidance counselor at LaFargeville High School when I was a senior weighing my career and education goals and plans.

What put you on the path to a technical education? I wasn't always interested in school and figured why not try to learn something hands-on. That's why I decided to attend BOCES and pursue a career in the HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) and plumbing field.

How has your education helped you advance in your career? What kind of projects are you engaged with?

My education helped me obtain a good base of the fundamentals of HVAC and plumbing, which is what I do each day. I'm experienced in a wide range of mechanical projects in my job, which allows me to work on anything from plumbing to refrigeration.

BRODIE PRICE

AGE: 21

HOMETOWN: LaFargeville

EDUCATION: LaFargeville Central School; Jeff-Lewis BOCES Bohlen Technical Center, Watertown

FAMILY: Mother, Erica Frattali; father, Charlie Price; grandfather, Brian Kirkby

EMPLOYER: Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors, Watertown

CAREER: HVAC/Plumbing Service Technician

COMMUNITY: Supports community causes and charitable organizations.

PERSONAL: Year-round outdoor activities

What is special about the North Country area that keeps you here?

The close community, four-season environment, as well as my family. Whether it's a friend or neighbor or someone who has faced a terrible loss, when people are in need, our community steps up to help.

Who has been a positive influence on you throughout your education and career and how?

My grandfather, Brian Kirkby, is my biggest influence, and my BOCES instructor, Mr. Fortunato. Those are just two people who have had a meaningful impact on me, mainly for how they have encouraged and helped me. Thanks to their support, I have been able to reach my goal of working in a field I enjoy that is also proving to be a good career here in the North Country.

What experiences in your community have helped develop your character and made you who you are today?

Experiencing how close my community

has been, especially with some of the hard losses we have faced with the passing of so many young people.

What service activities are you involved with that you have continued from your formative years?

I continue to contribute to small and local businesses and support the community by any means and opportunities that arise such as Punkin Chunkin and Pirates Weekend. Even choosing to eat and shop locally instead of at national franchises can help.

What would you tell high school students who are now considering college and career choices? Keep your options open. BOCES provides great opportunities to students and can open new doors to those who see a



What's your story?

INVESTING IN EDUCATION:

Are you a Community Foundation scholar who has completed your post-secondary education and is now working in your field? Did you or a family member establish a scholarship at the Community Foundation to honor a loved one? Share your story of how the Foundation helped you achieve your goals. **Contact our communications director at 315-782-7110 or ken@nnycf.org.**

See **SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT** on page 11



POWER PLAY SPORTS FOUNDATION: From left, **Michael** and **Tricia Ledoux**; **Trey Ledoux**, Immaculate Heart Central School seventh grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Kristy** and **Paul Trimper**, Power Play Sports Foundation founders.



JRC FOUNDATION: From left, **Eddie Sayyeau**; **Luke Charlton**, Case Middle School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; **Michelle Carpenter**, JRC Foundation Director; and **Jessica Brown**, Case Middle School English-Citizenship Team teacher.



HELP SAMI KICK CANCER FOUNDATION: From left, **Jim** and **Karen Curtis**, president and vice president, respectively, Help Sami Kick Cancer Foundation, Canton; **Vivian Coburn**, J.M. McKenney Middle School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Sean Desdau**, branch manager, Community Bank, Canton.

THE DIFFERENCE YOUR GIFTS MAKE

2020-21 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge

Grant recipients & winning students

Each of the following organizations were awarded a \$500 grant.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Disabled Persons Action Organization, Watertown

Caleb Hale, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, Watertown

Riley Burns, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Watertown

Destiny Gist, General Brown Central School

Hawn Memorial Library, Clayton

Anna Huizenga, Thousand Islands Middle School

Hearts For Youth, Alexandria Bay

River Costello, Alexandria Central School

Hospice of Jefferson County, Watertown

Koel Everard, Carthage Middle School

JRC Foundation, Watertown

Luke Charlton, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

Neighbors of Watertown

Michael Lumbis, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

North Country Family Health Center

Toryann McKinney, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

Power Play Sports Foundation, Watertown

Trey Ledoux, Immaculate Heart Central School, Watertown

River Hospital, Alexandria Bay

Londynn Lawhon, Thousand Islands Middle School

South Jeff Backpack Program, Adams

Alexandra Blevins, South Jefferson Middle School

SPCA of Jefferson County, Watertown

Jack Adams, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

Stage Notes, Watertown

Delaney Anderson, Carthage Middle School

Watertown Urban Mission

Grayson Feisthamel, Case Middle School, Watertown City Schools

LEWIS COUNTY

Hand-In-Hand Early Childhood Center, Lowville

Lillian Exford, Lowville Academy & Central School

Salvation Army Watertown Corps

Chase Nakano, Lowville Academy & Central School

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

Canton-Potsdam Hospital Foundation, Canton

Olivia White, Canton Central School

Help Sami Kick Cancer Foundation, Potsdam

Vivian Coburn, Canton Central School

Renewal House for Victims of Family Violence, Canton

Jasmine Carpenter, Morristown Central School

The 2020-2021 Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge is made possible by gifts from generous donors like YOU who contribute to the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund, a leadership gift from an anonymous donor, and generous support from the following business leader:

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**“Community is a group of people who have an ‘other-people-matter-mindset.’
A strong community is made up of humble, kind, gracious, and open-minded people.”**

– Vivian Coburn, J.M. McKenney Middle School, Canton



CANTON-POTSDAM HOSPITAL FOUNDATION: From left, **Jeremy Slaga, Esq.**, St. Lawrence Health System senior vice president of administration and chief counsel, and **Olivia White**, J.M. McKenney Middle School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner.



ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY RENEWAL HOUSE: From left, **Ilene Burke**, executive director, St. Lawrence Valley Renewal House; **Jazmine Carpenter**, Morristown Central School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner.



DISABLED PERSONS ACTION ORGANIZATION FOUNDATION: From left, **Tim Dermady**, DPAO Foundation director; **Caleb Hale**, Case Middle School seventh grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; Caleb’s Mother, **Molly Hale**; and Caleb’s sister, **Grace**.



NORTH COUNTRY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER: From left, **AI Romano Jr.**, Washington Street branch manager, Community Bank, Watertown; **Phyl McKinney**, Toryann’s mother; **Toryann McKinney**, Case Middle School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **April Fallon**, NoCo Family Health Center marketing & community relations director.



STAGE NOTES: From left, **Bridget Salisbury**, Community Bank, N.A. of Watertown retail services officer, **Delaney Anderson**, Carthage Middle School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and Stage Notes Artistic Director **Ticia Aumell** and Board Vice President **Kyle Aumell**.



GIRL SCOUTS OF NYPENN PATHWAYS: From left, **Bethany Jennings**, Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Watertown; **Destiny Gist**, General Brown Junior-Senior High School eighth grader and Northern New York Community Foundation Community Spirit Youth Giving Challenge winner; and **Abigail German**, Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways.

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL: SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

"It can be as small as picking up trash and as big as a community project or a donation. Philanthropy is just about standing up and putting in the work."

— Sidney Wheeler III, South Jefferson High School junior and second-year YPC member



"At its core, philanthropy is about helping others, I strive to help those organizations I feel passionate about in order to give my best."

— Anmolika Bolla, Watertown High School junior and second-year YPC member

YPC Class of 2020-21

Ella Arnott
Watertown

Katherine Banazek
South Jefferson

Lucas Barney
Watertown

Anmolika Bolla
Watertown

Isabelle Boyce
Watertown

Hailyn Buker
South Jefferson

Blake Edgar
South Jefferson

Maxwell Gray
South Jefferson

Logan Hess
South Jefferson

Eloise Johnson
Watertown

Romi LaClair
South Jefferson

Tadd Ledoux
Immaculate Heart

Philip Marra III
Watertown

Dakota Sloat
Watertown

Sidney Wheeler III
South Jefferson

YPC supports nonprofit mission-based work

Five tri-county organizations share \$5,000 in grant awards

The Youth Philanthropy Council of the Northern New York Community Foundation recently awarded \$5,000 in grants to five North Country nonprofit organizations to support their work and mission in the nonprofit sector.

The Council and its grant subcommittee selected the five organizations based on each nonprofit's mission, success in achieving goals, demonstration of fiscal responsibility, sustainability, and formal presentation. Funding for this important work was made possible through the **Herring College Memorial Fund** of the Community Foundation. Each of the following tri-county organizations were awarded a \$1,000 grant to help perpetuate their missions in the region:

The Orchestra of Northern New York, Potsdam, enriches the quality of life in the North Country through live performances of orchestral music by outstanding musicians and emphasizes the engagement of local youth in the appreciation of music.

Friends of Lewis County Hospice,

Lowville, advocates for quality palliative and end-of-life care, while providing humanitarian and financial resources to members of Lewis County who face challenges that come with the end of life.

Mental Health Association in Jefferson County, Watertown, is a leading provider of mental health services, education, advocacy, and information. The Association strives to improve mental health of all people in our communities.

North Country Public Radio, Canton, informs, enriches, and connects the region on air, online and in our communities. NCPR operates a network of 33 transmitters broadcasting to the North Country and beyond.

St. Lawrence Land Trust, Canton, protects privately owned open space through voluntary means within the watersheds of the rivers that flow north from the Adirondack Mountains to the St. Lawrence River.

This is the first year the Council has awarded mission-based grants to tri-county nonprofits, which is

in addition to the Council's annual grantmaking program.

In June, Council members completed review of nearly two-dozen proposals for up to \$20,000 in funding that was recently announced. Each year, the Council provides support to nonprofit organizations that serve tri-county residents for projects or initiatives that positively impact quality of life across the region.

Awarding mission-based grants helped students gain a better sense of value each organization brings to the people of the region overall.

"With my peers on the Grants Committee, we reviewed a well-qualified list of Community Foundation partner organizations and considered community impact, as shown through their mission, and location in the tri-county area," **Grants Committee Chairman Maxwell Gray** said. "After much discussion, the Youth Philanthropy Council decided to award grants to five organizations, all of which are well-deserving."

In our next issue

■ A salute to YPC Class of 2021 graduates and a look at 2020-21 Youth Philanthropy Council grantmaking.

The Northern New York Youth Philanthropy Council is made possible by gifts from donors like YOU who make contributions to the Friends of the Foundation Annual Community Betterment Fund and generous support from the following business leaders:



Watertown Savings Bank



Wealth Management

YOUTH PHILANTHROPY COUNCIL: SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS

“I have always been extremely passionate about community service, seeking out every chance to give back. The Youth Philanthropy Council has shown me new ways to serve.

– Romi LaClair, South Jefferson High School junior and second-year YPC member



“So many different parts of a town allow a community to flourish. YPC has given me a sense of pride and respect for small helping nonprofits I would never have acquired.”

– Ella Arnott, Watertown High School junior and second-year YPC member

“I have developed new skills in leadership and teamwork while learning more about how I can help others. YPC has given me a chance to make a big difference in my community.”

– Hailyn Buker, South Jefferson High School junior and second-year YPC member



“Though I may never experience life from another person’s point of view, reading can be a substitute. This skill has increased my passion for philanthropy as I learn.”

– Katherine Banazek, South Jefferson High School junior and second-year YPC member

Donors support Youth Philanthropy Council endowment

We are grateful to all who have made gifts to the Youth Philanthropy Council’s permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation. Your generosity ensures a program that has inspired more than 130 high school students continues for years to come.

A thoughtful gift from a YPC graduate helped launch the endowment. Dallas Blowers, a Watertown High School and Clarkson University graduate, credits his YPC experience for teaching him many valuable lessons.

To help build support, the Foundation’s board of directors approved a \$10,000 matching commitment for all gifts made to the YPC endowment fund. Donor support will bolster program sustainability while empowering future generations to learn about community needs and

become thoughtful and effective leaders. Chartered in 2010, the Youth Philanthropy Council nurtures a spirit of giving across generations and has engaged students from six different school districts across the region.

Gifts in support of the YPC Endowment Fund

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Who’s YPC?

REFLECTIONS ON SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY:

Students share some of the values and lessons they’ve learned through their experience serving on the Community Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy Council in a series of one-minute videos available for viewing on the Foundation’s YouTube channel and Facebook page.



Support YPC’s endowment

■ To contribute to the Youth Philanthropy Council Endowment Fund, make gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601, or visit nnycf.org for secure online giving.

An enduring legacy for St. Lawrence County

Dr. D. Susan Badenhausem will forever impact region she loved

A LEGACY OF CARING: Dr. D. Susan Badenhausem believed in the strength of community and dedicated her life in service to the people of St. Lawrence County.

Dr. D. Susan Badenhausem Legacy Fund

CHARITABLE

PURPOSE AND GOALS:

This fund benefits causes and organizations that Dr. Badenhausem valued and treasured most and serves as an enduring embodiment of her passions and interests while providing annual grants to organizations that support the same.

Charitable organizations

serving St. Lawrence County residents may apply for support in one or more of the following focus areas: **1)** General health and well-being **2)** Educational programs **3)** Conservation and wildlife preservation **4)** Arts and culture

Up to \$50,000 is available in 2021.

While one project could be funded, general practice is to award several grants meaningful in nature with the total funding available. Successful applications may receive full or partial funding with a year from the date of the award to complete the program or project. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Foundation to discuss requests before submission. Requests will not be considered for work commencing prior to **Dec. 31, 2021.**

The Dr. D. Susan Badenhausem Legacy Fund, a charitable fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation, has been established through a bequest from a St. Lawrence County resident and retired physician who passed away in September 2018 at the age of 83.

As an enduring tribute to the life and legacy of Dr. D. Susan Badenhausem and her decades-long devotion to St. Lawrence County, the North Country and its people, this permanent fund will support charitable organizations that strive to improve the quality of life in the county.

Dr. Badenhausem believed in the strength of community and was a passionate supporter of the people and places in the region she loved and called home. This charitable fund will forever continue her legacy of caring for others while perpetuating her interests and passions in responsible and thoughtful ways with a geographic-specific focus.

Her generous and enduring gift will not only strengthen St. Lawrence County now, but for generations to come. Community foundations can provide support that is both flexible and lasting with geographic specificity. Grant funding will be awarded annually to qualified nonprofit organizations whose missions and efforts align with the fund's objectives and purpose.

Following years of medical education and service as a research professional and physician, Dr. Badenhausem made the North Country her home in 1975, and quickly grew to cherish its people as friends, serving all for whom she provided medical care with dignity and respect.

Dr. Badenhausem's contributions to health care in St. Lawrence County are extensive: She was the physician director for the Potsdam Nursing Home; a physician for Sunmount Residential Center in Massena; school physician for Parishville-Hopkinton Central School; a public health officer for the towns of Brasher, Stockholm, Hopkinton, and Lawrence; served on the St. Lawrence County Board of Health; and a longtime member of the Canton-Potsdam Hospital medical staff.

She maintained a keen interest in the health and well-being of her community, advocating for access to culture and education.

Dr. Badenhausem remained one of few physicians anywhere who still made house calls, even in the middle of a North Country winter. Her black leather medical bag was always packed and ready to leave her Brasher Falls home.



Dr. Badenhausem cherished the North Country and its people. She was one of few physicians anywhere who still made house calls, her black leather medical bag was always packed and ready to leave her Brasher Falls home.

Dr. D. Susan Badenhausem Legacy Fund 2020 grant awards and project support

■ **Canton College Foundation** to purchase three "Nursing Anne Simulator" manikins that reflect real-life conditions in a controlled environment.



SUNY Canton prepares future nursing professionals through its two- and four-year nursing degree programs.

■ **Helena Volunteer Fire Department** to acquire critical lifesaving equipment needed to respond to fires and hazardous situations. Support also helped recruit, train and retain first responders and an ice rescue team in the community.

■ **North Country Public Radio** to replace critical broadcast equipment as part of a studio modernization project. The project will bolster reliability and

service to the NCPR audience through high-quality local programming.

Equipment also supports collaboration with local performing arts organizations and cultural events in the community. **(Turn to page 9 to learn more about the Foundation's partnerships with NCPR.)**



■ **WPBS-TV** to create new content for television broadcast and digital distribution and complete promotional and outreach efforts. New programming will include an artist profile series with a premiere screening and student showcase, educational materials, and virtual screenings.



Scholarship honors decades of rural school service

Kenneth J. Eysaman II Legacy Award will help students entering education

Throughout his nearly 33 years of service in public education, **Kenneth J. Eysaman II** always put students first, devoting himself to matching the talents of youths he taught and coached with opportunities that led to prosperous futures.

As his career took him to rural schools in Western, Central and Northern New York, and the Delaware Valley, he sought ways to expand meaningful programs for students who thrived in the arts, music, academics, athletics, and technical education. His greatest professional joy was seeing students nurture a talent and discover a career that would never feel like work.

Mr. Eysaman graduated from **St. Lawrence University** in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in history and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Following service in Korea and at Fort Dix, N.J., he earned a master's degree in educational administration at St. Lawrence and began teaching U.S. history, government, and economics in 1958 at **Port Leyden High School** where he also coached basketball and baseball. While at Port Leyden, he met and married Lowville native **Gretchen Grimm**, who was a dental hygiene teacher for **Lewis County BOCES**. Together with Gretchen, they raised three daughters and a son.

For the next three decades, he served in positions of increasing leadership in rural schools, moving to Western New York in 1965 to serve as junior-senior high school principal in **Silver Creek**, and to **Tully** in 1969 for the same post. In 1976, he was appointed high school principal and superintendent in **Franklin** and three years later, he moved to Adams, serving as superintendent of **South Jefferson Central Schools** until he retired in June 1990.

Upon Mr. Eysaman's passing in 2010,



Paul Bailey, one of his early Port Leyden students who lives in Cary, N.C., reflected on how his former high school teacher impacted his life.

"In life, there are people you meet who make a difference in who you are and who you become. Mr. Eysaman was one of those people for me," Mr. Bailey wrote. "He was instrumental in securing a college scholarship for me and his encouragement and support helped me throughout high school."

Mr. Eysaman's wife, Gretchen, recently established the **Northern New York Community Foundation Kenneth J. Eysaman II Legacy Scholarship**. The annual award will help **South Jefferson High School** graduates who plan to pursue careers in education.

"My husband loved every chance he had to help his students. Our family was blessed to have him, and in this new way, he will forever impact students and help inspire their success," Mrs. Eysaman said.

Gifts in support of the **Kenneth J. Eysaman II Legacy Scholarship**

Gretchen G. Eysaman
Kenneth J. Eysaman III
Max & Sara DelSignore
Kraig Everard
Jeff & Mary Perrine
Rande Richardson
Amy & Brian Stone & family

To join others in helping to honor **Kenneth J. Eysaman II**, make gifts to: **Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601**, or visit nnycf.org for secure online giving.

PUTTING STUDENTS

FIRST: Kenneth J. Eysaman II, formerly of Adams, was a longtime educator who served in rural New York State schools from 1958 to 1990, when he retired as superintendent of **South Jefferson Central Schools**. He is pictured here in 1967 in his office at **Silver Creek High School** where he served as junior-senior high school principal for four years.

"Working with the staff at the Community Foundation opened my eyes to the many ways I could honor my husband's legacy. Their care and kindness assured me that he will be remembered with the respect he deserves."

Gretchen G. Eysaman on establishing a Community Foundation fund

Remembering loved one through legacy scholarship a rewarding journey

"We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will."
— Chuck Palahniuk, author

During the past three years, I have experienced great joy while helping families honor a loved one through thoughtful storytelling that comes after a scholarship or other meaningful legacy fund is established at the Community Foundation. It is not uncommon for families to turn to the Foundation just days after a family member has passed, grief casting a pall of fog, unsure exactly how to remember a parent, grandparent, sibling, or child. In many of those instances, families mourning a loss choose to honor their loved one by directing memorial gifts to the Community Foundation, creating a fund, and deciding over time how the legacy will make an enduring impact.

For others, the timing of formalizing the legacy of someone close to them comes years after that person is gone. Of course, there is no right or wrong approach. Like every great story, each legacy is different and special, deserving in its own way of others to remember.

For my mother, her decision to establish a legacy scholarship to honor my father — her husband and partner of more than 50 years — was a journey inspired by the example of others and her heartfelt desire to bring to life again the undeniably great impact a dedicated educator had on thousands of students over three decades. While I encouraged her along the way, it was a



Gretchen Eysaman

decision no one could rush. She is the ultimate caretaker of my father's legacy. Creating something that would truly live forever had to be her brushstrokes on a canvas only she could paint.

My father passed in 2010, forever living in our hearts and through the memories and stories we share with family and those who knew him. Thanks to the decision my mother made last fall, he will forever touch the lives of students and families he never met. In her lifetime, my mother will experience a new joy while sharing my father's story with the future educators his legacy will support; teachers who will one day inspire students in the classroom and on fields of play like he did. For this opportunity, she is grateful. Her journey may have been long, but her destination welcomes all.

— Ken Eysaman



KEN EYSAMAN joined the staff at the Community Foundation as Director of Communications in 2018. He is a North Country native who lives in Adams. Contact him at ken@nnycf.org.

DEPAUVILLE LIBRARY PARTNERS FOR STUDENTS

ENSURING STUDENT SUCCESS: A **Depauville Free Library** tutor helps a young student with her reading skills during a session earlier this year. A Community Foundation partnership has helped the library advance its free tutoring program and its mission. Visit depauvillefreelibrary.org to learn more.



Public library fund supports tutoring program aimed at sharpening reading skills

Nonprofit Fund Partners

A WIDE RANGE OF PARTNERSHIPS:

The Northern New York Community Foundation partners with more than 150 nonprofit organizations that serve residents across Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties.

From health and wellness to essential human services and arts, culture, history and education, the Community Foundation offers donors the opportunity to support nonprofits in unique and special ways. To learn how you can support organizations most meaningful to you, contact **Max DelSignore**, Community Foundation assistant director, max@nnycf.org, or **315-782-7110**.

A partnership with **Depauville Free Library** has helped dozens of local students stay on track with their studies while getting essential support with critical skills like reading.

Library Director **Kate Wehrle** credits Community Foundation support for seeing its free tutoring program grow to reach more children who have struggled with remote learning and other challenges brought by the pandemic.

“Our partnership has allowed us to become a center for our community where children have a springboard to learn and that’s what libraries should provide,” Ms. Wehrle said. “Parents have been extremely grateful for the instruction tutors are providing and we’ve been able to assist any child who needs help.”

Reading has been a primary focus, though tutors are also available for students who need help with math. While demand saw an uptick through the past school year, tutors continue to deliver help in one-on-one sessions at the library.

Throughout the pandemic, many North Country libraries heard concerns from parents about the

LIBRARY PARTNERS

■ The Community Foundation is proud to support a growing number of public libraries through permanent partnerships that enable some of our most treasured institutions to advance their missions. Library partners presently include:

- Canton Free Library
- Depauville Free Library
- Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library, Watertown
- Hay Memorial Library, Sackets Harbor
- Lyme Free Library
- Macsherry Library, Alexandria Bay
- Massena Public Library
- Ogdensburg Public Library

academic challenges facing students, especially those with limited access to technology or few at-home educational resources. Depauville Library staff saw the challenges early and engaged the Foundation with plans to expand its community tutoring program for students from Thousand Islands, LaFargeville, and Lyme Central schools.

Dani Baker has been an enthusiastic supporter of the

tutoring program. The library houses the **Marc A.F. Baker Reading Room**, which bears the name of her late son.

“It’s really important to give kids the extra help they need when they’re young,” Ms. Baker said. “Reading is so essential, and a lot of children struggle to get the help they need to overcome their challenges. I’m glad it’s been so popular.”

An initial matching grant enabled the library to purchase tutoring materials. Donors responded in kind with charitable support.

“It shows the community really cares about them,” Ms. Wehrle said. “It’s important that libraries can still provide for everyone who needs assistance.”

With an eye toward sustainability, the library also established a permanent endowment at the Community Foundation, which provided a \$5,000 matching commitment to support its work.

To help support the **Depauville Free Library Tutoring Program** or its endowment, make gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 or visit nnycf.org for secure online giving.

Lewis County Fair partnership focused on future

A partnership the Lewis County Agricultural Society established at the Community Foundation is helping to sustain its work and mission. The Lewis County Fair, the Society's main event, returned for its historic 200th staging in July.

The Agricultural Society was formed in 1820. In the past 30 to 40 years, its role has grown from primarily supporting the annual Lewis County Fair, to helping the community use the 46-

acre Bostwick Street fairgrounds for other community events, Lewis County Agricultural Society Board President Doug Hanno said.

With a permanent endowment fund at the Community Foundation, Mr. Hanno said, board members hope Lewis County residents see another opportunity to support an organization that has helped strengthen Lowville and the Lewis County community for decades as a venue for agricultural education, entertainment, and more.

"We have been very fortunate over the

past 200 years to have had many successful fairs. By partnering with Northern New York Community Foundation, we have made a conscious decision to invest in our future and we hope Lewis County residents will see the value of what we offer and remember us in their giving," Mr. Hanno said.



In 2018, the Society's Board of Directors partnered to create a pair of agency funds at the Foundation that include a permanent Lewis County Agricultural Society

Endowment and a sustaining fund that have helped the longtime organization continue its mission of promoting agriculture and agricultural education in Lewis County.

Mr. Hanno added that the partnership will help ensure the fairgrounds and buildings are around for another 200 years. "With the continued support of our friends and neighbors, and the expert guidance from the Northern New York Community Foundation, the Lewis County Agricultural Society will be around for many years to come," he said.

Foundation endowment supports local public radio

North County Public Radio, Canton, is working to grow its partnership with the Community Foundation through a permanent endowment fund that was recently established to support the station's long-term sustainability of

its mission to inform, enrich and connect the region — on air, online and in its communities across the North Country.

In addition to an endowment fund, the station has received grants totaling more than \$120,000 from the Community

Foundation to aid in its work for North Country listeners. The most recent

grant from the Dr. D. Susan Badenhause Fund will help the station replace critical broadcast equipment and modernize its main studio in Canton. Station Manager

Mitch Teich said the support will help transform station resources.

"We are grateful to partner with the Community Foundation on this critical project and look forward to strengthening our work together."



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potential future with hands-on skills. It also gives additional career paths that are hidden by the light of others.

What is special about Northern New York that keeps you committed to maintain your involvement and efforts to give back?

Just how strong the Northern New York community is and how people show that no matter how big or small the issue, we can get through anything. The amount of support that has been given to my family and me through hardships has made me want to give back.

What has influenced you most to contribute to your community?

My job allows me to see a lot behind the scenes of many local businesses in our community from the struggles to the successes. This makes me want to help in any way I can.

How can we best lead younger generations to be involved in their communities? Work to promote activities for our younger generation to participate in that show just how much Northern New York offers to be positively involved in the community. There is so much more than what meets the eye and younger generations should be able to see that.

What is your best advice for today's students as they consider their career choices? Don't overlook BOCES and other technical training opportunities available. A college track isn't for everyone. Don't give in to the pressures of college unless you are certain that it's the best route to achieve your goals and worth the expense. Just do what is right for you as you are the only one who knows what is best. Additionally, be open to change. You may have your eye set on something, but that can change almost instantly.

Support what you care about and double your gift

We are presently doubling gifts for some of our nonprofit partners. Each gift designated to the respective organization's Community Foundation endowment fund will be matched, dollar-for-dollar. This is a meaningful opportunity to provide long-term support for an organization you care deeply about. This is a gift that is both immediate and lasting and will provide twice the impact.

- Adirondack Mennonite Camping Association
- Alexandria Township Historical Society
- Cape Vincent Village Green Church and Community Program, Canton
- City of Watertown Community Fund
- Densmore Church
- Friends of Thompson Park
- Grasse River Heritage
- Grindstone Island Research & Heritage Center
- GWNC Chamber-JLI Community Fund
- Hospice & Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley
- Jefferson County Historical Society
- Lewis County General Hospital Foundation
- Mountain View Prevention Services
- North Country Public Radio
- North Side Legacy Fund
- Ogdensburg Command Performances
- Ontario Bays Initiative (OBI)
- Orchestra of Northern New York
- Police Activities League of Massena
- River Hospital
- Save The River
- St. Lawrence County Arts Council
- Stage Notes
- The Arc Jefferson-St. Lawrence & Rotary Dodge Pond
- The Nature Conservancy Endowment Fund for Northern New York
- Thousand Islands Arts Center
- TILT Discovery Center Fund
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- Watertown Lyric Theater
- Wilderness HealthCare Foundation
- Youth Philanthropy Council Fund
- Zoo New York Animal Wellness Fund

Contact the Community Foundation, 315-782-7110, to learn more about how you can maximize your gift and support any of these Foundation partners. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

WHY I GIVE

A conversation with Dani Baker

MAKING A LASTING IMPACT: Dani Baker is inspired to help others through her support for a wide range of local and regional nonprofits and initiatives. She is pictured here with a giant beet grown at **Cross Island Farms**, her organic farm on Wellesley Island.

In 2006, following a career as a psychologist, Dani Baker and her partner, David Belding, moved to Wellesley Island and established Cross Island Farms. The once small vegetable garden is now a centerpiece of a sprawling certified organic farm in Jefferson County's Thousand Islands region. With more than 100 different vegetables, livestock, and an edible forest garden, it is a diverse ecosystem. Dani has also worked extensively with the Community Foundation on several philanthropic endeavors, supporting a wide range of local causes and organizations. She recently joined us for a conversation about giving and how she is grateful to support her community.



doing that. The committee work I do also is a way of doing good works for nothing; I can afford both because I saved my money. So that was my mantra, and that's what I'm living by. After the death of my son, Marc, I kind of transformed his loss into motivation for philanthropy, in the way of financial support. I think turning a tragedy around to help others is just a good way for people to grow from their life experiences.

How did you learn about the Community Foundation and get involved in service? Good question. I remember seeing an article in the newspaper about Community Foundation scholarships and I thought it was interesting, so I learned more about it.

A few years ago, I hosted a benefit for the Foundation in our edible forest garden. As we both got to know each other, we started working on more things together, and about two or three years ago, I decided to get together with the Foundation and develop my legacy plan. So now I have a plan. When I'm gone, what I have left will go into a fund to support the community and forever help organizations of interest to me, and I'm wide-ranging in that regard.

What are your areas of interest philanthropically on a local, and broad scale? Conservation is a big one. I remember learning about the Nature Conservancy years ago and how it helps protect lands from development, and I thought it was brilliant. I support them as well as the Arbor Day Foundation. Some health-related charities are also important like River Hospital, and Hospice of Jefferson County. Education, especially for children, and other things that help children is a focus, too. I also like to support the arts. The Clayton Opera House, Thousand Islands Arts Center, and local museums like Ogdensburg's

What does community philanthropy mean to you? Helping local nonprofits and serving and giving time to help them succeed. It means supporting the community through financial gifts and giving time and talent. I serve on some committees, but no longer on any boards. I was on one for about six years, and I find committee work very gratifying. It's very task-oriented and you can get things done.

What inspires you to be involved in helping to make your community and the world around you better? When you're involved close to home, the result of your impact is visible. I support some national organizations to a minimal extent, but I really like to put most of my support locally, because you can see the results. You also have a chance to develop meaningful personal relationships with other people who are involved, which leads to more people working together to benefit the community or a local cause.

How did you land on this journey of personal growth to become a community philanthropist? When I was about 35, maybe a little

DANI R. BAKER

AGE: 72

HOMETOWN: Wellesley Island; Westchester County native

EDUCATION: Bachelor's in sociology, Brown University; master's in clinical psychology, Columbia University

FAMILY: Partner, David Belding; sister, Boston; brother, Washington, D.C.

JOB: Co-owner and operator, Cross Island Farms, a certified organic farm on Wellesley Island

CAREER: Retired psychologist, New York State Department of Corrections—Gouverneur, Watertown and Cape Vincent

COMMUNITY: Supports many local nonprofits, causes and organizations and serves on several committees

PERSONAL: Gardening, farming, and the outdoors and sharing her passion for each with others

older, and working full-time, I told myself that I wanted to become "independently wealthy by my own efforts in my own lifetime so I could spend all my time doing good works for nothing." I think I'm achieving that because I don't draw a salary at the farm, and I spend a lot of time

What's your why?

■ Are you actively engaged in community philanthropy? Tell us why you support efforts to strengthen your community and improve quality of life for all. **Contact** our **communications director** at **315-782-7110** or **ken@nnycf.org**.

Frederic Remington, and music education programs have been great. I recently became involved with the **Clayton Jazz Festival's Jazz in the Classroom** program.

What's your experience before you bought the farm and moved to the island? I was a psychologist and worked in various jobs. In the second half of my career, I worked for the state, New York State Department of Corrections.

After you retired from the state, what drew you to organic farming? I never liked telling people I was a psychologist. And my sister and my college roommate may independently recall me fantasizing about wanting to be a farmer when I was in college. But I was the first person to go to college in my family, so that isn't something you can talk about since college meant to my family that I was going to be a professional. So, I just stuffed the whole farming dream. When I was about to retire, I got very anxious about what I was going to do with all my time, because I'm not good with unstructured time. Give me a beach vacation and I'm bored in 24 hours. I need to be busy and feel productive and I need to feel a sense of mastery. When we bought the land, we weren't really planning to be farmers, but we took a class at **Cornell Cooperative Extension** about building your small farm dream and we got a little inspired. Then I realized this is the answer to my retirement dilemma: I'll be a farmer and I won't have any spare time. I mean, gardening was one of my pleasures that I always used to like. In the spring, I would wander in the woods near home every day and see the changes in all the trees. Being outside in nature and growing stuff is just something I've always enjoyed. They say if you do as an adult, what you enjoy doing when you're 12 you'll be happy. And I enjoyed doing these things when I was 12.



The Clayton Jazz Festival's **Jazz in the Classroom** program is one of many community initiatives that Wellesley Island resident **Dani Baker** has supported in recent years through her philanthropy at the Community Foundation.

How does giving make a meaningful impact in your community? When things need to be done, I like to contribute to capital improvements. In one of my first full-time jobs, I worked for a not-for-profit in Clinton County, and directed a program for developmentally disabled adults. The staff in these agencies are dedicated and work hard. The mission is really the important thing, and they're always scrambling for money. The money is always an issue, and time. If you can help by giving money or if you can help by donating your time, it supports those people, and they are so dedicated. I was one of them. Supporting those people and the work they do in our communities is very fulfilling. It also helps make people working for nonprofits feel appreciated while creating lasting value.

Are there any barriers that may keep people from being involved philanthropically? This community is very responsive to charitable needs. I mean, it's huge compared to a metropolitan area. It's the spirit of the place we live in; neighbors doing what they can to help neighbors. I think there's an ethos here, and it's picked it up. Some people may never give, but that's just the way they are, and you'll see them in every community. I hate cities,

they're bad for my mental health. But also, I don't want to be a little fish in a big pond; I'd rather be a big fish in a little pond. In our community you don't have to be Bill Gates to make a real significant contribution. I really love that opportunity.

How do you want to be remembered and why should people think about their legacy? My garden, which will outlive me in one form or another. I don't have any surviving heirs. When you have children, you can think about genetics and what you may pass down. But I don't have that. I think I've inspired a lot of people and I want to continue to do so. As far as gardening goes, I hope the book I'm writing about my edible forests will do that on an even broader scale. I had a couple of people come for a tour of the garden and when we were done, one of them said, "Oh, I can't wait to get home and plant." And it was like, "Yes!" She asked me specifically about two different plants she was really interested in, and it really energized me. I'm older than a lot of people I've taught, we've had a lot of young people here, so inspiring people to continue to be good stewards of nature and to grow good food is part of the legacy. And I want to memorialize my son, so his name is on a lot of buildings.

Donors Establish New Funds

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

Charitable Funds

LaPlante/Weir Charitable Fund
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Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library
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Jazz in the Classroom of Jefferson County
Sustaining Fund
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Organization Funds

Crescent Yacht Club Junior Division
Sustaining Fund
Grindstone Island Research & Heritage
Center Endowment Fund
Hearts for Youth Endowment Fund
The Nature Conservancy Endowment
Fund for Northern New York
Zoo New York Animal Wellness Fund

Project Funds

United Presbyterian Church Tower
Restoration Fund

Veterans Memorial Riverwalk Park Art
Project Fund
Sackets Harbor Historical Society Stone
Chapel Preservation Fund

Scholarship Funds

Anna May Radway Denny Scholarship
Daryl Payne Memorial Scholarship
David and Alma Price Scholarship Fund
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Dr. Henry Henderson Scholarship
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Joshua P. Sullivan Scholarship
Margaret F. Ryan Scholarship for Nursing
Patricia M. Sennett Excellence in Art Award
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Stabins Family Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Scholarship Fund

What do you believe in? Consider establishing a fund to keep your passions alive, honor a friend or loved one, or to support the causes, organizations and communities that you care about — forever. We're here to help. Contact Max DelSignore, assistant director, 315-782-7110, or max@nnycf.org.

Scholarship will help nurses continue education

Legacy of promoting advancement of medical studies will forever continue

A LEGACY OF CARING: Margaret F. "Maggie" Ryan pictured in 1950 for her graduation from St. Luke's School of Nursing, and years later in retirement.

Honor a loved one through a scholarship

PERPETUATE A LEGACY:

A named scholarship at the Community Foundation honoring someone special is one of the many permanent ways donors can act to remember life legacies. Contact **Mary Perrine**, coordinator of partnerships, at maryp@nnycf.org or **315-782-7110**, to learn more.

A scholarship perpetuating the legacy of a longtime North Country nurse will forever help nurses working to advance their medical education.

The **Margaret F. Ryan Scholarship for Nursing** was established at the Community Foundation to provide educational support to students who have a demonstrated commitment to nursing through having earned Licensed Practical Nurse status and a desire to continue their studies toward a Registered Nurse degree.

Born **Margaret Frances "Maggie" Gibbs** in 1928 in Pittsfield, Mass., she graduated in 1946 from Pittsfield High School with honors and having lettered in three sports. She earned her Registered Nurse degree from St. Luke's School of Nursing in 1950. Maggie had two sons, **John D. Ryan III** and **Thomas Ryan**. Fiercely independent, she was the backbone of her family, as was her mother before her. She held nursing licenses in five states. For most of her career



"In honor of our Aunt Margaret's dedication to a career of caring as a Registered Nurse and her love for the profession, it is our wish to gift the opportunity to another who aspires the same."

Liz Cappon, niece of Margaret F. "Maggie" Ryan on establishing a scholarship in her honor

she practiced hospital nursing and retired from public health nursing in St. Lawrence County in 1985. Maggie was ahead of her time in the study of pharmaceuticals. Since Maggie believed that simply living life often kept people from what they wished they had done, it is fitting that the scholarship is available to nontraditional students seeking to improve in their careers. She routinely offered the gifts of her time and talent by volunteering at her church parishes and senior organizations. Maggie was also found most summers administering care in the medical units at county

fairs and festivals across Northern New York.

The Community Foundation is honored to steward this meaningful legacy that will honor Maggie's memory in perpetuity. To join in helping to perpetuate the legacy of **Margaret F. "Maggie" Ryan**, make gifts to: **Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601** or visit nnycf.org to give online.

Educator's legacy of leadership forever endures

Henry Henderson was called to service in public education during a sermon he heard as an undergraduate at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. The message convinced him that schools needed teachers who were determined to set a good example for students.

That message set him on a journey he began as a teacher at **LaFargeville Central School** and took him to the superintendent's office for 24 years, leading the district where he earned respect of students and faculty for his "thoughtful and deliberate manner."

Upon Mr. Henderson's passing last summer, former Jeff-Lewis BOCES Superintendent **Charles Bohlen** remembered him as a "caring educator, community member and friend who was dedicated to church and family."

The **Dr. Henry Henderson Scholarship** was recently established at the **Community Foundation** to perpetuate his legacy of insightful leadership and compassion. The scholarship will be awarded to LaFargeville Central graduates.

Henry was born in Jefferson County in 1935 and graduated from **Brownville Central School** in 1952 and from **Eastern Nazarene College** in 1956. He later earned a Master's in



A longtime educator who retired as superintendent of **LaFargeville Central Schools**, **Dr. Henry Henderson** advocated for student and teacher success. A new Community Foundation scholarship will forever perpetuate his legacy.

Educational Administration from **St. Lawrence University**. In 1957, he married **Janice Kesler**, and together they raised a daughter, **Pam**, now a teacher in Southern California.

A devout Christian and longtime member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Watertown, he was a trustee at his alma mater for 28 years and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served his country with the same discipline he employed while mentoring young students for nearly 40 years.

The Community Foundation is honored to steward this permanent legacy that will forever perpetuate Henry's memory and pay tribute to the many ways he served his community. To join in helping to remember the legacy of **Dr. Henry Henderson**, make gifts to: **Northern New York**

Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 or visit nnycf.org to give online.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Dr. Henry Henderson**

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Remember your community in your will

The projects and programs in this newsletter are made possible, in part, because people left **bequests**. You can tailor your legacy or honor a loved one through a meaningful gift, forever. Contact **Rande Richardson**, executive director, **315-782-7110** or rande@nnycf.org to discuss your legacy planning and learn more.

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Donor support sets new record for #giveNNY campaign

More than 300 individuals, families and businesses, and a Northern New York Community Foundation matching grant, helped the 2021 #giveNNY campaign reach a record \$42,298 to support nonprofits in Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence counties.

A diverse group of 61 organizations joined a month-long campaign that encouraged nonprofits to

work together in ways that transcend fundraising. The number of participants was the most since the #giveNNY movement

began five years ago. From arts and culture to the environment, health and wellness, recreation, history, animal welfare, youth leadership, human services, education, and essential needs, participating organizations dedicated to strengthening the quality of nearly every aspect of life in the region were well represented.

Nonprofits from Massena and Ogdensburg joined the effort for the first time with nonprofit leaders attending weekly online sessions to learn and share best practices in marketing, event planning, social media,



From left, **Kraig Everard**, Community Foundation director of stewardship and programs, **Jennifer Hodge**, Volunteer Transportation Center and #giveNNY campaign founder, present a grant to **Julie Garnsey**, executive director of the Clayton Opera House (TIPAF).

donor relations, fundraising, and more.

Community-based cohorts of nonprofits that share similar missions or serve overlapping areas quickly emerged as new partners. The campaign culminated on March 15 — **315Day** — with a full day of radio broadcast on **Tunes 92.5/104.5 FM**, featuring interviews that spotlighted the work and missions of participating nonprofits that strengthen quality of life across the region.

Thanks to the generosity of so many who love Northern New York, the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations was on full display to inspire philanthropy and celebrate thoughtful acts.

For the second year, the Community Foundation matched all campaign gifts up to \$10,000. Participating organizations received an equal share of gifts to the campaign as grant awards from the Community Foundation.

Thank you to all individual and business donors who supported #giveNNY's 315Day Campaign

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Barbara "Bobby"
and **Dr. Ed Gordon** with
their chihuahua, **Chloe**,
at their Potsdam home.

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A LIVING LEGACY of HELPING

Dr. Edward and Barbara 'Bobby' Gordon forever support United Helpers through Community Foundation charitable gift annuity, endowment

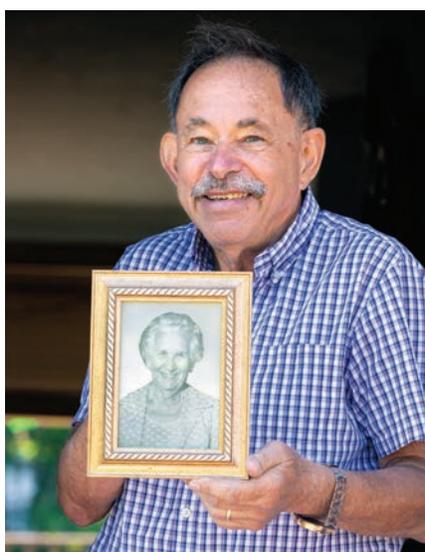
Dr. Edward and Barbara "Bobby" Gordon believe in the kindness of others. Nearly 50 years ago, the Gordons moved their young family to St. Lawrence County after Dr. Gordon saw an opportunity to purchase a small animal veterinary practice.

A short time later, Dr. Gordon joined the faculty at SUNY Canton where, for more than 20 years, he served as a professor of veterinary studies and led the school's veterinary technician program. While working with young veterinary tech students, Dr. Gordon was introduced to **United Helpers**, an organization that cares for nearly 1,400 older adults in several facilities it operates in St. Lawrence County. He and his students ran a visiting pet program and regularly took animals to visit residents and patients who quickly bonded with the animals in a therapeutic way.

Soon, Dr. Gordon began volunteering at United Helpers and would eventually serve as president of United Helpers Management Company board of directors and later, president of the Society of United Helpers board, which oversees philanthropic activities.

For more than 30 years, the Gordons' devotion to the mission of United Helpers has been inspiring and a guiding hand to the organization. Through their charitable giving, the Gordons have brought dedicated donors, an essential St. Lawrence County nonprofit, and the Community Foundation together to create a gift that will endure. Their generosity over many years reflects that commitment.

"We feel so fortunate and blessed to



Dr. Edward Gordon with a photograph of his grandmother, **Fannie Frank**, who inspired him to become a veterinarian.

have lived here and benefited so much from the kindness of others that we really just need to give back." Dr. Gordon said. "This is a wonderful place to live, and I want to make sure people know how much I appreciate it."

Today, Dr. Gordon serves on the management company board of directors while Mrs. Gordon serves on the Society of United Helpers board and has volunteered in various roles for more than five years.

The Gordons recently established a tribute to former United Helpers CEOs Stephen Knight and John Turongian with the creation of a Charitable Gift Annuity at the Northern New York Community

Foundation, their second major gift to benefit United Helpers. In 2019, the couple established the **Fannie Frank Distinguished CNA Award**.

Through decades of service and commitment leading the organization, Mr. Knight and Mr. Turongian have made an enduring difference for United Helpers. Their impact will forever be recognized with the naming of the therapy suite at United Helpers Rehabilitation and Senior Care in Canton.

Dr. Gordon said honoring Mr. Knight and Mr. Turongian was something he and his wife had planned before he learned of Mr. Knight's retirement plans.

"Steve and John are tremendous leaders," he said. "This lasting tribute is a good way to remember them and benefit an organization that I know means just as much to them as it does to us."

The Fannie Frank Award, named in honor of Dr. Gordon's grandmother, is presented annually to a United Helpers Certified Nursing Assistant who distinguishes himself or herself through direct care and service to patients and residents. Honorees are presented with a \$1,000 award, which is made possible by an endowment the Gordons established for the award at the Community Foundation.

According to the Gordons, Fannie Frank, "was a very caring and fiercely loyal woman who immigrated to the United States from Poland as a young Jewish girl, prior to World War I, with her parents and six of her nine siblings."

Dr. Gordon grew up near his grandmother in the Jackson Heights neighborhood of

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— Christa J. Carroll, Society of the United Helpers vice president of development

Rock Charitable Fund supports five projects

Nearly \$90,000 awarded to St. Lawrence County nonprofits in first grant cycle

AN ENDURING LEGACY FOR ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY:

Second Lieutenant **Marjorie J. Rock**, U.S. Army Nurse Corps, 1942. Ms. Rock retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1970 and made St. Lawrence County her home.

2021 Rock Fund Grants

■ Complete grant proposals must be submitted online by **5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 3, 2021**. Applicants will be notified of the status of their grant by **Friday, Jan. 14, 2022**. Contact **Kraig Everard**, Foundation director of stewardship and programs, with any application or general grant questions at kraig@nnycf.org, or **315-782-7110**.

CGA: A life income gift

■ A **Charitable Gift Annuity** offers simplicity and income with rates as high as 8 percent. You or someone you designate can receive life income in exchange for your gift. You will be eligible for a charitable deduction and may reduce or defer your capital gains tax. Contact our team to learn more, info@nnycf.org, or **315-782-7110**.

United Helpers Endowment

■ To help strengthen the work and mission of **United Helpers**, make gifts to its endowment fund at the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, **131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601**, or visit nnycf.org for secure online giving.

The Rock Charitable Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation earlier this year awarded its first grants to five St. Lawrence County organizations to strengthen historic churches and cemeteries in the county. Nearly \$90,000 in competitive grant funding will help three churches and two cemeteries complete essential preservation and maintenance projects.

Total project support includes: \$35,000 to the **Roman Catholic Church of Saint Mary**, Canton, to support the first phase in its campaign to restore and protect its historic structure and property; \$23,775 to **St. John's Episcopal Church**, Massena, to restore exterior brickwork and repair windows and landscaping; \$17,475 to **Gouverneur First United Methodist Church** to restore stained-glass windows in the church; \$8,315 to the **Lisbon Cemetery Association** for restoration and replacement of more than 100 damaged stones; and \$650 to **Purmort Cemetery Corp.**, Depeyster, to remove a dying maple tree.

The Rock Charitable Fund was established at the Community



Foundation in 2019 through a bequest from St. Lawrence County resident and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel **Marjorie J. Rock**, who passed in February 2017 at the age of 96. Because of her foresight and thoughtful generosity, Ms. Rock's desire to support St. Lawrence County will be perpetuated for generations to come.

Applications for 2021 grant funding from qualified charitable organizations that serve St. Lawrence County are being accepted through

Friday, Sept. 3.

Grant support is available to organizations whose missions and efforts align with the fund's charitable purposes, which are: for the maintenance and preservation of churches, houses of worship, and cemeteries in St. Lawrence County; for the preservation and maintenance of places of legitimate historical significance in the county; and to benefit or assist veterans of the United States military with their medical or recreational needs who live in St. Lawrence County.

All organizations applying for funding must do so through the Community Foundation's online Grant Lifecycle Manager, which may be accessed at nnycf.org/grants.

Up to \$100,000 in grant funding is available, and successful applicants may receive full or partial funding. Awards to support veterans can only be made to qualified organizations that serve veterans and cannot be made directly to individuals. Grants are not, however, restricted to Veterans Service Organizations but will only be made to help with programs or initiatives that directly support veterans.

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Queens, New York City. He credits her with instilling in him a love of animals that led him to his career as a veterinarian.

"If it wasn't for her, I never would have become a veterinarian," he said. "I really love my profession and it's all because of her."

Dr. Gordon created the award as a tribute to his grandmother and a way to permanently honor his family's legacy while recognizing the "remarkably caring demeanor" of a United Helpers CNA.

The Gordons said they have chosen to support United Helpers through the Community Foundation because of the many ways that their giving can be tailored to meet their charitable goals and the permanent nature of each gift the Foundation receives.

"The Community Foundation is very approachable and made me feel comfortable while honoring our wishes," Dr. Gordon said. "It's a way of serving many, many people with one stroke of the brush."

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— Dr. Ed Gordon on working with the Community Foundation to support his favorite organization

As a partner, the Foundation stewards several donor-restricted and agency funds for United Helpers. Thanks to the Gordons and their decades-long dedication to United Helpers, the partnership has grown.

Each organization worked with the Gordons to identify a meaningful charitable giving vehicle that would honor Mr. Knight and Mr. Turongian and support United Helpers in perpetuity. The charitable gift annuity the Gordons established allowed them to accomplish all three goals.

"Ed and Bobby Gordon are two of the most thoughtful, genuine people. Their caring fingerprints are virtually everywhere in our organization," said Christa J. Carroll, Society of the United Helpers vice president of development. "Ed is very passionate about strengthening the future for United Helpers."

When United Helpers became partners with the Community Foundation in 2018, Ms. Carroll said, Dr. Gordon was an integral part of creating a connection the board felt was critical for United Helpers to grow philanthropically.

United Helpers presently has six unique funds or gifts being managed and stewarded at the Community Foundation.

"United Helpers gratefully relies on the Community Foundation for its fund management, so we can focus on our mission of 'Serving the community and helping those in need,'" Ms. Carroll said. "The Gordons' generosity and leadership have been at the forefront in developing such a robust connection with the Foundation."

George C. Boldt Sr. Scholarship recipients honored Boldt great-grandson expands program, awards support for two years of study

Three Jefferson County high school members of the class of 2021 were recently named recipients of the Northern New York Community Foundation George C. Boldt Sr. Scholarship.

Hayden Augliano, Watertown High School, Jason J. Badalato, Carthage Senior High School, and Gabrielle “Ellie” Hyde, Alexandria Central High School, were each awarded a two-year \$10,000 scholarship during a June reception with George C. Boldt’s great-grandson, Malcolm Goodridge, and great-great-grandson, Charlie Goodridge.

The scholarship honors the legacy of the castle’s builder, noted hotelier and philanthropist George C. Boldt Sr. Mr. Goodridge has led efforts to establish the scholarship with other descendants of Mr. Boldt and dozens of North Country donors who have made gifts to the scholarship fund at the Community Foundation.

Mr. Goodridge and his son, Charlie, personally presented scholarship awards to this year’s recipients. A



permanent plaque that pays tribute to founding donors is on display at Boldt Castle along with a plaque that names Boldt Scholars.

“Education is a passport without limits that opens doors to a big world,” Mr. Goodridge said. “Supporting young people on a path of intellectual discovery and growth is one of the most critical things we can do for our future as a responsible society.”

Like his great-grandfather who immigrated to the United States from Prussia at age 13, Mr. Goodridge

said, each of this year’s scholarship recipients have overcome challenges on their journeys while working to achieve their dreams as Mr. Goodridge did, learning to manage dyslexia as a young man while studying at Hobart College.

Hayden Augliano is the son of Anthony and Jennifer Augliano, Watertown. Jason Badalato is the son of Jason and Leigh Badalato, Watertown. Ellie Hyde is the daughter of Chris and Anne Marie Hyde, Alexandria Bay.

AN ENDURING LEGACY OF EDUCATION:

From left: **Charlie Goodridge**, George C. Boldt Sr. great-great-grandson; scholarship recipient **Jason J. Badalato**, Carthage Senior High School; scholarship recipient **Hayden Augliano**, Watertown High School; **Shane Sanford**, retired Boldt Facilities Director and Boldt Scholarship Committee Chairman; scholarship recipient **Gabrielle “Ellie” Hyde**, Alexandria Central High School; and **Malcolm Goodridge**, George C. Boldt Sr. great-grandson and Boldt Scholarship Founder.

Shaw Harbor Scholars empowered to ‘change the world’

Ten tri-county members of the class of 2021 were recently awarded scholarships from the Shaw Harbor Foundation, a permanent Northern New York Community Foundation charitable fund. In June, \$18,500 in scholarships were awarded to 10 graduating seniors — four from Jefferson County, four from Lewis County, and two from St. Lawrence County. A class of 2020 Shaw Harbor Scholar was also named the 2021 recipient of the Distinguished Undergraduate Award, which provides \$2,500 in support.

Founder **John Shaw McNeely** continues to work closely with scholars and the Community Foundation to help students through their entire academic journey, which could include support for graduate school, overseas study, and internships with his companies.

Shaw Harbor Leadership Scholars

Aubree Domagala, South Lewis Central; Onondaga Community College, communications; World-Changer Award (\$5,000)
Sydney Daniels, Norwood-Norfolk Central; University of Vermont, communications sciences and disorders; Diversity and Inclusion Award (\$2,500)

Briar Schweinsberg, South Lewis Central; Sienna College, business;



Community Service Award (\$2,500)
Dylan Winslow, Watertown High School; Jefferson Community College, engineering; STEM Award (\$2,500)
Eldon Montague, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, environmental studies; South Jefferson Central Class of 2020; Distinguished Undergraduate Award (\$2,000)

\$1,000 Shaw Harbor Scholars

Amelia Caird, Sackets Harbor Central; Rochester Institute of Technology, game design and development
Ava Handley, Thousand Islands Central; Jefferson Community College, law
Riley Pierce, Copenhagen Central; Thomas College (Maine), environmental science and sustainable agriculture



Suzanna Rainbolt, Watertown High School; University of Rochester, anthropology
Anna Spaulding, Copenhagen Central; University of Toledo (Ohio), pharmaceutical sciences
Alexander Truesdell, Edwards-Knox Central; SUNY Potsdam, biology

WORLD-CHANGING STUDENTS:

Top photo, from left: Class of 2021 Shaw Harbor Scholars **Ava Handley**, Thousand Islands Central; **Aubree Domagala**, South Lewis Central; **Briar Schweinsberg**, South Lewis Central; **Anna Spaulding**, Copenhagen Central; **Alexander Truesdell**, Edwards-Knox Central; **Dylan Winslow**, Watertown High School; **Sydney Daniels**, Norwood-Norfolk Central; **Amelia Caird**, Sackets Harbor Central; **Suzanna Rainbolt**, Watertown High School; Not pictured: **Riley Pierce**, Copenhagen Central.

Bottom photo, from left: **John Shaw McNeely**, Shaw Harbor Foundation founder, and **Eldon Montague**, Distinguished Undergraduate Award recipient, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and South Jefferson Central class of 2020.

Thoughtful Legacies

TOUCHING LIVES, FOREVER:

Since 1929, the Northern New York Community Foundation has been built by those who have made the thoughtful decision to provide enduring support for the communities they love. We are very grateful for these acts of generosity that help perpetuate lives of great meaning, not only for those who knew and loved them, but for those who will forever benefit from their vision for a better region. To learn how you can **honor a loved one's** legacy, contact us at info@nnycf.org, or 315-782-7110.



Corinne Harris (Powers) Barker

Corinne "Kinny" Harris (Powers) Barker was a remarkably strong and giving woman who cherished her close-knit family and community, maintaining close ties to her native North Country throughout her life. Kinny was born in Watertown the fifth daughter of **Fremont** and **Sallie Powers**. In 1964, she married **Robert "Bob" Barker**. Together, they raised two sons and a daughter. For Kinny, family was always first and there was nothing more important to her than time spent with her children, grandchildren, sisters, and nieces and nephews. From childhood summers on Round Island in Clayton to her years in Central Square and Florida, Kinny shared love, support and fun wherever she went. She adored children and was a beloved school bus driver in the Central Square School District for 34 years. Kinny and Bob enjoyed many years in their motor home discovering new places across the country all the way to Alaska. We join **Bob**, and Kinny's son, **William**, daughter, **Rebecca**, her granddaughters, and sisters, **Cornelia Courtney**, **Jean Crenshaw**, and **Susan Washburn** and her extended family in mourning her loss. Kinny's sisters

Ann and **Donna**, and son **Robert**, preceded Kinny in death. Her family has decided the most fitting way to honor her life and legacy is through gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation. We are honored to be part of this special way that **Kinny** will be remembered. With her family, we express our appreciation and gratitude for those who made memorial tributes to the **Fremont and Sallie Powers Family Community Fund**.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Corinne Harris (Powers) Barker**

Andrew & Mary Barber
Lee & Jane Cagwin
Rebecca Barker Cedrone
Joy Goldman
Marcese O'Grady
Rande Richardson

Gary Washburn
Susan Washburn
Jack Wolfe

To join others in helping to honor Corinne Harris (Powers) Barker, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



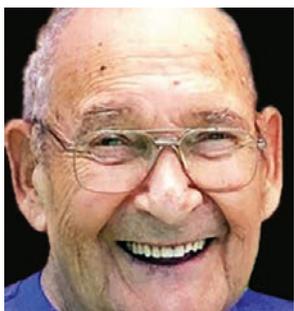
Marsha L. Deming

Marsha Louise Deming loved the North Country and cherished the many friendships she developed through her involvement in the community and service to many local organizations she valued. She was born in Pittsfield, Mass., to **Irene** and **Marshall Stevenson**. Marsha graduated from Syracuse University and worked as a manager at Bond, Schoeneck & King for many years before settling in Watertown with her husband, **Leslie (Les)**. Marsha and Les made a welcoming home together and embraced a mutual love of nature as they enjoyed time at their cottage in Henderson Harbor, sharing their love of food with family and friends. Les passed away in 2015. Marsha shared her expertise, leadership, and philanthropy with a range of organizations, and was a steadfast advocate and supporter of the Community Foundation. Above all, Marsha was kind, compassionate and strived to share her skills and talents with others to help improve the world

around her. We join Marsha's stepson, **Warren**, and stepdaughter, **Sara**, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and extended family in celebrating her life and memory while remembering the many ways she thoughtfully gave to her community. We are grateful for her bequest to the Community Foundation which will extend and perpetuate her broad support of the community she loved for generations to come.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Marsha L. Deming**

Rande Richardson
Deanne Scanlon
T. Urling Walker



Aubrey Rex Veley

Aubrey "Aub" Rex Veley was devoted to his family and community and sought ways to strengthen both. He was born in 1935, the youngest son of Rex and Mina Loomis Veley and grew up in Ellisburg. Together with his wife, **Dorene**, they raised two daughters, **Sue** and **Starr**. Aubrey established a successful milk-hauling business, **Veley's Tankers**, which he managed for more than 50 years. He loved living in the Village of Ellisburg his entire life and gave generously to help others in his small, tight-knit community. His family was his greatest joy and he cherished time spent with his daughters and three grandchildren, cheering on Syracuse basketball, and seeking adventures on the many roads of the

North Country. We join **Sue** and **Starr**, Aubrey's grandchildren and his extended family and friends in mourning his loss. His family has decided to honor his life and legacy through gifts to the **Garrett W. Loomis Firefighters Training Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation**. We are honored to be part of this lasting way that Aubrey will be remembered. With his family, we express our appreciation and gratitude for those who made memorial tributes in his name.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Aubrey Rex Veley**

Velma Cobb & Family
Sherry & Steven Ruoff

To join others in helping to honor Aubrey Rex Veley make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Sarah K. (Sally) Hirschey

Sarah Kathryn “Sally” Hirschey was an unstoppable force for good in all she did to strengthen her community and improve the lives of others. She welcomed those she knew with her infectious smile, spirit, and grace while maintaining a boundless sense of adventure through her 81 years. She was born in 1939 in St. Louis, Mo., to **Elizabeth** and **Herbert Hopkins**, an identical twin to her beloved sister, **Ann**. She earned a teaching degree from Miami of Ohio in 1961, studying for a year in France and becoming fluent in the language. The experience sparked a life-long interest in France and the French culture. After college she moved to Michigan, where she helped pioneer the introduction of foreign language into primary education. There she met **Urban Hirschey** in 1963 and moved to Carthage where he joined the family business. Together with Urban, they raised a daughter and three sons, spending 40 years in Carthage, and serving as a much-loved French and fifth-grade teacher. Sally and Urban later moved to Cape Vincent where they built a home on Lake Ontario. Sally was devoted to her family, her faith, and community. She routinely opened her home to host exchange students from around the world, young pianists who traveled to Cape Vincent for the annual Chopin competition, and countless groups and organizations for fundraisers and events. Wherever she lived, she was actively involved in her churches. Sally demonstrated that with enough grit and willpower, anything could be overcome. She offered her time as a volunteer for numerous organizations and activities, including the Cape Vincent Improvement League, the Cape Vincent Arts Council, and the Ontario Bays Initiative. In 2014, Sally was recognized as Cape Vincent’s Citizen of the Year for her tireless contributions. We join her husband, **Urban**, daughter, **Ann**, sons **Mark**, **Jonathan**, and **Tyler**, her grandchildren, and her extended family and friends in celebrating her memory. Sally’s family has decided the most fitting way to honor her life and legacy is through gifts to the Northern New York Community Foundation. We are honored to be part of this enduring way that Sally will be remembered and we express our deep appreciation and gratitude for those who made memorial tributes to the **Urban and Sally Hirschey Family Fund**.

Tribute gifts in memory of Sarah K. (Sally) Hirschey

Bruce Armstrong &
Holly White Armstrong
Robert Caswell
Fred & Kathy Coombs
William C. & Margaret C. Couch
Max & Sara DelSignore

Nancy & John Dorer
Deborah Hirschey
Martha B. Jablonski
Chris & Hope Johnston
Kevin A. Kieff
Doris Lehman & Loretta Lehman
Mary E. Loftus
Renee Lustick

Mary & Ted Mascott
Bill & Shirley Montonna
Jim & Martha O’Donnell
Cathy Pircsuk & James Burr
Theresa L. Quintin
Rande Richardson
Holly & Peter Roe
Michael & Jacquelyn Schell

JoAnn & Rich Seiler
Skeele Nieces & Nephews
David Steadman
Edward & Tracy Valentine
Addison F. Vars III & Barbara Vars
T. Urling Walker
Kay Woodruff

To join others in helping to honor Sarah K. (Sally) Hirschey, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Darren J. DeVito

Darren J. DeVito was born in Watertown in 1969, a son to **Deborah Hirschey** and **John DeVito**. A 1987 Carthage High School graduate, he attended SUNY Morrisville, going on to pursue a career in broadcasting that spanned locally and in the Albany area. He later worked in the hospitality, restaurant, and sales fields. After relocating to Florida, he subsequently lived in Greenville, S.C. Darren left a lasting impact on those who knew him. He had a great passion for music while cultivating friendships that carried through his lifetime. We join his parents, his daughter, **Dare**, and his brother, **Todd**, stepbrothers and stepsisters, and extended family and friends in expressing our deepest sympathy while commemorating his life and legacy with gratitude for the expressions of affection given in his memory.

Tribute gifts in memory of **Darren J. DeVito**
William & Kimberly Couch
William C. & Margaret C. Couch

Urban, Ann, Mark, Jon &
Tyler Hirschey
Deborah Hirschey
Nancy Gray

Jim & Martha O’Donnell
Rande Richardson
Mary-Lou & Stan Yarosewick

Gordon W. Fredenburg

Service to country and family helped guide **Gordon Fredenburg** throughout his life of 72 years. Gordon was born in Watertown, a son to **Walter R.** and **Nina Tiffl Fredenburg**. He graduated from Adams Center/Adams Central School in 1966 and attended SUNY Cortland before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1967. Gordon was deployed to Vietnam and served two tours of duty in country. He was honorably discharged in 1971. For 40 years he worked for several public utility companies installing high-tension wire poles and towers and working on transmission, distribution, and utility lines. Most recently, Gordon lived in California, but maintained strong ties with his North Country family. We join his sons, **Brandon** and **Eric**, sisters, **Donna Hadlock** and **Bonnie Damon**, and extended family and friends in celebrating his memory. Gordon’s family has decided the most fitting way to honor his life and legacy is through gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation Lucas Damon Memorial Scholarship**, which was established in 2000 to permanently honor his nephew who passed away suddenly. We are honored to be part of the special way that Gordon will be remembered and express our gratitude and appreciation for those who made memorial tributes in his name.

Tribute gifts in memory of Gordon W. Fredenburg

Howard & Nancy Abbott
Adams Village Baptist Church
Wenzell & Susan Hayes
Marian & George Higgins
John & Karen Stinson
Roger & Sally Tremont

To join others in helping to honor Gordon Fredenburg, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Gary Loomis

Gary Loomis was a lifelong North Country resident who dedicated his life to the service of others while protecting his community as a law enforcement officer and, for more than 23 years, a career firefighter and fire investigator. Born in Watertown, the first of four sons to **Eva Arlene** and **Amby Loomis**, he graduated from Union Academy of Belleville and joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation. After three years with the FBI, he returned to the North Country and began work with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department until 1977 when he joined the Fort Drum Fire Department, retiring in 2000 as an assistant fire chief. For more than 40 years, he was married to **Amy Summerville** and treasured his family, especially his three sons and three grandchildren. Gary continued to serve his community in the fire service and as Justice for the Town of Hounsfield for 16 years. For more than 20 years, he was a Jefferson County Fire investigator. He was a lifelong member and former fire chief of the Sackets Harbor Fire Department and served as a member of the Belleville Fire Department before moving to Sackets Harbor. Gary led an active life in his community, helping those who were in need and giving his time and talents to meaningful causes and organizations he valued, including the Masonic Lodge in Sackets Harbor and Belleville and the Thousand Islands Hose Haulers. After the firefighting line-of-duty death of his son, **Garrett W.**,

in 2010, Gary helped establish the **Garrett W. Loomis Foundation** and remained dedicated to the cause of enhancing firefighter safety and education in the North Country. Gary was also instrumental in establishing the **Garrett Loomis Firefighters Fund** and the **Assistant Fire Chief Garrett Loomis Memorial Scholarship** at the Community Foundation. We join **Amy**, and Gary's sons, **Benjamin** and **Bryan**, his grandchildren, and his extended family and friends in mourning his loss. His family has decided the most fitting way to honor his life and legacy is through gifts to the **Garrett Loomis Firefighters Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation**. We are honored to be part of this enduring way that Gary will be remembered. With his family, we express our appreciation and gratitude for those who made memorial tributes in his name.

Tribute gifts in memory of Gary Loomis

Anonymous
Arts Association of NNY
Mary & Brian Bettinger
Black River Ambulance Squad
Black River Fire Department
Richard & Marlene Bucci
Karyl M. Chapman
Children's Home of Jefferson County
The Family of John W. Cobb
Peter R. & Sally W. Daly
John & Mary Jo Deans
Martin & Sharon DelSignore
Max & Sara DelSignore
Marcy & Chris Dembs

Jeanne P. & Victor V. Derefinko
Rocco & Jean Derrigo
John A. & Eileen C. Ditch
Sandra & Richard Dodge
Sally Doxtater
Thomas & Charlene Dwyer
Rich & Anne Fioretto
Marion & Phil Goings
Gregory W. & Melanie S. Golding
Stephen & Karen Ann Goodrich
Robert & Susan Horr
Cindy & Jim Intschert
Michele & Tim Jeican
Janine M. Briggs LaClair
LaFargeville Fire Department
Locust Hill Farm /
Timothy & Renee Alford

Chaz & Joanna Loomis
Tom & Genie McKay
David & Karen Nellis
Patricia Prosser
Bob & Janet Quinn
Robert Radke & Jacqueline Ruett-Radke
Marc & Becky Reitz
Rande Richardson
Connie R. Romeo
Sherry & Steven Ruoff
Sackets Harbor Fire Company
Ann L. Sanderson
Bob & Pat Simpson
Joe Simpson
Rob Simpson & Heidi Lyndaker

Donna E. Sinclair
Wayne & Lida Small
Carol A. W. Smith
Jeff & Starr Stockwell
Bill & Teresa Stoodley
Jane A. Stoodley
Stephen & Kezia Sullivan
Nicholas & Marie Surdo
Sharon L. Thornber
John H. Treadwell II
Susan Veley & Rockney Maxon
Cora Walter
Watertown Firefighters Benevolent Association
James E. Wheeler
Vicki & James Wilson

To join others in helping to honor Gary Loomis, make gifts to: Northern New York Community Foundation, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601.



Mary Ann Faunce

Mary Ann Faunce was a proud mother who enjoyed every opportunity that involved her children. Her kindness and love for her family was equally matched by that for her community. The North Country lost a passionate advocate when she passed. Mary Ann was born in 1938, a daughter to **Robert** and **Geraldine Ehart VanDusen**, and was a lifetime resident of Great Bend. She graduated from Carthage Central School in 1956 and began work at a local bank. In 1957, she married **James Faunce** in Carthage and, together, they raised a son and two daughters in the community she loved. **James** passed way in 2014. Faith played an important role in her life. She and her husband were longtime members of the Woolworth Memorial United Methodist Church. Mary Ann regularly attended athletic events up and down the East Coast, supporting the Elmira College women's volleyball and softball teams. In addition, there was not a musical event at Watertown High School where she was not in attendance. Mary Ann was very giving and believed in the importance of doing what she could to share her time, talent and treasures with her community and causes that were meaningful to her. We join **Mary Ann's** son, **Russ**, and his wife, **Laurie**, daughters **Rhonda** and **Callie**, nieces, nephews, and extended family in expressing our sincere condolences as we mourn her loss and celebrate her life and legacy.

Her family has decided the most fitting way to honor her memory is through gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation Russell Faunce Scholarship**. We are honored to be part of this special way that Mary Ann will forever be remembered. With her family, we express our appreciation and gratitude for those who made memorial tributes in her name.

Tribute gifts in memory of Mary Ann Faunce

Ann M. Adams
Scott & Leslie Atkinson
Kyle & Ticia Aumell
Barbara Berger
Barbarajeane Blodgett
Nancy Boynton
David & Melissa Brown

Sue Buduson
Richard & Ellen Bush
Bruce & Marilyn Chapman
Kristyn & Troy Decker
Anne M. Delles
Donna Hajdasz
Braxton & Anne Hillerman
Carrie Lewandowski &
M. Andrew Short

A. Masiello
Kevin & Kathy Mastellon
Daniel Mosher
New York State School Music Association
Marcia Bornhurst Parkes
Jeff & Mary Perrine
Gary & Sue Pilon
Roxanne & Philip Pratt

Michelle Reff
Rande Richardson
Katherine F. Ring
Pamela Staub-Johnson
Mark & Tamara Taylor
Steven & RuthEllen Van Arnam
Wiley School Staff & Family
Stephen & Karen Williamson

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Anna May Radway Denny

Anna May Radway Denny devoted her life to others while cherishing the blessings of family, friends, and community. Born in St. Lawrence County, to **Rett** and **Ethel Radway**, Ann grew up on a farm in Crary Mills, and graduated from Canton High School. She attended college in Plattsburgh, where she earned a nursing degree and began her lifelong vocation of caring for and serving others. She worked as a Registered Nurse in New York City and at Mercy and Samaritan hospitals in Watertown in the emergency, maternity, and surgery departments for many years. Ann married **Gilbert Denny** in 1950 and, together, they raised three sons. She later joined the staff of South Jefferson Central School District as a school nurse. Ann eventually earned her teaching certification and provided health education, love, and guidance to hundreds of students at South Jeff until she retired in 1988. A long-time member of the Adams Village Baptist Church, Ann's faith shined brightly in her daily life. Throughout her life,

she gave selflessly of her time and talent to many organizations that were meaningful to her, including the Adams Fire Department Auxiliary, the American Association of University Women, and the Order of the Eastern Star for which she served as Grand Matron. Ann was also a founding member of the South Jefferson Rescue Squad, an organization that remained close to her heart as it grew to deliver quality care to residents of the community she loved. Most of all, she treasured time spent with her sons and grandchildren and was a gracious and welcoming matriarch who stressed the importance of family while modeling compassion. We join Ann's children, **Warren** and wife, **Mary Beth**; **Greig** and wife, **Ellen**, and **Kirk**, and wife, **Karen**; her grandchildren and great-grandchild, extended family, and friends in expressing our deepest sympathy as we celebrate Ann's life and legacy with gratitude to those who made tributes in her memory. As a fitting honor to a life of service, her family has established the **Anna May Radway Denny Scholarship** to perpetuate her lifelong dedication to caring for and helping others. We are honored that Ann's family has chosen to remember her through this permanent fund that will help future generations from her community reach their dreams.

Tribute gifts in memory of Anna May Radway Denny

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Perpetuate a family legacy

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Consider a **charitable fund** to keep your passions alive, honor a friend or loved one, or to support the causes, organizations and communities that you care about, forever. We're here to help. Contact **Max DelSignore**, assistant director, **315-782-7110** or **max@nnycf.org**.



Lynn Weldon Trimper

Lynn Weldon Trimper was a positive force for good, devoting her life to faith, family, and friends while working to strengthen her community. She cherished everyday moments big and small, and often spoke with gratitude about "the joy of an ordinary day" as she strived to brighten the world around her, especially for those in her beloved North Country. Born in Watertown, the first of eight children to **Robert** and **Virginia Weldon**, she graduated from The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, and went on to Newton College of the Sacred Heart, Boston, Mass., transferring to Syracuse University where she earned a bachelor's degree in nutrition. She married **Paul Trimper** in 1976 and lived in Vermont while Paul finished law school. They relocated to Watertown following Paul's graduation and loved raising their daughter and two sons in her hometown. Lynn enjoyed helping and volunteering throughout her community. Her

Catholic faith was important to her and guided her support of many local causes and organizations she found meaningful, especially the former St. Patrick's School in Watertown, where each of her three children attended. Her love for the North Country was made even more special through the summers she spent with family on Campbell's Point in Sackets Harbor. With her husband, she was a longtime supporter of the Community Foundation. We join **Paul**, her daughter, **Brooke**, sons **Paul Jr.** and **Kevin**, her grandchildren and extended family and friends in expressing our deepest sympathy as we mourn her loss and celebrate her life and legacy that positively touched so many and thoughtfully impacted her community.

Tribute gifts in memory of Lynn Weldon Trimper

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If you have a **donor-advised fund** at the Community Foundation, consider a gift that supports Foundation programs or one of nearly 150 local nonprofits that partner with us, in addition to any qualified charitable organization.



Donald W. Whitney

Donald W. Whitney embodied service before self through his decades of work in public education and helping the community he loved, always striving to find ways to improve the quality of life for all while caring for the family he cherished. Born in Watertown, a son to **Helen Goode** and **Donald Warren Whitney**, he graduated in 1966 from Adams Center/Adams Central High School. Donald embraced education as a door to opportunity, earning an associate degree from Adirondack Community College, bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Potsdam, and a degree in educational administration from St. Lawrence University. In 1971, he married **Linda M. Reed** in Adams Center and, together, they raised three daughters. Donald and Linda celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before he passed in January. For more than 40 years, Donald worked in public education, beginning at the Belleville Central School District as a reading teacher and later moving to the Watertown City School District to teach at North Junior High. He soon joined the district's administration team and spent nearly 30 years as a principal, retiring in 2010 from Case Middle School. Donald was a well-respected leader, earning support from staff and students for his fairness and positive outlook while challenging his

students and teachers to excel and achieve greatness. Donald valued family and community above all and sought ways to positively strengthen both, serving as a trustee for the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation in Rochester from 1993 until his retirement from education when he assumed the role of president. He was a very active and devoted community servant, giving his time to many organizations that were important to him, including the Historical Association of South Jefferson, South Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, North Adams Cemetery, and Cornell Cooperative Extension. He was a tireless advocate for the North Country and a longtime loyal supporter of the Northern New York Community Foundation. We join **Linda**, daughters, **Kamara, Shannon**, and **Megan**, his grandchildren, and extended family and friends in expressing our deepest sympathy as we celebrate his life and legacy that profoundly impacted so many in his community.

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Harold Rothschild

Harold Rothschild was a well-known business leader who successfully operated Watertown's Rothschild Jewelers for nearly 50 years. Harold was born in Watertown and graduated from Watertown High School. He attended Ohio State University until his junior year, when his father, **Martin**, died suddenly and Harold returned home to take over ownership and operation of his family's Court Street jewelry store. Together with his wife of 68 years, **Gloria**, they raised a son and a daughter. Harold led the business until his retirement in 1994, creating countless special pieces for many North Country residents who turned to him for wedding rings, graduation gifts and other treasures. His store was a downtown fixture and retail destination for decades because of the sterling reputation Harold built as an honest, personable, and dependable businessman. While he was dedicated to his profession, he remained committed to improving his city, working for many years to positively promote and grow business in the community. Harold was an active member of the business group Watertown Alive, the Downtown Business Association, and a long-time member of the Chamber of Commerce. His faith was especially important, and he contributed greatly to Degel Israel Synagogue in

Watertown, serving a term as president. Harold continued to give to his community in retirement and the Jefferson County Historical Society became a passion as he helped to promote the advancement of the museum, serving as a board member and treasurer. His service extended to Watertown Rotary, the Masonic Lodge, and the small business agency Score, where he mentored entrepreneurs who were working to start new businesses in the community. Throughout his life, Harold was a consistent Community Foundation supporter who believed in the values of working to improve the local community for all. We are saddened by his loss and join **Gloria**, son **Martin J.**, daughter, **Sharon**, his grandchildren, and extended family and friends in expressing our sincere sympathy as we celebrate his life and legacy that touched so many.

Tribute gifts in memory of Harold Rothschild

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Rebecca Elaine Versage

Throughout her life, **Rebecca Elaine Versage** remained passionate about her family and many charitable organizations whose work and missions she found meaningful. Formerly of Bath, Rebecca passed away in October in Watertown where she was close to her daughter and family. Rebecca was born in 1937 in Arcade, N.Y., a daughter to **Harold** and **Pearl Jones Burgess**.

She graduated from Belfast High School and completed nursing training at Craig Colony in Groveland, N.Y. In 1958, she married **Anthony R. Versage**, and they had three sons and daughter. Twin boys, **Anthony**, and **James**, passed away in infancy, and son, **Michael**, died in 2004. Rebecca was active in a variety of charitable and civic organizations, volunteering for many years for the American Cancer Society, among others. Rebecca loved to travel, but she most enjoyed time with her family. We join her daughter, **Teal Joanne**, and husband, **Timothy**, her grandson, **Christian**, and extended family and friends in celebrating her memory. Rebecca's family has decided to honor her life and legacy through gifts to the **Northern New York Community Foundation Ryan D. Abel Memorial Scholarship**, which was established in 2014 to permanently honor her grandson who passed away suddenly. We are honored to be part of the special way that Rebecca will be remembered and express our gratitude and appreciation for those who made memorial tributes in her name.

Tribute gifts in memory of Rebecca Elaine Versage

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Northern New York Community Foundation

Their story is our story.

Since 1929, the **Northern New York Community Foundation** has been a place where life stories are told and have a permanent home in the fabric of our region. We are grateful to all who entrust their legacies to us in an enduring way. During the past year, the following individuals were faithful supporters, remembered their community through their will or other legacy planning, or their families chose to name the Community Foundation for public memorial tributes, including establishing a fund in their memory, or a memorial fund was transferred to the care and stewardship of the Community Foundation.

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On Our Next Issue ...

■ Our autumn 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 SUPPORT ZOO ANIMALS

Zoo New York launches animal wellness fund

Zoo New York and the Community Foundation recently partnered to establish a new charitable fund to provide animal care and habitat revitalization at the zoo.

The **Zoo New York Animal Wellness Fund** is designed to help support medical care costs for zoo animals and enhance animal habitats. The Foundation recently awarded a \$25,000 matching commitment to encourage charitable gifts from the community toward this meaningful fund.

“This new partnership with the Community Foundation will ensure our ability to maintain the highest quality veterinary care and overall wellness of animals into the future,” said **Larry Sorel**, Zoo New York executive director. “The Foundation’s support of the Zoo over the years has been significant. This is just one more example of how the Foundation makes Northern New York a great place to live and raise a family.”

The new fund was developed after a zoo animal developed complications from a preexisting injury. **Beaker**, a great gray owl, came to Zoo New York after being hit by a truck in Alaska. After the accident, Beaker suffered a lost wing and some damage to his eye. The eye injury worsened last summer.

Zoo staff and the community quickly collaborated to ensure that costs were covered for the owl’s procedure. The creation of the Animal Wellness Fund is an extension of the organization’s long-standing partnership with the Community Foundation, which will match any



“This is just one more example of how the Community Foundation makes Northern New York a great place to live and raise a family.”

— **Larry Sorel**, executive director, Zoo New York, Watertown

gift made directly to the fund, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000.

The Zoo has a long history of public-private partnerships and the Foundation has worked to protect that investment over the years. The initiative allows the Foundation to help increase the impact of donors who want to help sustain the Zoo’s work while supporting the health and welfare of animals under its care.

We are grateful to all individual and business donors who made gifts to support the **Zoo New York Animal Wellness Fund**:

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COMMUNITY RALLIES FOR GRAY OWL: Left, **Beaker**, came to **Zoo New York** in Watertown after being hit by a truck in Alaska. Zoo staff and the community quickly collaborated to ensure that costs were covered for the owl’s procedure.

Join in support

■ To extend the effort to help support animal wellness at and habitat improvements at Zoo New York, please make a gift directly to the **Northern New York Community Foundation**, 131 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601. Please write **Zoo New York Animal Wellness Fund** in the memo line. Visit nnycf.org to access secure online giving.

Zoo endowment

■ The Community Foundation stewards a permanent endowment fund for Zoo New York that is another way donors may support the Zoo’s mission and work.

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John Gaffney’s 75th Birthday

Kenneth J. Eysaman III
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Rev. J. Michael Gaffney’s Priesthood Retirement

Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Sally L’Huillier’s Birthday

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Officers of the St. Lawrence Power & Equipment Museum

Roger & Carol Austin

Janet Richardson’s Birthday

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William & Kimberly Couch

Jacquelyn Schell

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Mary Stone’s 85th Birthday

Kenneth J. Eysaman III

Stephen Todd

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SUNY CANTON JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOLARS



From right:
Mary Perrine,
Community
Foundation
coordinator of
partnerships,
presents
Julia Dodge
with the 2021
**SUNY Canton
Jefferson County
Scholarship**. Julia,
a 2019 Belleville-
Henderson
High School
graduate, will study
nursing at SUNY
Canton.

Donor partners with Community Foundation to establish scholarship forever benefiting Jefferson County students attending SUNY Canton

Julia Dodge is the 2021 recipient of the Northern New York Community Foundation SUNY Canton Jefferson County Scholarship.

A 2019 Belleville-Henderson Central School graduate, Julia will begin her first year of study in the SUNY Canton School of Nursing. Julia aspires to work as a Registered Nurse in a labor and delivery hospital unit. She is the daughter of Kristin and Douglas Dodge, Henderson.

The Community Foundation's SUNY Canton Jefferson County Scholarship was recently established with funding provided by Tom and Mabel Walker, the Community Foundation and the Canton College Foundation. This permanently endowed fund of the Community



Foundation strengthens ties between the college and the Foundation while providing Jefferson County students who are enrolled or planning to enroll at SUNY Canton with an opportunity to earn support.

The \$1,000 scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2020 to Sean Sheridan, a 2017 General Brown High School graduate who earned an associate degree in physical therapy

at SUNY Canton this May. Sean now lives in North Carolina where he is beginning a career as a physical therapy assistant. He is the son of Debra and Timothy Sheridan, formerly of Watertown.



Sean Sheridan

The Northern New York Community Foundation SUNY Canton Jefferson County Scholarship will be a perpetual resource for Jefferson County students and SUNY Canton alumni. Contact Mary Perrine, Community Foundation coordinator of partnerships at maryp@nnycf.org, or 315-782-7110, to learn more about this fund.

Local author features Foundation legacies

Veteran North Country journalist and writer **Norah Machia** recently featured several stories about families who have established scholarships or other legacy funds at the **Community Foundation** to honor loved ones in her new book, **"Celebrating Their Lives: Turning the Loss of a Loved One into a Legacy for Helping Others."** Mrs. Machia serves on a Foundation grantmaking committee and invited Executive Director **Rande Richardson** to pen the forward to her latest work that presents 14 "inspirational profiles of families who sought meaningful ways to honor the loss of their loved one by showing tremendous acts of kindness and compassion for others." Four of the 14 profiles are about local families who have entrusted their legacy efforts to the Community Foundation. Published in association with **Highpoint Life**, the book is available online at **Amazon** and **Barnes & Noble**.

